

**Village of Steward
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025**

The Village of Steward Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:00pm on Monday, December 8th, 2025 in the Village Hall at 402 Main Street, Steward, IL 60553.

President McKiski called the meeting to order, leading the pledge of allegiance at 7:01pm.

Roll Call: Trustees Zach Burkhardt, William Wasilewski, Erik Maertz, James Finnestad and Rylee Bates were present on Roll Call. President Hugh McKiski and Treasurer Matt Hayes were also present. Clerk Laura Salazar was excused absent.

Approval of Minutes 11/10/25: The water department's report for well 2 needs to state that the current sand level is below the amount prior to the repairs. Motion for approval with amendment made by Rylee, and seconded by Erik. All in favor.

Visitor Recognition/Public Comment: Karen Bonnell was present and thanked Jamie for installing new village signage and assisting with Christmas decorations.

Treasurer's Report: Rylee moved to approve as presented. Bill seconds. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable: Zach motions to pay bills as presented. Rylee seconds. Roll call was taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. The Water Department's Grant Application may need to be amended to include additional housing on John Street with lead lines.
- B. Village & Park Property: No update
- C. Newsletter/Publicity: No additional news.

Old Business:

- A. Both FOIA & OMA are completed by all five current trustees.
- B. The village phone line is now active with Leaf River Communications. There may be one additional invoice due from Frontier.
- C. Banners/Flags: Shipping expenses increased the total amount to exceed the previous approved amount. Zach moves to approve up to \$1200 and Rylee seconds. Roll call was taken. Motion passes 5-0.

New Business:

- A. Hugh presented the meeting calendar for 2026.
- B. The front security light needs to be rewired to function separately from the switch inside. Hugh will quote with Cass Larsen and Berg Johnson. Rylee moves to approve up to \$1500. Bill seconds. Roll Call was taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Bill moves for adjournment at 7:24pm and Rylee seconds. All in favor.

The next meeting date is January 12, 2026.