

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
May 12th, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

The Village Board met in regular session. Roll call: Scott Chiples, Bill Evans, Jancyn Lepke, Terry Berra, Doug Sinniger and Clerk Kent Hatlestad. Karen Long, Diane Olson – excused.

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

Appearances: None.

Bills and Vouchers: Motion Chiples, second Long to approve check register #22256- #22300 in the amount of \$42,370.07. All aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board of Appeals – No meeting.

Board of Review – Village of Stoddard, Board of Review (BOR), Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Board of Review (BOR) met in session. Meeting called to order by Municipality Chair Diane Olson at 6:00 p.m. Clerk called roll. Roll: Terry Berra, Jancyn Lepke, Diane Olson and Doug Sinniger. Bill Evans, Scott Chiples, Karen Long – absent. Assessor Will Hanson and Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present.

Diane Olson declared a quorum for the meeting. Motion Lepke, second Sinniger to appoint Terry Berra as Board of Review Chair. All aye, motion carried.

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There were no Notice of Intent to File Objections. Motion Berra, second Olson to adjourn Board of Review at 8:00 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

2027 Board of Review will be delayed due to the requirement of a re-evaluation in 2027.

Budget & Finance – No meeting.

Building/Zoning/Land Planning – No meeting.

Fire – Chief Lehmann reported that training trailer is at the Treatment Plant. Department would like to set up a meeting to go over the emergency response training held with the Vernon County Emergency Management Department regarding a train derailment in the village. A date will be set soon. Chief Lehmann brought up the idea of appointing Brandon Larson, as the Village Emergency Management Director. Larson is the Emergency Management Director for Vernon County and operates in this capacity for a number of villages and townships. SBFDD will be in the Memorial Day parade.

Park – Park Committee Meeting, April 29, 2026, Stoddard Village Hall, 5:00 p.m.

Call to order at 5:00pm. Roll call: Rick Andersen, Tom Venner, Jancyn Lepke. Motion Venner, second Lepke to approve minute from the last meeting. All aye, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Ball field lights: Park committee will start getting bids for replacement of two poles and light fixtures installation of new lights. The existing poles can be used if treated at the base and the top 10'-15' removed. Pederson Electric, Poellinger Electric and Kish Electric will be called to obtain bids. Ideas for raising funds for the light project include selling advertising space on the park outfield fence.

New Business:

Summer help. The committee reviewed the applications for summer help. Recommendations to hire Terry Russell for field prep and Jenner Lepke as Park Maintenance. Aiden Martin and Aiden Engel were also recommended for seasonal park worker positions. Recommendations will be sent to the Personnel Committee.

River Diamond. Hatlestad reported that the River Park had been sprayed for weeds and dragged. The field will be kept up for use during the summer. Anderson requested that new foul poles be installed. Keeping the sandbox and/or installing new playground equipment was discussed.

Lions Club sidewalk to Shelter B. Hatlestad reported that the sidewalk was completed and looks good. The sidewalk will be a real asset to people using Shelter B.

Boat launch maintenance. Hatlestad reported that the village has taken the loader down to the south boat launch and cleared rocks that had been on the launch.

Discussion to have a contractor use an excavator to pull back the rock on the shore next to the south launch to make it wider.

Motion Anderson, second Venner to adjourn at 6:20 All aye, motion carried. Next meeting 5:00, May 27th

Personnel – Personnel Committee Meeting, May 11th, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call: Bill Evans and Scott Chiples. Terry Berra – absent. Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present. Minutes: None.

Invitation of non-members to stay. Kent Hatlestad, Scott Chiples, Karen Long and Rob Hurlbut.

Motion Peterson, second Evans 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. Evans - aye, Peterson-aye, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Motion Peterson, second Evans to dismiss Chad Maas from his position as Operator for the Village of Stoddard effective immediately. All aye, motion carried.

Motion Peterson, second Evans to hire seasonal park employees.

Terry Russell – Park Manager @ \$18.00/hr.

Aiden Engel – Park maintenance @ \$16.00/hr.

Motion Peterson, second Evans to hire Part-Time Public Works employee.

Aiden Martin - Public Works @ \$17.00/hr.

