

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
September 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 and Bob Wurtzel. Tom Venner – excused.

Minutes: Motion Chiples, second Long to approve minutes from August meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Appearances: None

Bills and Vouchers: Motion Chiples, second Olson to approve August payments #21119-21161 in the amount of \$43,110.05 for payment. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Appeals – No meeting.

Board of Review – No meeting.

Budget & Finance – No meeting.

Building/Zoning/Land Planning – Building, Zoning & Land Planning Committee Meeting, August 14th, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. Roll call: Mark Peterson, Diane Olson and Bob Wurtzel. Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present. Minutes: Motion Peterson, second Olson to approve minutes from the last meeting. All aye, motion approved. Appearances: None.

Unfinished Business: Discussion on building site permit for 138 S. West St. – pool. Hatlestad shared building permit information sent by the building inspector. Pool will be located in the side yard of the property on the North side of the lot and extend into the front yard. The pool will thirty feet from the back of the curb. The pool will be required a 4' fence installed around it to meet ordinance requirements. Motion Peterson, second Olson to approve the pool site permit. All aye, motion carried. New Business: None.

Motion Olson, second Wurtzel to adjourn at 3:40. All aye. Adjournment

Fire – No meeting.

Park – Park Committee Meeting, August 14th, 2023, Stoddard Village Hall, 5:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call: Tom Venner, Bill Evans, Steve Davis and Jason Olson. Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present. **Minutes:** None.

Appearances: Brian Wrobel, Terry Russell.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Discussion on irrigation project at Main Park. Brian Wrobel presented a plan to install an irrigation system at the Main Park to be placed behind the pitcher's mound. The system would allow for a hose to be attached to the system and watering the infield could be done more efficiently than dragging 5 gallon pails around. Wrobel said that the work would be done with donations and the cost would be in the area of \$1,000 - \$1,500. The American Legion baseball team would also be involved in the installation. Motion Venner, second Olson to approve the project. All aye, motion carried.

Discussion on signage for the splash pad. Venner asked if signs could be installed on the water shed at the splash pad that explain how to activate the equipment. Hatlestad will have signs made and put up.

Discussion on moving trees at the sewer plant into the Main Park. Trees for Today has a machine that can do this. Get a price on moving trees.

Discussion on expanding the road to the boat landing. Hatlestad reported that the village has the property right-of-way to make the road wider. With the increase of traffic and bigger boats becoming the norm, it is getting tight at the entrance to the boat landing.

Playground needs to be cleaned up.

Last Saturday of July is reserved for the SBF Foundation/Lions Club celebration.

Motion Evans, second Venner to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment.

Park Committee Meeting, September 12th, 2023, Stoddard Village Hall 5:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call: Bill Evans and Steve Davis. Tom Venner – excused. Jason Olson – absent. Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present.

Minutes: Motion Evans, second Davis to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Appearances: John Davis. **Unfinished Business:** None.

New Business:

Discussion on batting cage project at Main Park. John Davis presented a plan to pour cement, install outdoor carpet and install a GFCI outlet stand at the batting cage in the Main Park. The work would be completed by volunteers and the money for the project has already been raised. The upgrade would make the park eligible to host larger tournaments including American Legion playoffs. Motion Davis, second Evans to move ahead with the project.

Motion Davis, second Evans to adjourn at 5:50. Adjournment.

Personnel – No meeting.

Public Works – No meeting.

W&S – Utilities Commission Meeting, August 21st, 2023, 3:30 p.m., Stoddard Sewer Plant

Meeting called to order at 3:40 p.m. Present - Mark Peterson, Russ Bolton and John Tully. 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 - #3691-3697 = \$12,729.60 Water - #3338-3343 = \$1,657.18. Motion Tully, second Bolton to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on Pond #2 repair. Hatlestad reported that the damage in the manhole was much more extensive than first thought. The intake pipe coming from Pond #2 is broken as well as the discharge pipe going to Pond #3. The plan is now to dig around the entire manhole and replace the broken pipe with Schedule 80 PVC pipe. Pond #2 will need to be empty to complete this project. Two 3" pumps and one 4" pump are running now and transferring into Pond #3. The initial bid of \$15,000 is going to be higher. While Pond #2 is down it was also a good time to make repairs to the aeration system. New PVC pipes will be run out to the Pond #2 area and hooked up to the PVC pipes in the pond. A clean out pipe will also be installed on the Pond #2 intake structure and the discharge pipe going to Pond #3. Motion Bolton, second Tully to approve the repair project. All aye, motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion on Simplified rate increase. Hatlestad reported that he had started the rate increase paperwork but it requires the 2022 audit to be completed. The 2022 audit is ready to be viewed and accepted. The rate increase will try to be completed and ready for implementation on the December 2023 bill.

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.

Motion Bolton, second Tully to adjourn at 4:15. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment.

Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion on 2024 budget. Hatlestad reported that he has started work on the 2024 budget. With new revenue sharing from the state the village should be in good shape going forward. No large item budget hits are anticipated for 2024.

b) Website upgrade. Hatlestad reported that work is progressing on the website upgrade. Drone video footage has been taken and file folders are being created for the site. Outreach to local businesses is also ongoing.

New Business:

a) Discussion on 2024 draft audit approval. Hatlestad reported that the draft audit had been received and shared with all board members. Hatlestad was happy with the draft and recommended that the audit be approved. Motion Davis, second Long to approve the 2022 audit. All aye, motion carried.

b) Discussion on purchase of 2003 fire truck. Mark Peterson explained that several members of the SBFD Fire Department, including Chief Brian Lehman, travelled to Pennsylvania to look at a new engine to purchase. Peterson reported that the truck looked to be in good shape and would be a great fit for the department. A Fire Board meeting will need to be held soon to move on the purchase of the truck.

c) Hatlestad reported that Steiger Construction should be in the village soon to make the street repairs.

d) Discussion on parking issues. Hatlestad brought up the need to get more vehicles off the street in winter to make plowing as efficient as possible. Hatlestad brought up the idea of letting village resident spark vehicles in the park, with the signing of a letter of understanding that the village would not be responsible for any damage incurred when on site. This is being done in a number of municipalities works well.

Communications: Hatlestad reported that the garbage and recycling vendor GFL had sent an informational letter to reassure municipal officials that waste disposal services in Vernon County can continue competitively and effectively even if the county landfill were to close. This letter was in response to the Vernon County Waste and Recycling Department letter and survey received and discussed earlier this summer.

License Applications: None.

Public Comment: Several residents appeared and had questions concerning Labor Day celebrations, development of an ice skating rink and the construction of a dog park.

Motion Chiples, second Evans to adjourn at 6:35. All aye. Motion carried.

Next meeting October 10th.