

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
April 11th, 2023, 6:00 p.m.**

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

Minutes: Motion Oliver, second Evans to approve minutes from March meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Appearances: None.

Bills and Vouchers: Motion Oliver, second Evans to approve February payments #20921-20952 in the amount of \$34,469.70 for payment. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Appeals – No meeting.

Board of Review – Board of Review, May 1, 2023, 6-8 p.m.

Budget & Finance – No meeting.

Building/Zoning/Land Planning – No meeting.

Fire – No meeting.

Park – No meeting.

Personnel – No meeting.

Public Works – No meeting.

W&S – March 20th, 2023, 3:30 p.m., Stoddard Sewer Plant

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. Present - Mark Peterson, Russ Bolton and John Tully. Village Administrator Kent Hatlestad, Village Lead Operator-Mike Young and Operator Rob Hurlburt also present. Russ Bolton-excused.

Minutes: Motion Bolton, second Tully to approve minutes from previous meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Appearances: None. **Bills and Vouchers:** Sewer - #3645-3651 = \$6,291.67 Water - #3300-3307=\$2,023.09 Motion Bolton, second Peterson to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on WPDES permit. Hatlestad reported Julia Stephenson from the WI DNR would be on site later this week to conduct an inspection. Everything looks ready for her and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding ferric dosing for the new WPDES permit that she wanted to see looked good according to her. Discussion on WI DOT Hwy 162 project. Hatlestad reported that the village engineer, Makepeace Engineering, is working to meet the 30% Completion goal now and 60% Completion goal by 07/01/2023.

New Business:

Discussion on purchase of new Gravely mower. The Park Committee would like to share in the cost of the new mower and would put up the snow blower attachment that is not used at the park as part of the trade-in. The 1984 White tractor could be used as trade-in from the Utility Commission and the cost of the new Gravely Pro-Turn Mach 1 with a 60" deck would be \$11,800. Motion Bolton, second Tully to purchase the Gravely mower. Look into Gator Blades, grade 5 being part of the deal. All aye, motion carried.

Hatlestad reported that the quarterly reading cycle will be done tomorrow.

Hatlestad reported that the computer and printer are on their last legs and need to be replaced. Water meters should also be purchased with the remainder of the ARPA money. Hatlestad will get prices and bring information to a future meeting.

Motion Bolton, second Tully to adjourn at 4:23. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment.

New Business:

Hatlestad reported that a new owner of the empty lots on Oak St. had sent a plan to the village for the construction of duplexes on the property. Review of the plan left out sewer and water extensions. Hatlestad will include that information request when he responds to the designer.

Hatlestad reported that a developer may be interested in putting up more duplexes on Center St. Plans will be coming soon.

Hatlestad reported that two CD's for the sewer department at the River Bank were renewed at 4.4% on a 15-month CD.

Young reported that PFAS testing is coming in April, June and November. It is expensive, about \$3,000 total, but if there are no measurable amounts in April and June testing the village may be able to avoid November testing.

Hatlestad reported that the Simplified Rate increase cannot begin until the annual report for 2022 is completed for the WI PSC.

Motion Bolton, second Tully to adjourn at 4:42. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment.

Unfinished Business:

- a) Discussion on ATV/UTV ordinance. Hatlestad reported that the proposed ordinance that was approved by the Public Works committee and the Vernon County Sheriff's Department had been discussed with Phil Hewitt from the Vernon County Highway Department. Hewitt said the ordinance looked good and he would get in touch with the WI DOT on approving the plan for using STH 162 as part of the trail into the Town of Bergen. Waiting for a response from the WI DOT.

New Business:

- a) Discussion on Rummage Along the River. Hatlestad reported that the Rummage Along the River group was asking for a \$150 donation to help offset costs of advertising and creation of the maps for the event coming up on May 19-20. It was also asked if the village could put up two port-a-potties again this year as that really helped take pressure off local businesses. Motion Davis, second Oliver to approve requests for donations and port-a-potty rental for the Rummage Along the River event. All aye, motion carried.

- b) Hatlestad reminded everyone that Board of Review will be held on May 1, 6-8 p.m.

- c) Discussion on Election results. Hatlestad reported the following results for the village election on April 4. Village President – Bob Wurtzel – 194 votes. Village Trustee – Scott Chiples – 16 votes, Steve Davis – 13 votes, Karen Long – 17 votes. Congratulations to the new Village Trustees and Village President.

Communications: Hatlestad reported that the village had been granted a multi-discharger phosphorus variance for the next 5-year WPDES permit at the sewer treatment plant. Hatlestad said this was a good thing as It gave the village more time to combat the phosphorus situation that is looking for an economical solution. Adding Ferric Chloride to the wastewater is probably not going to be a long-term solution and other methods for dealing with the phosphorus are being looked at.

Hatlestad reported that he would be sending out Vacation Rental Registration packets to short-term vacation rental owners. This is a requirement of the state, county and village. The short-term rental owners must be licensed by all three entities.

License Applications: None.

Public Comment: A village resident appeared before the board and asked about fixing their address on Google maps. Not sure what can be done with this request.

Motion Oliver, second Davis to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried.

Next meeting April 11th.