

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Village of Steward, Illinois

402 Main Street

7:00 PM Monday November 8, 2021

- 1) Call to order/Pledge at 7:00 PM
- 2) Roll Call - Zach B. (Y) Bonnie (No) Chris Barber (Y) Kristen (Absent) Les B. (Y) Rylee B (Y)
- 3) Agenda - Zach B. motions to approve the agenda as presented Rylee B. seconds.
- 4) Minutes - October 11, 2021 - Les B. motions to approve the minutes as presented. Zach B. seconds. All in Favor.
- 5) Treasurer Report - Matt gave report. Correction is to be made for the \$57.50 for celebration garden to general instead. Chris motions to approve report with corrections mentioned. Rylee B. seconds. All in Favor.
- 6) Village Account Payables - Hugh requests to add an additional \$100 to Laura Salazar for a total of \$150. Rylee B. motions to pay with the addition Zack seconds. Zach B. (Y) Chris Barber (Y) Les B (Y) Rylee (Y) All in Favor.
- 7) Visitor recognition and Business from the floor - Karen Bonnell, Richard Hensley from planning committee, Kevin Cooper Engineer for Nutrien project and Laura Salazar.
**Zach motions to suspend the rules to allow for guest Kevin Cooper to speak. Rylee seconds. Kevin Cooper gave board an update and is requesting a letter of project approval to be sent to the Lee County Board. Mr. Hensley said that the planning committee recommends moving forward also. Zach motions to approve the Nutrien project as presented and recommends Hugh to send letter to Lee County Board. Les B. seconds (Y) All in Favor. Roll Call Vote - Zach B. (Y) Chris Barber (Y) Les B (Y) Rylee (Y)
- 8) Committee Reports
 - a) Water -
 1. Info on School St Projected Project -
 - a) Les B. is asking for the engineering agreement for Water phase 1 system improvement to be approved as presented (a copy was emailed to the board members). Rylee motions to approve agreement as presented. Zack B. seconds. Roll Call : Zach B. (Y) Chris Barber (Y) Les B (Y) Rylee (Y) All in Favor.
 - b) Ordinance - Board members have seen it and asked to act on it next month.
 2. Water Policy Changes - Board members seen the updated copy but needs one correction.
 3. PDC Water testing Prices Increases Notice - Hugh letting board know the price for testing has gone up.
 4. Water Building Safety Equipment - supplies have previously been approved but price has gone up. Zack motions to purchase \$850 from USA Bluebook for safety equipment. Rylee seconds. Roll Call - Zach B. (Y) Chris Barber (Y) Les B (Y) Rylee (Y) All in Favor.
 5. Well #2 Safety - Hugh to add this to 2022 budget
 6. Water Rate Study Info - Les and Hugh are working on.
 - b) Park and Village -
 - 1) New Village Hall Lighting - Rylee updates board on cost \$21 each need 5 total. Air conditioner unit is about \$400 to update. Zack motions to spend up to \$600 for five LED lights and a new window unit. Rylee seconds. Roll Call : Zach B. (Y) Chris Barber (Y) Les B (Y) Rylee (Y) All in Favor.
 - 2) Replacement air conditioner - Previously handled
 - c) Publicity - Hydrants flushed with help of Les, Karen and Logan Frye. Also Village email needs corrected.
- 9) Old Business -
 - a) Building Inspector - Nothing to add. Chris asks to table until next month. Zack seconds.
 - b) Gift card Drawing - Winners were drawn for volunteering in the park and gift cards to be mailed to winners.

- c) Main St Properties - Progress being made at Johnson St property and Attorney has court on Friday for other Main St property but progress is being made there.
 - d) Computer Discussion - Printer has arrived and to be hooked up soon. Still looking for computer.
 - e) 2021 Levy Approval - Zack motion to approve the tax levy ordinance as presented. Les B. seconds. All in Favor.
 - f) Nutrien Retail Plant Expansion Info - previously handled
- 10) New Business
- a. Christmas Decoration Contest - Rylee motions to do same as last year. Zack B. seconds. All in Favor.
 - b. Announcement of Trustee Resignation - Hugh has presented Bonnie Macklin resignation and the Board has accepted it as of tonight's meeting.
 - c) OSS certification of Village Population has went from 259 to 229.
- 11) Next meeting December 13, 2021
- 12) Zack B. motioned to adjourn regular meeting at 8:02 PM Rylee B. seconds.