

# LEAWOOD LEDGER

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## Newton County Sheriff

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## Notice Public Meetings

May 18, 2023

## 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 **Thursday, May 18, 2023 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.
- Resignation of Beverly Kiehl as a trustee and appoint Billy Bowers as replacement for remaining term.
- Certification of April election and election of officers.
- Approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 meeting.
- Approve the treasurer's financial reports and payment of bills..
- Neighborhood Watch Program – Meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ATV – Establish ordinance to regulate.
- Any other business that may come before the Board.
- Adjournment.

### Financial Information – April 30, 2023

Expenditures of \$18,864 are \$36,529 below budget as the cost for trimming was \$8,900 versus the \$42,000 budget. \$52,672 revenues exceeded budget by \$3,960 due to +\$3,271 sales tax revenue and +\$871 franchise taxes. Revenues exceed last year by \$6,585 due to +\$3,477 sales taxes, +\$1,118 franchise taxes and +\$1,673 real estate taxes. The \$33,808 surplus increased cash to \$486,698 Since our Money Market was earning .25% annual interest, \$400,000 Certificates of Deposits with 3.51% interest rate and eleven-month maturity were purchased. These will provide an additional \$12,870 interest. Separate CDs were purchased with funds from APRA (\$137,517.76) sales tax (\$95,000) and operating fund (\$167,482.24). Balances in bank accounts \$86,697.71 with \$22,974 checking/operating, \$55,412 money market/savings and \$8,312 sales tax account.

### Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The bi-annual meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the main Redings Mill Fire Station at 344 Redings Mill Road. Residents are obviously encouraged to attend. Will follow-up on suggestions at the last meeting by Lt. Williams, the Neighbor Watch Liaison for Newton County Sheriff's office. Will also discuss expanding the responsibilities for Neighborhood Watch.

## 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.