

**VILLAGE OF YATES CITY COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS**

**AGENDA:**

**1. Call to Order**

Hostetler called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Present: Tom Kinzer, Dave Mahr, Seth Lekies, Matt Ehens, Mark Hostetler

Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr

Absent: Vonda Brinker, Ron Smith

**2. Update on Well/Reservoir Project**

Hostetler spoke with Kevan Cooper who informed him they were still waiting on the pump. Regarding the reservoir, the loan for the tank will have 30% or \$510,000 principal forgiveness, up from \$506,681.

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

Hostetler is waiting on the new contract from Jason that cancels the existing one.

**4. Update on Water Shut-Off Valve Exercising and Hydrant Flushing**

Discussion was had on the two water main breaks during hydrant flushing. Ideas for a grid/numbering system was discussed for the ongoing isolation project. Hostetler reported there were 42 hydrants and 54 shut-off valved currently located.

**5. Discuss Bill for Shaft for South Oxidation Ditch Paddle Wheel at the Treatment Plant**

Joy Mahr reported that UPS notifications show delivery today from Lakeside.

**6. Discuss Gear Box Repair/Replacement for South Oxidation Ditch Paddle Wheel at the Treatment Plant**

Hostetler reported Greg, TEST, informed him the gear box is damaged. Jordan Suits is to take it to Peoria to see about repairing it or if a new one will be needed.

**7. Update on Repair of Gate Valve at Treatment Plant**

Kinsel informed Hostetler they would repair this next week. Joy would like to know where parts are being ordered from for bill purposes. Hostetler will contact Kinsel.

**8. Update on Constellation Energy Contract**

Hostetler signed a new three- and half-year contract. All contracts are now on the same schedule.

**9. Discuss Pay Rate Increase for Police Officer from \$23.00 to \$25.00 per Hour, Effective December 14, 2025**

The pay increase would apply to all new officers and officer Simmons.

## 10. Discuss Water Rate, Late Fee, and Deposit Increases

Kinzer reported the water and sewer rates will increase by 3%. Garbage will increase by \$0.31. Joy Mahr is going to check on recycling. The deposits/late fee sheet will be effective May 1, 2026.

## 11. Discuss Full Time Public Works Employee Retirement Payment in the Amount of \$2,000.00

Joy Mahr reported in the employee agreement, all full time Public Works employees receive \$2,000.00 after taxes in December for retirement. Brian Efnor is the only full-time employee.

## 12. Discuss Tractor Loader Repairs

Two bolt heads broke off the tractor loader. Mark Balagna welded repairs.

## OTHER

**Christmas Bonuses:** Discussion was had on \$100 bonuses for Village employees.

**Document Disposal:** Paperwork is still being sorted for the application.

**Christmas Decorations:** H&H was hired to install the Christmas decorations along Main Street. There was some damage after the wind storm to a few decorations.

**Treatment Plant:** Hostetler reported the shut-off valve between the clarifier and drying beds needs pumped out. Kinsel can use the vac truck next week during the gate valve repair.

**USDA Grants:** Neely received a response from Mark Slover and Lynn Armstrong. Hostetler to review options.

**David Maxwell Sign:** Neely is to call IDOT regarding confirmation of jurisdiction.

**Kinsel Bills:** Upcoming bills: \$2,010 for 3 curb stops; \$1,614.60 for water main break at the Y; \$2,690.60 for water main break at Washington/Burson; waiting on the bill for the second break at the Y.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports given.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neely Carr  
Village Clerk