

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Hostettler

2. Roll Call

Present: Matt Ehens, Tom Kinzer, Seth Lekies, Vonda Brinker

Also Present: Joy Mahr, Neely Carr, Jordan Suits, Jim Record

Via Phone: Mark Hostettler

Absent: Ron Smith, Dave Mahr

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Trustee Kinzer: Finance/Insurance

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Insurance Claim for Power Surge Damages

Claim was approved. Total approved claim amount was \$27,333.64, less the deductible.

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

Discussion included increasing the Police clothing appropriation from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. The proposed ordinance will be updated to reflect the change.

(c) Discuss Donating to Fireworks Committee

Discussion was held on prior donation amounts. \$500.00 was suggested for this year.

B. Trustee Lekies: Water

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Well/Reservoir Projects

No update

(b) Discuss Reservoir Project Change Order #2 (VFDs for High Service Pumps)

\$9,701.11 for VFD valve replacement. These were not included in the original plans.

(c) Discuss Reservoir Project Change Order #3 (Two Valves replaced to bypass Water Tower)

The Board reviewed the change order amount of \$17,848.22 and discussed an alternative quote from Kinsel in the amount of \$10,400.00. Discussion was held on waiting to proceed with the change order and instead hiring Kinsel to complete the work. Kevan Cooper and Leander indicated they were comfortable with Kinsel performing the work.

(d) Discuss Reservoir (or Well) Change Order request to build a security fence around new well and associated electrical panel.

Waiting to finalize contingency amount from the well project.

(e) Update on Isolation Valve Project

Hoping to complete in July and August.

(f) Update on EcoWater Refurbishing Water Softeners

June 4th they have an appointment to come and work on these.

(g) Fire Hydrant Flushing scheduled 6/15/26 with Kinsel

We will run an AD in the Weekly Post and submit a post on Facebook.

C. Trustee Mahr: Sewer

(1) Reports:

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

Discussion was held regarding the condition of the paddle wheel blades, with differing opinions expressed as whether replacement is necessary at this time. Lakeside will provide a quote. The Board also discussed reinstalling the paddle wheel as is and considering blade replacement at a later date.

(b) Discuss Sand for Treatment Plant Sand Filters

Based on calculated dimensions of 125' x 100' x 13", approximately 675 tons of FA4 sand will be required. The sludge has been removed and it was recommended that the surface be tilled approximately 2" prior to adding the new sand. John Woodcock will provide a quote for hauling the sand.

(c) Discuss repair of Large 50 H.P. Pump at Lift performed by Gasvoda Group for \$3432.80

This repair has been completed

(d) Discuss root removal and jetting of Lift-Station overflow pipe (old sewer line) at the Lagoon by Kinsel for \$425.00

This repair has been completed

D. Trustee Ehens: Police

(1) Reports:

Discussion was held regarding hiring two new officers, Jeremiah Ulm and Chris Darsham, both from Farmington. The computer in the squad car cannot be upgraded from Windows 7 to Windows 11. A replacement computer will be needed.

E. Trustee Smith: Streets/Alleys

(1) Reports:

(a) Discuss purchasing outdoor garbage cans for Post Office and other areas

Discussion on possible purchase of additional outdoor garbage receptacles. There are currently two being stored at the public works building and village shed that were previously used. Concerns regarding unauthorized household disposal and whether public works would be able to consistently maintain and empty them were discussed.

F. Trustee Brinker: Technology/Public Grounds

(1) Reports:

None

G. Village President: Other

(1) Reports:

Discussion was held on a property matter in the Daley Subdivision. The Village is reviewing applicable ordinances, permit requirements, and zoning requirements with Knox County. The Board will continue looking into the matter as more information becomes available.

Update on the FOIA lawsuit- not dismissed yet.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm

Respectfully submitted,
Neely Carr
Village Clerk