

# LEAWOOD LEDGER

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## Board of Adjustments

Rich Reed  
624-4180  
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206-0270

## Notice Public Meeting

January 26, 2015

Board of Trustees  
6:30 P.M.  
Redings Mill Fire  
Department  
5202 Rangeline Road

Visitors Welcome

## Notice of Open Public Meeting

Public notice is hereby given that **The Board of Trustees** will have their bi-monthly meeting at **6:30 P.M. Monday, January 26, 2015** 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 Rangeline Road, Joplin**. (The Planning and Zoning Commission will not meet because there are no agenda items to discuss).

### Agenda – Trustee Meeting

- Approval of minutes from the November 25, 2014 meeting.
- Approval of treasurer's and financial reports and approval for payment of bills.
- Review to prioritize the projects/actions from 2014 Comprehensive Plan.
- Final review of 2015 budget and possible pay down of remaining \$46,186 loan with CB&T.
- Approve ordinance to "Forgo Annual Trustee Elections".
- Preliminary review to determine if any existing ordinances need revising.

### Financial Information – December 31, 2014

2015 revenues of \$71,004 were higher than budget (+\$3,106/5%) and last year (\$2,272/3%) due to higher franchise taxes from Empire (+\$634 and +\$1,766) and fuel and vehicle tax from Missouri DOR (\$+1,718 and +1,766). Normal expenses of \$23,678 (excludes the major road repair project) are \$3,488 below budget, but are \$2,641 higher than last year due to the HSTCC \$1,000 fee for the Comprehensive Plan (CP), \$690 stipends for trustees, \$374 legal notice for the CP in *The Joplin Globe*, and \$237 higher legal fees due to the sales tax initiative. Total costs for road repair of \$187,991 exceeded budget by \$10,599 because no costs were budgeted for road repairs in Hidden Valley (\$+23,338). Five monthly payments of \$915.20 have been made against the July 15<sup>th</sup> \$50,000 loan from CB&T. Loan balance is \$46,186 with \$762 interest expense. As a result, the cash balance decreased \$90,465 from \$156,936 to \$66,471. With the \$46,186 outstanding loan, the net cash available if \$20,284, if the loan was paid off.

### Review Financial Statements by Non-Trustee

If any resident is interested in reviewing the financial statements and related documents, please contact Denny Desmond at 781-3558.

## Ordinance About Election

The Missouri Municipal League has recommended an ordinance, which results in villages with less than 1,000 voters the opportunity to save money (around \$200 for Leawood), but requires an approved ordinance be filed by January 27<sup>th</sup> to appear on the April 7<sup>th</sup> election ballot. This ordinance will be submitted for approval at the January 26, 2015 trustee meeting. The public notice to residents about filing deadlines for elections would not change. The only change is if the number of candidates were equal to the number of openings (like this year and the last ten elections), then nothing would appear on the election ballot, which would negate the possibility of write-in candidates. Hence Leawood wouldn't be allocated as much election costs from Newton County. This would be in effect for six years. If during this six year period the number of the filing candidates exceeds the openings, this would be therefore on the ballot.

## Animal Control Ordinance

Arrangements have been made for an individual to remove wild and stray dogs. A resident with any complaint with regards to this should contact Caleb Head for Southern Hills and Brad Long for all other areas of Leawood.

## Sales Tax Initiative

The tax was effective October 1<sup>st</sup> with no expiration date. Monthly sales tax distributions are paid by electronic transfers. A separate bank account with CT&T has been established to control the proceeds and subsequent use. The amounts collected were \$868.22 for October and \$2,612.78 for November.

## April 7<sup>th</sup> Election

Any resident interested in filing for the April 7<sup>th</sup> election must file by January 20, 2015. Three trustee positions are available. Three incumbents have filed.