

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order

Kinzer called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Tom Kinzer, Dave Mahr, Seth Lekies, Matt Ehens, Ron Smith, Vonda Brinker

Also Present: Joy Mahr, Randy Benson, Jim Record, Neely Carr

Via Phone: Mark Hostetler

Molly Copher, *Weekly Post*, entered at 6:20pm

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 November 12th Board Meeting and December 3rd Committee Meeting

Ehens moved to approve the November 12th Board Meeting minutes. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. December 3rd committee minutes not provided.

6. Approve Monthly Bills, Payroll and Financial Statements

Certificate of Deposit #10662 has reached maturity and is due for a six-month rollover. Kinzer moved to rollover CD #10662 into a new six-month term. Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

Kinzer moved to approve the monthly bills, payroll, and financial statements. Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

7. Discuss/Approve Acceptance of Chief Randy Benson's Retirement and Appointment and Swearing-In of Sergeant James Record as Police Chief

The Board accepted the retirement of Chief Randy Benson. Kinzer moved to approve the acceptance of Chief Randy Benson's retirement. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Kinzer moved to appoint Sergeant James Record as Village Police Chief. Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Clerk Neely Carr administered the oath of office and swore in Sergeant James Record as Village Police Chief.

8. Police Report

Board was given monthly report.

OLD BUSINESS:

9. Discuss/Update on Well/Reservoir Project

Kinzer reported the pump was installed and we are waiting on electrical to be completed.

10. Discuss/Update on Water Building Amperage Increase from 200AMP Service to 320AMP Service and Moving Electric Boxes to the Car Port Area

Nothing new to report

11. Discuss/Update on Water Shut-Off Valve Exercising and Hydrant Flushing

Mahr met with Ken Vallas and reviewed the maps. Kinsel found nine isolation valves that were found full of gravel and mud, they require vacuuming. One isolation valve, south of Henry Street, was not done. Two valves behind the water building were located with one being noted as corroded. Risers were added to the alleyway valves to prevent gravel from covering them. The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing additional risers in the future.

12. Discuss/Approve Bill to Lakeside for Shaft Parts for South Oxidation Ditch Paddle Wheel at the Treatment Plant in the Amount of \$13,543.00

The Board discussed the bill from Lakeside for the shaft parts. Smith moved to approve payment of the bill. Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

13. Discuss/Update on Gate Valve Repair at the Treatment Plant

Kinsel did not receive all the parts and are currently waiting on the second delivery.

14. Discuss/Update on Gear Box Repair/Replacement for South Oxidation Ditch Paddle Wheel at the Treatment Plant

Jordan Suits dropped off the gear box in Peoria. He was told it would be 10-14 days before they could look at it.

15. Discuss/Approve Commemorative Sign for David Maxwell on the North Side of E. Main Street

Clerk Neely Carr provided an update from IDOT regarding jurisdiction of the location. The Board then voted on approving the placement of the commemorative sign.

Roll call vote:

Kinzer- abstain; Mahr- no; Lekies- no; Ehens- yes; Smith- no; Brinker- no; Hostetler- absent

Motion failed

NEW BUSINESS:

16. Discuss/Approve Ordinance Amending Charges and Rates for Use of Village's Water and Sewer Systems and for Garbage Collection Effective January 1, 2026, and Adjusting Security Deposit and Late Fees for Water-Sewer Bills Effective May 1, 2026

The updated rates reflect a 3% increase. Garbage service with recycling is set at \$16.71. Late fees were increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00. The deposit for new customers was increased from \$50.00 to \$100.00, with a cap of \$150.00 (additional deposit submitted when reconnected) The reconnect fee of \$75 remains

unchanged. The Ordinance also includes lien provisions related to unpaid charges. Kinzer moved to approve the Ordinance. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

17. Discuss/Approve Pay Rate Increase for Police Officers from \$23.00 to \$25.00 per Hour, Effective December 14, 2025

Smith moved to approve a pay rate increase for police officers from \$23.00 to \$25.00 per hour, effective December 14, 2025. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

18. Discuss/Approve Full Time Public Works Employee, Brian Efnor, Retirement Payment in the Amount of \$2,000.00

Ehens moved to approve full-time public works employee, Brian Efnor, a retirement payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 after taxes. Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

19. Discuss/Approve Payment to B & B Equipment for Repairment of Village's Tractor in the amount of \$500.00

Two bolts broke on the loader frame, on the mounting bracket of the tractor. Ehens moved to approve payment of \$500.00 to B & B Equipment for repair. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

20. Discuss/Approve Payment to Kinsel Trkg & Excvtg LLC for Three Curb-Spot Replacements Performed 11/19/25 in the Amount of \$2,010.00

Ehens moved to approve payment of bill in the amount of \$2,010.00. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

21. Discuss/Approve Payment to Kinsel Trkg & Excvtg LLC for Water-Main Break Repair at the "Y" Performed 11/18/25 in the Amount of \$1,614.60

Ehens moved to approve payment of bill in the amount of \$1,614.60. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

22. Discuss/Approve Payment to Kinsel Trkg & Excvtg LLC for Water-Main Break Repair at Washington/S. Burson Performed 11/19/25 in the Amount of \$2,690.60

Ehens moved to approve payment of bill in the amount of \$2,690.60. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

23. Discuss/Approve Payment to Kinsel Trkg & Excvtg LLC for Water-Main Break Repair at the "Y" performed 11/24/25 in the Amount of \$1,490.60

Ehens moved to approve payment of bill in the amount of \$1,490.60. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

24. Discuss/Approve Holiday Bonus After-Tax Payment of \$100.00 for Village of Yates City Employees

Ehens moved to approve payment of bonuses in the amount of \$100.00 to Village employees. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

25. Committee Reports

Technology/Public Grounds – Brinker: All Christmas decorations are fixed. Gazebo has been decorated with a live tree.

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

None

ADJOURNMENT Ehens moved to adjourn. Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm

Respectfully submitted,
Neely Carr
Village Clerk