

**Village of Stoddard  
Village Board Meeting  
April 9th, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Minutes:** Motion Davis, second Long to approve minutes from the March meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

**Appearances:** None. Hatlestad read a letter of resignation from Tom Venner. Venner has decided to resign his position effective April 9, 2024. Venner cited his difficulty in giving the board the attention it deserves as the reason for his resignation. Venner thanked the board and mentioned his appreciation of working with everyone over the past 4 years.

**Bills and Vouchers:** Motion Evans, second Long to approve March payments #21395-21414 in the amount of \$31,480.80 for payment. All aye. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Board of Appeals** – No meeting.

**Board of Review** – No meeting. BOR will meet next month at 5:55 and adjourn due to the roll not being ready at this time.

**Budget & Finance** – No meeting.

**Building/Zoning/Land Planning** – No meeting.

**Fire** – No meeting minutes.

**Park** – No meeting. Meeting will be set up for next week.

**Personnel** – No meeting. Operator position will be posted again.

**Public Works** – No meeting. Meeting will be set up for next week.

**W&S – Village of Stoddard, Utilities Commission Meeting, March 18th, 2024, 3:30 p.m., Stoddard Sewer Plant**

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. Present - Mark Peterson, John Tully and Russ Bolton. Village Lead Operator-Rob Hurlburt, Board member Scott Chiples, Village Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present. **Minutes:** Motion Bolton, second Tully to approve minutes from previous meeting. All aye, motion carried. **Appearances:** None.

**Bills and Vouchers:** Sewer - #3747-3754 = \$7,710.64 Water - #3385-3391 = \$2,408.71. Motion Bolton, second Tully to approve. All aye, motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Discussion on Mike Young retirement. Hatlestad announced that Mike Young has retired effective March 15<sup>th</sup>. The village is going to have a celebration for Mike but at this time it is not decided what to do.

Discussion on village website. Hatlestad reported that the site should be up and running soon.

Discussion on HWY 162 project. Hatlestad reported that the project is moving forward. TAP grant was filed and the village is waiting for information.

Discussion on new Operator position. Hatlestad reported that the Village Board had approved offering the Operator position to Lance Gunter. Hatlestad made the offer and it was accepted. Gunter called the village on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> and retracted the acceptance of the position. Hatlestad will begin the process of advertising for new candidates immediately.

Discussion on Simplified Rate Case. Hatlestad reported that the WI PSC had approved the Simplified Rate Case. The new rates will go into effect on March 22, 2024. The new rate for residential water will be \$7.34 per 1,000 gallons and a quarterly service charge of \$38.88 for a 5/8" meter.

**New Business:**

Discussion on Hydrant Flushing reporting to WI DNR. Hatlestad reported that the village will need to begin reporting hydrant flushing data to the WI DNR on the WI DNR website.

Discussion on meter reading. Next reading will take place on March 20-21.

**Communications:** Hatlestad reported that the 3-year Sanitary Survey will be conducted in mid-April. Hatlestad is creating a new Emergency Response Plan for the water system.

**Public Comment Time:** None.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

a) Discussion on new web page. Hatlestad reported that the StoddardWi.gov website was complete. The last step before going public with the site is training staff on how to use the new web page. The training will happen soon.

b) Discussion on April election results. Hatlestad shared a handout of the election results of the Spring 2024 election results.

**VILLAGE OF STODDARD ELECTION RESULTS  
APRIL 2, 2024**

**VILLAGE TRUSTEE**

<b>BILL EVANS</b>	<b>129</b>
<b>TOM VENNER</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>DIANE OLSON</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>JANCYN LEPKE (write-in)</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>DE SOTO SCHOOL BOARD Town of Bergen</b>	
<b>Ryan Venner</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Marc Stevermer</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>DE SOTO SCHOOL BOARD Village of De Soto</b>	
<b>Sue Fladhammer</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Kari Sanding (write-in)</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>DE SOTO SCHOOL BOARD Village of Ferryville</b>	
<b>Rick Pedretti</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Frank Ames (write-in)</b>	<b>169</b>

**DE SOTO SCHOOL BOARD Operational Referendum**

Yes	85
No	189

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

<b>Democrat</b>	
Joe Biden	101
Dean Phillips	5
Uninstructed	4

<b>Republican</b>	
Donald Trump	131
Ron De Santis	9
Nikki Haley	9

**New Business:**

a) Discussion on new Operator. Hatlestad reported that the Personnel Committee has conducted interviews with three applicants. The Committee is recommended that the position be offered to Lance Gunter. Gunter accepted the position but called later and respectfully declined the position. The position will be re-posted.

b) 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 Water Quality Trading/Seepage cells. Hatlestad reported that after meeting with several engineering companies the cost of installing new seepage cells or taking on a water quality trading project would be economically unfeasible.

**Communications:** None.

**License Applications:** David Wagner. Motion Davis, Second Wurtzel to approve. All aye, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

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

Next meeting May 14th.