

LEAWOOD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 20, 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
Gunner Rogers PO Box 147, Saginaw MO

Denny Desmond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 January 25, 2025 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 January and February 2025 for the money market account, operating account, sales tax and certificates of deposit (CD) accounts were presented. Balance in the operating account for January was \$10,847.42 money market account \$45,553.62 sales tax account \$33,595.86 and Certificates of Deposit \$432,862.46, for an ending balance totaling \$523,859.36. Balance in the operating account for February was \$12,619.52, money market account \$46,596.47, sales tax account \$35,860.74 and Certificates of Deposit \$432,862.46 for an ending balance of \$527,939.19. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dan Gremaud to accept the treasurer report as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Note: Trustees decided that Certificates of deposit will auto renew when they come due. Trustees will discuss at the July meeting as to what action to take at that time. (Certificates will become due in June, August and September).

Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Dan Gremaud to remove Denny Desmond from and add William Bowers to checking accounts effective May 15, 2025. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Pending liabilities totaling \$2,651.46 were presented (Eagle Eye Printing \$288.90 *Leawood Ledger* printing; Paul Horton \$1,200 snow removal March/April 2025, Newton County Treasurer \$19.30 tax collections, Newton County Clerk \$48.16 non-election advertising, Advance Highway Sign \$715.50 replace two street signs, Lancaster Signs \$330.00 replace sign post, Denny Desmond \$49.60 printed copies of 2024 Comprehensive Plan). \$810.62 was presented for Liberty Utilities street lights. Motion made by Fran Owen and second by Billy Bowers to approve paying pending liabilities totaling \$3,462.08. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Denny Desmond presented the Chairman's reports (financial statement and budget and prior year comparison) for two months as of February 28, 2025, Motion made by Dan Gremaud and second by Billy Bowers to accept the Chairman's 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. Item tabled. Denny Desmond will complete the report for the May meeting.

2 Comprehensive Plan:

- A) Denny Desmond presented copies of the final plan. The plan must be reviewed and approved by the Zoning and Planning Board and then presented to the Trustees. Notice to be published in the *Joplin Globe*. Notice of the upcoming Z & P meeting will be posted.

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 January 31, 2025. 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.
- C) Motion made by Dale Owen and second by Fran Owen to accept the plan as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

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) Dan Gremaud will contact and meet with a contractor to have a look at the culverts and give a quote as to the cost.
- 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. Nothing new to report.

- 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 reported a new sign had been installed. Item closed.
- 10 **Trash Service** – Contract with Republic Services will expire on August 31, 2025. Dale Owen to send requests for bids in March 2025.
- 11 **Welcome Packets** – Denny Desmond advised the trustees that the packet is outdated. However packets will not be updated. Trustees will continue to use what packets remain. Item closed.
- 12 **2025 Budget** – Denny Desmond presented the final copy of the 2025 budget. Motion made by Billy Bowers and second by Dan Gremaud to accept the 2025 budget as presented. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

New Business

- 1 **Permits Issued:**
 - A. Larry Allgood/AG Services New building permit Permit #25-01 \$600.00
- 2 **Missouri State Financial report** has been filed.
- 3 **City of Joplin Steering Committee** - Denny Desmond to represent the Village of Leawood (Transportation Authority).
- 4 **April Election** - General discussion among trustees concerning the transition of positions on the board as a result of the general election.
- 5 **New Retail Business Request** - Gunner Rogers is requesting a building permit to construct a tire shop behind the Dollar General Store on 46th Street. General discussion concerning connecting onto the sewer (needing approval from the City of Joplin), water retention, signage, tire disposal, etc.

Motion made by Dale Owen and second Billy Bowers to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM. In favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be May 15, 2025.

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

Fran Owen, Secretary Date

Chairman