

**COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: WORK SESSION  
MINUTES**

**Council Chambers 5pm.**

**Monday, May 18, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President of Council Gavin DeVore Leonard called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were Council President DeVore Leonard, Vice President Angie Hsu and Council members Senay Semere and Stephanie Pearce. AVM/Project Lead Elyse Giardullo and Village Manager Johnnie Burns were also present. Brown joined the meeting at 5:20.

**WORK SESSION**

Information Session with Craig Kleinhenz of AMP re: Power Contracts and PJM Capacity Charges.

Kleinhenz presented a powerpoint related to power purchase specific to Village needs, touching on the following areas.

Peak demand; Three types of charges (energy; transmission; installed capacity); current energy resources (landfill gas; river hydro; 2 federal hydro projects; Blue Creek Wind) all are considered base load resources.

YS Solar—located behind the meter (lower capacity and transmission charges).

The remainder is purchased off the market.

Kleinhenz noted that hydro is expensive up front, but that after a period of time cost drops significantly.

Transmission and Installed Capacity. Paid to AES or Dayton Power. YS transmission charges are based on Dayton zone peak energy use hour.

DeVore Leonard commented that more education to the public could take place regarding the impact and meaning of peak shaving.

Kleinhenz responded to a comment from DeVore Leonard, stating that solar can have a significant impact on transmission costs.

Distribution charges: YS has to pay for use of DPL facilities to deliver power.

Capacity charges: PJM (PA, NJ, MI). Job is to pay generators to be available for emergency generation. Data centers have pushed up load/increased capacity need.

PJM sets capacity billing off five highest use hours from previous summer for all PJM members.

Kleinhenz addressed several questions related to reduction of cost for the average user.

Kleinhenz compared YS rates to four other energy providers, commenting that YS rates are appreciably lower.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:48pm, DeVore Leonard MOVED and Brown SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

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