

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to Order

Mark Hostetler called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

2. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Molly Richeson from Weekly Post, Scott Brunton Village Attorney

Absent: Dave Mahr

3. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and pledged to the flag

4. Citizens to Address the Board

No citizens

5. Approve Minutes for June 11th Board Meeting, June 27th Special Board Meeting, and July 2nd Committee Meeting

Ehens moved to approve the Minutes for June 11th Board Meeting, June 27th Special Board Meeting, and July 2nd Committee Meeting. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

6. Approve Monthly Bills, Payroll and Financial Statements

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

7. Police Report – Chief Randy Benson

Mid-year report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

8. Update on Installation of a Replacement Bearing on the South Oxidation Ditch Paddle Wheel at the Treatment Plant

Bruce is in contact with Greg, replacement should be completed next week.

9. Update on Concrete Slab to be Poured for the Picnic Table Next to the Gazebo

Brinker reported she spoke with Nathan and he said approximately 2 weeks. Mahr reported the water spicket under the gazebo works and there is a hose there he can use.

10. Update Intergovernmental Agreement with Elba-Salem Park District

The Elba-Salem Park District has a meeting on July 14th.

11. Update on Water Building Amperage Increase from 200AMP Service to 320AMP Service and Moving Electric Boxes to the Car Port Area

We are still waiting on Ameren still.

12. Update on Graveling the Alleys from MFT Funds

We received an approval letter from IDOT on July 2nd that shows it was approved on May 20th. Woodcock says he will be available next week after the flushing of the well to begin.

NEW BUSINESS:

13. Discuss/Approve New Appropriations Ordinance for Period 5/1/25 through 4/30/26 due by July 31, 2025

Kinzer moved to approve the new appropriations ordinance for period 5/1/2025 through 4/30/2026. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

14. Discuss/Approve Agreement with Brian Efnor for Use of Personal 4-wheeler with Monthly Payment (including pro-rated from June 2025) of \$200.00/month.

Smith moved to approve an agreement with Brian Efnor for use of his personal 4-wheeler for Public Works with a payment of \$200.00 for the month of July and prorated amount of \$100.00 for the month of June. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

15. Discuss/ Approve Purchasing New 4-wheeler/Side-by-Side for Village Use

Tabled for next board meeting on August 13, 2025. Awaiting information/bids from the Public Works employees.

16. Discuss/Approve Renewing of Contract with Central Illinois Pest Control in the amount of \$612.00/year for Termite Control for Village's White Shed

Kinzer moved to approve renewing of contract with Central Illinois Pest Control in the amount of \$612.00/year for termite control for the Village's white shed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

17. Committee Reports

Finance– Kinzer

Renewal on bond for the President, Clerk, and Treasurer went up to \$180,000.00 from \$50,000.00

Streets/Alleys – Smith

Smith is still concerned about 2300 having potholes filled in. Hostetler mentioned in the Spring we are still looking at gravel then spray patching from MFT.

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

1. Hostetler reported the well flushing is complete. It took approximately 6 hours. Water lab results will be back tomorrow. If everything from the lab results looks good, then the hose will be removed on Friday. The new well pump will need placed and pumped at approximately 120gpm. Discharge will be through the sewer.

2. Hostetler reported a Solar company, Cenergy, has reached out and is interested in partnering with the Village to co-develop 10–30-acre community solar projects as part of the state IL Shines Program. The benefit to the Village would be a donation from us of \$100,000 - \$300,000+ per project. The Village and residents would also have the first option of receiving energy credits from projects to save 12-20% on electricity. Brunton informed us to ask questions such as a decommissioning contract to remove equipment and put the land back to normal, annexing the property used for Village control instead of County, and leasing from the land-owner. Hostetler will move forward with gathering more information.
3. Brunton informed the Board a resident of the 400 block of West Main Street still owes \$2,800.00 in fines for ordinance violations and is to appear in court tomorrow. Update to follow.

ADJOURNMENT Brinker moved to adjourn the meeting. Ehens seconded. Roll call unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Neely Carr
Village Clerk