Motion Evans, second Peterson to hire Jason Crager as Cemetery Caretaker position for 2026 season.

All aye, motion carried.

Motion Peterson, second Evans to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment.

Public Works – Public Works Committee Meeting, May 11th, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 4:18 p.m. Roll call: Karen Long and Scott Chiples. Village President Bill Evans also present. Terry Berra – absent. Administrator Kent Hatlestad, Operator –In-Charge Rob Hurlburt also present. Minutes: Motion Chiples, second Long to approve minutes from the last meeting. All aye, motion carried. Unfinished Business:

Discussion on the WIDOT 2026 Hwy 162 project. Hatlestad reported that the Hwy 162 project had been pushed out to 2027. No work will be done this fall and bids will still be let in August.

Hello Mr. Hatlestad:

We are currently finalizing the plans and specifications for the STH 162 project. The project is scheduled to be LET in August 2026 with most of the construction, if not all, being completed during the 2027 construction season.

I wanted to provide an update concerning the Village’s estimated costs. The costs shown in the original State Municipal Financial Agreement (SMFA) totaled \$605,281. The current construction cost estimate for Village of Stoddard items is \$803,057, which is approximately \$197,776 increase in the estimated costs. A more detailed breakdown is shown below.

| Project ID | Description | State Municipal Financial Agreement (SMFA) Signed: 5/12/2023 | Construction Cost Estimate Dated: 3/12/2026 | Change in Costs |
|------------|--------------------------------|--|---|------------------|
| 5865-02-64 | Storm Sewer/New Urban Pavement | \$327,935 | \$434,599 | \$106,664 |
| 5865-02-74 | Sanitary Sewer/ Watermain | \$277,346 | \$368,458 | \$91,112 |
| | Total | \$605,281 | \$803,057 | \$197,776 |

Hatlestad reported that he had talked with River Bank and they would be interested in providing funding for the project. Clean Water Fund and Safe Drinking Water Loan Programs are both 20-year term loans at 2.365%. They carry additional costs for labor standards interviews, funding applications, and bond counsel. This could add \$15,000 per program to the project cost.

With a bank, if you're charged 5% interest, the break even point is 10-years. If you borrow for more than 10 years, you're better off with CWF and SDW. If you borrow for less than 10 years, you're better off with River Bank.

Break even for different interest rates is as follows:

| <u>Bank Rate</u> | <u>Term</u> |
|------------------|-------------|
| 3% | 17 years |
| 3.5% | 15 years |
| 4% | 13 years |
| 4.5% | 11 years |
| 5% | 10 years |
| 5.5% | 9 years |
| 6% | 8 years |

New Business:

Discussion on street maintenance proposal for 2026.

RE: Curb and Gutter, patch work

Propose to furnish labor, material, and equipment to place approximately 14 L.F. of 24” curb and gutter at 109 Cottage St., remove 3’ of 24”curb and a 3’x6’ blacktop patch dig down put concrete around outlet pipe backfill and compact replace curb and blacktop patch at Broadway and Oak St., remove a 2’x2’ blacktop section around water valve and pour concrete around valve at Elm and Birch, remove 12’ of 30” curb and gutter and a 2’x 12’ blacktop patch at catch basin on Proksch Coulee Rd pour around pipe if needed or if it would need a new structure we will charge time and material to fix it, saw and remove a 4’x4’ of blacktop around manhole and replace with concrete at 400 Fox Hollow Dr., remove and replace a 10’x17’ blacktop patch at 555 Fox Hollow Dr.

Sum of: \$16,540.00

Motion Long, second Chiples to recommend approval. All aye, motion carried.

Proposal to widen road approximately 6’ on each side, dig out material and install 6” of gravel and compact to install approximately 750 L.F. of 24” mountable curb and gutter, backfill, seed and mulch behind curb put gravel in to fill void between blacktop and curb. Pour back approach to private camp ground by boat landing

Sum of: \$32,145.00

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RE:Extra from water main break

We propose to furnish labor, material, and equipment to place approximately 14 L.F. of 24” curb and gutter, saw and remove blacktop patch 14’x15’ put back in blacktop and saw and remove a 4’x4’ blacktop patch around a manhole and pour back in concrete on Hillside Dr.

