

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. Call to order:

Seth Lekies called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll call:

Members present: Ron Smith, Dave Mahr, Seth Lekies, Matt Ehens, and Vonda Brinker
Also present: Joy Mahr, Neely Carr

3. Pledge:

All present stood and pledged to the flag.

4. Citizens to address the Board:

No citizens present.

5. Discussion and approval or decline of the CDBG Grant:

Discussion was had to decline the CDBG Grant due to the IEPA loan agreement. Ehens moved to decline. Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

6. Progress on spray patching:

Mahr informed Board this was to be completed on the upcoming Thursday or Friday (September 5th and/or 6th)

7. Update on progress on new truck at Koenig:

Mahr informed the Board that Koenig was still waiting on the box to arrive.

8. Discussion of citizen Gary Inskeep's concern regarding maintenance of roadway shoulder at his neighbor's home at 405 West Main Street:

Ehens informed Board he called IDOT but has not received a response. Further investigating needs to be done to determine who is responsible.

9. Discussion of replacing two and installing three new Kamstrup water radio reads:

Vonda Brinker informed Board that Bruce Brinker confirmed six meters in stock. (Five regular and one pit) One specialty meter needs to be ordered. Bruce Brinker is in contact with supplier for prices. Mahr mentioned ordering for having spares available. Tabled for next Board meeting on September 11, 2024.

10. Discussion on thirty non-compliant EPA water surveys due to non-completion. Deadline February 2025.

Joy Mahr provided Board with list of non-completed survey addresses. There is a total of forty-two. Board members will contact addresses known to them, and then Jake Ulm and Chief Benson will contact the others. If no contact can be made, there is paperwork from the state for future selling and liability that can be filed.

11. Discussion on clean up and organization of the South Lot:

Mahr discussed the items needed to be moved around and organized. Discussion on cement versus CA6 was had. Tabled for next Board meeting on September 11, 2024.

12. Discussion on two broken tile lines at Treatment Plant:

Mahr informed Board they will try to repair themselves this week possibly, dependent on spray patching. Kinsel would be next step. Update will be given next week at the meeting once broken tiles are inspected further.

13. Discussion of new local Ordinance to maintain 1% grocery tax effective January 1, 2026.

Joy Mahr provided Board with Sales Tax Transaction Details. Further information regarding how much is actual grocery is needed. Tabled for next Board meeting on September 11, 2024.

14. Discuss text thread communication protocols:

Joy Mahr relayed Mark Hostetler's text thread plan for Board and informed them about response protocol.

15. Committee Reports:

None

16. Discussion of such other businesses as may properly come before the Board and action, if any, to be taken as result of discussions:

Dumpster Days will be held on October 19th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Chris Bewley will be contacted to confirm or deny Townships involvement.

ADJOURNMENT: Ehens moved to adjourn the meeting. Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Neely Carr
Village Clerk