

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to order:

Mark Hostetler called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Roll call:

Members present: Mark Hostetler, Ron Smith, Dave Mahr, Seth Lekies, and Vonda Brinker
Also present: Joy Mahr, Neely Carr, Eric Shangraw of *GFL*, and Molly Richeson of *The Weekly Post*

3. Pledge:

All present stood and pledged to the flag.

4. Citizens to address the Board:

No citizens present.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes from October 9th, 2024 Board Meeting

Smith moved to approve Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2024, Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

6. Approve Additional Monthly Bills

Smith moved to approve Additional Monthly Bills, Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

7. Police Report- Chief Randy Benson

Benson not present, Hostetler informed Board that the Squad Car and Body Cameras are installed.

8. Discuss/Approve New GFL Contract

Hostetler and Shangraw reported the changes made to the contract were complete. Hostetler reported the current contract ends December 31, 2024. The new GFL contract is a 5-year contract with a 2.5% annual increase. Current rates are \$12.10 and they will raise to \$12.40 for next year. Local dumpsters were discussed as well as the Elba-Salem Park Districts listings. Smith moved to approve the new contract with GFL, Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

9. Discuss/Approve Concrete Pad on South Lot in the Amount of \$7,000.00 to Tri-County Masonry LLC

Tabled until Spring 2025.

10. Discuss/Approve Contract with Albrecht Well Drilling for \$1,206,709 for New Well #4 Project

Mahr reported on page 29 and page 30 the description shows #8, not #4. Corrections will be made. Lekies moved to approve the contract with Albrecht Well Drilling for \$1,206,709, Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

11. Discuss/Approve Possible Hiring of Police Officer at Rate of \$24.00 per hour

Hostetler reported the need of hiring a new officer. Smith moved to approve hiring of a new police officer at the rate of \$24.00 per hour, Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

12. Discuss/Approve Village President and Board Trustees to Operate Snowplow Equipment During the 2024-2025 Winter Season

The Board discussed operations of snowplowing for the 2024-2025 winter season. Lekies moved to approve the Village President and Board Trustees to operate the snowplow equipment during the 2024-2025 winter season, Mahr seconded. Roll call unanimous.

13. Discuss/Approve Trustee Ron Smith to Receive Compensation for Snowplowing During the 2024-2025 Winter Season at the Current Rate of Illinois Minimum Wage in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,000 During the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

Hostetler reported that Smith disclosed interest in getting paid for snowplowing if he were to be called. Smith advised to use him as last resort. Smith was recused from the vote. Brinker moved to approve Smith receiving compensation for snowplowing during the 2024-2025 winter season at the current rate of Illinois minimum wage in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 during the 2024-2025 fiscal year, Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

14. Discuss/Approve Village Funding the Operation of Alley Light behind 305 East Market Street in the Estimated Amount of \$20.00 - \$30.00 per month per Ameren

Hostetler reported there is an alley light that has not been in use for 5 years but it has been requested by an adjacent homeowner to be turned on. The homeowner is wanting the city to pay for the service through Ameren at an estimated rate of \$20-\$30 per month, which was previously paid by the old homeowner where the pole is located. The Board also discussed how this alley is village-owned and used as a right of way but is regularly blocked due to several vehicles being parked in the way regardless of repeated warnings. Hostetler put to question the approval of funding the operation of the alley light in an estimated amount of \$20.00-\$30.00 per month with non-passing votes as follows:

Ayes: 0
Nays: 4
Absent: 2
Abstain: 0

15. Committee Reports:

- **Technology/Public Grounds – Brinker**

The Town Park Gazebo steps were completed by Mark Hostetler, Dave Mahr, and Bruce Brinker.

16. Discussion of such other businesses as may properly come before the Board and action, if any, to be taken as result of discussions:

Mahr reported the truck bed at Koenig was in.

ADJOURNMENT: Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Neely Carr, Village Clerk