

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
June 1, 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 virtually 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 Smith and Trustees Crider, Wilkerson, Hall, Robertson, Weathersby and Johnson – 7.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Director; Deborah Sage, Human Resources Manager; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Justin Bouse; Police Department; Chris Milliken, Urban Planning Manager; David Wesner, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Trustee Johnson moved to approve the agenda with the following items added:

8B – Micro Loan Supplemental Assistance Program

8C – Amtrak Resolution

10A – Introduction of New Human Resources Manager

10B – Applicant Monthly Report

11B – Purchase of two Ford Police Interceptors and one Dodge Charger

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

AYES: Johnson, Crider, Wilkerson, Hall, Robertson and Weathersby – 6

NAYS: None

Motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

Char Mitchell called in on behalf of the Juneteenth Planning Committee. She invited the Mayor and the Board to attend the events. There will be music on Friday 18th at a location to be determined. Events will be held in Wabash Park from noon to 6:00 pm on June 19. The Mayor will read a proclamation at 1:00 pm.

Items from Mayor

- (A) The Mayor stated he would appoint Janet Gray, Village Clerk and Lt. Justin Bouse, Police Department as of Freedom of Information Officers for the Village. This will go to the Board for approval.

- (B) The Mayor advised the Board of the removal of Sherry Faulkner from the Human Relations Committee. Ms. Faulkner has moved out of Rantoul and is no longer eligible to serve on the committee. A letter was sent notifying her that she was ineligible to serve and was being removed from the committee. The Mayor is required to inform the Board of this action. No other action is needed.

Items from Trustees

- (A) Trustee Hall thanked the Mayor, employees, and staff for a wonderful Tuskegee event.
- (B) Trustee Crider mentioned that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Sports Complex was very nice. She asked how information was sent out about Village events. Administrator Eisenhauer said he sent out information to Trustees weekly and will be getting with Chris Huston in IT to make sure these emails are being received, and if not to resolve the issue. Events are also posted on the Village Website and Facebook page. Trustee Crider also stated that the Rantoul Safety Task Force will meet on June 12 at the RTHS cafetorium.
- (C) Trustee Weathersby stated that the Rantoul Safety Task Force will meet June 12. She said the Regional Plan Commission is a member of the Rantoul Chamber of Commerce which also disburses information about events.
- (D) Trustee Johnson thanked everyone who attended the Rudzinski Park ribbon cutting.

Items from Clerk

- (A) The Clerk reviewed the list of minutes for approval: May 4, 2021 Special Board Meeting; May 4, 2021 Regular Study Session; May 10, 2021 Special Board Meeting and May 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. This will go to the Board for approval.
- (B) The Clerk informed the Board that she is appointing Tana Ward as Deputy Clerk and that Ms. Ward has accepted.

Items from Administration

- (A) The Administrator was approached a few months ago about the placement of new stop signs in the Indian Hills subdivision. He reached out to the neighborhood and the homeowners' association to get their thoughts on the proposal. Public Works also reviewed the request to make sure that new signs would not present a sight hazard or impeded traffic flow. Two new signs were proposed: one on the northeast side of Niepswah and Fox Ridge and one on the southwest side of Niepswah and Deerfield. This will go to the Board for approval. Trustee Crider asked about researching alternate traffic calming measures such as traffic cameras, more police patrols, or radar speed limit signs. She asked if the citizens in the area were satisfied with the Village's proposal. The Administrator said they were. Trustee Crider requested that the Village look at alternatives for the Village as a whole.

NOTE: The Administrator researched the possibility of installing speed limit radars with cameras that would automatically write tickets for those who were driving over the speed limit. The State of Illinois only allows this type of traffic camera for communities greater than 1,000,000 in population.

