

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to Order

Hostetler called the meeting to order at 6:06pm

2. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Scott Brunton Village Attorney

@6:11pm Chief Jim Record entered the meeting

3. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and pledged the flag.

4. Citizens to Address the Board / Public Comment

No citizens present

5. Approve Minutes for March 11, 2026 Village Board Meeting and for March 4, 2026 Committee Meeting

Ehens moved to approve the minutes for the March 11th Board meeting and March 4th Committee meeting.

Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

6. Approve Monthly Bills, Payroll and Financial Statements

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

7. Police Report- Chief Record

Chief Record reported it was a light month. Including but not limited to six traffic stops, a dog bite complaint, a dog at large with animal control involved, and dirt bike complaints.

8. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

A. Discuss Update on Tornado Siren Procedures

Knox County has been contacted to see about emergency services. Western IL Region Counsel Jared Dexter is looking into a grant for a tornado siren.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Trustee Kinzer: Finance/Insurance

(1) Reports:

(a) Discuss Update on Insurance Claim for Power Surge Damages

An adjuster has been assigned.

(2) Action Items:

(a) Approve Farmington Trap Shooting Team Sponsorship in the Amount of \$250.00

On bill sheet, already approved.

B. Trustee Lekies: Water

(1) Reports:

(a) Discuss Update on Well/Reservoir Projects

Bleed off valve for well project is complete

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

No update

*Other: Lekies reported the parts are on order for the water softeners and are expected April 27th.

(2) Action Items:

- (a) Approve the Purchase of Nine (9) Isolation Valves and Associated Materials from Schulte Supply, INC. in an Amount not to Exceed \$16,000.00**

Tabled

- (b) Approve the Hiring of Excavation/Installation Services for Isolation Valves by Kinsel Trucking & Excavating, LLC, in an Amount not to Exceed \$11,500.00**

Tabled

- (c) Approve Change of Order for Reservoir Project for Moving Electrical Panels to the Car Bay Area at Public Works Building**

Change order with Quick Electric includes combining panels into one panel with extra room for growth and moving it to the car bay. The Generac panel will not be moved. Cost is \$25,830. Kinzer moved to approve the change order for reservoir project for moving electrical panels to the car bay area at the Public Works building. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

C. Trustee Mahr: Sewer

(1) Reports:

- (a) Discuss Update on Shaft and Gear Box Replacement for South Oxidation Ditch Paddle Wheel at the Treatment Plan**

Not fixed by the April 7th deadline. TEST said 2 weeks.

D. Trustee Smith: Streets/Alleys

(1) Reports:

- (a) Discuss Hanging Street Light on Corner of N Burson/E Ames Street**

Ameren ordered a mast and we are waiting on install.

E. Trustee Brinker: Technology/Public Grounds

(1) Reports:

- (a) Discuss Update on Flag Pole Solar Light at Gazebo Park**

Shiloh from Farmington is bringing over the bucket truck tomorrow to look at the pulley system. Jeremy Martin completed hard wiring the light last month.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Matt Ehens informed the Board that the padlock on the old jail was unlocked, he will relock it.

At 6:26 p.m. a motion was made by Kinzer to enter executive session to discuss probable or imminent litigation affecting or on behalf of the Village. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

At 6:41 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, Scott Brunton Village Attorney, Chief Jim Record, Lori Springer

Lori Springer was present to discuss water shut-off due to a water bill reflecting high usage at her property. Springer requested the Forgiveness Policy of \$500.00 and requested a payment plan of an extra \$250.00 a month until paid off. Shut off is scheduled for Monday, April 13th. The Board informed her we do not accept payment arrangements and informed her of the Salem Township hardship program and suggested she contact them.

At 6:57 p.m. a motion was made by Lekies to enter executive session to discuss probable or imminent litigation affecting or on behalf of the Village. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

At 7:02 p.m. Lekies moved to end the executive session. Smith 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, Scott Brunton Village Attorney, Chief Jim Record

ADJOURNMENT

Smith moved to adjourn. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Neely Carr
Village Clerk