

VILLAGE OF YATES CITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024 6:00 P.M. 102 West Main, Yates City, IL

1. Call to Order

Mark Hostetler called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll call

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

Also present: Joy Mahr, Randy Benson, Susan Hostetler, Neely Carr, Gary Inskeep, Eric Shanagraw of GFL Environmental, and Molly Richeson of *The Weekly Post*.

3. Pledge: We all stood and pledged to the flag.

4. Accept resignation of Debra Canier

Kinzer moved to accept Debra Canier's resignation as Village Clerk. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

5. Possible appointment of Temporary Clerk Susan Hostetler for July

Kinzer moved to appoint Susan Hostetler as Temporary Clerk for July. Dave Mahr seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

6. Swearing in of Temporary Village Clerk

Mark Hostetler swore in Susan Hostetler as Temporary Village Clerk.

7. Possible hiring of a trainee for a permanent clerk and a pay as training, to train for a month with Susan Hostetler

Mark Hostetler said Neely Carr has applied for the Village Clerk position. Carr introduced herself to the Board. The Board reviewed Carr's resume, and discussed the hiring process and the parameters of hiring Carr as a trainee. The Board agreed to continue to run the ad for the clerk position. Dave Mahr moved to hire Carr as a trainee with the possibility of hiring her as Village Clerk, and to pay her \$15.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Ehens. Roll call unanimous.

8. Approval of Minutes

Kinzer moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024 Board meeting, June 26, 2024 special meeting, and the July 3, 2024 committee meeting. Second by Smith. Roll call unanimous.

9. Approval of Monthly Bills, Payroll and Financial Statements

Kinzer moved to transfer \$5,000 from MFT savings to MFT checking. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Kinzer moved to approve the monthly bills, payroll and financial statements. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

10. Citizens to address the Board.

Inskip discussed maintenance of the roadway shoulder at his neighbor's home at 405 West Main. The Board discussed responsibility for maintenance of the area. Ehens stated he will call the State to discuss maintenance of the road and shoulder.

11. Police report

The June police report was reviewed by the Board. Benson also reviewed the 2024 Mid-Year Report, and reasons for significant changes from the previous year. The Board discussed mowing at 111 E. Ames. Benson relayed his conversations with the new owner about mowing. The Board agreed to continue mowing at 111 E. Ames. The Board authorized the squad car to be service at Jordan's Automotive.

12. Progress on treatment plant shed repairs

Dave Mahr stated that today Nathan Blankenship was at the site working on the shed.

13. Progress on seal coating and spray patching

There was no update regarding seal coating and spray patching.

14. Update on progress on new truck

Mark Hostetler stated the truck is scheduled to be ready in late July or early August. Dave Mahr stated he and Bruce Brinker will go to Koenig to check on the progress.

15. Discussion and action on signing a "Consent to Assignment" to continue G&O contract under new management of GFL Environmental

Shanagraw discussed GFL Environmental's acquisition of G&O Disposal. He stated GFL does not plan to change anything regarding G&O's service to the Village. He presented a Consent to Assignment to authorize the change in ownership as required by the current contract with G&O. Shanagraw noted the current contract expires at the end of the year. Kinzer moved to authorize Mark Hostetler to sign the Consent to Assignment. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

16. Discussion and possible action on restocking supplies for water breaks

Mark Hostetler stated that Dave Mahr and Bruce Brinker reviewed the Village's inventory of supplies for repairing water line breaks. Smith moved to authorize restocking supplies at a cost of up to \$5,000. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

17. Discussion and possible action to increase the petty cash for Clerk and Treasurer

Joy Mahr discussed raising the authorization for petty cash from \$50 to \$100. She stated the increase is needed due to increased costs and also the because Staples has ended its credit card program. Smith moved to authorize the increase in petty cash for the Clerk and Treasurer from \$50 to \$100. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

18. Discussion and possible action to update website and emails and hire a web designer

The Board discussed the email provider and Village website. No action was taken.

Discussion of other business

Mark Hostetler discussed the recent water line break on Maple Street during the FFA tractor pull. The Board agreed not to replace the culvert at that location. Mark Hostetler stated the Elba-Salem Park District was agreeable to removing the culvert and redirecting tractor pull traffic from that entry point.

Vonda Brinker discussed trimming the trees at the Town Park. The Board asked her to contact Advanced Tree Service for a proposal for the work.

Adjournment

Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Mahr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hostetler, Temporary Village Clerk