- (B) Currently the Village does not have funds available in their Micro Loan account to lend to businesses for assistance and the zero percent financing previously offered is no longer available through the federal program. The Micro Loan Supplemental Assistance Program would provide payments of the interest-only portion of loans to local financial institutions participating in this program. The Administrator reviewed the guidelines and requirements for the loan program. This item will be taken to the Board for approval.
- (C) The Village of Rantoul has been asked to sign a Resolution encouraging the Federal Government to increase Amtrak service from Champaign to Chicago. This Resolution is being presented by the Champaign County First Group and will be signed by other communities in the County. This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Comptroller

No Items to Report.

Items from Human Resources

- (A) The Administrator introduced the new Human Resources Manager, Deborah Sage. She has had HR experience at the Park District working with a large number of seasonal employees.
- (B) The HR Manager distributed the monthly applicant report. The Village is currently interviewing for three open positions; Utility Cashier; Chief of Operations Wastewater; and Aviation Manager. There are two open positions: Firefighter and Police Officer.

Items from Police Department

- (A) The department received bids for replacing and installing new exterior wood windows at the police department. The low bidder was Pella Window and Door at a cost of \$18,227.04. No action will be taken on this item.
- (B) The department requested approval for the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptors and one Dodge Charger from Shields Auto Group. The cost of the vehicles is \$128,046.00. 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) The village received bids for the demolition of 201-207 E. Sangamon /106 N. Garrard. The department is requesting the approval of a contract with the low bidder, S. Shafer Excavating at a cost of \$147,000.00. This will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Recreation

- (A) The Department requested the approval of an addendum to the contract with Broeren Russo Builders, Inc. for several alternate items proposed for the Forum Fitness Center Renovation and Expansion. The total cost of the alternates is \$256,000.00. The proposed alternates are: No. 2 wall mats for fitness room - \$16,000.00; No. 3 Steam Room Installation - \$72,000.00; No 4. Additional work in locker rooms - \$21,500.00; No. 5 Installing Lockers – \$4,400.00; No. 6 Remodel the Cardio room - \$142,000.00. This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Public Works

- (A) The department requested the approval of an agreement with Merrell Brothers for the dewatering and removal of solids at the wastewater treatment plant. The cost is \$64,125.00. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- (B) The department requested the approval of an agreement with Stark Excavating which would provide the equipment and resources to load, haul and dispose of wastewater sludge at the landfill. This contract is for once a month, seven months of the year. The total cost is \$14,000.00. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- (C) A request was presented to purchase a dump truck for the Street Division from CIT Trucks at the cost of \$172,651.38. This truck will replace a 1992 truck with over 75,638 miles. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- (D) A list of equipment and material costs to support Phase 3 at Rantoul Foods was presented for approval. The cost is \$308,592.20 and the items will be purchased from various vendors. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- (E) A request was presented to approve a construction Engineering Agreement with Hutchison Engineering for resurfacing Congress Avenue and Sheldon Street at a cost of \$154,730.00. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- (F) Two IDOT Resolutions for Improvement and Construction of resurfacing Congress Avenue and Sheldon Street were presented to the Board. These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

- (A) No items to report.

Items for Closed Session

- (A) Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5, to consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

Trustee Weathersby moved to go into closed session as cited above. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. On a roll call vote:

YEAS: Weathersby, Johnson, Crider, Hall and Robertson - 5

NEAS:

ABSENT: Wilkerson -1

The Village Board went into Closed Session at 7:38 pm.

The Village Board returned to Open Session at 8:21 pm.

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

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

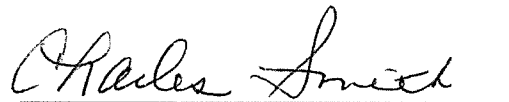
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

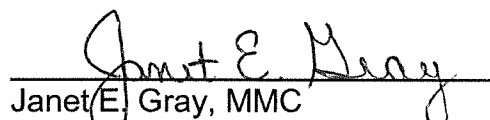
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved July 13, 2021



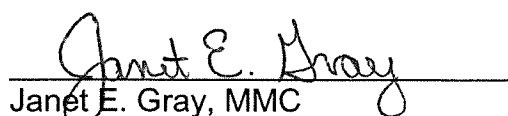
Charles Smith
Village President

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 June 1, 2021 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk