

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to Order

Hostetler called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: Tom Kinzer, Dave Mahr, Seth Lekies, Matt Ehens, Ron Smith, Vonda Brinker, Mark Hostetler
Also Present: Joy Mahr, Neely Carr, Scott Brunton *Village Attorney*, Molly Copher *Weekly Post*, Kevan Cooper *BCZ*

3. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and pledged to the flag.

4. Citizens to Address the Board

None

5. Approve Agenda

Ehens moved to approve the agenda. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

6. Approve Minutes for January 7th Committee Meeting and January 14th Board Meeting

Ehens moved to approve the January 7th and January 14th Meeting minutes. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

7. Approve Monthly Bills, Payroll and Financial Statements

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

8. Police Report- Chief Record

No report given, Chief Record not present. Hostetler reported the new officer, Ken McMillion, has started.

9. Update on Well/Reservoir Project

Hostetler and Kevan Cooper reported that clean-up, electrical, and bacteria test are still needed for the well. There is a pre-construction meeting for the reservoir project February 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Hall meeting room.

10. Update on Public Works Building Amperage Increase from 200AMP to 320AMP Service

Hostetler reported AMP is in the final stages of the project and are waiting on suitable weather to complete the shingles and Ameren for connection.

11. Update on Shaft and Gear Box Replacement for South Oxidation Ditch Paddle Wheel at the Treatment Plant

Hostetler reported Greg Fulkerson, TEST Inc, is hoping to start install next week.

12. Discuss/Approve MFT Funds in an Amount up to up to \$50,000 for Knox County to Tar/Chip Knox Road 2300, Washington Street and S. Dixon Street

The Board was given a map and estimate of maintenance cost for the projected areas. Total estimated maintenance is \$44,346.14. Kevan Cooper recommended awarding up to \$50,000.00. If there are any remaining materials, they will finish South Dixon up to Route 8 and then will start on South side of South Kellogg.

13. Discuss/Approve Payment to Ace in the Hole in the Amount of \$7,200.00 for 2026 Spray Patching to include 1 Tanker of Oil, 23 tons of Pea Gravel, Hauling, Application, and Labor.

Hostetler reported Ace in the Hole will be hauling the pea gravel this year as well. Consideration of using the new pad at the south lot for storage was discussed. MFT pea gravel would need to be kept separate. Ace in the Hole can start when the Village is ready. Costs will be paid from the Road and Bridge Fund. Smith moved to approve hiring Ace in the Hole in the amount of \$7,200.00 for spray patching, including 1 tanker of oil, 23 tons of pea gravel, along with the hauling, application, and labor. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

14. Discuss/Approve Payment to Kinsel for Sewer Work for Sewer Backup in 300 Block of E Ames on February 2nd and 4th in the Amount of \$1,880.48 for VAC Truck and Jetting, and \$300.00 for Camera Usage

Hostetler reported that hydraulic cement will possibly be used when the concrete bottom of the manhole pit is grinded down to build up a smooth channel. Kinzer moved to approve payments to Kinsel in the amount of \$1,880.48 and \$300.00. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

15. Discuss Police Squad Car Radio Software Updates

No final cost has been received yet.

16. Discuss/Approve Release of Executive Session Minutes

At 6:24 p.m. a motion was made by Kinzer to enter executive session for the discussion of probable or imminent litigation affecting or on behalf of the Village and discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the open meetings act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by the Open Meetings Act. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

At 6:57 p.m. Kinzer moved to end the executive session. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

In open session, roll call was taken. Present: Tom Kinzer, Dave Mahr, Seth Lekies, Ron Smith, Matt Ehens, Vonda Brinker, Mark Hostetler. Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Molly Copher, Scott Brunton

17. Discuss/Approve Granting the Village's Water Forgiveness Policy with No Deviations Applied to the Policy Except for the Homeowner not Isolating and Fixing the Cause of the Water Leak and the Remaining Balance of \$1,131.72 is due to the Village of Yates City

No action

18. Discuss/Approve Consideration of a One-Time Administrative Adjustment to Extend the Due Date of a Specific January 2026 Water Bill Account to March 30, 2026

No action

19. Committee Reports

Streets/Alleys – Smith Knox County will be every other year; it was suggested we use MFT money next year for spray patching.

Sewer – Mahr On the drying beds, with freezing and thawing, a pipe came up and fell out where it exposed the joint and a small amount of sand got in. The pipe was put back with no issues.

20. 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

Kinzer moved to adjourn the meeting. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Neely Carr
Village Clerk