VILLAGE OF YATES CITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 6:00 P.M. 102 WEST MAIN STREET, YATES CITY, ILLINOIS

1. **Call to Order**
   Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Seth Lekies

2. **Roll Call**
   Present: Matt Ehens, Vonda Brinker, Tom Kinzer, Dave Mahr, Ron Smith, Seth Lekies
   Also Present: Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Molly Copher, Scott Brunton

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   All present stood and pledged the flag

4. **Citizens to Address the Board / Public Comment**
   None

5. **Approve Minutes for August 5, 2026 Special Board Meeting; August 12, 2026 Board Meeting; and August 27, 2026 Special Board Meeting**
   Kinzer moved to approve the minutes from the August 5th, 12th, and 27th meetings. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

6. **Approve Monthly Bills, Payroll and Financial Statements**
   Kinzer moved to approve monthly bills, payroll, and financial statements. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

7. **Police Report- Chief Record**
   Not present

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   - **A. Trustee Kinzer: Finance/Insurance**
     - **(1) Reports:**
       - **(a) Discuss Annual Financial Report**
         No Update
     - **(2) Action Items:**

   - **B. Trustee Lekies: Water**
     - **(1) Reports:**
       - **(a) Update on Well/Reservoir Projects**
         VFD's are almost installed and completed
       - **(b) Update on Isolation Valve Project**
         Project is on hold
       - **(c) Update on Water Tower Inspection**
         Report is back and was given to Board members. Lekies is to check with Kevan on options.
       - **(d) Discuss Floor Drain and Door Threshold at Public Works Building**
         The threshold needs raised up and the drain in the middle looked at so everything slopes and drain properly. Will require a plumber.
     - **(2) Action Items:**
       - **(a) Discuss/Approve Replacement of 1" Water Line in Chlorine Room at Public Works Building in the Amount of $265.00**
         Kinzer moved to approve the replacement of a 1" water line in the chlorine room in the amount of $265. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.
       - **(b) Discuss/Approve Replacement and Installation of New Exhaust Fan in Chlorine Room at Public**

Works Building in the Amount of $395.00

Smith moved to approve the replacement and installation of a new exhaust fan in the chlorine room in the amount of $395. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

C. Trustee Mahr: Sewer

(1) Reports:

(2) Action Items:

(a) Discuss/Approve the Purchase of 132 tons of FA4 Sand from Tremont Sand & Gravel in the Amount of $1,056.00

Smith moved to approve the purchase of 132 tons of FA4 sand in the amount of $1,056. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

(b) Discuss/Approve Hauling of 132 tons of FA4 Sand from John Woodcock in the Amount of $286.00 Per Load Not to Exceed Six (6) Loads

Kinzer moved to approve the hauling of 132 tons of FA4 sand from Woodcock in the amount of $286 per load not to exceed six loads. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

D. Trustee Ehens: Police

(1) Reports:

(2) Action Items:

E. Trustee Smith: Streets/Alleys

(1) Reports:

(a) Discuss Culvert on Washington Street

Kevan Cooper came and inspected and took pictures. Lining it/sleeving should be an option and MFT money can be used. More to come.

F. Trustee Brinker: Technology/Public Grounds

(1) Reports:

(2) Action Items:

(a) Discuss/Approve New MARCO Contract in the Amount of $296.09/Month

Our current printers are 7-8 years old. All printers will be replaced. The office printer will be the only color printer. Kinzer moved to approve the new Marco contract in the amount of $296.09 per month. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

(b) Discuss/Approve Purchase with Trade-In Credit for 2027 Z950R Mower at Heritage Tractor in the Amount of $6,500.00

The current mower was offered $9,500 for trade-in. The 2027 mower is the next step up with a bigger motor. Will include warranty. Smith moved to approve the purchase with trade-in credit for a 2027 Z950r mower at heritage tractor in the amount of $6,500. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

(b) Discuss/Approve Hiring Advanced Tree Service to Remove Tree Behind Bank in the Amount of $1,500.00

The quote does not include stump removal. Smith moved to approve hiring advanced tree service to remove the tree behind the bank in the amount of $1,500. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

G. President Pro Tem: Other

(1) Reports:

(a) Update on Residence in 400 Block of West Main Street

(b) Discuss Public Works Equipment Maintenance

Next time Neff is in the area they will come and look at the equipment. Backhoe, skid steer, tractor

(c) Discuss Quotes for Garage Door Openers on Water Building

Have received no quotes.

(2) Action Items:

(a) Discuss/Approve FCHS Yearbook donation in the amount of $80.00 for 1/8 AD

Kinzer moved to approve a donation to the FCHS yearbook donation in the amount of $80. Ehens seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

(b) Discuss/Approve Sale and Disposal of 4-wheeler by Motion or Ordinance

There is no title. Lekies moved to approve the disposal of the 4-wheeler by Ordinance 2024-769. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

(c) Discuss/Approve Tentative Dumpster Day on October 17th from 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Ordering of One Dumpster from Quality Roll Off and Running Two Weekly Ads in *The Weekly Post* in an Amount Not to Exceed $700.00

Neely Carr will send an AD in the paper for two weeks. Chris Bewley will contact/set up the dumpster company and secure dumpsters and confirm the date.

(d) Discuss/Approve Release of Executive Session Minutes

At 6:85p.m. a motion was made by Brinker to enter executive session to discuss probable or imminent litigation affecting or on behalf of the Village. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.
At 7:04p.m. Lekies moved to end the executive session. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.
In open session, roll call was taken. Present: Matt Ehens, Vonda Brinker, Dave Mahr, Ron Smith, Seth Lekies, Neely Carr, Joy Mahr, Scott Brunton Village Attorney
Lekies moved to approve the release a portion of February 11, 2026 session, April 8, 2026 session 2 executive session minutes. Kinzer seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous.

OTHER:

Next month we will hold a Public Hearing to update the Ordinance on manufactured/modular homes.

ADJOURNMENT

Lekies moved to adjourn. Brinker seconded the motion. Roll call unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Neely Carr
Village Clerk