

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Village of Steward, Illinois

402 Main Street

7:00 PM Monday September 14, 2020

- 1) Call to order/Pledge at 7:00 PM
- 2) Roll Call - Kim Lancaste (Y) Bonnie (Y) Chris B.(Y) Kristen (Zoom) Les B. (Y) Les K. (Absent)
*** Kristy attended meeting via Zoom and Karen was the zoom mediator.
- 3) Agenda - Kim wants abandonment of office, possible removal of uninhabited house under new business and Kristy would like to add purchased subscription to Zoom. Kim motions to approve amended agenda and Bonnie seconds. All in Favor.
- 4) Swearing in of Appointed Trustee - Chrissy swears in Chris Barber.
- 5) Minutes from August 10, 2020 - Les B. motions to approve minutes and Kim seconds. All in Favor.
- 6) Treasurer Report - Matt gave report. Kim L. motions to approve the September report Bonnie M. seconds. All in favor.
- 7) Village Account Payables - Les B motions to pay the bills as presented. Kristy seconds. Kim L. (Y) Bonnie M. (Y) Chris B. (Y) Kristy (Y) Les B. (Y) All in Favor.
- 8) Business from the floor - Zach Burkhardt is in the lobby.
- 9) Committee Reports -
 - a) Water -
 - 1) Hydrant Flushing is to be done on September 26, 2020
 - 2) School Street Project - Hugh received paperwork that needs to be filled out and will be done this week. .
 - 3) Other Updates - none to be given at this time
 - b) Park and Village -
 - 1) Tree Report - Timberman to come this week. Gray's tree service chopped up a branch since they were in town when branch fell. Karen also informed the board regarding a possible matching grant for more trees.
 - 2) Leech Field for Restroom at park - Not completed yet. Waiting on contractor
 - 3) Sidewalk repair - Possibly start this week with volunteers. Some sidewalks are ready to be completed.
 - 4) Depot repairs - Suppose to be completed this week. Kim to touch base with construction company.
 - c) Publicity - Karen mentioned Christmas light contest.
 - d) Technology/Website/Facebook-

1) Social Archiving - Kristy has contacted Hill Crest and Creston. Creston currently not using anything and hasn't heard back from Hill Crest. Bonnie motions to table Social Archiving indefinitely. Kim L. seconds.

9) Old Business

a) Feral cats - Kristy had a Village resident contact concerning feral cats. Kristy to contact resident about possibly trapping and relocating cats.

** Kim Motions to suspend the rules to allow Will Hantzmon to speak. Bonnie M. seconds.

Trustees were allowed to ask questions after presentation. Hugh presents 2020-09 resolution to the Board for approval. Kim L. makes the motion to approve the 2020-09. Bonnie M. seconds. No discussion took place. Roll Call Vote - Kim L. (Y) Bonnie M. (Y) Chris B. (Y) Kristy (Y) Les B. (Abstain) Resolution Passes.

b) Building Inspector - Kim to call Lee County about their building inspector.

c) Halloween Hours 5PM-7PM Residents are asked to leave a light on if they would like to participate.

d) Annual Audit - Kim L. motions to approve. Bonnie seconds. All in Favor.

e) Steward Creek Solar Presentation - Previously handled

****Karen Bonnell took over taking minutes for Chrissy at 8:23PM *****

10) New Business -

a) Review Salaries of Elected Officials - Pay for the newly elected Village Officials of 2021 will be as follows -\$35 per meeting attended (no call no show no pay) \$10 for each weeks water tested with a maximum of \$40 per month. No call no show no pay. There will be 3 days of grace allowed per 6 month period on water testing. The log will be checked. No raises for trustees, president, or clerk. Kim L. makes this motion. Les Bonnell seconded it. Motion carried. Per Kim L. request change water schedule to reflect Kim L. on Mondays and Les K. Fridays.

b) Abandonment of Office - Kim L. is requesting action be taken about abandonment of Office. She read from the 2018 Illinois Municipal Handbook section II paragraph 1. A hearing must be held by the corporate authority. a registered letter must be sent to the person who is allegedly is abandoning office. Hugh will contact the attorney to proceed. The hearing will be October 12, 2020 during the open meeting. Kim L. made the motion for Hugh to proceed with contacting the attorney to begin action for next month's hearing. Bonnie M. second. Motion carried.

c) Uninhabited Home - Hugh said it will be taken down by January 1, 2021.

d) Paid Zoom Subscription - Kristy P. recommended the Village get a paid subscription to Zoom. It was mentioned that COVID--19 has opened up a broader allowance for electronic meetings. There are only certain meeting that are allowed. See 2018 Illinois Municipal Handbook Chapter 7, II,D,(3) Electronic meeting participation in meeting. Karen Bonnell suggested using Google meet, since all affected persons now have a GMAIL account and it's not restricted. Kristy said Google meet cannot record. Karen said the Zoom meeting recordings failed, but we have minutes.

11. Next meeting October 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM

12. Kim L. motions to adjourn meeting at 8:55PM Bonnie seconds.