

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Steward, Illinois
402 Main Street
Monday, July 13, 2026 at 7:00pm

Call to Order/Pledge: 7:00pm

Roll Call - Zach (y), Bill (excused), Erik (y), Jamie (y), DJ (excused), Rylee (absent - unexcused) Quorum met.

Approval of Agenda – Zach motions to approve agenda, Erik seconds. All in favor.

Minutes of June 8, 2026 Meeting – Zach motions to approve minutes, Erik seconds. All in favor.

Visitor Recognition – Barbara Palmer and parents, Lizzie Hayes, Karen Bonnell.

Barbara presented her proposal for the Girl Scout Gold Award. She has plans to revamp the Celebration Garden which includes irrigation, raised beds and a gazebo. Her funding will be from donations and grants she will solicit. Her proposal must be approved by GSA, requiring 80 hours minimum for completion. Barbara will create the proposal, submit it to the board for approval. Laura and Karen will be contacts and will provide updates periodically. Completion – Fall 2027/Spring 2028.

Lizzie Hayes presented her Girl Scout Silver Award project. She has constructed eight Bat Houses and asked for permission to place them in areas throughout the Village. Example is located at the back of the Hayes house. Jamie and Hugh offered their place. Zach suggested Lizzie find locations and map them out for approval from the board. She will update when that is completed. Project completion date will be October 1, 2026.

Treasurer's Report – Matt presented. Jamie motions to approve, Zach seconds. All in Favor.

Accounts Payable – Hugh presented. Correction to include payroll taxes paid to US Treasury. General revised total = \$2984.16, Water Department revised total = \$6087.35 Zach motions to approve, Jamie seconds. Roll Call: Zach, (y), Erik, (y), Jamie (y). All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Water Information

- 1. Hydrant Flushing** – Date set for Saturday, August 15 at 10am. Will be posted to Facebook page, signs will be placed to alert residents.

B. Park/Village Property

Nothing at this time.

- C. Items for Newsletter, Other Publicity** – Create Facebook post stating 2025 CCR Report available on line and include in next newsletter.

Old Business

- A. Hexagon Economic Development Agreement** – Proposal will be rewritten per our attorney. Hugh will check on status and will update progress.
- B. Storm Siren on Village Hall** – ComEd is replacing/doing away with several storm sirens. Hugh has discussed with our ComEd representative to see if we can be given one for replacement of ours. Hugh is continuing to work on options and will update.

New Business

- A. Annual Appropriations** – Hugh will be presenting at next meeting.

Adjournment – Zach motions to adjourn, Jamie seconds.

Next Meeting Date – August 10, 2026