

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

Call to Order/Pledge - 7:00pm

Roll Call – Zach (y), Bill (y), Erik (y), Jamie (y), DJ (excused), Rylee (y)

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

Approval of March 9, 2026 Minutes – Rylee motions to approve, Zach seconds. All in favor.

Visitor Recognition – Karen Bonnell is present.

Treasurer's Report – Matt presented. Water savings transfer from savings to checking in the amount of \$15002.89, which includes bank fee. Zach motions to approve, Rylee seconds. All in favor.

Accounts Payable – Hugh reviewed. Additions: US Treasury Department payroll taxes as follows: Water Department - \$359.55; General Fund - \$126.22. 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 Info:

1. **Grant for Water Main Identification** - not available due to census median income level.
2. **Bulbs in Water Building:** Jamie has set up scaffolding. Discussed switching to LED lights. Jamie researched, Bill motions to approve \$600 for new lighting, Zach seconds. **Roll Call:** Zach (y), Bill (y), Erik (y), Jamie (y), Rylee (y). Jamie will proceed with changing.
3. **Phase Two Water Restoration Plan** – need to initialize. Generators will need to be replaced prior to watermain replacement. Hugh will work on this and report back.
4. **Rock Road Bulk Water Purchase** – Rock Road Construction will be working on I-39 and has requested bulk water purchase. Hugh set limit at 3000 gallons/day, Rock Road mentioned this amount. Bill motions to approve agreement, Rylee seconds.

B. Park/Village Property:

1. **Removal of Concrete from Rylee's Property** – J & J will remove @ \$7500.00, and can do it this week. Rylee motions to approve, Zach seconds. **Roll Call:** Zach (y), Bill (y), Erik (y), Jamie (y), Rylee (y). All in favor.
2. **Street Sealing/Budget Information** – Hugh still working with engineers. Will report when information is available.
3. **Tree Trimming/Removal/Planting** – Karen reported that the estimate for tree removal/trimming will be \$6500.00, and \$1500.00 for replacement trees. Zach motions to approve up to \$8000.00, Rylee seconds. **Roll Call:** Zach (y), Bill (y), Erik (y), Jamie (y), Rylee (y). All in favor.
4. **Arbor Day Celebration** – Friday, April 24, 2026 2 1:15pm. Location at Steward United Methodist Church. Students will attend, with older students at stations in Fellowship Hall teaching the younger students. All are welcome to attend.
5. **Celebration Garden** – Laura needs fresh mulch, and any volunteers. Struggling to find people interested in maintaining Celebration Garden. Hugh will purchase mulch. All in favor.

- C. Items for publicity/Newsletter** – Karen mentioned listing graduates. Advise Karen if other items are to be included.

Old Business

- A. Economic Interest Forms** – Laura reminded everyone these are due by May 1st or you will be financially penalized. Everyone in compliance.
- B. Economic Development Agreement** – (Steward Creek Solar Project) – Our attorney has given to their attorney. No new update.
- C. Grocery Tax Introduction of Implementation** – Advised by our attorney to pass ordinance. Hugh will comprise and trustees will need to vote on this. More information next meeting.
- D. Right To Work Policy** – Hugh has composed. Trustees were presented with information. Zach motions to approve, Rylee seconds. All in favor.

New Business

A. Flush Hydrants – Hydrants need to be flushed. Karen and Jamie set a date for May 19 at 9am.

Adjournment – Bill motions to adjourn, Erik seconds. All in favor. 7:32pm.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 – 7:00pm