

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to order:

Mark Hostetler called the meeting to order at 5:58 P.M.

2. Roll call:

Members Present: Ron Smith, Dave Mahr, Tom Kinzer, Mark Hostetler, Seth Lekies, and Matt Ehens
Also Present: Alex Ewalt, Britt Ewalt, and Jordan Suits for the Elba-Salem Fire Protection District, and Neely Carr

3. Discussion with Elba-Salem Fire Protection District Regarding Tankers Being Filled by Village of Yates City Water System During Fires

Hostetler discussed during a recent fire the Public Works red light and bell came on, which indicates low PSI. It is not confirmed what PSI level sets the light and bell off. The Village Water Tower holds 150,000 gallons (54 PSI). With tower pumps on auto, they put the tower at 110,000 gallons (50PSI). The preferred minimum is 75,000 gallons (47.8PSI). When the tower reaches the 47.8 PSI, one tower pump automatically kicks on, and if needed the second will.

This time of the year, average Village usage is around 50,000 gallons per day. When PSI reaches 42, there is 6,900 gallons left in the bottom 5ft of tower.

It was mentioned the Fire District should be able to haul 25,000 gallons before there is any concern. Jordan Suits informed that during this specific fire, 5 tankers had been filled, meaning 10,000 gallons had been hauled, which were gravity fed fills; the fire truck pumps were not used. The Fire District's Water Command keeps track of number of trucks filled, from what location, etc.

Discussion led to the belief that there is a pressure gauge giving false readings while the trucks are being filled. A reading is taken every 15 minutes, which if at that time a truck is being filled, the low PSI will set off the red light and bell. Once the fill is shut off, the reading corrects/reports the correct PSI. The Board and Fire District agreed during a future fire, to test the PSI gauge with the fire hydrant closed vs open and in conjunction with testing the red warning light and bell. Knox County Dispatch will be updated with phone numbers for the Village, who will then notify the Village when the Fire District receives a call adequate to perform this test.

ADJOURNMENT: Kinzer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Neely Carr
Village Clerk