

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 8, 2021**

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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul was held virtually at 6:00 P.M., President Charles Smith presiding. President Smith called the meeting to order.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Wilkerson opened the meeting with prayer. Following the invocation, Trustee Hall led the audience in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Mayor Smith, Trustees Crider, Wilkerson, Hall, Robertson, Weathersby and Johnson - 7

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Jolene Gensler, Comptroller; Justin Bouse, Police Department; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Director; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; David Wesner, Attorney; Ken Beth, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hall moved to approve the agenda for the meeting, as presented.

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

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

Brad Gould spoke about gunfire and fireworks and his concerns for how these affect local veterans. There were shots fired in front of his house in May and neighbors started setting off fireworks in May. He reported his concerns to the Police Department and contacted the Mayor's office. Mr. Gould wanted to know what the Village is going to do about these issues?

Debbra Sweat had several items to address.

1. Ms. Sweat requested that Discretionary funds be given to each District Trustee for neighborhood services initiatives such as those outlined in the Neighborhood Services Program the Village had about four years ago. This goes along with her request to review the duties of the Trustees, to include such initiatives.
2. Ms. Sweat requested the Village revisit the decision not to allow a Marijuana dispensary in Rantoul.
3. Previously Ms. Sweat asked the board to consider moving the Community Development Block Grants funds to the Community Plus Credit Union. She asked if there had been any discussion on this request.
4. Her last request was to ask the Mayor to appoint Cynthia Rouse to the Micro Loan Committee. She stated there is no racial diversity on the committee.

A. Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda Items by Omnibus Vote

- A. Appointment of Janet Gray, Village Clerk and Lt. Justin Bouse, Police Department as FOIA Officers for the Village of Rantoul
- B. Minutes of Special Board Meeting May 4, 2021
- C. Minutes of Regular Study Session May 4, 2021
- D. Minutes of Special Board Meeting May 10, 2021
- E. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting May 11, 2021

Trustee Wilkerson moved to approve the Consent Agenda items by omnibus vote. Trustee Weathersby seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Bills

Following a review of the monthly bills, Trustee Johnson moved to authorize payment of the bills. Trustee Hall 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.

B. Consideration of Bids, Contracts & Other Items of Expenditure

Trustee Johnson moved to approve a Micro Loan Supplemental Assistance Program. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Johnson, Crider, Hall, Robertson and Weatherby – 5.

NAYS: Wilkerson – 1.

The motion carried 5-1.

Trustee Crider moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter by the Champaign County First Group to encourage the Federal Government to increase Amtrak service from Champaign to Chicago, which includes a stop in Rantoul. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Wilkerson moved to authorize and approve the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptors and a Dodge Charger from Shield's Auto Group for the amount of \$128,046.00. Trustee Crider seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote: YEAS: Wilkerson, Hall, Robertson, Weathersby, Johnson, and Crider – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Hall moved to authorize and approve a contract with S. Shafer Excavating in the amount of \$147,00.00 for the demolition of 201-207 E. Sangamon Avenue/106 N. Garrard Street Trustee Weathersby seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Weathersby moved to authorize and approve the Addendum to the Broeren Russo Contract for the Forum Fitness Center Renovation & Expansion in the amount of \$256,000.00. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Robertson moved to authorize and approve the Service Agreement with Merrell Bros, Inc. to reduce the Waste Water Treatment Plant solids in the amount of \$145,000.00. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Hall moved to authorize and approve the Agreement with Stark Excavating, Inc. for the Waste Water Treatment Plant for sludge hauling and disposal in the amount of \$140,000.00. Trustee Weathersby seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Wilkerson moved to authorize and approve the purchase a Dump Truck for the Public Works Street Division from CIT Trucks in the amount of \$172,651.38. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Hall moved to authorize and approve the purchase of electric equipment to support load growth at Rantoul Foods in the amount of \$328,592.20. Trustee Wilkerson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Weatherby moved to authorize and approve the Construction Engineering Agreement with Hutchison engineering, Inc. for the resurfacing of Congress Avenue and Sheldon Street in the amount of \$154,730.00. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

C. Consideration of Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution No. 6-21-1338

A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (Sheldon Street/Congress Avenue - \$154,730.00)

Trustee Johnson moved to pass Resolution No. 6-21-1338. 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.

Resolution No. 6-21-1339

A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (Sheldon Street/Congress Avenue - \$976,432.00)

Trustee Weathersby moved to pass Resolution No. 6-21-1339. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 6-21-1340

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS AS STOP
INTERSECTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS (NIEPSWAH)**

Trustee Johnson moved to pass Resolution No. 6-21-1340. Trustee Robertson 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.

D. New Business

E. Public Announcements

A Freedom Rally Community BBQ and Picnic will be held in Wabash Park on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 12:30 – 3:30 pm.

A Grand Opening will be held for OSF Urgo Care at 841 Broadmeadow Road on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

A Juneteenth Celebration will be held in Wabash Park on June 19, 2021 from noon to 6:00 pm.

Trustee Robertson stated that on June 11 from 2-5 Kona Ice will be serving free ices in memory of his son who passed three years ago.

The Rantoul Public Safety Task Force will meet on June 12 at the RTHS Cafetorium. An informational meeting about the Task Force is at 9:30. The meeting begins at 10:00 am. Chief Brown will give the group an update on the Village Crime Free Housing program and shootings in the Village. At 10:30 am the members will break out into work groups.

F. Closed Session

No closed session was held.

G. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. 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.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:59 P.M.

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk