

**Village of Stoddard
Village Board Meeting
November 7th, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

The Village Board met in regular session, President Kevin Gobel presiding. On roll call: Kevin Gobel, Bob Wurtzel, Kevin Miller, Steve Davis, Martin Osinski and Garry Oliver. Robin Palmer - excused. Administrator Kent Hatlestad also present.

Minutes: Motion Oliver, second Osinski to approve minutes as presented. All aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Appearances: None

Bills and Vouchers: Check register: Discussion on bills for October 2016. Motion Davis, second Wurtzel to approve checks #17361 - #17410 for October in the amount of \$62,205.67. All aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee Reports:

Board of Appeals – No meeting.

Board of Review – No meeting.

Budget & Finance – Waiting for Personnel Committee to meet. Insurance proposals from EMC are coming in soon.

Building/Zoning/Land Planning - Meeting set for Nov. 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Fire – Meeting held on 11/3. Discussion on 2017 budget plans and new truck plans. Need one more meeting to finalize budget.

Park – Jason Olson was nominated to the Park Board to replace Bart Furman.

Personnel- Meeting set for Nov. 14th at 5:00 p.m.

Police- No meeting.

Public Works – No meeting.

W&S – Utilities Commission Meeting, October 24th, 2016, 3:30 p.m., Stoddard Village Hall

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. Present- Russell Bolton, Scott Chiples and Mark Peterson. Operator Mike Young and Clerk Kent Hatlestad present.

Minutes: Motion Chiples, second Peterson to approve. All aye.

Appearances: None. Makepeace Engineering had to cancel, will try to make it to the next meeting.

Bills and Vouchers: Sewer #2998 - #3009 - \$11,716.68 Water #2763 - #2773 - \$6,406.60. Motion Chiples, second Bolton to approve bills and vouchers. All aye.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on jetting sewers in the village. Job is complete. Lift station will be scheduled to be cleaned soon.

Discussion on lift station repair. Pump went out at the lift station on Saturday, October 15th. Pump was removed and taken to Lackore Electric to be repaired. Should village purchase new pump motor to have one as a spare for emergency? This is the only piece of equipment in the village that does not have a back-up.

Discussion on 2017 budget. Hatlestad is gathering numbers, waiting for personnel to get final decision. Next meeting will have a much firmer idea.

Phosphorus removal chemical could cost \$53-\$60/barrel and use one barrel/month. Well #2 is also being rehabbed at a cost of \$20,000. These are the known budget hits coming in 2017.

New Business:

Discussion on proposed rate increase. Hatlestad reported the following:

3% - \$2.00/qtr for average user.

5% - \$4.00/qtr for average user.

10% - \$8.00/qtr for average user.

Would it be easier to just add \$10 to the base rate every quarter? Approximately 350 users at \$40/yr. = \$14,000. Bring back to next meeting.

Motion Bolton, second Chiples to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried.

Next meeting Nov. 14th at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on 2017 budget prep. Hatlestad still waiting for numbers on property insurance rates. Personnel will meet and look at insurance numbers to finish 2017 budget proposal.

Village is still waiting for BNSF Railroad to give a date for the crossing repair. Best estimate is 3rd week of November.

New Business:

Election prep is finished and ready to go tomorrow morning.

Discussion on audit for 2017. Hatlestad will get bids for a new auditor.

Discussion on Humane Society contract. Dogs only for 2017.

Communications: Hatlestad brought up the problems the village is having with the Joint Operator group. Discussion on the group's boards getting together to discuss the problems and try to come to an understanding on using the equipment properly.

License Applications: None.

Operator License: None.

Public Comment: Village President Kevin Gobel announced to the board that he was leaving for an extended vacation and would have to give up his position on the board. Discussion on how to move forward. A new Village President would have to be appointed until the election in April. Motion Oliver, second Davis to approve Bob Wurtzel to sign checks for the village in the absence of the Village President. All aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion Osinski, second Miller to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. All aye.