

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
December 10th, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Appearances: None.

Bills and Vouchers: Motion Olson, second Chiples to approve November payments #21655-#21697 in the amount of \$46,923.25 for payment. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Appeals – No meeting.

Board of Review – No meeting.

Budget & Finance – **Budget & Finance Committee, 2025 Budget Hearing, December 3rd, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call: Scott Chiples, Diane Olson, Jancyn Lepke and Karen Long present. Steve Davis and Bill Evans – absent. Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present.

Discussion on proposed budgets for fiscal year 2025. Hatlestad presented the SBFDF budget request. The SBFDF is requesting a budget of \$46,000 including a truck fund payment. This request represents an increase of 29.4% from 2024 and 57% from 2020. Discussion on whether this was sustainable into the future. The SBFDF will receive a budget of \$38,500 from the village. Hatlestad reported that the Town of Bergen is not expected to provide any increase. A plan must be put in place for spending at the SBFDF.

- Motion Chiples, second Long to approve the 2025 Municipal Tax Levy in the amount of \$275,888. All aye. Motion approved.
- Motion Olson, second Long to approve 2025 General Fund budget of \$697,310. All aye. Motion approved.
- Motion Long, second Lepke to approve 2025 Village Loan payments in the amount of \$50,345. All aye. Motion approved.
- Motion Chiples, second Long to approve 2025 Water Utility Budget in the amount of \$251,000. All aye. Motion approved.
- Motion Chiples, second Long to approve 2025 Sewer Utility Budget in the amount of \$226,500. All aye. Motion approved.

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

Building/Zoning/Land Planning – No meeting.

Fire – Chief Brian Lehmann made a request to have the first quarter payment early to help meet financial obligations. Motion Davis, second Olson to approve payment. Chief Lehmann also discussed the rising costs associated with maintaining the department. Additional revenue streams may need to be looked at.

Park – No meeting.

Personnel – No meeting.

Public Works – No meeting.

W&S – No meeting.

Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion on 2024 wrap-up. Hatlestad brought up the highlights of 2024 in the village. The retirement of Mike Young and the hiring of his replacement were at the top of the list. The construction of the new dog park and the flood at the boat landing were also discussed. The preparations for the 2026 Hwy 162 project and the purchase of the truck and sweeper were also mentioned. Here's to looking forward to a great 2025.

New Business:

a) Discussion on the appointment of election inspectors for 2025. Hatlestad proposed the following list of inspectors: Leslie Wegner, Jo Ellen Oliver, Karla Berra, Terry Berra, Bill Evans, Cindy Evans, Karla Strayer and Tonette Furlano. Motion Davis, second Olson to approve. All aye. Motion carried.

b) Discussion on the appointment of Utility Commission member for 2025. Hatlestad reported that the Utility Commission had recommended Michael Young to be appointed for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2025. Motion Davis, second Chiples to approve. All aye. Motion carried.

c) Discussion on Engagement letter with Johnson Block for 2025 audit. Motion Long, 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 January 14th.