

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 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.

Present: Matt Ehens, Vonda Brinker, Tom Kinzer, Dave Mahr, Mark Hostetler

Also Present: Joy Mahr, Jeremy Martin

Absent: Seth Lekies, Ron Smith, Neely Carr

2. Discuss Possible Overhaul of Electrical System for the Public Works Building. Increase of Amperage from 400amp to 800amp.

Jeremy Martin of Martin Electronic presented the Board with his concerns regarding the Electrical Building's low 200 amperage limit. We are already at our limit and have been throttling back our water pumps already because of this. IF we increase the amperage to 800, we can use full availability of all electrical devices and motors and we will be able to add larger water pumps in the future without any limitations. Jeremy also suggested that we move our Distribution Panel out of the back room where there is water, salt and humidity and move it to one of the truck bins in the building. Jeremy Martin left the meeting at 6:31pm. The Board agrees that we should be proactive in addressing this matter and the sooner, the better.

3. Discuss Brian Efnor Possible \$1/hour Raise Due to Probation Period Ending. Attendance of Chemical Spraying Class in Peoria, February 24th and 25th. Right of Way Training and Test TBA.

The Board unanimously agreed that Brian Efnor is doing a good job as our Water Department employee and see no reason not to give him a raise.

4. Update on Marco Contract.

Mark Hostetler and Joy Mahr had a ZOOM Call with Marco regarding our Marco contract which ends 5/29/2025. A new contract will be created and given to Mark by our next Board Meeting. The new five-year contract will increase from \$254/month to \$274/month. This includes the new printer that was delivered in the summer and ink/support.

5. Update on Purchasing a 72" Skeleton Grapple Bucket for Skid-Steer in the Amount of \$1,639.95. All SkidSteers Inc. Does Not Accept a Check, must have an Account and Purchase Order. Stout Buckets Listing Price for a 62" is \$2,699.00 Including Shipping, Checks Accepted.

Apparently, there was a communication breakdown between Mark Hostetler, Brian Efnor and Joy Mahr regarding this issue. We will now go back to the first plan with purchasing a new grapple bucket from All SkidSteers, Inc. by creating an account with them. Joy will contact them.

6. Update on MFT Tar & Chip.

The map created by Bruner, Cooper, & Zuck was agreed upon by the Board. We also discussed spending \$6,000.00 for spray patching for 2025.

7. Discuss Residents Formerly Not in Compliance of Ordinance 2004-638. Application, Payment, and Required Documents were Received by the Village. Notified Residents now in Compliance.

All residents in the Village are compliant.

8. Discuss Notification Received from Project Construction Manager from Trajectory Energy Partners Concerning New Solar Farm. Project Slated to Begin June 2025.

Mark discussed being in contact with the Project Manager and Mark shared the plans with the Board. WE also discussed the location of the proposed driveway and that we believe a culvert may not be needed as the ground in that area is raised.

9. Discuss Roto-Rooter Expenses for Completed Work on 300 Block of S. Burson.

\$953.75 Bill for the camera work in the sewer line will have to be approved by the Board.

\$1050.00 Bill for the Hydro Jet work on S. Burson and Maple Street will have to be approved by the Board.

10. Discuss Illinois Valley Document Destruction at \$3.00/mile with a Minimum of 70 totes / 300lbs. Distance of 89 Miles Will Total a Minimum of \$267.00. Local Records Disposal Certificate was Last Completed in 2000.

Joy Mahr suspects that we will be over the minimum 70 totes of paper to be shredded and she will clarify what that cost range will be so we can vote next week on this. Mark Hostetler suggested we open the paper shredding service to the people in the Village, but the Board declined that offer.

11. Update on Fence on N. Walter Street.

The bill has been submitted to Tom Kinzer in the amount of \$217.00 and the resident has been reimbursed without the Village filing an insurance claim.

12. Update on Pulley System Pricing for Flagpoles.

Mark will ask Ron Smith to price the requested items as Ron is the person that requested it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Police- Ehens**
- **Finance/Insurance- Kinzer**
- **Streets/Alleys – Smith**
- **Water - Lekies**
- **Sewer – Mahr**
- **Technology/Public Grounds – Brinker**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Hostetler, President
Neely Carr, Village Clerk