

LEAWOOD LEDGER

www.leawoodvillage.com

VOLUME 19 ISSUE 20

JULY 2019

Village Trustees

Denny Desmond
Chairman
781-3558
Beverly Kiehl
Vice Chairman
317-0585
Brad Long
Treasurer
781-3166
Dale Owen
Clerk
781-6370
Fran Owen
Secretary
781-6370

Planning & Zoning Commission

Kurt Higgins,
Chairman
317-0963
Rick McCord
782-2853
Phyllis Sapp
781-5642
Denny Desmond
781-3558
Brad Long
781-3166
Cliff Barker
850-1465
Billy Bowers
206-9659

Board of Adjustments

Rich Reed
624-4180

Newton County Sheriff
Central Dispatch
623-2282

Notice Public Meeting

July 18, 2019
Board of Trustees
6:30 P.M.
Redings Mill Fire
Department
5202 Range Line
Road
Visitors Welcome

Notice of Open Public Meeting

Public notice is hereby given that **The Board of Trustees** will have their bi-monthly meeting on **Thursday, July 18, 2019** to consider and act upon the matters on the following agenda and other subject matters as may be presented at the meeting and determined to be appropriate for discussion at that time. The meeting will be conducted at the **Redings Mill Fire Station, 5202 Range Line Road, Joplin**. The Planning and Zoning Commission will not meet because there are no agenda items to discuss.

Agenda – Trustee Meeting

- Approve minutes from May 21, 2019 meeting
- Approval of treasurer's and financial reports and payment of bills
- Follow-up on various complaints from residents
- Approve and execute a 15 month \$100,000 Certificate of Deposit
- Welcome kit for new residents
- Review and approve the Ordinance and Agreement for Sewer Service with City of Joplin for Dollar General building
- Review changing banks to get higher interest returns.
- Approve the Ordinance for Legal Service Agreement with Warten, Fisher, and Lee for legal services
- Review the 2019 Road Maintenance Project

Financial Information – June 2019

\$12,327 expenses were less than \$46,417 revenues for \$34,090 surplus, which increased cash to \$289,677 and is \$65,260 higher than last June. Real estate tax revenue of \$13,424 is \$877 below last year due to timing issues. Although \$6,460 sales tax revenue is \$2,176 lower than last June it exceeds budget by \$460. Excluding the \$57,658 paid for road repairs and trimming trees last year, expenses were \$1,777 higher mainly due to \$1,251 for Allgeier, Martin for engineering services for submitting boundary mapping requests from Missouri.

Parking Ordinance 05-1

Many residents may not be aware of this ordinance from January 2005, which not only addresses parking on streets, but more importantly also on their property. Parking is allowed on all weather hard surfaces such as asphalt or concrete and pre-existing (prior to January 2005) gravel driveways. These must also be maintained. Parking of trailers, campers, RV's, boats and such in "front yards" is not permitted. "Front yard" is defined as that area of land between the street which the house faces, and an imaginary line extended out from the front edges of the house. On coroner lots the same imaginary line applies to the side of the house failing the street.

Welcome Kits

The final version will be reviewed and approved at the July meeting. Kits will be sent to all residents and be available on the web site.

Road Maintenance Project

The 2019 budget includes \$60,000 for road repairs, which includes crack sealing streets. The recent heavy rains have caused some needed repairs, including the east side of 147 Valleyview. Please contact a trustee if there are other needed repairs.

As a result of the heavy rains Kurt Higgins inspected the culverts under Leawood roadways. Storms with more intense rainfall will exceed the capacity of the culvert and water will backup and flow over the roadway. The majority of culverts are this way. The culverts along and under Connecticut south of 44th were clean. Several smaller culverts (15 inch or smaller) were partially clogged and/or were filled. These smaller culverts are ineffective in carrying the flow for large duration storms, so cleaning out ditches and culverts would provide minimal improvements.

As with most small communities Leawood operates their storm sewer system on a complaint basis. Making lasting improvements to the ditches/culverts requires a storm water analysis/study for each drainage basin to correctly size the culverts. Then the recommended individual improvements would be designed, bid and constructed. This would be very costly, but is what is recommended if improvements are to be made.

Village Attorney

The trustees express their appreciation to Michael Talley for his over 25 years as our village attorney. Due to his semi-retirement he voluntarily requested the trustees find a new attorney. Derek Snyder from Warten, Fisher & Lee will attend the July meeting.

Tidbits

Contact the Newton County Sheriff's Department for complaints about dogs.

Spraying for mosquitoes will be discussed at the July meeting.