

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Mark Hostetler

Also Present: Joy Mahr, Neely Carr

Jim Record entered at 6:05pm

3. Update on Well/Reservoir Project

Lekies reported we were waiting for Albrecht to remove the remaining gravel.

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

Lekies reported all went well.

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

Mahr reported no work has been done yet

6. Discuss Police Squad Car Radio Software Updates

Ehens reported upgrade quotes that included portable and mobile options ranging from \$3,700.00 to \$7,975.00.

7. Update on Water Bill for Resident in 600 Block of South Burson

Lekies reported we have not heard anything from the resident. Joy Mahr reported she sent him a letter regarding the forgiveness policy and has also had no response.

8. Update/Discuss Water Shut-Off Valve Isolation Project

Lekies reported 9 isolation valves should be purchased. Kinsel is working on a quote, but it is estimated around \$11,000.00. The replacement of these valves will isolate the South side of town from the North side, as well as the South side of town being split down Union. Shut-off for the whole town will be needed, Hostetler spoke with the Deli to try and coordinate a best time to do this.

9. Discuss Resolution of Temporary Closure of Illinois Route 8 on August 22, 2026 for Harvest Home Festival Parade

Smith reported that Neely Carr prepared the resolution. Each Trustee was given a copy. Route 8 will be closed from 10:30 am to Noon on August 22nd.

10. Discuss Spring Dumpster Possible Date of April 18, 2026 with Salem Township

Brinker reported Chris Bewley of Salem Township scheduled a date of Saturday, April 18th, 2026, and secured two dumpsters with Quality Roll-Off, while ordering the dumpster for Harvest Home. The Village can accept this date or it can be changed. It was discussed that the Village will be responsible for Spring and the Township will handle Fall. Both dumpsters will be dropped off at 7:00am and picked up at 1:00pm.

11. Discuss Purchase/Hauling of Sand for the Sand Filters at the Treatment Plant

Mahr reported they are working on determining the grade of sand and where to purchase it.

12. Discuss 3-Year Service for Water Softener Heads in Public Works Building

Lekies reported the heads of the water softeners need service. This needs done every 3 years. EcoWater from Urbana installed them brand new in July of 2023 and gave us a quote of \$7,414.82 to complete the service.

13. Discuss Inoperative Main Flow Meter Control Board at Public Works Building

Lekies reported the flow meter control board was damaged due to power surges. Jordan Suits ordered a display kit for \$233.00. If that does not fix the issue, then a motherboard for \$998.44 will need to be purchased.

14. Discuss Public Works Building Generac not Achieving Automatic Turn-On

Lekies reported the Generac automatic turn-on was not working but the manual switch works. They are unsure if it is due to power surges or not. Mid-West Equipment serviced it in the fall of 2025 and replaced the battery. Brian Efnor called to make a service call and should be here next week.

15. Discuss Maintenance Agreement with Elba-Salem Park District Concerning Cost of Living Adjustment

Kinzer reported the new amount would be \$385.00 a month. Up from \$376.00.

16. Discuss Farmington Trap Shooting Team Sponsorship in an Amount not to Exceed \$500.00

Kinzer reported Hostetler reached out to Sargent Steck and Officer Rice letting them know the Board would love to have a short presentation and that Jayla Lekies would love to do it. They were invited to come to the meeting tonight. There has been no acknowledgement/response.

17. Discuss Kinsel's Request for use of Treatment Plant for Residential Septic Tank Disposal

Mahr reported Kinsel reached out to Hostetler about the possibility of depositing residential septic tank sludge into the Village's lagoon. Greg from TEST advised the treatment plant could handle 1,000 gallons a day contingent upon both oxidation ditches being fully operable. Kinsel also reached out to Farmington and Maquon, which indicated a rate of \$0.26/gallon for disposal. Utilizing Yates City would reduce transportation cost for Kinsel. Discussion was held regarding current plant operations without accepting septic waste, potential impacts if accepted, and the limitation of handling 1,000 gallons per day in comparison to Kinsel's plan to purchase a truck with 3,000 gallons capacity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Kinzer reported Hostetler updated the Committees, switching Ron Smith from Finance/Insurance to Police and Seth Lekies from Police to Finance/Insurance
- Lekies reported Brian Efnor turned on the water at the old library with no issues.
- Joy Mahr reported she received a notice from the Gaming Board that we were overpaid due to an accounting system error. A total of \$487.09 will all come off in one payment.
- Brinker reported she reached out to Jeremy Martin about the solar light on the flag pole not operating correctly. He will come and take a look. She also reported that 4 flags were ordered; 1 Illinois, 1 US, and 2 250th year celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm