

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Hostetler

2. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Joy Mahr, Neely Carr

Absent: Seth Lekies

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Trustee Kinzer: Finance/Insurance

(a) Update on Insurance Claim for Power Surge Damages

Adjuster was here yesterday, May 5th, waiting to hear back

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

Will have numbers next month. Discussion was had on any new projects that would need listed.

(c) Discuss Increase of Wages for Employees, Police, and Officials

Discussion was had on raising Brian Efnor to \$22.00 per hour, Bruce Brinker to \$21.00 per hour.

\$1.00 per hour raises budget approximately \$2,000.00 per year. Wage for officials need to be voted on by November 1st. Wages discussed would raise budget approximately \$11,000.00 per year.

B. Trustee Lekies: Water

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Well/Reservoir Projects

Color for reservoir and building need to be decided on. Two colors can be chosen. The reservoir will be approximately 30ft tall, the dome on top is approximately 6ft. Discussion was had on the bottom being tank white and the dome being fountain bleu. The building will be vinyl white siding.

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

Hostetler believes quotes expire this month

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

EcoWater has not been out, Jordan Suits has contacted them and the man is on vacation.

(d) Update on Sewer Work for Sewer Backup in 300 Block of E Ames from Kinsel in the Amount of \$4,788.00

Kinsel completed grinding and adding hydraulic cement to build up the channels on each side of the manhole pit.

(e) Discuss Chlorination Nozzle Replacement from Haulkins Water Treatment Group in the Amount of \$429.49

The nozzle corroded and needed replaced.

C. Trustee Mahr: Sewer

(1) Reports:

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

Mahr reported the filters are still muddy and need dried out to remove the sludge

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

The new shafts were installed today. They need to pump water from the oxidation ditch so they can work in it. The paddles on the cage wheel are corroded and worn down in some spots. Mahr believes this makes it unbalanced and not working as efficient as it could. Pictures provided

(c) Discuss Storm Water Overflow and Sewer Storage Overflow at Lift Station

A pipe to the lagoon was plugged on one end, it was cleaned/jetted out and everything is working properly now.

*Other: Pump 3 at the lift station is making a noise, on May 17th it is to be inspected to make sure it is operating properly.

D. Trustee Ehens: Police

(1) Reports:

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

The department would like to move forward with 2 portables and look into the car radio at a later time.

*Other: The church would like to fix the food pantry box located across from the library.

E. Trustee Smith: Streets/Alleys

(1) Reports:

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

No update

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

This has been ordered. Discussion was had to charge the resident half. Total bill \$327.01

(c) Discuss CA6 Purchase and Delivery from Woodcock in the Amount of \$556.50

15 tons were delivered. This will be used for various projects around the Village

(d) Update on Spray Patching from Ace in the Hole

This was completed Monday, May 4th. Everything went well.

F. Trustee Brinker: Technology/Public Grounds

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Flag Pole Lights at Gazebo Park

The light is changed but some adjusting needs done.

(b) Discuss Technical Assistance Contract for 1 year with Marco in the Amount of \$16.71

Marco is separating this into a separate contract. The technical assistance amount will be taken off the monthly fee.

(c) Update on Dumpster Days

\$565.00 was the final cost per dumpster. Next time we need to note that boxes need broke down.

G. Village President: Other

(1) Reports:

(a) Discuss Lawsuit in Regards to FOIA Request

Discussion was held regarding pending litigation involving a FOIA request. The Village complied with the request. Attorney Scott Brunton is reviewing the matter, which also involves other entities. Additional discussion and updates will be provided at next week's Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm

Respectfully submitted,
Neely Carr
Village Clerk