

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
JULY 7, 2026**

LOUIS B. SCHELLING MEMORIAL BOARD ROOM
RANTOUL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 333 S. TANNER, RANTOUL, IL

A Regular Study Session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul was held at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Pro Tempore Crider called the proceeding to order.

Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll, finding the following members were physically present:

Mayor Pro Tempore Crider, Trustees Workman, Wilson, Graham, Robertson and Haines – 6.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Angela Schultz, Comptroller; Andy Graham, Assistant Recreation Director; Chad Isley, Public Works Director; Chris Milliken; Community Planning and Development; Bob Coverdill, Airport Manager; Debbie Sage, Human Resources; Tana Ward, Executive Assistant, Audio/Visual; David Wesner, Attorney, Hank Gamel, Deputy Clerk; and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Robertson moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Workman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote:

YEAS: Robertson, Haines, Workman, Crider, Wilson and Graham – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

Mayor Pro Tempore Crider opened the public comment portion of the meeting per the Open Meetings Act.

- Debbra Sweat addressed the Consent agenda at the September Board Meeting. Once a question is raised on an item it should be removed and addressed individually. She also addressed the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tempore. State statutes give specific procedures for appointing a Mayor Pro Tempore.
- Jack Anderson was an original member of the Rantoul Residents for Representation who worked on Districting. He spoke against passing the Ordinance to put this question on the November Ballot.

- Jasmyn Boyce was also an original member of the Rantoul Residents Representation. She is also concerned about a new referendum. The Farmer's Market will be open from 4-7 pm on Fridays. She encouraged the youth to get involved in community.
- Wendell Golston played a song and addressed its theme.

Items from the Mayor Pro Tempore

- Thanked those who helped make the 4th of July a success.

Items from Trustees

- Trustee Robertson asked if the light study was done. The Administrator stated that it is and is being reviewed.
- Trustee Robertson asked about the pot hole machine, which is on the agenda.
- Trustee Haines asked for clarification on the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tempore. The Administrator will address that issue later in the agenda.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of June 2, 2026 Study Session
- B. Minutes of June 9, 2026 Board Meeting
- C. Minutes of June 16 Special Board Meeting

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. Village Applicant Demographics Report and Career opportunities were included in the Board Packet. The Human Resources Director stated that the Village is currently looking for an Administrative Assistant and an Inspector for the Community Planning & Development Division.

Items from Comptroller

- A. The Comptroller stated that Tana Ward designed and published the Budget Book with the assistance of Village Department Heads and Accounting.

Items from Police Department

- A. The Department requested the approval of an agreement for the Design Build Contractor with Mid Illinois Concrete & Excavation, Inc for the Public Safety Training Building in the amount not-to-exceed \$425,000.00. This project is paid using the remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, contributions from outside law enforcement agencies, and a donation by the Rantoul Police Community Support Association.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Fire Department

No items to report.

Items from the Airport

- A. The Department requested the approval a Service Agreement for Consultant Services for Architectural, Engineering, and Planning for the Rantoul National Aviation Center with Hanson Professional Services Inc.
- B. The Airport Manager reviewed the Rantoul National Aviation Center Quarterly Report.

Item A will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Community Planning and Development

- A. The Department requested the approval of a Contract for the Construction of the Pleasant Acres Sidewalk Connections Project with A&A Concrete, LLC. in the amount of \$428,855.00. This is the construction of new sidewalks starting at Winston Park and along Gates Drive on the North, and along Eater Drive to Harper in conjunction with the last Safe Routes to School Project. This project would be paid for from grant funding, specifically Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funds.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Electric Department

No items to report.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of the purchase of Gas Meter Nodes for the Gas Division AMR/AMI Meter Project from Eaton Corporation in the amount of \$40,352.00, with a \$1,000.00 Contingency Fund. This would update all our meters to auto-read units.
- B. The Department is requesting the approval of the purchase of a Custom Utility Box for the Gas Division Vehicle from Knapheide Truck Equipment Center in the amount of \$63,876.00, with a \$1,000.00 Contingency Fund. This is a budgeted item.
- C. The Department is requesting the approval of the purchase of a Trailer-Mounted P2 Dura Patcher for the Street Systems Division from CMW Equipment in the amount of \$102,500.00, with a \$2,500.00 Contingency Fund. The Contingency Fund would be utilized to modify equipment to dump the aggregate into the machine. Funds for a proposed Dump Truck or Pickup Truck will be used for this purchase. Those purchases would be delayed.
- D. The Department is requesting the approval of a Services Agreement, Change Request #1 for the Line Design Engineering and Support for the Electric Department New Prospect Substation and Feeder Exits Project with BHMGE Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$12,100.00. These additional fees will be funded out of Electric Reserves.

- E. The Department is requesting the approval of the purchase of Express Line Materials for the Electric Department's Proposed New Prospect Substation Project with United Utility Supply in the amount of \$207,596.49, with a \$10,350.00 Contingency Fund. Funding will come from the Electrical Reserves.
- F. The Department is requesting the approval of a Service Agreement for the Construction Engineering and Support for the Electric Department's Prospect Substation and Feeder Exits Project with BHMGE Engineers, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00. This will be funded out of Electrical Bond Reserves. These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator requested approval to place an Ordinance Authorizing a Binding Referendum on the July 14 Agenda. The Question for the November 3, 2026 Election Ballot would ask, "Shall the Village of Rantoul abandon the method of electing Trustees from districts so that Trustees shall be hereafter elected on Village wide basis?" He explained the difference between a Binding or Advisory Referendum.
- B. The Administrator requested approval to place a Resolution Authorizing an Advisory Referendum on the July 14 Agenda. The Question for the November 3, 2026 Election Ballot would ask, "Shall the Village of Rantoul allow Cannabis Establishments to locate and operate within the Village?"
- C. Notice Regarding the Hap Parker Family Aquatic Center. The pool will close down on August 17 so that repairs can be made and completed this fall,
- D. Discussion of Parliamentary Procedure: Robert's Rules of Order / Village of Rantoul Rules of Order.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report.

Announcements

- A. Senior Free swim will be July 10th - 17th - 24th from Noon to 1:00 pm at the Hap Parker Family Aquatic Center.
- B. Freedom Fridays Event Series is held from 6:00-9:00 pm July 10 is at the Rantoul Family Sports Complex with the Tom Grassman Band. July 17 is at the Fringe with Vivacious Audio. July 24 is in Downtown Rantoul with 90's Daughter.
- C. Congresswoman Robin Kelly and Illinois State Senator Paul Faraci will have Mobile Office Hours on July 8 from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Rantoul Business Center.
- D. Former Chanute Air Force Base Public Meeting Update on PFAS Actions & Remedial Investigation will be Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 pm In the Louis B. Schelling Memorial Board Room.
- E. EAA Young Eagles Rally & Free Pancake Breakfast will be July 11 at 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Rantoul National Aviation Center. Register at eaachapters.org
- F. A Senior Luncheon will be held Thursday, July 16 at 11:30 am Rantoul Recreation Building. Call 217-893-5703 to RSVP.

Closed Session

Trustee Wilson moved to enter into closed session

- A. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 2, to consider collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees
- B. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 1, to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee
- C. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 21, for the discussion of Minutes of meetings lawfully Closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for the purposes of approval by the body of the Minutes or semiannual review of the Minutes as mandated

Trustee Workman seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Workman, Crider, Wilson, Graham, Robertson and Haines – 6.

NAYS: None -0.

Motion carried 6-0

The Board entered to Closed session at 7:19 pm.

The Board returned to Open session at 8:17 pm.

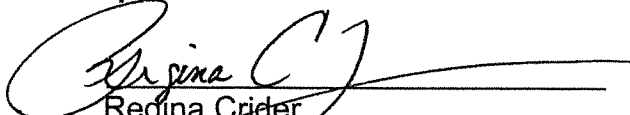
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor Pro Tempore adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

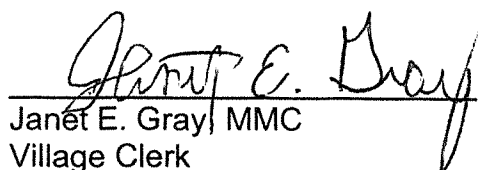
Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

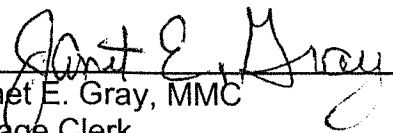
Approved


Regina Crider
Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:


Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

I, Janet E. Gray, Village Clerk of the Village of Rantoul, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Study Session of the Board of Trustees held June 3, 2026 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk