

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
December 12th, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Appearances: None.

Bills and Vouchers: Motion Evans, second Olson to approve November payments #21232-21271 in the amount of \$41,060.25 for payment. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Appeals – No meeting.

Board of Review – No meeting.

Budget & Finance – **Budget & Finance Committee, 2024 Budget Hearing, November 30th, 2023, 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call: Bob Wurtzel, Bill Evans, Tom Venner, Scott Chiples, Steve Davis and Diane Olson present. Karen Long – excused. Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present.

Discussion on proposed budgets for fiscal year 2024.

- Motion Chiples, second Venner to approve the 2024 Municipal Tax Levy in the amount of \$250,710. All aye. Motion approved.
- Motion Evans, second Olson to approve 2024 General Fund budget of \$646,940. All aye. Motion approved.
- Motion Venner, second Evans to approve 2024 Village Loan payments in the amount of \$50,070. All aye. Motion approved.
- Motion Davis, second Olson to approve 2024 Water Utility Budget in the amount of \$216,200. All aye. Motion approved.
- Motion Chiples, second Davis to approve 2024 Sewer Utility Budget in the amount of \$222,500. All aye. Motion approved.

Motion Wurtzel, second Venner to adjourn. All aye. Adjournment

Building/Zoning/Land Planning – No meeting.

Fire – No meeting.

Park – No meeting.

Personnel – No meeting.

Public Works – No meeting.

W&S – No meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- a) Discussion on 2023 wrap-up. Davis stated that Mike Young was retiring in March of 2024 and work should begin on looking for his replacement. Hatlestad reported that everything was ready to begin the employee search and that it would begin after the first of the year. Hatlestad also reported that a new truck will need to be purchased. Prices are being looked at.

New Business:

- a) Discussion on the appointment of election inspectors for 2024. Hatlestad proposed the following list of inspectors:

Bob Wurtzel, Leslie Wegner, Jo Ellen Oliver, Jane Krueger and Karla Berra. Motion Davis, second Long to approve. All aye. Motion carried.

- b) Discussion on the appointment of Utility Commission member for 2024. Wurtzel nominated Russ Bolton for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2024. Motion Chiples, second Davis to approve. All aye. Motion carried.

- c) Discussion on Engagement letter with Johnson Block for 2024 audit. Motion Venner, second Chiples to approve. All aye. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

License Applications: Operator License – Kayla Jo Schmit. Motion Venner, second Olson to approve. All aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Hatlestad requested that an ice fishing tournament be held sometime in February. This request is being made due to public response for a tournament. Fishing tournament approved. Air B&B tax was brought up. Hatlestad will look into what local communities are proposing and bring information to the next meeting.

Motion Long, second Olson to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried.

Next meeting January 9th.