

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
April 8th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Appearances: None.

Bills and Vouchers: Motion Chiples, second Long to approve March payments #21810-#21831 in the amount of \$28,642.50 for payment. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Appeals – No meeting.

Board of Review – No meeting. Open Book set for April 14th, 4 – 6:00 p.m., Board of Review – May 7th, 6-8:00 p.m. Jancyn Lepke – Chair.

Budget & Finance – No meeting.

Building/Zoning/Land Planning – Meeting set for April 9th, 4:00 p.m.

Fire – No meeting.

Park – No meeting.

Personnel – No meeting.

Public Works – No meeting.

W&S – Utilities Commission Meeting, March 17th, 2025, 3:30 p.m., Stoddard Sewer Plant

Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. Present - Mark Peterson Russ Bolton and Mike Young. Village Lead Operator Rob Hurlburt, Village Trustee Scott Chiples and Administrator Kent Hatlestad also present.

Minutes: Motion Bolton, second Young to approve minutes from the February meeting. All aye, motion carried. **Appearances:** None.

Bills and Vouchers: Sewer - #3842-3850 = \$12,402.82, Water - #3489-3495 = \$5,294.76. Motion Bolton, second Young to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on Hwy 162 project. New agreements must be signed for proposals of work. WI DOT is sending them.

Discussion on ferric replacement for phosphorus removal. Hatlestad reported that Hawkins had sent another representative to do some jar testing at the plant. AquaHawk 15047 will sell for \$0.91/lb or 10.05/gallon. This is roughly a 40% increase in cost compared to the ferric but we will be feeding 50ppm less of it to achieve better phosphorous removal than the ferric could do at its best concentration. It's not quite a "break even scenario" but, for a relatively small increase in chemical price we will be reducing the corrosion issue in the plant by a lot. Hawkins recommends a Vega Sonic Leveling Unit for scaling the tank so that we know how much is being fed. These can be programmed in gallons or pounds. The Vega Units are \$2,600.

Discussion on new meter heads. Hatlestad reported that the new meter heads had been delivered.

Discussion on meter reading. Hatlestad reported that the quarterly meter reading cycle will be done later this week. System is working better now that the bugs are being ironed out.

New Business: None. **Communications:** None. **Public Comment Time:** None Motion Young, second Bolton to adjourn at 4:07. All aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment. Next meeting April 21st.

Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion Hwy 162 project. Hatlestad reported that the project plans are being moved back up to 2026.

New Business:

a) Discussion on Spring Election results. Hatlestad reported the following results:

State Superintendent of Public Instruction	Brittany Kinser – 159 votes
	Jill Underly – 173 votes
Justice of the Supreme Court	Brad Schimel – 182 votes
	Susan Crawford – 205 votes
Court of Appeals Judge	Jennifer Nashold – 270 votes
De Soto School Board – Town of Sterling	Rodney Marks – 159 votes
	Ryan Isbell – 101 votes
De Soto School Board – Village of Genoa	Tony Walker – 250 votes
De Soto School Board – Village of Stoddard	Nick Sonnenfeld – 270 votes
De Soto Referendum	Yes – 218 votes
	No – 158 votes
Village President	Bill Evans - 291 votes
Village Trustee	Scott Chiples - 194 votes
	Karen Long - 256 votes
	Write-In (registered) Terry Berra - 34 votes
State Question	Yes - 254 votes No – 117 votes

b) Discussion on Open Book and Board of Review. Hatlestad reported that dates have been set: Open Book set for April 14th, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Board of Review – May 7th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Jancyn Lepke – Chair.

c) Discussion on Downtown Beautification proposal. Hatlestad brought up the possibility of installing hanging baskets in the downtown area of Main Street. People could sponsor a basket and a list would be posted on Facebook and the Village website with the name of the people responsible. Motion Long, second Chiples to approve the project. All aye, motion carried.

Communications: The Vernon County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a "Drug Take Back" program on April 26th. Community members can bring unused/expired medication to Stoddard Village Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for disposal by the VCSD.

License Applications: Chad "Wild" Myhre Memorial Fishing Tournament, May 2-3, Picnic license. Motion Chiples, second Long to approve with the condition that the group present a certificate of liability insurance to the village office. All aye, motion carried.

Operator license. None.

Public Comment: None.

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

Next meeting April 8th.