

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by President Hostetler.

2. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Trustee Kinzer: Finance/Insurance

(1) Reports:

(a) Discuss Insurance Renewal

Updates to the policy included removing the old reservoir and adding the well and new reservoir. Once the Village receives the new police radios, serial numbers will be needed to get them added.

B. Trustee Lekies: Water

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Well/Reservoir Projects

They are almost done with welding the top portion, should be finished within a couple days. We are still waiting on parts for the motor.

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

Discussed potential fencing materials including wrought iron and composite. Consideration of a double gate on the east side. Measurements would be 18' x 18'.

(c) Update on Isolation Valve Project

Dates are scheduled and the AD has been sent to the newspaper.

(d) Update on Isolation Valves and Pipe Replacement at Public Works

The Monday and Tuesday dates, July 27-28, on the schedule

(e) Discuss Kinsel Invoice for Lift Station Labor in the Amount of \$800.00

This was actually an invoice for TEST for watching the lift station during heavy rain

(f) Discuss Hiring Kinsel to Replace Shut-Off Valve at 108 E. Bishop Street

The valve was vac'd out but has not been replaced. Correction for address to 110 E Bishop Street.

OTHER:

-Hydrant flushing bill in the amount of \$2,472.00

-Approximately 5:00pm on there was a water main break between N. Marietta and N. Bishop Street

-Water Tower needs inspected. Should be done every 5 or 10 years, waiting on confirmation, but the last inspection was done in 2014. Mitco Diving and Marine Services will provide a quote by next week. James Orr Inspection LLC from Madison, WI can do a submarine drone inspection in the amount of \$4,000.00

C. Trustee Mahr: Sewer

(1) Reports:

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

Mike Largent was given one blade to determine if replacement blades could be fabricated. We have not received a response yet. Discussion also included the possibility of applying a protective coating, similar to a bedliner coating, to the blades.

(b) Discuss Sand for Treatment Plant Sand Filters

There is fill sand underneath the FA4 sand. Discussion was had on replacing only one filter bed at this time by removing the existing materials and refilling the bed entirely with FA4 sand to see how it does.

(c) Discuss Reimbursement Request for Plumbing Issues in 200 block of N Kellogg

Correction to address, 300 block of N Kellogg. Discussed the resident's reimbursement request and timeline of sewer maintenance performed by the Village. The Board reviewed invoices and reports from Mr. Rooter and Roto-Rooter.

D. Trustee Ehens: Police

(1) Reports:

None

E. Trustee Smith: Streets/Alleys

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Tar & Chip

August 10th is scheduled for seal coating to begin

F. Trustee Brinker: Technology/Public Grounds

(1) Reports:

None

G. Village President: Other

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on FOIA Lawsuit

No significant update on the case. Discussion included additional FOIA requests received regarding our website and emails. An extension of time was filed

(b) Update on Williams Street

Section 6 of Village Ordinance 2007-660 authorizes the Board, after a public hearing, to issue a special permit for the placement of a trailer/mobile home and/or modular home on the property. A public hearing was scheduled for July 22, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Yates City Community Center

(c) Discuss Hiring New Public Works Employee

Bruce Brinker has resigned. There has been an AD placed in the Weekly Post and on the Village's Facebook page.

OTHER:

-Hostetler informed the Board of a Mid-Century FRS Community Grant. The program offers grants ranging from \$250.00-\$5,000.00. Applications are due by September 1, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Neely Carr
Village Clerk