

# LEAWOOD LEDGER

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## Board of Adjustments

Rich Reed  
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## Notice Public Meeting

January 26, 2016  
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 at **6:30 P.M. Tuesday, January 26, 2016** 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

- Approval of minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting.
- Approval of treasurer's and financial reports and approval for payment of bills.
- Approval of the 2016 budget for revenues and expenses.
- Discuss next steps for \$376,000 judgement against Gene Paul Boyd.
- Follow-up on November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting for "Neighborhood Watch Program".
- Project status of road improvements for 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Connecticut Avenue
- Continue the review to prioritize the projects/actions from Comprehensive Plan.
- Continue review to determine if any existing ordinances need revising.

## Financial Information December 31, 2015

2015 revenues of \$94,982 are higher than budget (+\$5,048/6%) and significantly higher than last year (\$23,978/34%) due to the impact of the sales tax revenues, which generated \$23,978 (represents 13 months). Normal expenses of \$20,083 (excludes loan payments) are \$14,762/42% below budget (due to legal fees of -\$1,800 and no road repairs of -\$12,000) and \$3,595 lower than last year due to legal fees (-\$1,525) and consulting fees from HTCC for Comprehensive Plan (-\$3,000). The YTD net surplus is \$74,899 before \$46,399 pay-off of the CB&T loan to repair streets last year. As a result the cash balance only increased \$28,500 from \$66,471 at 12/31/2014 to \$94,971. The outstanding loan balance at 12/31/2014 of \$46,186 is now zero.

## April Election

Any qualified resident, who is interested in running for the April 5<sup>th</sup> election to Board of Trustees for the Village of Leawood must file by January 19<sup>th</sup> and should contact Denny Desmond at 417-781-3558 or by email at leawoodvillage@msn.com. Elections are for two trustees. The term is two years. Two incumbents, Beverly Kiehl and Fran Owen have committed to run.

## Road Improvements

The trustees approved executing a "Memo of Understanding" (reviewed by our village attorney) with Joplin for this project. The project will add a turn lane and improve the sides of roads on Connecticut from 32<sup>nd</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> from Range Line to Connecticut. A final decision has not been made, but it appears that an "around about" will be at the intersection of 44<sup>th</sup> and Connecticut. Representatives of Joplin have indicated the project will start in 2018.

## Gene Paul Boyd

Gene (Paul) Boyd was released from prison on March 23, 2015 and is on probation for the balance of his 15 year term per the information on the Missouri Department of Corrections Offender Search website. Village of Leawood was not notified as required of the probation hearing. Boyd was sentenced on August 26, 2011 and served three year/eight months. On April 20, 2011 a judgement was entered in favor of Village of Leawood and against Gene Paul Boyd in the sum of \$376,000. Boyd is supposedly living in Arkansas and will be 70 on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Neighborhood Watch & Beautification

Captain Richard Levin and Steve Bock from the Newton County Sheriff's office provided interesting insights on a "Neighborhood Watch" program as they have done for other villages. Around 20 residents attended the meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>. At the subsequent trustee meeting based on a suggestion from a resident, it was decided to expand the program to include "Neighborhood Beautification".