

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Village of Steward, Illinois

402 Main Street

7:00 PM Monday January 11, 2021

- 1) Call to order/Pledge at 7:00 PM
- 2) Roll Call - Kim Lancaste (Y) Bonnie (Zoom) Chris B.(Y) Kristen (Zoom) Les B. (Y) Les K. (Y)
***Chrissy also attended meeting via Zoom and Karen was the zoom mediator.
- 3) Agenda - Kim requested update on abandoned home and Abandoned cars work done with Lee County under new business. Les B approves amended agenda. Chris B. seconds. All in Favor.
- 4) Minutes from December 14, 2020 - Les B. approves the minutes as written and Chris B. seconds. All in Favor.
- 5) Treasurer Report - Matt gave report. \$175 needs to be moved on report to IML dues. Kristy motions to approve the December report Les B. seconds. All in favor.
- 6) Accounts Payable - Hugh mentioned the addition of ACE hardware bill for \$32.37 and US Treasury for \$697.68 for general and \$348.84 to US Treasury for Water. Chris motions to pay the bills with the addition of US Treasury and ACE. Bonnie seconds. Kim (Y) Bonnie (Y) Chris B. (Y) Kristy P. (Y) Les B. (Y) Les K. (Y) All in Favor.
- 7) Business from the floor - Zach and Karen in gallery.
- 8) Committee Reports -
 - a) Water -
 - 1) School Street Project - everything requested so far has been sent to Sharon Peppin.
 - 2) New Chlorine Scale for Well #2 - waiting for its arrival.
 - 3) Water Flushing System - Les B. and Hugh did flush hydrants. Brad took sample after and arsenic level dropped considerably. Hugh to email water arsenic level reports to Kim.
 - 4) Sewer Discussion - nothing new to add and there didn't seem to be a big interest from the Facebook Poll. Hugh asked that since we had a full board maybe it should be discussed further tonight. Some discussion took place about previous studies, costs and interests previously. Bonnie asked Kristy to check with Sharon to see if this could be added to our grant and possibly get more info next meeting. Bonnie motioned to table his topic until next month's meeting when more information can be obtained and presented. Kristy seconds and All in Favor.
 - b) Park and Village -
 - 1) Tree Report - Still No communication from tree cutting place. Bonnie is going to try and call them. Hugh to contact J. Carlson for the refund of overcharge.
 - 2) Carlson Refund - Village has not received it yet.
 - c) Publicity - winner of Christmas contest and meet the candidates.
 - d) Technology/Website/Facebook - nothing to add

9) Old Business

- a) Building Inspector - Chris and Hugh have looked thru book. No inspector yet. Kim mentioned Paw Paws Inspector would help. Chris B. motions to table until next month. Kristy seconds. All in Favor.
- b) Administrative Ordinance - Hugh doesn't have it written up yet.
- c) Miller St & Main - Hugh didn't get a hold of Brian Johnson, Harms Main St property does have barricades up around construction and Hugh was unable to tear his Miller St property down as excavator was broke down. Kristy questions lawyer being contacted regarding Johnson's property and Kim asks Hugh when will his Miller St. property to be taken care of. More discussion took place. Kristy to contact the attorney to regard ordinance violation within the Village.
- d) New Resident Letter - Chris asked that it be resent to him and is still working on it.

10) New Business -

- a) Review closed session minutes - None to be reviewed.
- b) Authorize Retention of Village Attorney and Auditor for the 2021 calendar year. Bill Newkirk is the auditor and Russell Crull is current attorney. Les B. motions to retain both. Chris B. seconds. Bonnie opposes attorney because she feels that he works more for Hugh and not the Village. Roll call for Auditor Newkirk - Kim (Y) Bonnie (Y) Chris Barber (Y) Kristy P. (Y) Les B. (Y) Les K. (Y) All in Favor and for the Village Attorney Russell Crull - Kim (N) Bonnie (N) Chris Barber (Y) Kristy P. (N) Les B. (Y) Les K. (Y) Tie Vote 3-3 and Hugh being the tie breaker Voted (Yes) Crull is attorney for the Village.
- c) Abandoned Vehicle Update - has gone very well and several cars have been removed or moved. There are still some that needs to be moved but are being worked on with Lee County Police Department.

11. Next meeting February 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM

12. Les K. motions to adjourn meeting at 8:00PM Chris B. seconds.