MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Steward, Illinois
402 in Street
Rescheduled – Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 7:00pm

Call to Order/Pledge: 7:00pm
Roll Call - Zach (y), Bill (y), Erik (y), Jamie (y), DJ (absent/unexcused), Rylee (y) Quorum met.
Approval of Agenda – Zach motions to approve agenda, Rylee seconds. All in favor.
Minutes of September 14, 2026 Meeting – Rylee motions to approve minutes, Zach seconds. All in favor.
Visitor Recognition – None present.
Treasurer's Report – Matt presented. Rylee motions to approve, Erik seconds. Roll Call – Zach (y), Bill (y), Erik (y), Jamie (y), Rylee (y). All in favor.
Accounts Payable – Hugh presented. Zach motions to approve, Rylee seconds. Roll Call: Zach, (y), Bill (y), Erik, (y), Jamie (y) Rylee (y). All in favor.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Water Information**
1. **Hydrant Flushing –** Date confirmed for Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 9am.
2. **Loan Reduction –** Notification from IEPA regrading a $47655.00 reduction over term of loan for Phase One Water Project. Hugh contacted Jill Pepin to begin working on Phase Two Water Project, including requirement for generator, addressing violations.

B. **Park/Village Property**
1. Karen hasn't heard confirmation of dates from tree trimmers, but received bid of $2800/day to trim all necessary. This also includes Miller/Tyler Street corner as well as alley. Rylee motions to approve up to $6000 for tree trimming, Jamie seconds. Roll Call – Zach, (y), Bill (y), Erik (y), Jamie (y), Rylee (y). All in favor.

C. **Items for Newsletter, Other Publicity –** None.

Old Business

A. **Hexagon Economic Development Agreement –** Waiting to receive contract with all agreed revisions. Hugh will update when that is done.
B. **Unkempt Yards –** Letters will be sent to residents in noncompliance of ordinances.

New Business

A. **Chicken Ordinance –** Letter will be sent to residents in noncompliance of ordinance.
B. **EPA Meeting –** As discussed. Addressing violations as noted above.
C. **Tax Levy Amount of Increase –** Zach makes motion to increase by 4%, Rylee seconds. Roll Call – Zach, (y), Bill (y), Erik (y), Jamie (y), Rylee (y). Hugh will prepare and present to board next month.
D. **Audit Results –** No updated information.
E. **Village Insurance –** Statement received. Slight increase in premium. Due November, so Hugh will be presenting with next month's bills.
F. **Railroad Quiet Zone Request –** resident sent request via email to be presented to Board of Trustees, asking to create quiet zone in Steward. Board discussed and determined it is not feasible due to numerous crossings. Rylee motions to deny proceeding, Bill seconds. Roll Call – Zach (y), Bill (y), Erik (y), Jamie (y), Rylee (y). All in favor.

Adjournment – Rylee motions to adjourn, Bill seconds.

Next Meeting Date – November 9, 2026