

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 23, 2025- Minutes

Trustees Present:

Denny Desmond, Chairman
Billy Bowers, Vice Chairman
Dale Owen, Clerk
Fran Owen, Secretary
Dan Gremaud, Treasurer

Visitors:

Nick Reynolds 111 Hillview Drive, Joplin MO
Mike & Robin Granlund 116 Hillview Drive, Joplin MO
Brad Long 1611 E 50th, Joplin MO

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. at the Redings Mill Fire Department located at 344 Redings Mill Road, Joplin, MO 64804. Roll call was taken with all trustees present followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Minutes from the November 21, 2024 meeting were presented. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dan Gremaud to forgo the reading of the minutes as everyone had received copies and accept the minutes as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Original financial bank statements for the months of November and December 2024 for the money market account, operating account, sales tax and certificates of deposit (CD) accounts were presented. Balance in the operating account for November was \$66,711.10 money market account \$96,436.12 sales tax account \$36,088.54 and Certificates of Deposit \$382,862.46, for an ending balance totaling \$582,098.22. Balance in the operating account for December was \$35,805.45, money market account \$46,513.48, sales tax account \$33,170.52 and Certificates of Deposit \$432,862.46 for an ending balance of \$548,351.91. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Billy Bowers to accept the treasurer report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$51,783.33 were presented (Eagle Eye Printing \$288.90 *Leawood Ledger* printing; Paul Horton \$1,200 snow removal January/February 2025, Newton County Treasurer \$740.70 tax collections, Allgeier, Martin & Associates \$3,495.64 bid requests and follow up on roads, Springfield Striping & Sealing \$43,359.09 crack sealing and Brookwood asphalt repair, Auto-Owners Insurance Liability Insurance for trustees \$2,699.00). \$816.51 was presented for Liberty Utilities street lights. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dale Owen to approve paying pending liabilities totaling \$52,599.84. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

The Chairman's report was presented by Denny Desmond for the year ending December 31, 2024. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dan Gremaud to accept the Chairman's report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Village of Leawood Review and Verification of Financial Transactions by the Board of Trustees For Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2024 was presented by Denny Desmond. Motion made by Dan Gremaud and second by Billy Bowers to accept the report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1 Village Ordinances:

- A) Ordinance Violation Fines – General discussion concerning creating an ordinance or resolution to determine fines for specific ordinance violations. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dale Owen to create a fine ordinance where all violations would be \$500.00. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed. Denny Desmond will review existing ordinances for violation fine charges. Item tabled.

2 Comprehensive Plan:

- A) Denny Desmond reported the HSTCC representative would send a draft of the plan and also attend the meeting. Representative was not present at the meeting and a draft copy has not been received. Now waiting on finalization of the plan, Denny Desmond to send copies of the draft to trustees when received.

3 Issues around the Village:

- A) Problems with the street and mailbox access on 45th street. Needs gravel/concrete patch. Item tabled,

4 American Rescue Plan Act Use of Fund:

- A) Denny Desmond presented the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Activity Report as of December 31, 2024. All \$137,517.76 funds from ARPA have been spent (\$94,208.38) or committed (\$43,309.38) as of December 31, 2024.
- B) The final report to the government is due by April 30, 2025.

5 Street Issues –

- A) 46th & 47th Connecticut Street – The east side ditch is washing out and need more large rocks as rain run-off had washed some of the soil away.
- B) Brad Long advised that the culvert on the west side is also being washed out and large rocks are washing up.
- C) Denny Desmond will contact Kurt Higgins and have him look at both issues and advise what needs to be done.
- D) Micro Surfacing and Crack Sealing – Crack sealing has been completed. Micro Surfacing will be done by October 31, 2025.

6 Deer Population – Trustees decided that an assessment of the deer population in the village would need to be made thru a survey conducted by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Billy previously reported that he had contacted the representative from the Conservation Department and a one-time survey would be done in January. As of this meeting the survey has not been done. Billy will contact the Conservation Department.

7 Southern Hills – Residents' complaints about four wheelers in the neighborhoods and the noise they create. There isn't an ordinance in the village concerning four wheelers. Denny Desmond will contact the village attorney to see what liability the village may encounter with or without an ordinance. Item tabled.

- 8 **Spring Clean-up** – Dumpsters will be delivered on April 25th and removed on April 28th. Two dumpsters will be place at 50th & Connecticut and three dumpsters will be place in Southern Hills.
- 9 **Street Signs** – Sign at Brookwood and 50th is missing. Dale Owen has ordered a new sign.
- 10 **Trash Service** – Contract with Republic Services will expire on August 31, 2025. Dale Owen to send requests for bids in March 2025.
- 11 **Southern Hills gate** – Dale Owen contacted the Redings Mill Fire Department and obtained the code for the lock. Item closed.
- 12 **Welcome Packets** – Denny Desmond advised the trustees that the packet is outdated.
- 13 **April Election** – Denny Desmond advised Dale Owen, Dan Gremaud and Nick Reynolds would be running for trustee.
- 14 **2025 Budget** – Denny Desmond presented the 2025 budget

New Business

- 1 **Permits Issued:**
 - A. Jim & Susan Johnson 519 Grandview Drive Garage Remodel & expansion \$25.00
 - B. *Allo Construction* Special Use Permit for Fiber Optics routing thru Leawood \$25.00
- 2 **Missouri Municipal Lead** – Denny advised the trustees that the village would be able to use their services in 2025 at no charge.
- 3 **Boundary & Annexation Survey** – Denny advised is had been filed with no changes.
- 4 **Special Use Permit Requested** – Mike and Robin Granlund requested a permit for raising chickens. Dale Owen will issue the permit and send it to them.
- 5 **Street Sign** – Brad Long advised that the arrow sign at 50th and Connecticut had been taken down by a motor vehicle. Dale will order a new sign and install it.
- 6 **Certificates of Deposit** – Two CD's will expire February 28, 2025 (Operating –X9456 for \$177,295 and Sales Tax -X9454 for \$100,566.55) and another Operating #2 –X0479 for \$105,000 will mature on March 5, 2025. Since cash will be required for the road repairs X0479 will be rollover for a three month CD and the first two will rollover for six month CD's. Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Dan Gremaud to renew three of the five certificates (\$105,000) for three months and the remainder for six months. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Fran Owen to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be March 20, 2025.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Denny Desmond, Chairman