

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Village of Steward, Illinois

402 Main Street

7:00 PM Monday October 12, 2020

- 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)  
\*\*\* Bonnie, Kristy and Chrissy attended meeting via Zoom and Karen was the zoom mediator.
- 3) Agenda - Kim wants to add under old business Johnson's Main St property and uninhabited house and Kim also would like to let everyone know about the upcoming meeting at Lee County regarding the Solar Farm. Kim would like to also add 418 Main St and possible Welcome letter for new residents of Steward. Les B. approves the amended agenda and Kim L. seconds. All in Favor.
- 4) Minutes from September 14, 2020 - Les B. motions to approve minutes as corrected and Kristy seconds. All in Favor.
- 5) Treasurer Report - Matt gave report. Kim L. motions to approve the September report Kristy seconds. All in favor.
- 6) Village Account Payables - Newkirk audit is at a zero balance and Karen needs a check for \$820 for trees under General. \$500 is for possible reimbursement from grant. State taxes are due from General in amount of \$93 and \$21.75 from Water for total State Tax of \$114.75. Kim L motions to pay and approve the bills. Les B. seconds. Roll Call Kim L. (Y) Bonnie M. (Y) Chris B. (Y) Kristy (Y) Les B. (Y) Les K. (Y) All in Favor.
- 7) Business from the floor - Zach Burkhart and Karen is in the lobby.
- 8) Committee Reports -
  - a) Water - Still working on Grant paperwork and Hugh is about half way done
    - 1) School Street Project - Nothing to add
    - 2) Other Water Updates - Nothing
  - b) Park and Village -
    - 1) Tree Report - Tree planting this Saturday October 17th. There will be four total planted.
    - 2) Leech Field progress - Village is waiting on Dave Williams with Rochelle Vault. He is hoping to have it done between now and end of the month.
    - 3) Depot Repairs - windows will be in on Monday October 19 and installed that week.
  - c) Publicity - Kristy mentioned Jenn Knetsch of Steward ran the Chicago Marathon around the Village and it was also brought up mentioning the passing of Margaret Smith and Leo Bauby.
  - d) Technology/Website/Facebook
- 9) Old Business
  - a) Feral cats - are still an issue. Hugh to try and trap. The Village needs a place to relocate them to or possibly re-homing. Kristy puts a post on Facebook about re-homing a few of the friendlier kittens.
  - b) Building Inspector - Paw Paw Inspector would be willing to help us out. He would need to know what our rules. Kim is to get a copy of Village of Paw Paw rules and then start the list of criteria for Steward for him. Chris and Hugh to look into the criteria.

- c) Abandonment of Office - Hugh informs board of a Trustee that has missed the last three meetings and is not doing water testing. Hugh lets Les K. know he can have his hearing at this meeting. Hugh has also asked Les K. for his resignation being as he is not holding up his Loyalty Oath that he was sworn into after election. Bonnie says Les K. is not holding up to his responsibilities as trustee and Kim L. agrees. Kristy states about water testing not being done in months. Kim L. has made Les K. aware of changes after next election with pay changes for missing meetings and water testing. Les Bonnell ask Les K. about moving forward about his future attendance and water testing to be as its suppose to. Les K. said yes it will be better going forward. Kristy questions what happens if this happens again and the answer was that it will be revisited again in front of the board.
- d) Johnson Main Street Property - Attorney has been contacted and Hugh has talked to Brooke who currently resides there and said her dad has plans to repair. Kim has asked for this to stay on agenda under Old Business.
- e) Uninhabitable House on Miller St - water has been disconnected.

10) New Business -

- a) Introduction of Proposed Changes to Administration - Hugh would like to update it. 2012 Village Ordinance Administrative Chapter 2 sec 1-16 to be handled next month for approval.
- b) 418 Main St - Hugh is trying to contact owner. Zach B. comments he talked to and Mr. Harms says he is getting to it. Springtime will be getting new foundation. Hugh to follow up with Homeowner. Kim would like to keep this on next agenda of Old Business.
- c) Welcome letter - Hugh to find old one and it will be updated at the next meeting. Kim suggested this be mailed out to all new residents and even current ones about current Ordinances and other Valuable information..

11. Next meeting November 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM

12. Les K. motions to adjourn meeting at 8:30PM Kim L. seconds.