

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VILLAGE OF STEWARD, ILLINOIS 402 MAIN STREET

MONDAY, November 13, 2023

1. Call to Order at 7:00 PM
2. Roll Call - Zach (Y) Erik (Y) Chris (Excused) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y)
3. Approval of Agenda -Hugh would like to add Item 2 under Water Info - Well #3 Rehab and Under Committee Reports Hugh would like the addition of section C which would contain Byron's Mayors Meeting and NIML. Under New Business should be a) 24/25 budget b) Christmas Decoration contest c) Notary Stamp d) Village Decor presented by Doug Brock. Zach motions to approve with additions. Rylee seconds. All in Favor.
4. Approval of Minutes from 10-9-2023 - Rylee motions to approve Laura seconds.
5. Treasurer Report - Matt gave the report. Rylee makes a motion to approve. Zach seconds. All in Favor.
6. Accounts Payable - Zach motions to pay the bills as presented. Rylee seconds. Roll Call Vote : Zach (Y) Erik (Y) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y) All in Favor.
7. **Visitor Recognition - Doug Brock, Will Hamilton and Scott Raner from Hexcon**

***** Rylee motions to suspend the rules to allow Hexcon Representatives Speak. Zach seconds.**

Will gives update and answers questions for Board members. Zach makes a motion to support the resolution authorizing and approving the steward creek solar project within the 1.5 mile radius surrounding the village of steward, lee county, Illinois with conditions discussed of up to 500 feet off of Paw Paw Road and Elva Road and dark sky compliant. Laura seconds. Roll Call Vote : Zach (Y) Erik (Y) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y). All in Favor

8. Committee Reports

A. Water Info:

- 1) Main Street update- Martin has an update to start project early spring. Laura motions to tell Martin to wait until Spring. Zach seconds. Roll Call Vote: Zach (Y) Erik (Y) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y). All in Favor.
- 2) Well #3 Update - Hugh and Brad to start in December.

B. Park/Village -

- 1) Report of Property Maintenance- **Depot Repairs** -Laura gave update. Work is mostly completed except a few boards needing replaced. Laura

to follow up about deposit refund in amount of \$2,150. Some wood replacement needs to be addressed. Erik to assist Laura. Work is being done. Hoping to be completed soon. **Sidewalk backfilling - not done.**

2) Tree Report - No Report

3) Publicity - Vandalism and Christmas Decorating contest

C. Steward Bypass Meeting - Hugh Virtually Attending. also attending Byron Mayors meeting and NIMA meeting in Sterling.

9. Old Business

A. 2023 Levy Approval - Zach motions to approve 2023 Tax Levy. Rylee seconds.

Roll Call Vote: Zach (Y) Erik (Y) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y). All in Favor.

B. Progress Report on Solar Project- Previously Handled.

10. New Business

A. 24/25 Budget - Hugh asked for suggestions of what the Board would like to see. Laura mentioned renovations for village hall and possibly more sidewalks.

B. Christmas Decorating Contest - Zach motions to approve the same amount of money as last year. James Tyler seconds. Roll Call Vote: Zach (Y) Erik (Y) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y). All in Favor.

C. Notary Stamp- Chrissy is requesting permission to purchase a new stamp for use elsewhere at her own expense. Rylee makes motions for approval to allow Chrissy to purchase stamp. Zach seconds. All in Favor.

D. Village Christmas Decorations- Doug presented board with a few ideas. Laura makes motion to approve \$650 for Village Christmas decor. Zach seconds Roll Call Vote: Zach (Y) Erik (Y) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y). All in Favor.

11. Next meeting is December 11, 2023 at 7:00PM

12. Zach motions to adjourn regular meeting Erik seconds at 8:15 PM