

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
October 4th, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

The Village Board met in regular session. Roll call: Scott Chiples, Diane Olson, Steve Davis, Bill Evans, Karen Long and Bob Wurtzel and Tom Venner.

Minutes: Motion Evans, second Long to approve minutes from the September meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Appearances: Brian Lehman – SBFD Chief

Bills and Vouchers: Motion Evans, second Long to approve September payments #21162-21192 in the amount of \$41,221.41 for payment. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Appeals – No meeting.

Board of Review – No meeting.

Budget & Finance – No meeting. Meeting to be scheduled at end of the month.

Building/Zoning/Land Planning – No meeting.

Fire – Meeting on September 20th. Recommendation to purchase 2003 American LaFrance Engine will be sent to the Village Board and the Bergen Town Board.

Park – Hatlestad reported that the De Soto High School sent 50 students up to the Main Park on Oct. 4th to have a work day and earn some community service hours. Park is looking great.

Personnel – No meeting.

Public Works – No meeting.

W&S – Utilities Commission Meeting, September 18th, 2023, 3:30 p.m., Stoddard Sewer Plant

Meeting called to order at 3:40 p.m. Present - Mark Peterson and John Tully. Russ Bolton – excused. Village Administrator Kent Hatlestad, Village President Bob Wurtzel, Village Board member Scott Chiples, Village Lead Operator-Mike Young and Operator Rob Hurlburt also present.

Minutes: Motion Bolton, second Tully to approve minutes from previous meeting. All aye, motion carried. **Appearances:** None.

Bills and Vouchers: Sewer - #3698-3704 = \$4,083.33 Water - #3344-3347 = \$593.57. Motion Tully, second Peterson to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on Pond #2 repair. Hatlestad reported that the work on Pond #2 had been completed. No valve had been installed in the manhole, the clean-out pipe in the pond will be used to shut off the flow of water if/when needed. An additional cleanout was installed after the manhole the pond system is now able to be cleaned from end to end. Waiting for final bill to come in from Winona Mechanical.

Discussion on air line repair. Hatlestad reported that the lines will be dug on the 19th. Question on purchasing a line locator from the Town of Shelby that was used during this project. The locator can be purchased for \$750. Motion Peterson, second Tully to purchase. All aye, motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion on Simplified rate increase. Hatlestad reported that the 2022 audit was complete and approved. Hatlestad will begin the process.

Discussion on 2024 budget. Hatlestad reported that there will need to be more funds put in the budget for the phosphorus payment to the county and \$5,000 put into the replacement fund in 2024 to meet WI DOA requirements. Cell tower funds will need to be used to pay for the Pond #2 repairs.

Discussion on meter replacement. Hatlestad reported that meters are now being installed. A \$12 surcharge is being charged for each meter due to the cellular hook-up required. Motion Peterson, second Tully to investigate putting a \$12 surcharge on utility bills to cover the cost of the purchase of the meters and the monthly charge going forward. All aye, motion carried.

Motion Peterson, second Tully to adjourn at 4:10. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment.

Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion on 2024 budget. Hatlestad reported that he was continuing work on the 2024 budget. The health insurance renewal came in at a 21% increase. Hatlestad said he is looking at other carriers but with Quartz controlling 82% of the market in the area it is proving difficult to get bids any other plans. A Budget & Finance meeting will be held later this month when more budget numbers come in from the state and other vendors.

b) Discussion on purchase of 2003 fire truck. SBFD Fire Department Chief Brian Lehman reported that he and several other SBFD members travelled to Pennsylvania to look at a new engine to purchase from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC. Information on the truck was shared with members of the Bergen Town Board and Stoddard Village Board members. Lehman stated that the truck was in good shape and the Fire Board had agreed to send their recommendation to purchase the vehicle to the respective boards for approval. The cost of the new engine will be \$100,000 plus shipping costs. The retired engine could also be put up for sale at Brindlee Mountain and would be expected to bring in \$15,000 - \$25,000. The \$100,000 is in the truck fund already. Motion Evans, second Olson to approve the purchase of the new engine and sale of the old engine for \$100,000 plus transportation costs. All aye, motion carried.

New Business:

a) Discussion on Certified Survey Map (CSM) Lot 2 Center St. Hatlestad shared a copy of the amended CSM for Lot 2 on Center St. owned by Roy Sandvick. The 30 ft. permanent easement was put in the CSM to meet village regulations and is now in compliance. Motion Venner, second Evans to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Communications: Hatlestad reported that the audit had been received and shared with all board members. Hatlestad reported that the Driftless Humane Society had sent the annual Animal Care Provider Agreement for review. The cost is \$250 upfront and \$200 per dog brought to the facility. Hatlestad reported that the village had not taken a stray dog to the facility in three years. Hatlestad will sign the contract and send back to the Driftless Humane Society.

License Applications: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion Chiples, second Evans to adjourn at 6:25. All aye. Motion carried.

Next meeting November 14th.