

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
November 12th, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

The Village Board met in regular session. Roll call: Bill Evans, Scott Chiples, Steve Davis, Jancyn Lepke and Diane Olson. Karen Long – excused.

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

Appearances: None.

Bills and Vouchers: Motion Chiples, second Davis to approve October payments #21623, #21625-#21654 in the amount of \$37,791.44 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. SBFD Fire Chief reported that flow testing of village hydrants will take place next year. This will help with the ISO rating for the village and possibly lower insurance rates for some residents. A flow meter will be obtained from Rural Water to assist with the testing.

Park – No meeting.

Personnel – No meeting.

Public Works – Public Works Committee Meeting, November 7th, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m. Roll call: Bill Evans, Steve Davis and Karen Long. Administrator Kent Hatlestad also present. Minutes: Motion Davis, second Long to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All aye, motion carried. Appearances: None.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on the WI DOT 2026 Hwy 162 project. Hatlestad reported that the Hwy 162 project is beginning to come together. The WI DOT requested a meeting with village leaders on November 18th or 19th over TEAMS in the office. Hatlestad will set this up.

New Business:

Discussion on purchase of new sweeper attachment for the loader. Hatlestad reported that a used 2022 sweeper attachment is available from Brooks Tractor for around \$10,000. The sweeper is 84” wide and ready for pick-up. Hatlestad said that a brush attachment and longer hoses make the final price slightly higher. The cost of the new sweeper will pay for itself in 5-6 years considering how much it costs to borrow the sweeper from De Soto including the shipping costs and purchase of new brushes. Recommendation to send the approval to purchase the sweeper to the full board.

Discussion on street maintenance projects. Hatlestad reported that the road to the boat landing should be worked on in the next week. Lepke Trucking is going to widen the road and ease the corner to make it more accessible. Next year the village could look into putting in new roll-over curb and blacktop on the road to the boat landing. Lepke Trucking has a machine that can use recycled blacktop and oil and put it down like regular blacktop.

Discussion on street parking issues. Hatlestad reported that there is still interest in the parking on Center St. from Hwy 35 to West St. Hatlestad said that there is a concern that there is too much congestion in the area. Several business owners and community members did not agree that there was a problem in the area. Some modifications could be made but business owners were not happy with the idea of losing the parking. Motion Davis, second Long to table the idea. All aye, motion carried.

Discussion on curb and gutter replacement and sidewalk replacement. Hatlestad reported that the telephone pole at Kwik Trip had finally been removed. Removing the curb and replacing it with drive-over curb along the length of the Kwik Trip parking lot was talked about. It will be up to Kwik Trip but it sounds like a good plan. Hatlestad will be in touch with Kwik Trip. Excel Energy will be in town next week to replace the sidewalk that was torn out near Village Hall and the Legion. Handicap parking request on Center St. was tabled.

Discussion on Adopt-a-Light Pole. Hatlestad reported that Jancyn Lepke asked if the Stoddard Business Association could decorate light poles along Main St. for the holidays. Hatlestad will let them know it will be alright, just keep it “Christmasy” and take it down after the holidays.

Motion Davis, second Long to adjourn at 4:30. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment.

W&S – Utilities Commission Meeting, October 21st, 2024, 3:30 p.m., Stoddard Sewer Plant

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. Present - Mark Peterson and Russ Bolton. John Tully - excused. Village Lead Operator-Rob Hurlburt, Operator Chad Maas, Village Trustee Scott Chiples and Village Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present. **Minutes:** Motion Bolton, second Peterson to approve minutes from previous meeting.

All aye, motion carried. **Appearances:** None. **Bills and Vouchers:** Sewer - #3805-3816 = \$7,955.36, Water - #3446-3456 = \$2,729.42. Motion Bolton, second Peterson to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on 2026 Hwy 162 project. Hatlestad reported that work continues on prep for the project.

Discussion on Budget 2025. Hatlestad passed out preliminary budgets for water and sewer for 2025. Questions about the extra \$30K for water from General Fund. Hatlestad is talking to the auditor about this charge and will bring more information to the next meeting. Spending is on track for the year.

New Business:

Discussion on Inventory Spreadsheet. Hatlestad reported that he had turned in the Water Spreadsheet information to the DNR. No feedback yet.

Discussion on facility plan. Hatlestad reported that he had turned in a facility plan to the DNR explaining what the village is going to do to meet the new levels for fecal coliforms in the new permit. Looking at installing UV lighting in the chlorine contact tank building. Coon Valley is doing this now and the cost is around \$40K. The project will not be due until 2028. The outfall project will be paid off next year and that will free up \$36K /yr.

Communications: None. **Public Comment Time:** None. Motion Bolton, second Peterson to adjourn at 4:15. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment.

Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion on 2025 budget. Hatlestad passed out copies of the proposed 2025 budget. The Budget Hearing is set for December 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

New Business:

a) Discussion on new sweeper purchase. Hatlestad reported on the Public Works recommendation that a used 2022 sweeper attachment from Brooks Tractor be purchased for around \$11,000. The cost of the new sweeper will pay for itself in 5-6 years considering how much it costs to borrow the sweeper from De Soto including the shipping costs and purchase of new brushes. Motion Chiples, second Davis to approve the purchase of the sweeper. All aye, motion carried.

b) Discussion on the Driftless Humane Society contract for 2025. Hatlestad reported that the annual Humane Society contract is up for renewal. Dog only at an initial cost of \$250. Motion Davis, second Chiples to approve the 2025 Driftless Humane Society contract. All aye, motion carried.

c) Discussion on Park Memo of Understanding. Hatlestad requested that the village allow residents that do not have space for storing large items such as boats, campers, etc. be allowed to park these items in the park. This action would get the items off the street and make plowing easier and provide less congestion on the streets. A Memo of Understanding with the individuals would hold the village harmless for any damage incurred on the items and the items would have to be removed from the park by April 1st. Motion Olson, second Chiples to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Communications: None.

License Applications: None.

Public Comment: None.

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

Next meeting December 10th.