

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
July 6, 2021**

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 Smith called the proceeding to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

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

President Charles Smith, and Trustees Crider, Wilkerson, Hall, Robertson, Weathersby and Johnson – 7

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Jolene Gensler, Comptroller; Debbie Sage, Human Relations; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Ken Waters, Fire Chief; Chris Milliken, Urban Planning Manager; Andy Graham, Assistant Recreation Director; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director and Janet Gray, Clerk

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hall moved to approve the Agenda. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting “aye”.

Public Participation

Gary Miller addressed the Board regarding the recent flooding at his home on Hazelcrest Drive. He requested that someone from the Village come out and look at the flooding situation which has been going for several years.

Charles Long lives next door to Mr. Miller and confirmed that there has been flooding for the past ten years. He also requested the Village address this issue.

Wayne Mathis lives on Hazelcrest and has contacted the Village before about the flooding. He asked that the Village look into this issue.

Terry Workman had several comments for the Board.

- Mr. Workman stated he would like to see all the Trustees review the loan requests for Micro Loans when the requests are presented to the Board.
- He said that any Village funds for individual Districts should follow the Village purchasing policy rules and should be voted on by the entire board.
- He encouraged the Mayor, Board and Administrator to work together.

Jasmine Boyce stated the Farmers Market would begin on Sunday, July 11 and be held every other Sunday from 11:00 am -2:00 pm. The Market now takes Snap payments. Ms. Boyce thanked the Village for their support.

Items from Mayor

- A. The Mayor reviewed the list of appointments and reappointments he will be taking to the Board for affirmation. He invited Lorena Griffin and Michaela Granger, his appointees to the Human Relations Committee, to introduce themselves to the Board.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Johnson asked Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director to look into the flooding problem on Hazelcrest Drive and report back to the Board.

Trustee Johnson had several questions regarding the Sports Complex.

- There were two bills regarding the replacing a score board and a controller – wasn't this covered under warranty?
- Has Byrne & Jones completed the punch list for the complex?
- What type of inventory control system is used for food sales?

Trustee Hall stated concern about the recent violence in Rantoul. He asked the citizens to come forward if they know anything about the recent shooting.

Trustee Crider stated that the Rantoul Safety Task Force will meet at the Municipal Building at 9:00 am on July 10.

Trustee Weathersby said that the July 4 parade was wonderful and she was happy to see community participation in the event.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of Regular Study Session June 1, 2021
- B. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting June 8, 2021
- C. The Clerk reminded the Board to complete the Statement of Economic Interest which is required to be submitted to the County Clerk's office annually.

The minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administration

- A. Chris Milliken reviewed a presentation on the Downtown Master Plan. There will be a presentation downtown on July 8 at 6:00 pm.
- B. The Administrator reviewed the Vacant Lot Purchasing Program and would like to include four more properties – 1674 Harper, 1113 Eastview, 710 S. Century Blvd. Lot No. 29 and 710 S. Century Blvd. Lot No. 30. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- C. The Liquor Commission has recommended a change of wording to the Class T-1 Liquor Permit. This change would allow an educational, fraternal, political, civic, religious or non-profit organization to obtain one permit for an event that would

be held over a period of time such as the Freedom Fridays event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. This would help the organizations in hosting events throughout the community and expand the vendor opportunities. This item will go to the Board for approval.

- D. Horve Hospitality Management, LLC is building a Hampton Inn by Hilton at 920 Broadmeadow Rd. As an incentive to construct the hotel, the Village will provide the company a 40% property tax increment reimbursement for a ten-year period, hotel tax reimbursement at 50% for a ten-year period, enterprise zone sales tax exemption, a rebate on construction costs of \$75,000.00 and a waiver of permit and tap-on fees. This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Comptroller

- A. The Budget Amendment presented is to allow funds budgeted in the FY 2021 to be carried forward to the FY 2020 year for projects that were not completed in FY 2021. This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The monthly application report was distributed. The current open positions are Firefighter, Police Officer, Lifeguard and Sports Complex Site Supervisor. New hires or transfers: A utility clerk was hired and will begin on July 19, a Pump Station Operator was hired and will begin on July 6, a Chief of Wastewater Operations was an internal candidate promoted on June 21.

Items from Police Department

- A. The Police Dept. received three bids for the window replacement with fiberglass frames. Pella Windows was the lowest bidder at \$18,908.34. This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Fire Department

No Items to Report.

Items from Building Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

- A. Willow Pond LLC is requesting that the property located at the Southwest corner of Country Club Lane and Martin Street (1114-1116 Country Club Lane) be rezoned from RE Recreation District to C-2 General Commercial to allow for the legal conforming use of the existing buildings at that location. This would allow the owner to subdivide the property and place each of the three existing buildings on a separate lot. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- B. McRoofies LLC (The Fringe) is requesting that the property located at 849 Stone Bridge Drive be rezoned from AG Agriculture to C-2 General Commercial to allow for the construction of a miniature golf course, a restaurant/bar and entertainment facility. This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

- A. Public Works is recommending that the first Traveling Bridge Filter at the Wastewater Treatment Plant be refurbished/rebuilt in 2021-2022 and the second in 2022-2023. This is a unique and specialized filtering system. The Department is requesting the waiving of the formal bidding process and accepting the proposal from Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. for materials in the amount of \$322,314.00. This will go to the Board for approval.
- B. The Illinois Department of Transportation is requesting the Village of Rantoul update their Roadway Functional Classification for several streets. These classifications are used when applying for grant funding for sections of roadways. This will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report.

Items for Closed Session

Trustee Johnson moved to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 21, for the purpose of 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 semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06

AND

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 1, for the purpose of discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

Trustee Wilkerson seconded the motion. On a roll call vote:

YEAS: Johnson, Crider, Wilkerson, Hall, Robertson and Weathersby – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6 - 0.

The Village Board went into Closed Session at 7:52 pm.

The Village Board returned to Open Session at 8:30 pm.

Roll call: President Charles Smith, and Trustees Crider, Wilkerson, Hall, Robertson, Weathersby and Johnson – 7.

Meeting Adjourned

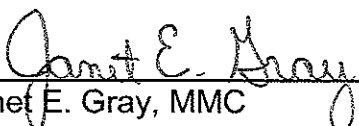
The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet E. Gray, MMC, Village Clerk

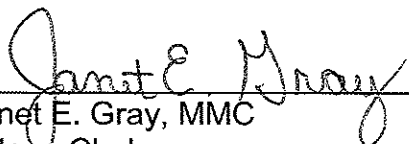
Approved


Charles Smith
Village President

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 July 6, 2021 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.


Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk