

**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**Village of Steward, Illinois**  
**402 Main Street**  
**Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7:00pm**

**Call to Order/Pledge - 7:00pm**

**Roll Call** – Zach Burkhardt (y), Bill Wasilewski (y), Erik Maertz (y), Jamie Finnestad (y), Rylee Bates (y).

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2025** – Correction on Old Business, Item Village Phone. Should state Frontier, not Verizon. Correction regarding Erik's name. Rylee motions to approve with corrections, Erik seconds. All in favor.

**Visitor Recognition** – Karen Bonnell is present.

**Treasurer's Report** – Matt presented report. Rylee motions to approve, Zach seconds. All in favor.

**Accounts Payable** - Hugh reviewed. LR Communications bill for Village Hall shows charge for internet, which will be corrected. Berg Electric invoice for Village Hall security light as well as Pump House security light. Zach motions to approve, Bill seconds.

**ROLL CALL:** Zach, (y), Bill (y), Erik (y), Jamie (y), Rylee (y).

**Committee Reports**

**A. Water Info:**

1. Grant Application - Hugh working on grant application for Water Main Identification Process regarding lead pipes through Willett/Hoffmann. Will update when information available.
2. Bulbs in Well House Pump 2 - Need to be changed. Karen has scaffolding the village can have. Rylee will bring scaffolding over, Jamie will assemble. To be completed by next month's meeting.

**B. Park/Village Property:**

1. Sidewalk replacement – need to locate what needs to be done. Rylee will complete inspection by next meeting, weather permitting.
2. Street sealing – looking into slurry sealing with cracks that need to be repaired. Bill will look into bids and report at next meeting.
3. Tree trimming – report from resident that trees need trimming in one area. Karen will check and when weather permits will handle.
4. Other projects – Remove concrete from Rylee's property from previous sidewalks; Girl Scout Bench installation at park; Basketball Court reseal when roads are repaired; Pavillion repair and stain; Playground equipment repair and painting. Reports back next month prior to 2026/2027 Budget finalization. Christmas Decorations to be taken down by Zach and Erik and put back in Depot. Contact Laura when access to Depot is needed.

**C. Items for Newsletter/Publicity** – None

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

- A. **2026/2027 Budget** – Hugh will be asking for estimates on projects and hopes to have information for next meeting.
- B. **Certify People for Economic Interest Form** – Laura will submit to Election Board with corrections.
- C. **Review Closed Session Minutes** – None
- D. **Authorize present auditor and attorney for another annual term** – Zach motions to approve, Rylee seconds. All in favor.

**Next Meeting : Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00pm**

Rylee motions to adjourn meeting at 7:47pm, Bill seconds. All in favor.