Sum of: \$6,410.00

Motion Chiples, second Long to recommend approval. All aye, motion carried.

Forrest Lane

Double Seal coat existing gravel, pulverized material and use approximately 3,950 gallons of liquid asphalt and 145 tons of chips to install new surface from S. Pearl St. to just past the boat launch pads. Lepke Trucking to provide final grade. \$35,568. Motion Long, second Chiples to recommend approval. All aye, motion carried.

Radar Speed signs. Motion Chiples, second Long to recommend approval for two (2) new TC-600 signs for \$4,080/each from Decker Supply. Signs to be installed on Hwy 35 and Hwy 162. All aye, motion carried.

New equipment purchase. Motion Chiples, second Long to approve purchase of new Gravely 572 Pro Turn mower from Coon Valley dairy Supply. Cost is \$17,899, receive \$6,099 for trade-in of John Deere, total \$11,800. Motion Chiples, second to recommend approval. All aye, motion carried.

Motion Long, second Chiples to adjourn. All aye. Adjournment.

W&S – No minutes.

Unfinished Business:

a) Discussion on 2026 proposed projects. The preparations for the 2026 Hwy 162 project continue to be made.

b) Board of Review update. Hatlestad went over the minutes of the Board of Review again.

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c) Rummage Along the River. Hatlestad reminded the board that Rummage Along the River was coming up on May 15th & 16th. Three port-a-potties will be ordered and delivered for use by the people in town for the event.

d) Discussion o. public works projects proposal. Hatlestad went over the proposals for public works projects in the village recommended for approval by the Public Works committee. RE: Curb and Gutter, patch work Propose to furnish labor, material, and equipment to place approximately 14 L.F. of 24" curb and gutter at 109 Cottage St., remove 3' of 24" curb and a 3'x6' blacktop patch dig down put concrete around outlet pipe backfill and compact replace curb and blacktop patch at Broadway and Oak St., remove a 2'x2' blacktop section around water valve and pour concrete around valve at Elm and Birch, remove 12' of 30" curb and gutter and a 2'x 12' blacktop patch at catch basin on Proksch Coulee Rd pour around pipe if needed or if it would need a new

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Motion Berra, second Chiples to approve proposed projects. All aye, motion carried.

New Business:

a) Committee appointments. Committee assignments were reviewed. Motion Lepke, second Berra to approve. All aye, motion carried.

VILLAGE OF STODDARD COMMITTEES

(5/12/2026)

Budget/Finance

*Scott Chiples
Bill Evans
Karen Long

Police/Fire Commission

*Diane Olson
Jancyn Lepke
Doug Sinniger

Personnel

*Bill Evans
Terry Berra
Mark Peterson

Board of Appeal

*Jason Olson
Garold Becker
Jerry Furlano

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*Terry Berra
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Park

*Jancyn Lepke
Doug Sinniger
John Davis

Public Works

* Karen Long
Scott Chiples
Terry Berra

Utility Commission

*Mark Peterson
Russ Bolton
Michael Young

B, Z, LP

*Bill Evans
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b) Large Item Recycling Day, June 6th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hatlestad reminded the board that Large Item Recycling Day was coming up on June 6th at the Treatment Plant on Lake Road.

c) Discussion on seasonal employees. Motion Berra, second Chiples to accept the following recommendations: Terry Russell – Park Manager @ \$18.00/hr., Aiden Engel – Park maintenance @ \$16.00/hr., Part-Time Public Works employee Aiden Martin - Public Works

Jason Cramer as Cemetery Caretaker position for 2026 season. Evans – aye, Sinniger – aye, Berra – aye, Chiples – aye, Lepke – nay. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

License Applications: None. Operator License: Neil Kumm, Chris Grelle. Motion Lepke, second Berra to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Garold Becker voiced concerns about blighted properties in the village. All of the properties in question have been contacted and the village is working on making sure they are brought up to code. The spiral slide in the park has some concerns, it will be looked into. A new bench has been donated at the dog park by the SBFDF Foundation.

Motion Sinniger, second Lepke to adjourn at 6:44. All aye. Motion carried.

Next meeting June 9th.