

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
July 15th, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Appearances: None.

Bills and Vouchers: Motion Berra, second Olson to approve #22336 - #22370 in the amount of \$74,748.66.

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, June 22nd, 2026, 3:30 p.m., Stoddard Sewer Plant

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. Present - Mark Peterson, Mike Young and Russ Bolton. OIC Rob Hurlburt, Village Board member Scott Chiples and Village Clerk Kent Hatlestad also present. **Minutes:** Motion Bolton, second Young to approve minutes from previous meeting. All aye, motion carried. **Appearances:** None.

Bills and Vouchers: Sewer #3954 – #3963 = \$6,325.05. Water #3619 - #3628 = \$1,861.63. Motion Bolton, second Young to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on Highway 162 project. Hatlestad reported on new project costs regarding the Hwy 162 project. Since the timeline on the project costs began in 2023 cost on the project have increased over \$200,000. New project budget will be developed. Hatlestad reported that he had looked into private funding through River Bank and bypassing loans from the DNR. Interest rates and costs will continue to be looked at.

New Business:

Discussion on lift station on Center St. Before deciding what the requirements are for a new lift station it would be a good idea to have a plan on what is proposed for the property in question on Broadway St. The “developers” were appraised of this but the village has received no information back.

A hand water pump for the dog park was discussed.

Renting a chipper to help with road to reservoir maintenance was discussed.

Motion Young, second Bolton to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Communications: None. **Public Comment:** None. Motion Bolton, second Peterson to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. Adjournment.

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New Business:

a) American Legion proposal. Discussion on the lease agreement. Sinniger stated that the property listed in Exhibit B, specifically the underbar coolers and the walk-in cooler, should become property of the buyer (Village). The question of how to supply bar services when the Legion is rented needs to be settled. Hatlestad will contact the village attorney for answers.

b) Park Board restructure. Hatlestad reported that Jancyn Lepke had requested she be replaced as Park Board Chairperson due to her schedule. Lepke would like to remain on the Park Board. Motion Olson, second Long to approve Doug Sinniger as Park Board Chairperson. All aye, motion carried.

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License Applications: Stoddard American Legion Post 315. Picnic license July 23 – 26, Stoddard Park. Motion Olson, second Long to approve. All aye, motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Motion Long, second Berra to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. All aye, motion carried.