

MINUTES

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

MONDAY, October 9, 2023

1. Call to Order at 7:00 PM
2. Roll Call - Zach (Y) Erik (Y) Chris (Y) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y)
3. Approval of Agenda - Laura would like to add Steward United Methodist Church Women in Faith raising money for Miss Carly's in Rockford under new business. Zach motions to approve with additions. Rylee seconds. All in Favor.
4. Approval of Minutes from 9-11-2023 - Rylee motions to approve Erik seconds.
5. Treasurer Report - Matt gave the report. Rylee makes a motion to approve. Chris and Zach seconds. All in Favor

*** Zach motions to suspend the rules to allow Jill to speak. Jill gave update on the Water project. Rylee motions to approve of IEPA loan #17-6082 request #1 in the amount of \$106,603.13 including Willett Hofmann & Associate design engineering and construction observation invoices, CFPS, Inc project plan and loan administration invoices and attorney services from Tess, Crull & Arnquist, LLC. Financing Ordinance. Laura seconds. Roll Call: Zach (Y) Chris (Y) Erik (Y) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y) All in Favor.

6. Accounts Payable - Rylee motions to pay the bills as presented. Zach seconds. Roll Call Vote : Zach (Y) Chris (Y) Erik (Y) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y) All in Favor.
7. **Visitor Recognition - Karen Bonnell and Jill Pepin**
8. Committee Reports
 - A. Water Info:
 - 1) Unsure of the start date for the water Project, it should be soon.
 - 2) Previously handled.
 - 3) Hydrant Flushing is to be 10/15/2023 from 1PM -4PM
 - B. Park/Village -
 - 1) Report of Property Maintenance- **Depot Repairs** -Laura gave update. Some wood replacement needs to be addressed. Erik to assist Laura. Work is being done. Hoping to be completed soon. **Village Hall** - not this year. **Celebration Garden** - retaining wall will not be done this year. Need volunteers. **Sidewalk backfilling** - hopefully done this weekend for Steward and Miller Street.
 - 2) Tree Report - Greys came in and completed work. Lee county to possibly cut down Willows at the cemetery.
 - 3) Publicity - Barking dogs and recycling bin.

9. Old Business

- A. Rise Broadband - Hugh to ask Representative Fritts about Broadband.
- B. Signs - maybe add no soliciting information to the newsletter.
- C. Village Decor - Doug not here to update.
- D. Halloween Hours - October 28, 2023 5:00PM - 7:30PM Rylee motions to set hours. Erik seconds. All in Favor

10. New Business

- A. 2023 Levy - Hugh asked Board to review. Discussion took place. Laura motioned to keep levy at 4%. Zach seconds. Roll Call Vote : Zach (Y) Chris (Y) Erik (Y) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y) All in Favor.
- B. Steward Solar Project - Hugh forwarded email update to all board members.
- C. Steward United Methodist Church Women in Faith Donation to Miss Carly's - Chris motions to give a donation check of \$500 to the group for Miss Carly's or purchase supplies to donate. Rylee seconds. Roll Call Vote : Zach (Y) Chris (Y) Erik (Y) Laura (Y) James (Y) Rylee (Y) All in Favor.

11. Next meeting is November 13, 2023 at 7:00PM

12. Rylee motions to adjourn regular meeting Zach seconds at 8:05 PM