

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
December 9th, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

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

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

Appearances: None.

Bills and Vouchers: Motion Berra, second Olson to approve November payments #22085-#22114 in the amount of \$28,636.28 for payment. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Appeals – No meeting.

Board of Review – No meeting.

Budget & Finance – **Budget & Finance Committee, 2026 Budget Hearing, December 2nd, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting called to order at 5:08 p.m. Roll call: Scott Chiples, Diane Olson, Terry Berra and Karen Long present. Bill Evans and Jancyn Lepke – absent. Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present.

Discussion on proposed budgets for fiscal year 2026. Motion Berra, second Long to approve the 2026 Municipal Tax Levy in the amount of \$275,888. All aye. Motion approved.

- Motion Berra, second Long to approve 2026 General Fund budget of \$710,176. All aye. Motion approved.
- Motion Long, second Olson to approve 2026 Village Loan payments in the amount of \$50,000. All aye. Motion approved.
- Motion Berra, second Long to approve 2026 Water Utility Budget in the amount of \$256,000. All aye. Motion approved.
- Motion Long, second Olson to approve 2026 Sewer Utility Budget in the amount of \$219,000. All aye. Motion approved.

Motion Long, second Olson to adjourn at 5:40. All aye. Adjournment

Building/Zoning/Land Planning – No meeting.

Fire – No meeting.

Park – No meeting.

Personnel – No meeting.

Public Works – No meeting.

W&S – **Village of Stoddard, Utilities Commission Meeting, November 17th, 2025, 4:30 p.m., Stoddard Sewer Plant**

Meeting called to order at 4:30 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 Young, second Bolton to approve minutes from the last meeting. All aye, motion carried. **Appearances:** None. **Bills and Vouchers:** Sewer - #3900-3907= \$6,144.05, Water - #3556-3564 = \$3,234.36. Motion Bolton, second Young to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on Hwy 162 project. Hatlestad reported that the project is moving forward.

New Business:

Discussion on 2026 budget. Hatlestad reported that budget is on track and will have final numbers at next meeting. Not looking at any major changes.

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.

Invitation of non-committee members to stay for closed session. Hurlburt, Chiples and Hatlestad invited to stay for closed session.

Roll call vote to go into closed session. Bolton-aye, Peterson-aye, Young-aye.

Closed Session

Roll call vote to go into open session. Bolton-aye, Peterson-aye, Young-aye.

Discussion and possible action on closed session item. Item will remain is closed session.

Communications: None. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Young, second Bolton to adjourn at 5:44. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment. Next meeting December 1, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

Village of Stoddard, Utilities Commission Meeting, December 1st, 2025, 3:30 p.m., Stoddard Sewer Plant

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. Present - Mark Peterson and Russ Bolton. Mike Young-absent. Village Lead Operator Rob Hurlburt and Village Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present. **Minutes:** None. **Appearances:** None. **Bills and Vouchers:** None. **Unfinished Business:** None.

New Business:

Discussion on 2026 budget. Motion Bolton, second Peterson to approve 2026 Water Utility Budget in the amount of \$256,000. All aye. Motion approved. Motion Bolton, second Peterson to approve 2026 Sewer Utility Budget in the amount of \$219,000. All aye. Motion approved.

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.

Invitation of non-committee members to stay for closed session. Hurlburt and Hatlestad invited to stay for closed session.

Roll call vote to go into closed session. Bolton-aye, Peterson-aye.

Closed Session

Roll call vote to go into open session. Bolton-aye, Peterson-aye.

Discussion and possible action on closed session item. Item will remain is closed session.

Communications: None. **Public Comment:** None.

Motion Peterson, second Bolton to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment. Next meeting December 15, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion on 2025 wrap-up. Hatlestad brought up the highlights of 2025 in the village. The preparations for the 2026 Hwy 162 project continue to be made. Parking issues and traffic control on Proksch Coulee Road will be looked at next year. Here's to looking forward to a great 2026.

New Business:

a) Discussion on the appointment of election inspectors for 2026. 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 Olson, second Long to approve. All aye. Motion carried.

b) Discussion on the appointment of Utility Commission member for 2026. Hatlestad reported that the Utility Commission had recommended Russell Bolton to be appointed for a three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2026. Motion Long, second Berra to approve. All aye. Motion carried.

c) Discussion on 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: None.

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

Next meeting January 13th.