

**VILLAGE OF YATES CITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS**

**1. Call to Order**

Hostetler called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

**2. Roll Call**

Tom Kinzer, Dave Mahr, Seth Lekies, Ron Smith, Vonda Brinker, Mark Hostetler

Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Randy Benson, Molly Richeson from *The Weely Post*, Joe Hitchcock, Seth Bales, Kristen Bales

Absent: Matt Ehens

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

All present stood and pledged to the flag

**4. Citizens to Address the Board**

Seth and Kristen Bales attended the meeting in regards to the alley behind their residence, line item #12. They would like to make a tree line, but were concerned of placement for future purposes. The Village informed them the flags they placed where they believe the center of the alley is, based off their own measurements from Maple Street, is a good marker to go off. They were informed the trees need to be planted 15 feet from those flags with additional spacing for growth room. Recently there is issues with another resident on a dirt bike riding in the alley and confrontation between the families. Bales was informed by Chief Benson to make a report when it happens so it is on record.

**5. Approve Minutes for July 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, and August 6<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting**

Smith moved to approve the Board Minutes from July 9<sup>th</sup> and Committee Minutes from August 6<sup>th</sup>. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

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

Kinzer moved to approve transferring of \$2,500.00 from MFT Savings to MFT Checking. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

Joy Mahr added a bill to the list, ILEAS for yearly dues for the Police Department, in the amount of \$60.00. Kinzer moved to approve monthly bills, payroll, and financial statements including the new bill. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**7. Police Report – Chief Randy Benson**

Chief Benson reported they are all set for the Harvest Home Festival. The Public Works guys are going to assist with barricading the road on the West end of town during the parade. The squad car also needed a new microphone; he has not received the bill. Police report was shared with the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**8. Discuss/Approve Purchase of UTV for Water Department in an Amount not to Exceed \$16,000.00**

Lekies reached out to his connections. Outdoor Power in Quincy, IL has a 2025 Polaris Ranger SP 570P. It would include a windshield, winch, and back panel for \$14,998.95. The Board asked about warranty, power

steering, and road legal cost. Lekies will call tomorrow and clarify. Smith moved to approve the purchase of an UTV for the water department in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00. Lekies seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**9. Discuss/Approve Hiring Tri-City Masonry, LLC in the Amount of \$7,300.00 for a Concrete Pad at South Lot**

Hostetler informed the Board the price had increased from \$7,000.00 to \$7,300.00. Tri-City can have this done this fall within the next couple months. Final dimensions are 30' x 25' x 8". Concrete barricades located at the lot and shed will border the pad and be buried 1' deep. Lekies moved to approve hiring Tri-City Masonry, LLC in the amount of \$7,300.00 for a concrete pad at the south lot. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**10. Discuss/Approve Cancellation of Intergovernmental Agreement with Elba-Salem Park District**

Chief Benson informed the Board this was no longer necessary. Hostetler put to question the approval of cancelling the intergovernmental agreement with Elba-Salem Park District with passing votes as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Abstain: 0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Board discussed that the season was almost over and a replacement was not necessary. Hostetler put to question the approval of hiring a seasonal Public Works employee with non-passing votes as follows:

Ayes: 0

Nays: 5

Absent: 1

Abstain: 0

**12. Discuss Alley behind 306 W. Maple**

Addressed in Line item #4

**13. Discuss/Approve Purchase of 6 New Office Chairs in an Amount not Exceed \$1,283.52**

Smith moved to approve the purchase of 6 new office chairs in an amount not to exceed \$1,283.52. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**14. Discuss/Approve Purchase of a Wall Air Conditioner for the Treatment Plant in an Amount not to Exceed \$500.00**

Lekies moved to approve the purchase of a wall air conditioner for the treatment plant in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

**15. Discuss/Approve Purchase of 6 Flags and 6 Flagpoles from Carrot-Top in the Amount of \$303.95**

Joy Mahr discussed the quality and guarantee of the product, made in the US, and a discount that would apply. Kinzer moved to approve the purchase of 6 flags and 6 flagpoles from Carrot-Top in the amount of \$303.95. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **16. Committee Reports**

No reports.

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

- Neely Carr, Clerk, received an e-mail from Sarah Willett with the Knox County Health Department in regards to a Used Tire Collection Drop Off going on at the Knox County Highway Department on US Highway 150 just east of Knoxville. Any old used tires that were dumped that the Village has picked up over the last year may be taken to the Highway Department beginning today, Wednesday, August 13 through Monday, August 18 between the hours of 8 am & 3 pm. This is not for the public - just for township road commissioners, villages, and municipalities. Public Works was notified.
- Update on the well. The new pump is not installed, the replenish rate was low so the engineers are thinking a smaller pump of 100-130gpm verses the 160gpm is needed.
- Update on replacing bearing on the south oxidation ditch paddle wheel. This has not been completed. Greg from TEST will be contacted.
- Update on graveling the alleys. Woodcock is letting the gravel get packed down and settled and will do a final dressing and grading in two weeks.
- Brian, Public Works, is ordering the new fire hydrant from Core & Main.
- Joy Mahr reported there were 3 water shutoffs this month, 2 have been turned back on and 1 remains off.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Lekies moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neely Carr  
Village Clerk