

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Village of Steward, Illinois

402 Main Street

7:00 PM Monday May 10, 2021

- 1) Call to order/Pledge at 7:00 PM
- 2) **Induction** of newly elected board members being Zach Burkhart, Chris Barber, Emily Lund, Les Bonnell and Village President Hugh McKiski sworn in by Chrissy Smardo who was previously sworn in at Lee County courthouse as Village Clerk..
- 3) Roll Call - Emily Lund (Y) Bonnie (Zoom) Chris Barber (Y) Kristen (Zoom) Les B. (Y) Zach B (Y)
***Karen was the zoom mediator.
- 4) Agenda - Les B would like to add to New Business 9c) recycling and Kristy would like to add under Old Business - Main St and Miller St properties updates Les B motions to approve the amended agenda Zach seconds.
- 5) Minutes - Les B. motions to approve May 10th minutes as presented Kristy seconds.
- 6) Treasurer Report - Matt gave report. Chris Barber motions to approve Treasurer Report. Emily seconds. All in Favor.
- 7) Village Account Payables - Discussion about bills took place. Les B. questions the bill for \$6,000 for grant writing. Les B. motions to pay all the bills presented at this time but the \$6,000 to CFPS Zach B seconds. Roll call - Emily Lund (Y) Bonnie (Y) Chris Barber (Y) Kristen (Y) Les B. (Y) Zach B (Y)
- 8) Visitor recognition and Business from the floor - Also in the gallery was Norm Beeh, Curtis Cook, Les K, Rylee Bates, Richard Hensley, Karen and Cathy
- 9) Committee Reports
 - a) Water
 1. Info on School St Projected Project - Zach motions to table this until later in meeting when Norm and Curtis arrives. Emily seconds.
** Norm arrived later at 7:50PM Hugh questioned Norm what exactly happened and why wasn't information turned in at the appropriate time. Sharon of CFPS is about 60% done with work and is wanting to be paid for her work and time. Village is unsure what this entails to move forward. Board questions the Termination clause in Sharon Pepin's contract. Hugh to call her and see about what services were exactly done and the termination clause. Zach B. motions to not pay this month and wait until we have figured out what they have done and the termination clause. Roll Call Vote - Emily (Y) Bonnie (Y) Chris (N) Kristy (Y) Les B (Y) Zach B. (Y) FIVE yes to ONE no. Hugh informed Trustees that they are requires to pay invoices presented to them. Hugh to also give the board an update via email with the information he finds out.
 2. Village engineer Report - Norm is retiring and is selling his business to Chastain and Associates. Mr. Curtis Cook spook briefly introducing himself and answering questions. Chris Barber motions to table Village engineer until next month and Emily seconds.
 3. Water tower cleaning - Kristy and Zach question about when tower was painted if cleaning was included in it. Hugh to look for contract and verify. Zach motions to table until next month Chris B seconds.

b) Park and Village -

1. Trees - Karen called ComEd about some trees on power line on Steward St and Main St. ComEd is to take care of those trees. Karen also updated the board on some trees within the Village needing attention. She let them know that the previous trees were never taken care of by Timberman that the Board had approved so she is asking the Board to include those trees in her upcoming requesting . Grays total tree care quoted \$12,100 for ALL trees on her list and Myles Tree Service quoted \$11,500. Each company is about two to four weeks out. Bonnie Macklin makes a motion to accept lowest bid Emily seconds. Roll Call Vote - Emily (Y) Bonnie (Y) Chris (Y) Kristy (Y) LEs B (Y) Zach B. (Y) All in Favor.

2. Sidewalks - Zach B motions to approve spending up to \$2,000 on new sidewalks and is seconded by Emily. Roll Call Vote - Emily (Y) Bonnie (Y) Chris (Y) Kristy (Y) LEs B (Y) Zach B. (Y)

C. Publicity - 8th graders graduating and newly elected officials.

10) Old Business -

a) building Inspector - nothing done. Hugh asking for some kind of relief. Emily to take over. Norm to possibly email some recommendations. Chris motions to table until next month. Emily seconds.

b) Changes to Administration Ordinance - Discussion took place about what Hugh had typed up. Questions regarding excused absences and missed water testing. According to previous meeting minutes it was approved by board for the newly elected officials will be as follows \$35 per meeting missed with no call or a no show and \$10 per each week water test missed in a month with maximum of \$40. There will be three graces on water testing in a six month period and the Monthly Operation and Chemical Feeding Report log will be checked. No raises for trustees, clerk or president.

c) StewardFest - tabled until next month.

d) Property Update for Main and Miller St- 418 Main St is making some progress, 400 Main St - no change and 215 Miller St has purchased a permit for updates.

11) New Business

a. Committee assignments - updated list to be presented at next meeting

b. Annual Appropriations - Hugh ask trustees to look over to approve next month.

c. Recycling - letting Village know about a trailer going to lee county for recycling and if they have an old tv they would like to send. More details to come.

12) Next meeting June 14, 2021

13) Emily motioned to adjourn regular meeting at 9:33PM Les Bonnell seconds.