

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
August 12th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

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

Minutes: Motion Long, second Olson to approve the minutes from July board meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Appearances: None.

Bills & Vouchers: Motion Long, second Berra to approve July bills #21928 - #21979 in the amount of \$50,232.92. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Appeals – No meeting.

Board of Review – No meeting.

Budget & Finance – No meeting.

Building/Zoning/Land Planning – **Building, Zoning & Land Planning Committee Meeting, July 17th, 2025, 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call: Diane Olson, Mark Peterson and Bill Evans. Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present. Minutes: Motion Olson, second Peterson to approve minutes from the last meeting. All aye, motion approved. Appearances: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Motion Peterson, second Olson to begin the process for changing set-backs of accessory building from 10 ft. back to 3 ft. in the ordinances. All aye, motion carried.

Discussion on Building permits:

Darren Gaier – 104 Forrest Lane – garage – Motion Olson, second Peterson to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Jeremy Howell – 644 Division St. – fence – Motion Olson, second Peterson to approve. All aye, motion carried.

SBFD – 188 N. Main St. – Sign – Motion Olson, second Peterson to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Joe Klingbeil – 109 – 111 Oak St. – sheds – Motion Peterson, second Olson to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Hatlestad reported that the Thirsty Turtle had requested a beer garden permit. Hatlestad will deliver the information to the Turtle to begin the process.

Motion Olson, second Peterson to adjourn at 4:30. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment

Fire – No Meeting.

Park – **Park Committee Meeting, August 6, 2025, Stoddard Village Park, 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m. Roll Call: Tom Venner, Rick Anderson and Jancyn Lepke. Jason Olson – absent. **Minutes:** Motion Anderson, second Venner to approve minutes from the previous meeting. **Appearances:** None.

Unfinished Business:

- Primitive campground- Venner proposes to submit documents showing the primitive campground to the Village Board for consideration.
- Lions donation/shade shelter structure: Garold Becker, Stoddard Lions Club, 16'x12 cedar gazebo + concrete pad; Motion Anderson to recommend for consideration allowing donation of the proposed structure to the splash pad area with a plaque of donors, second Venner. All aye, motion carried.
- Ball field lights- Motion Anderson, second Lepke to submit Pederson Electric bid to village board for consideration. Kish Electric and Stanek Electric were both contacted and were not interested in our project.
- Grey wood post replacement at Village Park- would like to see just the posts from the shelter A driveway and to the south of that point removed this fall. Do not remove posts from driveway to the north.
- New signage for parks- PLEASE PUT IN AUGUST 12TH BOARD MEETING AGENDA: PARK COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD RESCIND THE PORTION OF THE ORDINANCE FOR UTV/ATV NOT BE ALLOWED- WE WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE ALLOWED IN THE PARKS DURING PARK HOURS.
- Upcoming park celebrations + park usage
- River diamond upkeep: plan for 2026 is to enhance that park to be able to be used- upgrade the outfield, right field foul pole installed, and daily/weekly upkeep including dragging the field
- Shelter maintenance plan: village has approval to pull grey poles from shelter A driveway south.
- Picnic Table repair: Anderson talking to Kent about getting the other two fixed.
- Review park employee job description- they do not exist in the entire Village according to Kent.

New Business:

- New park employee: Brynn Venner
- 2026 Park Plans:
 - Whitewashing open shelter A
 - Owls will be placed in open shelter A to help keep birds from nesting

Communications: None. **Public Comment:** None. Motion Lepke, second Anderson to adjourn at 5:34 p.m. All aye, motion carried. Adjournment.

Personnel – **Personnel Committee Meeting, August 4th, 2025, 2:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call: Mark Peterson, Bill Evans and Terry Berra. Bob Wurtzel and Scott Chiples. Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present. Minutes: Motion Peterson, second Berra to approve previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion Peterson, second Berra 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, Evans-aye, Berra-aye. All aye. Motion carried. Hatlestad invited to stay for the closed session.

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

Discussion on Summer Park employee position. Motion Berra, second Peterson to offer the position to Brynn Venner. Wage set at \$15.00/hr.

Discussion on wage proposal. Motion Berra, second Peterson to set wage for Aiden Martin at \$16.00/hr., retroactive to his start date this summer. All aye, motion carried.

Motion Peterson, second Berra to set wage for Catherine Hurlburt at \$16.50/hr., retroactive to her start date this summer. All aye, motion carried.

Motion Berra, second Peterson to adjourn at 2:25. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment

Public Works – No meeting.

W&S – Utilities Commission Meeting, July 21st, 2025, 3:30 p.m., Stoddard Sewer Plant

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. Present - Mark Peterson, Mike Young and Russ Bolton. Village Lead Operator Rob Hurlburt, Village President Bill Evans, and Clerk Carrie Brudos. **Minutes:** Motion Young, second Bolton to approve minutes from the June 16, 2025 meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Appearances: Jacob Mooney and Hayden Schmidt. **Bills and Vouchers:** Sewer - #3873-3881= \$5358.51, Water - #3514-3527 = \$4206.10. Motion Bolton, second Young to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on Hwy 162 project. Project moving along on 2026 schedule.

Discussion on ferric replacement for phosphorus removal. Down to 2%, was too low, changed to 3%. We are running about 3 gallons a day on average. A transducer will be installed next week

New Business:

Discussion on shut-off and manhole repairs. Steiger has the contract and will be here in August.

Discussion on cut-off saw. Will keep looking.

Discussion on S. Pearl St. new home. The water connection has been completed, except blacktopping. The bills for this project will need to be discussed with the contractors to agree on responsibility.

Discussion on new contractor on-call proposal: Vikemyer is a possibility.

Discussion on Broadway/Oak St utility installation proposal. Jacob Mooney discussed his project. Discussion on connecting sewer from Maple Street. The Maple Street manhole will have to be investigated for viability. A future lift station was discussed at the end of Center Street. The Utility Commission wants a plan from Jacob Mooney and Hayden Schmidt on their project.

Discussion on land use proposal. A plan for camping is needed before any decision can be made.

Communications: Discussion on Mark Whitt's bill at 108 N Main St. Motion Peterson, second Young to average and adjust Mark Whitt's bill at 108 N Main St. Motion carried. PSC rules will have to be followed on water meters needed.

Public Comment Time: None. Motion Bolton, second Young to adjourn at 4:20. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment. Next meeting August 18th .

Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion Hwy 162 project. Hatlestad reported that the Engineer was on site last week and was mapping out sewer and water laterals.

Discussion on Zoning amendment proposal. Motion Berra, second Chiples to approve

New Business:

a) Discussion on lighting project at Main Park. A bid proposal was discussed from Pedersen Electric of Coon Valley. The idea is to put up new poles and install an LED lighting system. The bid came in at \$132,950.00.

Wall Will and Park Savings Equipment funds could bring the project cost down to \$95,600. Motion Olson, second Long to approve the project with the stipulation that the Park Committee look for lower interest loans and exhaust all avenues for donations and grants for the proposed project. Hatlestad will look at loans for the proposed project. The two light poles designated for removal will be taken down.

Discussion on Splash Pad shelter project proposal. Garold Becker, representing the Stoddard Lions Club, presented a plan to the board that would install a 16' x 12' open shelter next to the splash pad. The project would be in conjunction with the Chad Myhre Foundation. A 20' x 16' cement pad will be poured and a handicap accessible sidewalk will be installed to the parking lot. Motion Olson, second Long to approve the plan. All aye, motion carried. Becker also brought up a plan to install a new concrete patio (phase 1) and handicap accessible sidewalks to the bathrooms (phase 2) at Shelter B. Motion Olson, second Chiples to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Discussion on installing a primitive campground at the boat landing. Plans were looked at. Park Committee was told to present the plan to the Water and Sewer Commission. Tabled.

Communications: None

License Applications:

Operator license: Chris Grelle, Neil Kumm. Motion Long, second Olson to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Stoddard Park Committee – Stoddard Labor Day Celebration – August 29th – 31st at Main Park, 500 Division St. Motion Olson, second Berra to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Public Comment: Several residents voiced concerns over traffic issues on Proksch Coulee Road. The residents feel that the problem is the speed. More police presence and enforcement is needed in the area. The Vernon County Sheriff's Department will be asked to increase the coverage of the area and other methods of traffic control, including speed bumps, will be looked into.

Motion Berra, second Olson to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Next meeting September 9th.