

# LEAWOOD LEDGER

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## Newton County Sheriff

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## Notice Public Meetings September 19, 2024

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, September 19, 2024 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.
- Approve the minutes from July 15, 2024 & August 22, 2024 special meeting
- Treasurers' financial reports and payment of bills.
- 2024 Comprehensive Plan– Status.
- Status of APRA fund must be committed by December 31, 2024.
- Establish fine for specific violation of ordinances.
- Any other business that may come before the Board.
- Adjournment.

### Financial Information – August 31, 2024

\$90,814 revenues exceeded \$56,395 expenses for a \$34,418 surplus. Revenues included \$12,926 from Certificates of Deposits. Expenses included \$36,230 ARPA expenditures for storm water project at 47<sup>th</sup>/Wendi, (\$18,605) and for the storm debris cleanup, (\$17,034). Other expenses included \$3,264 for dumpsters for spring cleanup, \$2,500 fee from HSTCC for 2024 Comprehensive Plan and \$2,377 for public liability insurance. The \$34,418 surplus increased cash to \$558,480. It includes \$62,444 in checking, \$55,574 in money market, \$27,512 sales tax and \$412,926 in six month (mature August 31, 2024) certificates of deposit at 5.11% interest rate.

### American Rescue Plan Act

Leawood received \$137,517. Previously the funds use was restricted by Act to specific areas but in an update the Treasury has provided more flexibility for spending the money to include the broad category of "government services." Leawood has until December 31, 2024 to spend/commit the money. YTD \$24,531 has been spent for the storm water improvements at 47<sup>th</sup> and Wendi, \$17,034 spent on debris removal. Commitments include \$40,000 for roads in Hidden Valley and \$20,592 for storm water issues at the corner of 50<sup>th</sup> and Indiana and \$10,000 for four small projects; so, the remaining balance is \$25,361. A suggestion was made to use for overlaying roads since Pavement Management did a poor job in fall 2020. The estimated cost for all roads is \$150,000, which will be budgeted for 2025. **Do you have any suggestions?**

## Comprehensive Plan

The updating our 2024 Comprehensive Plan (CP must be updated every 10 years). Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council agreed to prepare with our assistance the 2024 CP at the same \$3,000 cost as in 2014. The individual from HSTCC, who was assisting us, resigned. So, after some initial work in the spring nothing has been done. A new individual has been hired and the CP will be completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 2024 Tax Levy

A special hearing of the board of trustees was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The .2154 tax levy was approved and is unchanged from last year. Due to higher assessed valuations for real estate, revenue will increase \$286 to \$20,791.

### Around the Village

Residents are encouraged to clean up the debris in their yards. **Dumpsters will be provided** on October 18<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup> at the same locations. Unacceptable items include furniture, mattresses, appliances, electronics, and tires/wheels.

Tjas Gandhi submitted a \$600 building permit for renovations to the existing **convenience store** located at 5100 South Rangeline.

After meeting with representatives from the Missouri Conservation Department, it was recommended that an assessment of the **deer population in Leawood** would require a survey conducted by the Conservation Department in the fall. This will determine the extent of the problem.

The city of Joplin was contacted with regards to the **35mph speed limit on 44<sup>th</sup> street**. It was 45 mph before the redesign to five lanes and is also inconsistent with other speed limits in Joplin. Joplin will add our request for speed reduction onto the traffic commission meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.