

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Hostetler

2. Roll Call

Present: Matt Ehens, Tom Kinzer, Dave Mahr, Ron Smith, Seth Lekies, Mark Hostetler

Also Present: Joy Mahr, Neely Carr, Jayla Lekies

Absent: Vonda Brinker

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Trustee Kinzer: Finance/Insurance

(a) Update on Insurance Claim for Power Surge Damages

Everything has been sent in, no response yet

(b) Update on SLFRF Funding/Account Closure

EPA approved using the same checking account for the Reservoir Project from the Well Project

(c) Discuss Donation for Farmington Trap Shooting Team

Jayla Lekis was present on behalf of the Trap Team. We were informed over the last year the team has grown significantly. The donation would be used to purchase shells, clay targets, safety equipment including eye, ear, and vest. Discussion was had on a \$250.00 donation.

(d) Discuss Salary for Trustees for Committee Meetings in the Amount of \$75.00 per Meeting Effective May 1, 2027

(e) Discuss Salary for Village Trustees for Board Meetings in the Amount of \$75.00 per Meeting Effective May 1, 2027

(f) Discuss Salary for Village Trustees for Special Board Meetings in the Amount of \$75.00 per Meeting Effective May 1, 2027

(g) Discuss Salary for Village President in the Amount of \$6,000.00 per Year Effective May 1, 2029

Discussion was held for topics D, E, F, and G. This will need to be voted on by the October meeting. It is only effective for new electees in 2027. Board will discuss and review finances with the new fiscal year approaching.

B. Trustee Lekies: Water

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Well/Reservoir Projects

No update

(b) Update on Water Shut-Off Valve Isolation Project

Bids have been received from Schulte and Kinsel

(c) Discuss Chris Ebert Company Invoice

\$27,816.39 has been turned in to insurance

(d) Update on 3-Year Service for Water Softener Heads in Public Works Building from EcoWater Systems

No update.

(e) Update on GENERAC Service

The battery was replaced in November 2025, it needed replaced again. Bill is \$219.95

(f) Discuss TEST Overtime Bill

Bill was turned into insurance. \$1,800.00

C. Trustee Mahr: Sewer

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Purchase/Hauling of Sand for the Sand Filters at the Treatment Plant

Mahr reported the beds need cleaned out before determining how much sand is needed.

(b) Update on Shaft and Gear Box Replacement for South Oxidation Ditch Paddle Wheel at the Treatment Plant

No work has been done. There is an April 7th deadline for TEST to have this completed. GA Rich is to come after completion.

D. Trustee Ehens: Police

(1) Reports:

(a) Discuss Purchase of Police Radio Software Updates in an Amount not to Exceed \$8,755.58

Bid is good until May 17th and then the price will go up due to current sale. Knox County may be switching over in June; encryption will not be optional.

(b) Discuss Dirt Bike Issues on South Marietta & Fulton Streets

Police Department is made aware of complaints and is handling it.

(c) Discuss Tornado Siren Procedures

Chief Benson used to test the siren on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 10:00am, Bruce Brinker has been doing this since Chief Benson retired. Members of the Board will be meeting Britt Ewalt to discuss the Fire Departments involvement during bad weather.

E. Trustee Smith: Streets/Alleys

(1) Reports:

(a) Discuss Village Sign & Stand Replacement due to Damage on N Union/Knox Highway 18

A boil order sign and stand were damaged by a semi-truck and trailer. Replacement from EconoSigns is \$326.61 including shipping

(b) Update on Requested Culvert at 403 South Union

A 20ft and 7ft culvert will be needed at the cost of \$380.00

(c) Discuss Hanging Street Light on Corner of N Burson/E Ames Street

Ameren has removed it and a replacement has not been put back up

(d) Discuss 1-Ton Chevy Battery not being Charged

Public Works was informed to get it fixed

F. Trustee Brinker: Technology/Public Grounds

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Document Destruction with Confidential Security Corp

Joy Mahr is still working on documents in the library.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm