

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
November 11th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

The Village Board met in regular session. Roll call: Bill Evans, Scott Chiples, Diane Olson, Karen Long and Terry Berra. Jancyn Lepke - excused. **Minutes:** Hatlestad reported that he had made a mistake in the notice of Ordinance 10.04 changes. Hatlestad will make the corrections. Motion Chiples, second Berra to approve the corrected minutes from October board meeting. All aye, motion carried. **Appearances:** None. **Bills & Vouchers:** Motion Chiples, second Long to approve October bills #22043 - #22078 in the amount of \$62,072.32. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Appeals – No meeting. **Board of Review** – No meeting.

Budget & Finance – No meeting. 2026 Budget Hearing set for December 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Building/Zoning/Land Planning – **Building, Zoning & Land Planning Committee Meeting, November 6th, 2025, 4:00 p.m.**

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

New Business:

Discussion on fence permit at 216 S. Main St. Jerry Umberger appeared before the committee and discussed his concerns over the requirements for a fence on his property. Umberger shared information concerning his lot line and encroachment on his property by his neighbor. The village will contact the neighbor and share the information but it really comes down to a lot line dispute and the village does not settle boundary disputes among neighbors.

Discussion on Building permits: Nicole Welch – 165 N. Main St. – Shed, Clay Smith – 105 N. West St. – Garage

Welch - Motion Olson, second Peterson to approve. All aye, motion carried. Smith - Motion Olson, second Peterson to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment

Fire – 09/24/2025 @ 1800 Called to Order By Jeff Cermak. **Roll Call:** Present: Chief Brian Lehmann, Jayna Kuhse, Terry Berra, Jeff Cermak, Marc Stevermer, Diane Olson. **Review of Meeting Minutes:** Motion to Approve: Olson, 2nd: Berra. Motion carried. **Budget:** Read by Lehmann. Total Expense: \$104,953.00. Total Income: \$106,800.00. **Membership:** 1. Retired: None. 2. Resigned: Laura Coppola, Katelyn Krevs. 3. New Hires: Alanna Hurlburt, James Dammon. Motion to approve: Stevermer, 2nd Olson. Motion carried.

New Business - 1. New sign: Owned by the Foundation. 2. SOP Books: Updated and distributed to members. 3. DNR Grant: \$9,444.00 was received from the grant - 50% match, did not get radios or drop tank. 4. FEMA Grant: \$4,000.00 to replace all 2 ½ hoses. 5. Truck Fund: Two separate accounts, discussion tabled.

Truck and Equipment: Sold Simon. **Update of Fire Dept Operations:** 1. Projected to be over 200 calls. 2024: 221 calls. 2023: 146 calls. Previous average 160.

Fire Department Purchases:

1. Tires for Engine 1: Completed \$3,510.90. FYI for board members.

2. Approval for 3 sets of Bunker Gear: \$3,200.00 x 3 = \$9,600.00. Motion to approve: Stevermer, 2nd Berra. Motion carried.

3. New reporting software: Emergency Networking: Cost Total for 2025 \$4,595.00. Annual Fee: \$2,595.00. One-time set-up fee: \$2,000.00

UPCOMING DATES:

● February 10th, 2026 @ 1700 - Next Fire Board Meeting. Motion to Adjourn: Marc Stevermer, 2nd: Diane Olson. Motion carried. Meeting ended at: 1900

Park – No meeting. **Personnel** – No meeting. **Public Works** – No meeting.

W&S – **Utilities Commission Meeting, October 27th, 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 Trustee Scott Chiples and Village Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present. **Minutes:** Motion Bolton, second Young to approve minutes from the last meeting. All aye, motion carried. **Appearances:** None. **Bills and Vouchers:** Sewer - #3893-3899= \$3,340.65, Water - #3545-3555 = \$4,831.29. Motion Bolton, second Peterson to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on Hwy 162 project. Hatlestad reported that the project will be let out for bids in August 2026. Most of the work will be completed in 2027.

Discussion on shut-off and manhole repairs. Hatlestad reported that Steiger has finished the work.

Discussion on new equipment. Hatlestad reported that the chart recorder has been ordered. Pack pump parts also ordered.

New Business:

Discussion on 2026 budget. Reservoir needs to be inspected next year. Full inspection, reservoirs drained. Will install new valve at that time. Budget is on track.

Communications: None. **Public Comment:** None. Motion Bolton, second Young to adjourn at 4:04. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment.

Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion on 2026 budget preparations. Hatlestad passed out information of where the village is at the moment and proposed 2026 budget amounts. No major changes are seen. Budget Hearing set for Dec. 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

New Business:

a) Discussion on the Driftless Humane Society contract for 2026. Hatlestad reported that the annual Humane Society contract is up for renewal. Dog only at an initial cost of \$250. Motion Berra, second Olson to approve the 2026 Driftless Humane Society contract. All aye, motion carried.

Communications: None. **License Applications:** None. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Chiples, second Long to adjourn at 6:18. All aye, motion carried. Next meeting December 9th.