

**VILLAGE OF YATES CITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS**

**1. Call to Order**

Tom Kinzer called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Tom Kinzer, Dave Mahr, Seth Lekies, Matt Ehens, Ron Smith, and Vonda Brinker  
Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Scott Brunton and Aaron of *Miller, Hall, & Triggs LLC*

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

All present stood and pledged to the flag

**4. Ron Smith, Matt Ehens, Tom Kinzer, and Vonda Brinker Sworn in as Trustees**

Neely Carr, Village Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Trustees, Ron Smith, Matt Ehens, Tom Kinzer, and Vonda Brinker

**5. Citizens to Address the Board**

No Citizens present

**6. Approve Minutes for April 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and May 7<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting**

Brinker moved to approve the April 9<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> minutes. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

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

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

**8. Police Report**

A print out report was given to Board from Chief Benson (absent)

**9. Discuss/Approve New 4-year Constellation Contract for Electrical Supply in the Amount of \$ 0.10299/kwh**

Ehens moved to approve a new 4-year contract with Constellation for electrical supply in the amount of \$0.10299/kwh. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**10. Discuss/Approve MFT Approval of \$15,000.00 for Gravel on Alleys**

Ehens moved to approve using approved MFT funds in an amount up to \$15,000.00 for gravel on alleys. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

#### **11. Discuss/Approve Hiring Seasonal Public Works Employee**

Ehens moved to approve hiring Abby Cash as a seasonal Public Works employee in the amount of \$15.00/hour. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Abby will need to fill out tax forms. She finishes school on Friday and can begin working.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **12. Discuss/Approve Hiring Blankenship Custom Remodeling for Concrete at Town Park in the Amount of \$1,200.00**

Brinker moved to approve hiring Blankenship Custom Remodeling for concrete work at Town Park in the amount of \$1,200.00. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

#### **13. Discuss/Approve Purchase of Picnic Table from Kirby Built in the Amount of \$1,199.00 with Shipping Amount of \$279.37 for Total Amount of \$1,478.37**

Ehens moved to approve purchasing a picnic table from Kirby Built in the amount of \$1,478.37. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. The quote is good through today at midnight, Brinker will e-mail the company.

#### **14. Discuss/Approve Road Closure/Barricades on Market & Union Street for St. Jude Fundraiser Event in June 2025**

St. Jude event is June 14<sup>th</sup>. Ehens moved to approve a road closure/barricade on Market and Union Street for the St. Jude fundraiser event. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

#### **15. Discuss/Approve Donation to Elmwood/Yates City/Farmington Fireworks Committee in the Amount of \$500.00**

Ehens moved to approve a donation to the Elmwood/Yates City/Farmington Fireworks committee in the amount of \$500.00. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

#### **16. Discuss/Approve Police Department Pay Raises in the Amount of \$1.00/hour**

Ehens moved to approve pay raises in the amount of \$1.00/hour for the Police Department. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Raised wages will begin next pay period, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **17. Discuss/Approve Hiring Blankenship Custom Remodeling for Soffit Repair at Public Works Building in the Amount of \$450.00**

Smith moved to approve hiring Blankenship Custom Remodeling for soffit repair at the Public Works building in the amount of \$450.00. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **18. Committee Reports**

**Water:** They have reached the depth of the well to start putting casing in. They will grout the casing which will have at least a 3-day curing period before they begin drilling the remaining uncased portion of the well. After curing, there will be test pumping at 240 gallons per minute for no longer than 24 hours. The Board has concern if the sewer line is heavy enough to handle the pressure and recommended Albrecht or the engineer come to the next meeting. Discussion was had on possibly having the water trucked to the north lagoon, or using the storm sewage on Route 8.

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

The Board will have a Special Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for the swearing in of Village President, Mark Hostetler, and appointments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ehens moved to adjourn the meeting. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neely Carr  
Village Clerk