

**Village of Stoddard  
Village Board Meeting  
March 12th, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

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

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

**Appearances:** None.

**Bills and Vouchers:** Motion Evans, second Long to approve February payments #21366-21400 in the amount of \$301,161.34 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** – No meeting.

**Fire** – No meeting.

**Park** – No meeting.

**Personnel – Village of Stoddard, Personnel Committee Meeting, February 23rd, 2024, 3:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call: Mark Peterson and Steve Davis. Bob Wurtzel - excused. Clerk Kent Hatlestad, Board member Scott Chiples and Operator Rob Hurlburt also present. Minutes: None.

Motion Peterson, second Davis to go into Closed Session per Sec. 19.85 (1) (C), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Peterson-aye, Wurtzel-aye, motion carried. Hatlestad, Chiples and Hurlburt invited to stay for the closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion Peterson, second Davis to reconvene into Open Session. Peterson-aye, Davis-aye. All aye, motion carried.

Discussion on filling position of Water/Sewer Operator position. Hatlestad reported that Mike Young had announced his decision to retire in March 2024 after almost 19 years. The position has been advertised in the same manner as the last hiring round.

Three applicants came in for interviews. All three applicants had different strengths and weaknesses in their resumes. Committee will reconvene on February 29<sup>th</sup> to make a final recommendation to the board for the position.

Motion Davis, second Peterson to adjourn at 7:12. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment

**Village of Stoddard, Personnel Committee Meeting, February 29th, 2024, 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call: Mark Peterson, Steve Davis and Bob Wurtzel. Clerk Kent Hatlestad and Operator Rob Hurlburt also present.

Minutes: Davis, second Peterson to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Motion Davis, second Peterson to go into Closed Session per Sec. 19.85 (1) (C), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Peterson-aye, Wurtzel-aye, motion carried. Hatlestad and Hurlburt invited to stay for the closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion Davis, second Peterson to reconvene into Open Session. Peterson-aye, Davis-aye, Wurtzel-aye. All aye, motion carried.

Motion Davis, second Peterson to send recommendation to hire the Operator position to the Village Board. All aye, motion carried.

Motion Wurtzel, second Peterson to adjourn at 4:28. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment

**Public Works** – No meeting.

**W&S** – No meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a) Discussion on Mike Young retirement. Hatlestad reported that Mike Young will be retiring from the village on March 15th after serving as an Operator for 19 years. A celebration in honor of his work will be scheduled for later.
- b) Discussion on new web page. Hatlestad reported that the StoddardWi.gov website was getting ready. The village is going to transition to the new Stoddardwi.gov email. Will need to set up all employees with new e-mails. Just a few more tweaks to the site and it should be ready to launch.

**New Business:**

- a) Discussion on new Operator. Hatlestad reported that the Personnel Committee has conducted interviews with three applicants. The Committee is recommending that the position be offered to Lance Gunter. Motion Davis to approve, second Chiples. All aye, motion carried. Welcome to Stoddard Lance.
- c) Discussion on Spring election. Hatlestad reminded the Board that the Spring Election will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- d) Discussion on 2024 Board of Review. Hatlestad reported that due to this year being a revaluation year the Board of Review will be called to order at 5:55 on May 14<sup>th</sup> and the adjourned until the roll is ready. The Assessor said that would be later in the summer or early fall.
- e) Discussion on Voting Machine. Hatlestad reported that following the election on April 2<sup>nd</sup> the machine will be taken to Vernon County for battery replacement and cleaning by Command Central.

**Communications:** None.

**License Applications:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

Motion Long, second Evans to adjourn at 6:20. All aye. Motion carried.

Next meeting April 9th.