

**VILLAGE OF YATES CITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS**

**1. Call to Order**

Kinzer called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

**2. Roll Call**

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

Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Randy Benson, Scott Brunton, and Molly Richeson of *The Weekly Post*

Absent: Seth Lekies and Mark Hostetler

**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 February 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and March 5<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting**

Ehens moved to approve the February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**6. Approve Monthly Bills, Payroll and Financial Statements**

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

**7. Police Report – Chief Randy Benson**

Chief Benson reported the squad car received an oil change/service from Jordan's

**8. Discuss/Update Deadline for Water Surveys**

All but two water surveys have been completed. The residents have been reached out to with the 16<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**9. Discuss/Rescind Illinois Valley Document Destruction at \$3.00/mile with a Minimum of 6 totes. Distance of 89 Miles Will Total a Minimum of \$267.00. Local Records Disposal Certificate was Last Completed in 2000.**

Combined with #10, per Scott Brunton

**10. Discuss/Approve Document Destruction with Confidential Security Corp at \$0.15/lb. at Approximately 200 Large Boxes. Total not to Exceed \$2,000.00. Shredding to be Observed by Village Official.**

Ehens moved to rescind the vote for Illinois Valley Document Destruction and approve document destruction through Confidential Security Corp in a total not to exceed \$2,000.00. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**11. Discuss/Approve Resolution of Temporary Closure of Illinois Route 8 on August 16, 2025 for Harvest Home Festival Parade**

Smith moved to approve temporary closure of Illinois Route 8 for the Harvest Home Festival Parade. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**12. Discuss/Approve Purchase of up to 5 loads of CA6 Gravel for Alleys within the Union/Elizabeth and Market/Main Block from Woodcock Trucking at \$825.00 per 22 Ton Load in an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,125.00**

Ehens moved to approve the purchase of up to 5 loads of gravel for the alleys within the Union/Elizabeth and Market/Main Block at \$825 per 22 ton in an amount not to exceed \$4,125.00. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**13. Discuss/Approve Bid for Water Building Amperage Increase from 200AMP Service TO 800AMP Service from Either AMP Companies, Galesburg, or Quick Electrical Contractors, Fairview**

Bids have not come back. Tabled for next month.

**14. Discuss/Approve Tenancy Agreement with Elba-Salem Park District Concerning Cost of Living Adjustment from \$365.00/month to \$376.00/month**

Ehens moved to approve tenancy agreement cost of living adjustment with Elba-Salem Park District from \$365/mo to \$376/mo. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**15. Discuss Failure of Big Pump Soft Start at Lift Station Determined by Tannock Electrical**

Mahr suggested getting a bid from Quick Electrical and possibly other companies. The Board agreed. Tabled.

**16. Discuss/Approve Tentatively Hosting Dumpster Day on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Ordering of Two Dumpsters and Running Two Weekly Ads in *The Weekly Post* in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,000.00**

The Board was notified that Township agreed to go in on cleanup day. Joy Mahr reported the dumpsters were \$530 each from Quality Roll Off. Ehens moved to approve hosting dumpster day on April 26<sup>th</sup>, ordering of two dumpsters, and running two weekly ads in an amount not to exceed \$1,060.00. Mahr seconded. Roll call unanimous.

**17. Discuss/Approve Ordinance Authorizing Loan Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,700,000.00 Pursuant to the Public Water Supply Loan Program for a New Water Storage Tank for the Village's Water Supply System**

Brunton and Kinzer discussed the amount is a rounded-up amount from Bruner, Cooper, & Zuck. This will be published/have a referendum. Ehens moved to approve an Ordinance authorizing loan agreement with the Illinois EPA in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.000 pursuant to the public water supply loan program for a new water storage tank for the water supply system. Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**18. Discuss/Approve Ordinance Prohibiting Camping, Storage of Personal Property, and Sleeping on Public Property in the Village of Yates City**

Combined with #19

**19. Discuss/Approve Release of Executive Session Minutes from June 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025**

At 6:20 p.m. a motion was made by Kinzer to enter executive session. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. At 6:36 p.m. Smith moved to end the executive session. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. In open session, roll call was taken at 6:37 p.m. Present: Tom Kinzer, Dave Mahr, Matt Ehens, Ron Smith, and Vonda Brinker. Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Randy Benson, Scott Brunton, and Molly Richeson of *The Weekly Post*

**20. Committee Reports**

**Finance/Insurance – Kinzer**

Insurance cards are in.

**Streets/Alleys – Smith & Technology/Public Grounds – Brinker**

Trees at the Library still need attention, contact needs made with the company for clarification and estimated time frame.

**Sewer- Mahr**

Water hook-up, Sewer hook-up, and water account have been paid, but the culvert installation has not as of today. Lock box is still in place. Inspection has not been completed by Village employees.

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

No other business discussed

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mahr moved to adjourn the meeting. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neely Carr  
Village Clerk