

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Village of Steward, Illinois

402 Main Street

7:00 PM Monday June 14, 2021

- 1) Call to order/Pledge at 7:00 PM
- 2) Roll Call - Emily Lund (Y) Bonnie (Y) Chris Barber (Y) Kristen (Y) Les B. (Y) Zach B (Y)
- 3) Agenda - Zach B. would like to add park clean up under new business, Bonnie asks for weed eater be added to new business and Zach asked to add Johnson property to old business. Kristy would like to add Administrative ordinance to Old Business. Emily motions to approved revised agenda. Les B. seconds. All in Favor.
- 4) Minutes - May 10, 2021 - Kristy would like some clarification to item 10 B Old Business action is not dead. Need to review was what previously approved by the board prior to election. Zach motions to approve minutes with the correction to 10B Administration ordinance. Emily seconds. All in Favor.
- 5) Treasurer Report - Matt gave report. Les B. motions to approve Treasurer Report. Emily seconds. All in Favor.
- 6) Village Account Payables - Water expense for \$6,000 for Community Planning and Funding is added and need approval for paying. Zach B. motions to not pay the \$6,000 Community bill but all others. There was no second. Kristy motions to pay all the bills with the Community Planning and Funding bill for \$6,000. Bonnie Macklin seconds. Roll call Vote : Zach B. (N) Emily (Y) Chris B. (Y) Kristy (Y) Les B. (Y) Bonnie M. (Y) Motion passes.
***Les B. motions to suspend the rules and to allow the girl scouts to speak. Zach B. seconds.
Lisa Palmer the Girl Scout leader spoke to the Board about the previously approved pollinator garden. Lisa and the scouts presented their plan. Bonnie M. motions to approve the Girl Scouts plan for garden and Zach B. seconds. Girl Scouts to possibly help with Celebration Garden.
- 7) Visitor recognition and Business from the floor - Karen Bonnell, Steward Girl Scout Troop, Laura Salazar, AMY Riddell, Nicole Kedzie and Lisa Palmer.
- 8) Committee Reports
 - a) Water
 1. Info on School St Projected Project - Les gave update and discussion. Chris Barber asks Hugh to get all records from Norm.
 2. Village engineer Report - Bonnie motions to continue with Community Planning and take their recommendation for Willett, Hoffman and Associates as engineer. Emily seconds. Roll call Zach (Abstain) Emily (Y) Chris (Y) Kristy (Y) Les B. (Y) Bonnie (Y) Motion passes with FIVE Yes' and one abstain. Les asked Chrissy to write letters to inform Norm, Chastain, and Sharon of the Boards decision. Hugh to assist.
 3. Water tower cleaning - Hugh found no information about washing of tower in the contract from company that painted it. Hugh had two estimates from reputable companies recommended by IML. Bonnie motions to go with Difcon for pressure washing the water tower in the amount of \$4,700. Kristy seconds. Roll call Zach (Y) Emily (Y) Chris (Y) Kristy (Y) Les B. (Y) Bonnie (Y) Motion passes.

b) Park and Village -

1. Trees - Village received grant money. Myles Tree service is to be here at the end of June.
2. Sidewalks - No update but Hugh to get plates.

C. Publicity - Girl Scouts garden at the park.

9) Old Business -

a) Building Inspector - Emily contacted Stillman Valley and is to check into online Inspector. Hugh did not receive anything from Norm for recommendations. Discussion took place on what exactly Village needs inspector for.

b) StewardFest Planning - Les would like to continue with the Citizen of the Year. Karen still looking into the first Friday in August for Church to do dinner in the park. Les B. motions to have Luke Smardo to be 2021 Steward's Citizen of the Year. Zach seconds. All in Favor.

c) Annual Appropriation Ordinance - Hugh gave to trustees last month to look over. Les B. motions to approve Annual Appropriation =. Kristy seconds. All in Favor.

d) Committees - Hugh gave everyone an updated list. Bonnie to be added to ordinances.

e) Update for Main St- Zach asked what is going on with these properties after lawyers letter. Kristy to contact lawyer for an update.

f) Administrative Ordinance - previous wording that was approved and voted on by board was as follows: No call or no show for meeting is \$35 reduction in bi annual pay and no call no show for water testing is \$10 per occurrence with 3 graces in a six month period. Bonnie tabled until next month and Zach seconds. Hugh to have it typed up as voted on.

10) New Business

a. Computer Discussion - discussion took place of damage down by storm. Chris motions to continue computer discussion until next month where he will have prices for new computer. Bonnie seconds.

b. Prevailing Wages Ordinance - Hugh gave everyone a copy last month. Bonnie makes a motion to pass Prevailing wage Ordinance as is. Emily seconds. All in Favor.

c. Girl Scouts- previously handled in meeting

d. Park Clean up - Zach would like to do another park cleanup or repair project. Les Bonnell mentions some projects to be done for example Depot doors, rotted wood needing replaced and paint job. Also mentioned was a need for new welcome signs to the village. Also discussion took place about volunteer signup for getting park mowed.

e) Weed Eater - Volunteers are using personal weed eater and ruining the batteries. Zach motions for the Village to purchase a Stihl weed eater up to \$350 from Johnson Tractors in Rochelle. Bonnie seconds. Roll call : Roll call Zach (Y) Emily (Y) Chris (Y) Kristy (Y) Les B. (Y) Bonnie (Y) Motion passes.

11) Next meeting July 12, 2021

12) Bonnie motioned to adjourn regular meeting at 9:03PM Emily seconds.