

# LEAWOOD LEDGER

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## Village Trustees

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Treasurer  
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206-9659

## Board of Adjustments

Rich Reed  
624-4180  
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206-0270

## Notice Public Meeting

March 17, 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. Tuesday, March 17, 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 January 26, 2015 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 2014 financial information by non-trustee, Mark Hendren
- Preliminary review to determine if any existing ordinances need revising.

### Financial Information February 28, 2015

2015 (two months) revenues of \$27,561 were higher than budget (+\$447/2%) and last year (\$4,813/21%) due to the impact of the sales tax revenues, which generated \$5,066 (represents three months). Normal expenses of \$2,825 (excludes loan payments) are \$649 below budget (due to no legal fees of \$400) and were \$2,669 lower than last year due the payment of the Public Officials Liability Insurance in March 2015. The net surplus was \$24,736 and included \$12,649 in real estate tax revenue. Payments including interest were \$46,399. As a result the cash balance decreased \$21,933 from \$66,741 at 12/31/2014 to \$44,808. The outstanding loan balance at 12/31/2014 of \$46,186 is now zero.

### Review Financial Statements by Non-Trustee

The 2014 CP recommended that a Leawood resident periodically review the financial statements and related documents. Mark Hendren has volunteered to conduct this review. Mark has both an accounting and law degree with over 30 year's business experience. Mark will present his report and findings at the March 17<sup>th</sup> trustee meeting.

**REMEMBER: VOTE APRIL 7**

## Ordinance About Election For Trustees

At the January trustee meeting the ordinance was approved and filed by the January 27<sup>th</sup> deadline and will be on the April 7<sup>th</sup> ballot; as was recommended by the Missouri Municipal League, which results in villages with less than 1,000 voters the opportunity to save money (around \$200 for Leawood). The ordinance will not change the public notice to residents about filing deadlines for elections. 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 be 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 CB&T has been established to control the proceeds and subsequent use. The \$5,066 was collected in the first three months.

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

As previously noted in the Ledger only three incumbents (Desmond, Long and Dale Owen) have filed for the three openings for the April 7<sup>th</sup> election.