

# LEAWOOD LEDGER

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## Board of Adjustments

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## Notice Public Meeting

January 17, 2017  
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 17, 2017** 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 15, 2016 meeting.
- Approval of treasurer's and financial reports and approval for payment of bills.
- Approve/sign the letter for Review and Verification of Financial transactions for 2016 by Board of Trustees.
- Address nuisance complaints from residents and how to resolve
- Continue to review to prioritize the projects/actions from Comprehensive Plan.
- Continue to review to determine if any existing ordinances need revising.

## Financial Information – December 31, 2016

2016 revenues of \$94,088 are higher than budget (+\$4,124/5%) due sales tax (+\$3,109/15%), fuel and motor revenue from Missouri (+\$1,975/8%); which were partially offset by lower real estate taxes (-\$946/6%). Revenues were -\$894 lower than last year as lower real estate taxes (-\$1,100/7%) and Empire franchise taxes (-\$680/2%) were only partially offset from increased Missouri revenues (+\$822/3%). The lower real estate taxes were due to \$956 lower December collections, which will be recovered in January. Normal expenses of \$20,496 (excludes \$46,399 loan payments in 2015) were \$412 higher than last year. Higher costs for beautification projects (\$1,300) and road repairs (+\$2,809) were mostly offset by lower public liability insurance (-\$2,081), election expenses (-\$363), legal (\$-600), one less *Leaood Ledger* (-\$180), and street signs (-\$414). Expenses were \$29,644/59% below budget due to legal fees (-\$1,200), road repairs (-\$9,192), beautification projects (-\$10,700), no tree/debris removal (-\$4,200) and public liability insurance costs (-\$2,226). No specific costs exceeded budget. The 2016 net surplus was \$73,592, which increased the cash balance from \$94,971 to \$168,593. The designated fund balances are \$45,807 for sales tax, \$37,571 for roads and \$85,185 for general.

## 2017 Budget

At the November trustee meeting, the 2017 budget was approved. \$94,610 revenues will be relatively unchanged from 2016. \$46,063 expenses will be \$25,700 higher than 2016 due to beautification projects (+\$10,700), road repairs (+\$9,200) and tree/debris removal (+\$4,200). The net surplus will be \$48,500.

## City of Joplin

### Road Improvements on 44<sup>th</sup> and Connecticut

At the November 10th meeting the Joplin City Council authorized a contract for \$743,398 with Professional Engineering Services on the widening of Connecticut Avenue from I-44 to 44<sup>th</sup> Street and on 44<sup>th</sup> Street from Connecticut to Range Line. The project is being done sooner than planned because property owners along the route are willing to donate the needed land in exchange for the work being done as soon as possible because of traffic conditions in that area.

### Beautification Projects

The approved 2016 budget includes \$12,000 (\$1,300 spent) for beautification projects **We need more suggestions from residents on how to improve our "beautification"**. Contact a trustee or E-mail suggestions to leaoodvillage@msn.com. The funding for these projects is from the \$20,000+ annual sales tax revenue, for which the current balance is \$45,807.

### 911 And Street Signs

Redings Mill Fire District provides reflective 911 address number signs, mounted, and delivered. Go to [www.rmfid.org](http://www.rmfid.org) or call 624-2715 to order. Leaood will pay Redings Mill the \$15 per sign as their grant funds have been used. Many residents have already taken advantage.

Several missing street signs have been installed.

### April Election

Any qualified resident interested in running for the April 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 election to the Board of Trustees for the Village of Leaood, must file by January 17<sup>th</sup> and should contact Denny Desmond at 417-781-3558 or by email at leaoodvillage@msn.com. The election is for three trustees with a two year term. Incumbents are Denny Desmond, Brad Long and Dale Owen.