

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to Order

Hostetler called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

2. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Chief Jim Record, Scott Brunton Village Attorney, Molly Copher *Weekly Post*

Absent: Tom Kinzer

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 April 8th, 2026 Village Board Meeting and for April 1st, 2026 Committee Meeting

Lekies moved to approve the minutes for the April 8th Board meeting and April 1st Committee meeting. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

6. Approve Monthly Bills, Payroll and Financial Statements

Smith moved to approve moving \$10,000 from Road & Bridge Savings to Road & Bridge Checking. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

Lekies moved to approve paying monthly bills, payroll, and financial statements. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

7. Police Report- Chief Record

Chief Record reported there were 2 traffic stops, 3 reports which had involved sexual harassment cases that involved other agencies, and dog bites/loose dogs. Chief Record noted that during the dog incidents, not one message was left on the Departments answering machine.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Trustee Kinzer: Finance/Insurance

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Insurance Claim for Power Surge Damages

No update

(b) Discuss New Appropriations Ordinance for Period 5/1/26 through 4/30/27 due by July 31, 2026

Amounts need to be changed and reviewed.

(2) Action Items:

(a) Approve Pay Rate Increase for Public Works Employee, Brian Efnor, in the Amount of \$1.00 per Hour, Effective May 17, 2026

Smith moved to approve a pay rate increase for Brian Efnor in the amount of \$1.00 per hour effective May 17th, 2026. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

(b) Approve Pay Rate Increase for Police Officers from \$25.00 to \$28.00 per Hour, Effective May 17, 2026

Chief Record noted this was the same pay rate as Fairview. Smith moved the approve the pay rate increase for officers from \$25.00 to \$28.00 per hour, effective May 17, 2026. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

(c) Approve Pay Rate Increase for Police Chief from \$27.00 to \$30.00 per Hour, Effective May 17, 2026

Ehens moved to approve the pay rate increase for Police Chief from \$27.00 to \$30.00 per hour, effective May 17, 2026. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

B. Trustee Lekies: Water

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Well/Reservoir Projects

Lekies reported the building is almost complete.

(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

Kinsel will install. Discussion was had on the quote being expired or not. Oscar confirmed it was still good and Schulte's bid was not expired until the "middle or end" of May. Lekies moved to approve the purchase of nine isolation valves and associated materials from Schulte Supply, INC in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Ehens: Nay

Trustee Brinker: Aye

Trustee Mahr: Nay

Trustee Smith: Aye

Trustee Lekies: Aye

Motion carried 3-2

(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

Lekies moved to approve hiring of excavation/installation services for the isolation valves by Kinsel In an amount not to exceed \$11,500.00. Smith seconded. Roll call vote:

Trustee Ehens: Nay

Trustee Brinker: Aye

Trustee Mahr: Nay

Trustee Smith: Aye

Trustee Lekies: Aye

Motion carried 3-2

C. Trustee Mahr: Sewer

(1) Reports:

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

GA Rich came and inspected the cage wheel; the information will be sent to an engineer. There are different opinions between TEST, GA Rich, and the Village. The main shop to order from is in Iowa, we have not received a bid from them yet.

D. Trustee Ehens: Police

(1) Action Items:

(a) Approve Purchase of Portable Police Radio and Upgrade of Current Portable in an Amount not to Exceed \$8,755.58

Ehens moved to approve the purchase of a portable police radio and the upgrade of the current portable in an amount not to exceed \$8,755.58. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

(b) Approve Hiring Byron Glover as Police Officer

Chief Record reported that Byron currently works for the Peoria Park District and lives in Elmwood. He has previously worked for the Farmington Police Department and Knox County. Ehens moved to approve the hiring of Byron Glover as Police Officer. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

E. Trustee Smith: Streets/Alleys

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Hanging Street Light on Corner of N Burson/E Ames Street

Smith reported a new bracket and street arm mast has been installed.

(2) Action Items:

(a) Approve Agreement for a Resident to Reimburse the Village for One-Half of the Replacement Cost of the Damaged Sign & Stand on N Union/Knox Highway 18 in the Amount of \$163.51

Smith moved to approve charging the resident to reimburse the Village for one-half the replacement cost in the amount of \$163.51. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

9. VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

(1) Reports:

(a) Discuss Lawsuit in Regards to FOIA Request

At 6:35p.m. a motion was made by Smith 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 7:06p.m. Smith moved to end the executive session. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

In open session, roll call was taken. Present: Matt Ehens, Vonda Brinker, Dave Mahr, Ron Smith, Seth Lekies, Mark Hostetler, Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Chief Jim Record, Scott Brunton Village Attorney,

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was had on paying for recertification of Ken Vallas to be a back up chemical sprayer for us.

ADJOURNMENT

Smith moved to adjourn. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Neely Carr

Village Clerk