

MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Village of Steward, Illinois
402 Main Street
Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00pm

Call to Order/Pledge – 7:00pm

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

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

Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2026 – Remove Gaylon as contact re: storm siren. DJ motions to approve with change, Zach seconds. All in favor.

Visitor Recognition – Karen Bonnell present. Karen discussed Tree Inventory, being done by Caleb Johnson who is attending SIU for Forestry Degree. Our tree inventory is much more diverse than it was 20 years ago.

Treasurer's Report – Matt presented. Need to transfer \$5000 from water department savings to water department checking. Zach motions to approve, DJ seconds. Roll Call: Zach (y), Bill (y), Erik, (y), Jamie (y) DJ (y). All in favor.

Accounts Payable – presented by Hugh. Zach motions to approve, Bill seconds. Roll Call: Zach (y), Bill (y), Erik, (y), Jamie (y) DJ (y). All in favor.

Committee Reports

A. Water Info

1. **Phase 2 of water restoration plan** - in progress. Hugh will update.
2. **Hydrant flushing** – Date will be set for August at next month's meeting.
3. **CCR is completed** – Available for residents at Village Hall, Post Office and on Village Website.

B. Park/Village Property

1. **Sidewalk replacement** – review next month. Concrete removal from Rylee's property completed.
2. **Street Sealing** – Engineering firm is wanting a chip & seal vs. slurry seal. Hugh will keep working with them – wants project completed this year.
3. **Girl Scout Bench** – Laura will meet with Hugh for location so project can be completed as soon as possible.
4. **Other projects: Celebration Garden** – Laura needs help with weeding, removing trees, thinning and mulch. Zach suggested contacting RTHS for FFA students who need silver cord hours. Laura asked Zach to contact the office for other students who may need hours as well.

- C. Items for Newsletter/Publicity** – Scott Stevens is coordinating Village Wide Garage Sales. It will be posted on Village Facebook page. Dates to be determined.

Old Business

- A. Hexagon Economic Development Agreement** – Hexagon has replaced previous attorney, who is reviewing what was written in agreement. Our attorney will keep us informed of status.
- B. Storm Siren** – Siren was reviewed with local contractor who specializes in this. Ours is very old and will need to be fully replaced. Hugh will continue to work on this. Our Fire Department has posted it on the reader board and it has been on the Village Facebook page twice, alerting residents to rely on cell phones and/or weather radios.
- C. Residency of Elected Officials** – no current proof of non-residency. No violations currently have occurred based on requirements. Issue will be closed at this time.

New Business - None at this time.

Next Meeting Date: July 13, 2026

Adjournment – Bill motions to adjourn, DJ seconds. 7:40pm