

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Village of Steward, Illinois

402 Main Street

7:00 PM Monday August 12, 2019

- 1) Call to order/Pledge at 7:00 PM
- 2) Roll Call - Kim Lancaste (Y) Bonnie (via intercom) Bill W. (Y) Kristen (Y) Les B. (Y) Les K. (Absent)
- 3) Agenda - Kim would like to add Under new business the following item (c) water billing procedures and Billy would like to add kittens to feral cats under old business. Les B. motions to approve amended agenda Kristy seconds. All in favor.
- 4) Minutes from July 8, 2019 - Hugh adds that the new bush has been put in the celebration garden and the city of Rochelle might let the Village use mosquito spray equipment if someone is licensed within the village. Kim motions to approve the amended minutes from last month and Les B. seconds. All in Favor.
- 5) Treasurer Report - Matt gave report. Kristy motions to approve the Treasurer Report Kim seconds. All in Favor.
- 6) Village Account Payables - Hugh mentions the ACH from Lee County should be \$2670.08 and also add Bonnie Macklin from general payments for reimbursement for flowers for funeral services for John Connolly and Doris Burkhart. Tom Brown is also needing payment for utilities for \$51.93 for swing hardware.  
\*\* Les B. mentions about reimbursement for feral kittens Billy is taking care of currently. Bill W. is asking for reimbursement of supplies for kittens he has been caring for that were found within the village. Bonnie makes motion for reimbursement to Billy. Kim seconds. Kim L (Y) Bonnie (Y) Bill W. (Y) Kristy (Y) Les B. (Y) All in Favor. Bill W. motions to pay the bills as amended. Les B. seconds. Kim L (Y) Bonnie (Y) Bill W. (Y) Kristy (Y) Les B. (Y) All in Favor.
- 7) Business from the floor - Karen Bonnell, Millie Danekas, Zach Burkhart and Bill Newkirk are in gallery.  
\*\*Hugh to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and let Newkirk speak. Bill makes that motion and Kim seconds. Bill Newkirk gave report to the board. Les B. motions to approve auditor report. Kristy seconds.
- 8) Committee Reports
  - a) Water
    - 1) Hugh gave update. CCR handled, E coli testing done for a resident, and Back T's are back
    - 2) Hydrant flushing - Les B. and grandsons completed this project.
    - 3) Safety Equipment - was approved last month and has been ordered.
  - b) Park/Village -
    - 1) Gravel - Almost done. Hoping to be fully completed next year. Gravel quarry for specific rock not open
    - 2) Expression Family Swing - Tom Brown and Les B. hung the swings.
    - 3) Celebration Garden discussion - Irrigation system to be done when help is available.  
\*\*Karen to get sidewalk plates. Bill motions to have approval of \$300 for sidewalk plates Kim seconds.  
Kim L (Y) Bonnie (Y) Bill W. (Y) Kristy (Y) Les B. (Y) All in Favor.
    - 4) Depot estimates - tabled until next meeting.
    - 5) Tree removal - Karen sent a list of trees needing attention and is now to get estimates.
  - c) Publicity - Stewardfest, Tree planters, Ordinance enforcement, Christmas decoration contest and Halloween hours 6pm-8pm.

- d) Technology Department
    - 1) Ordinances - they are on website!
    - 2) Other forms of payment - tabled until next month.
  - e) Ordinance Committee - Kristy gave report. Hugh to dig up comprehensive copy. Kristy to contact Rochelle about coming to the next meeting
  - f) President Report - Hugh gave verbal report. He has also requested to have recycle bin removed and is waiting on final word of its removal.
- 9) Old Business -
- a) Feral cats - previously handled and there are still a few complaints of them around town.
  - b) Ethics - email from attorney not available. Hugh to get a copy to Bonnie.
  - c) Permit fees - leave as is until ordinances are handled. Tabled indefinitely.
  - d) Recycle Bin - already discussed.
  - e) Committees - Kim to forward a list to Hugh
- 10) New Business
- a) Snow plow bid - put ad in paper, Facebook, and website for accepting bids on snow removal.
  - b) Village audit - previously handled
  - c) Water Billing Procedures - Kim wants put to a vote about not having one person in charge of delinquent accounts. They should be presented to board for further review. Kim (Y) Bonnie (Y) Bill W. (N) Kristy (Y) Les B. (N) 3-2 vote. Hugh vetoes the vote.
- 11) Next Meeting September 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
- 12) Bill W moves to adjourn regular meeting Les B. seconds at 8:45 PM.