

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to Order

Hostetler called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: Tom Kinzer, Dave Mahr, Seth Lekies, Matt Ehens, Ron Smith, Mark Hostetler, and Vonda Brinker
Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Randy Benson, and Molly Richeson of *The Weekly Post*

3. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and pledged to the flag

4. Citizens to Address the Board

No Citizens present

5. Approve Minutes for December 11th Board Meeting and January 2nd Committee Meeting

Kinzer moved to approve minutes for December 11th Board Meeting and January 2nd Committee Meeting.
Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

6. Approve Monthly Bills, Payroll and Financial Statements

Kinzer moved to approve monthly bills, including utility bills when they arrive due to early meeting date, payroll, and financial statements. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

7. Police Report – Chief Randy Benson

Chief Benson reported 400 W. Main Street had a water meter reinstalled without incident. Resident was previously ticketed for a fire; the ticket remains unpaid.

8. Update on Marco Contract and Possible Approval of New Contract

Joy Mahr reported she received a request to sign a contract. She stated there were several errors within the contract and the cost for the new machine was still not correct. The new contract stated \$294/mo., with current being \$253/mo. Mahr told the rep to please bring back the old machine, he stated he would talk to the manager and call her back the next day. There was also a credit back for the separate contract they did for the new printer instead of adding it to the current. There is confusion on when the contract is up, Joy is going to confirm with her own paperwork. Discussion was had on finishing the contract and finding a new company. Tabled for next month.

9. Discuss/Approve Hiring Levi Carr for Emergency Snowplowing for Remainder of 2025 Winter and 2025-2026 Winter at a Rate of \$16.50/hr.

Lekies moved to approve hiring of Levi Carr for Emergency Snowplowing for remainder of 2025 Winter and 2025-2026 Winter at the rate of \$16.50/hr. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

10. Discuss/Approve Hiring Jason Waugh for Emergency Snowplowing for Remainder of 2025 Winter and 2025-2026 Winter at a Rate of \$16.50/hr.

Lekies moved to approve hiring of Jason Waugh for Emergency Snowplowing for remainder of 2025 Winter and 2025-2026 Winter at the rate of \$16.50/hr. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

11. Discuss/Approve Brian Efnor Attending Chemical Spraying Classes in Springfield

Hostetler is going to confirm dates for class. Discussion was had on a mileage/food per diem in an estimated total of \$400.00. Kinzer moved to approve Brian Efnor attending the chemical spraying classes in Springfield and receiving a per diem. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

12. Discuss/Approve Reimbursement in the Amount of \$11,411.59 for Village Resident in the 300 block of S Burson for Sewer Backflow Damage

Hostetler discussed the request of reimbursement for damages to a resident in the 300 block of S. Burson Street. No motion was made.

13. Discuss/Approve Closing the Water/Sewer/Garbage Account of Any Person Not in Compliance of Ordinance 2004-638, Which States the Account Holder Must Be the Legal Owner of the Property. Notice Will Be Sent USPS Regular and Certified Mail on January 9, 2025 to Current Account Holder Informing of Non-Compliance and the Closure of the Account on January 30, 2025 at 11:59 P.M.

Hostetler put to question the approval closing the Water/Sewer/Garbage Account of any person not in compliance of Ordinance 2004-638, which states the account holder must be the legal owner of the property. Notice will be sent USPS regular and certified mail on January 9, 2025 to current account holder informing of non-compliance and the closure of the account on January 30, 2025 at 11:59 P.M with passing votes as follows:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

14. Discuss/Approve Mailing a Notice USPS Regular and Certified Mail on January 9, 2025 to Any Property Owner Not in Compliance of Ordinance 2004-638, Which States the Account Holder Must Be the Legal Owner of the Property. Notice Will Include Application, Payment Information, and Required Documents to Avoid Interruption of Services Which Must Be Received by the Village by January 29, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. If Application, Payment, and Required Documents are Not Received by the Village by the Time Stated, Services will be Discontinued on January 31, 2025.

Hostetler put to question the approval of mailing a notice USPS Regular and certified mail on January 9, 2025 to any property owner not in compliance of Ordinance 2004-638, which states the account holder must be the legal owner of the property. Notice will include application, payment information, and required documents to avoid interruption of services which must be received by the Village by January 29, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. If application, payment, and required documents are not received by the Village by the time stated, services will be discontinued on January 31, 2025 with passing votes as follows:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

15. Committee Reports

- **Police** – Ehens/Benson

A siren enthusiast will be visiting February 4th at 10:00 A.M. to record the siren testing. Our siren, a Sentury 5V 16 port high pitch, is said to be 1 of 4 in the country.

- **Finance/Insurance** - Kinzer

No estimate has been received for the fence.

- **Streets/Alleys** – Smith

Flagpoles at both Village Parks need new pulley systems. A light is also out and needs replaced. Vonda will gather some prices for next months meeting.

- **Technology/Public Grounds** – Brinker

- Snowflakes need to start being replaced. A few different designs preferred. Total of 16 desired.
- Brian Efnor had mentioned someone needing a possible Eagle Scout project.
- Knox County is not doing Tar & Chip this year, possibly Southeast or Southwest quadrant of the Village will be done by us. Kevan Cooper will be contacted and asked to advise.

16. Discussion of Such Other Business as may Properly Come before the Board and Action, if any, to be Taken as Result of Discussions

Village Clerk, Neely Carr, gave Board a copy of the new Social Media Policy. The Village now has a Facebook account, ran by Neely Carr, to help inform residents of any important alerts, updates, and provide general information regarding the Village.

ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted,
Neely Carr
Village Clerk