

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
January 13th, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Appearances: None.

Bills and Vouchers: Motion Olson, second Long to approve December payments #22115-#22151 in the amount of \$50,351.98 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.

Park – No meeting.

Personnel – No meeting.

Public Works – No meeting.

W&S – Utilities Commission Meeting, December 15th, 2025, 3:30 p.m., Stoddard Sewer Plant

Meeting called to order at 3:33 p.m. Present - Mark Peterson, Mike Young and Russ Bolton. Village Lead Operator Rob Hurlburt, Village Trustee Scott Chiples, Deputy Clerk Carrie Brudos and Village Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present. **Minutes:** Motion Bolton, second Young to approve minutes from previous meetings. All aye, motion carried. **Appearances:** None. **Bills and Vouchers:** Sewer #3908 – #3917 = \$8,453.28. Water #3565 - #3577 = \$46,707.73. Motion Bolton, second Young to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on disinfection project 2028. Hatlestad reported that Makepeace Engineering would be at the January meeting with a milestone calendar that the utility must meet to have the project completed as required by 2028.

New Business:

Discussion on Highway 162 project. Hatlestad reported that Makepeace Engineering would be at the January meeting with plans for the project and a milestone calendar. Some work may be done in fall of 2026 but the majority of the work will be completed in 2027. The lift station project at the end of Center St. will also be looked at.

Communications:

Hurlburt reported that the new chart recorder was installed by Kish Electric and was working great. Hurlburt reported that the sequencer light on the lift station at the plant was repaired by Kish Electric. Hatlestad reported that the closed session item was still in the process of being solved. Hatlestad reported that the lift station on N. Pearl St. called out on Friday night. The float was stuck, not a big problem. **Public Comment:** None. Motion Bolton, second Young to adjourn at 4:15. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment. Next meeting January 19, 2026, 3:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion on 2026 proposed projects. The preparations for the 2026 Hwy 162 project continue to be made.
Double seal coat half of Deer Valley to preserve the blacktop.

New Business:

a) Discussion on Rummage Along the River request. The group is asking for a \$150 donation to help with the cost of advertising. The village will also rent three (3) port-a-potties to help with traffic in local businesses. Motion Long, second Chiples to approve. All aye, motion carried.

b) Discussion on the Main St. Flower Basket program for 2026. Hatlestad reported that the baskets were a big improvement in the downtown area last year and received many compliments. Hatlestad reported that he had talked to the vendor and was considering an order of 28 baskets. The donation request per basket will remain at \$60.00/each. Motion Berra, second Long to approve. All aye, motion carried.

c) Discussion on Bird City USA Engagement letter with Johnson Block for 2026 audit. Motion Long, second Berra to approve. All aye. Motion carried.

Communications: None. **License Applications:** None.

Public Comment: Shannon Thompson asked about the village working with the Chad Wild Myhre Fishing Tournament. Partnering with the group and using the village insurance. Thompson also stated that she would donate \$200 to the Flower Basket program to help cover the cost of fertilizer and maintenance. Thompson also asked to be put on the Public Works and Park agendas to discuss the possibility of putting planters in the boulevard along Hwy 35 on the north end of town since the village is not allowed to put plant hangers on the poles. Would also like to look at putting some planters in the park. Hatlestad will look into the possibility of partnering with the Chad Wild Myhre Tournament. Motion Berra, second Evans to adjourn at 6:43. All aye. Motion carried. Next meeting February 10th.