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Notice Public Meetings

July 15, 2024
Board of Trustees
6:30 P.M.
Redings Mill Fire
Department
344 Redings Mill
Road
Visitors Welcome

Notice Bi-Monthly Meeting Board of Trustees

Public notice is hereby given that **The Board of Trustees** will have their bi-monthly meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Monday **July 15, 2024 at 344 Redings Mill Road** to consider and act upon the matters on the following agenda and other business that may come before the Board at that time.

Agenda

- Meeting to Order: Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation & Roll Call.
- Approve the minutes from May 23, 2024 meeting
- Treasurers' financial reports and payment of bills.
- 2024 Comprehensive Plan— Status.
- Status of APRA fund must be committed by December 31, 2024.
- Discuss results of May 16th meeting with Missouri Department of conservation on deer population growth.
- Any other business that may come before the Board.
- Adjournment.

Financial Information – June 16, 2024 (5 ½ months)

Due to a vacation, it is necessary to provide abbreviated financial information up to June 16, 2024. Information through June 30th will be updated for the July 15th trustee meeting. \$70,403 revenues exceeded \$53,069 expenses for a \$17,334 surplus. Expenses included \$24,531 ARPA expenditures for storm water project at 47th/Wendi, \$17,034 for the storm debris cleanup, \$3,268 for dumpsters for spring cleanup, \$2,500 fee from HSTCC for 2024 Comprehensive Plan and \$2,377 for public liability insurance. The \$17,334 surplus increased cash to \$541,395. It includes \$49,483 in checking, \$55,562 in money market, \$23,424 sales tax and \$412,926 in six month (mature August 28, 2024) certificates of deposit at 5.11% interest rate.

Facebook and Website

The village website has been updated and includes a bevy of information, including ordinances www.leawoodvillage.com. Our postings to Village of Leawood Facebook have increased in the last few months including information about the dumpsters. Residents are encouraged to join this private group (currently 173 members). Indicate on FB any additional information that should be posted.

American Rescue Plan Act

Leawood received \$137,517. Previously the funds use was restricted by Act to specific areas including "support vital wastewater and storm water infrastructure." In a recent update the Treasury has provided more flexibility for spending the money to include the broad category of "government services>" Leawood has until December 31, 2024 to spend/commit the money. YTD \$24,531 has been spent for the storm water improvements at 47th and Wendi, \$17,034 spent on debris removal. Commitments include \$40,000 for roads in Hidden Valley and \$20,592 for storm water issues at the corner of 50th and Indiana; so, the remaining balance is \$35,361. A suggestion was made to use for overlaying roads since Pavement Management did a poor job in fall 2020. The estimated cost for all roads if \$150,000, which will be budgeted for 2025. **Do you have any suggestions?**

Protecting Property Values

To get home you drive past a sign with the title "Village of Leawood". When you enter our community you pass a larger sign that repeats the designation that this is the Village of Leawood, a **Residential Community**. Below that sign is mounted another sign that reads **Ordinances and Zoning Enforced**.

Just like an octagonal red sign gives you an instruction to stop, so those signs give instructions that you have entered a neighborhood where there are rules governing citizen safety, health, actions, so that their property values are maximized.

While most of the neighborhood reflects the pride of well-maintained community, there are issues that negatively impact property values. Unkempt grass and weeds are to be mowed on lots and yards. Dumpsters are provided twice a year to help eliminate accumulated debris and the trash service may be contacted to pick up bulky items throughout the year. The greatest detractors to property values are buildings that are not maintained.

The most abused ordinance in recent years due to the popularity of RV's during the pandemic and popularity of trailers, is the ordinance requiring vehicles such as trailers, campers, RV's, boats, and similarly categorized vehicles to be parked behind the front line of the house. Additionally, only (1) **ONE** such category of vehicles is allowed on the premises.

Unregistered or disabled vehicles (trailers, motorcycles, tractors, buggies, wagons, or golf carts) must be stored inside completely enclosed buildings or stored elsewhere. A leading indicator of a declining neighborhood is an increasing accumulation of non-operative vehicles.

Being a good neighbor means respecting that you neighbor has the right to not look upon unsightly vehicles and buildings, junk, tall weeds and other nuisances that chip away at their property values