

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VILLAGE OF STEWARD, ILLINOIS

402 Main Street

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order/pledge - 7:00PM
2. Roll Call - Zach (y) Chris B (y) Erik M (y) Laura S (y) James T (y) Rylee B (Absent)
3. Approval of the Agenda- Hugh would to add under Old Business Item B) Fiber Optic. Zach motions to approve agenda with addition. Laura seconds. All in favor.
4. Minutes of the March 11, 2024 Meeting - Laura motions to approve minutes as presented. James seconds.
5. Treasurer's report - Matt gave report.no bank statements for this month. James motions to approve Treasurer report. Erik seconds.
6. Accounts Payable - Hugh mentions ComEd billing is messed up. Matt would like to add payroll taxes for water \$348.84 and for general \$114.75. James motions to pay bills with the addition of the payroll taxes for general and water. Laura seconds. Roll Call: Zach (y) Chris B (y) Erik M (y) Laura S (y) James T (y).
- *** Zach motions to suspend the rules to allow Girl Scouts to speak. They are requesting permission to put up a buddy bench in the park. Zach motions to approve buddy bench in park pending placement suggestions per Karen and troop. Laura seconds.
7. Visitor Recognition - Karen Bonnell, Doug and Brock and Steward Girl Scouts in the gallery. Doug questions about solicitation. Hugh to look into signs.
8. Committee Reports
 - A. Water Info:
 1. Well #2 is on Water Solutions list to start repairs.
 2. Phase #1 to start on April 11th. Start under railroad on Fuller Curve. Fuller curve closed on both sides.
 - B. Park/Village Property
 1. Report of Property Maintenance

- a. Depot - Laura got letter to Hugh and he mailed regarding money back for depot work. Museum- Laura is trying to locate information regarding Depot. She also presented ideas for Depot in the future. Depot also needs cleaning too.
- b. Alleys - Hugh asked Brandon to borrow his tractor or township to possibly pull up gravel.
- c. Dumpster for Clean Up Day - Laura to get Dumpster for 5/3 and 5/4. Location for dumpster to be determined. Zach motions to have dumpster on May 3rd and May 4th, 2024. James seconds. Information to be posted on website, Facebook and Fliers.
- d. Mowing Village Property - Laura motions to continue VIP program with the chance to win a monthly drawing of \$25 gift card each month and a chance to win a free quarter of water bill of volunteered at all during the mowing season of April 2024 - October 2024. James seconds. Roll Call: Zach (y) Chris B (y) Erik M (y) Laura S (y) James T (y).
- e. Video Cameras - Bids to come. Nick Brock to also give an estimate.

2. Tree Report- Arbor Day April 26th at 2pm in the Steward Church. Hugh asked about trees being trimmed.

3. Publicity / Items for Newsletter /Technology/Website/Facebook- CCR 2024 for June newsletter and May dumpster info.

9. Old Business

A. Easter Hunt Report - 53 hunters and 1300+ eggs. Also received several monetary donations.

B. Fiber Optic - Macek emailed Hugh to let him know no fiber to come this way with his company Rise Broadband.

10. New Business

A. Flea Market/Farmers Market - Zach motions for Depot Committee to pursue Farmers/Flea Market. Laura seconds. Roll Call: Zach (y) Chris B (y) Erik M (y) Laura S (y) James T (y).

B. Celebration Garden - Zach motions to spend up to \$300 for flowers and mulch. Laura seconds. Roll Call: Zach (y) Chris B (y) Erik M (y) Laura S (y) James T (y).

C. Fire Department Appreciation- Chris motions to spend up to \$500 for dinner on May 6. Erik seconds. Roll Call: Zach (y) Chris B (y) Erik M (y) Laura S (y) James T (y).

D. Girl Scouts Bench - handled earlier in meeting

11. Next Meeting Date May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm

12. Adjournment of regular meeting - Erik motions to adjourn at 8:15 pm James seconds.