

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
August 3, 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:

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

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhower, Administrator; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Sgt. Christina Reifsteck, Police Department; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Director; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; David Wesner, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Crider moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Hall seconded the motion. On a roll call vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

Chris Powers spoke concerning comments former Trustee Workman made at a past meeting regarding the number of votes cast in certain districts in the April 2021 election.

Debra Sweat asked the Board once again to consider allowing a marijuana dispensary in the Village.

Janet Brotherton presented Chief Tony Brown with a \$325.00 check for Shop with a Cop. Lindsey Lane Bridal had a Support the Blue promotion in July which raised those funds.

Loise Haines distributed a flyer on a Back to School Community Celebration to be held in Wabash Park on August 14.

Items from Mayor

- A. Mayor Smith presented the names of Ann Long and Patty Stoffel to serve on the Tree Commission for a term expiration of 2023. This item will go to the Board for affirmation.
- B. Dr. Amad Al-Qadi, Director of the Illinois Center for Transportation and Director of the Smart Transportation Infrastructure Initiative gave a presentation regarding the proposed Illinois Autonomous and Connected Track. Mr. Bob Flighter from the Chancellor's office was also present.
- C. Sgt. Christina Reifsteck explained the new 4URantoul initiative the Rantoul Police Department has developed.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Robertson would like the Board to look into getting a marijuana dispensary in the Village.

Trustee Robertson would also like to have the Village consider a gun buy-back program.

Trustee Hall stated he supports a gun buy-back program.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of the Regular Study Session of July 6, 2021
- B. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 13, 2021

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administration

- A. The Administrator presented an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for an option to purchase property at the former Chanute Air Force Base. This would be an economic development conveyance under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1988. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- B. The Village holds interest in the right-of-way known as South Frontage Road behind the former Knights Inn property. The Village would like to provide Core Acquisitions, LLC the right to occupy and use it for their development. Staff is recommending the approval of a 5-year License Agreement for Occupancy with four 5-yr. term extensions. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- C. Core Acquisitions, LLC is proposing the construction of two retail buildings at the southwest corner of Murray Road and Rt. 13. The Village is proposing a development agreement with the following incentives: reimbursement of 50% of the incremental property tax for 15 years with a cap of \$1,000,000. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- D. The agreement for the purchase of the Sports Complex Property included the exchange of property along south Murray Road. That property is currently held by the Rantoul Park District who agreed to the exchange. An intergovernmental

Agreement is needed between the Village and Park District to allow for the completion of the sale of the Sports Complex Property. This item will go to the Board for approve.

Items from Comptroller

No Items to Report.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The Administrator reviewed the report of open positions for the Village.

Items from Police Department

- A. The Police Department is requesting Board approval to add a Community Social Worker position for the department. This person will work with the newly developed 4U Program and is a position to work with citizens who are in a mental health crisis or in need of community resources.

Items from Fire Department

No Items to Report.

Items from Building Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

No items to report.

Items from the Recreation

- A. The department would like to apply for a 2022 Boat Access Area Development (BAAD) grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This is a 100% funded grant up to \$200,000.00 for development project costs. These funds would be used to build a new boat ramp, dock and restroom facility at Heritage Lake. The State requires the Village to complete a Financial Certification Statement to be included in the grant application. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- B. The department would like to apply for a 2022 Open Spaces Lands Acquisition and Development Grant (OSLAD) from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This grant provides 50% funding (90% for distressed communities) to develop public outdoor recreation areas. The department would use these funds to improve the trails, remove and replace the East shelter, and build a new playground at Heritage Lake. The grant request is \$635,000.00. This item will go to the Board for approve.

The Mayor asked for an eight-minute break. The Board recessed the meeting at 8:05 pm.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Items from Public Works

- A. The current Airport Engineering group is no longer able to provide Airport Services for the Village. The Village advertised for Request for Qualifications and received two submittals on July 1, 2021. The department would like to hire Hanson Professional Services, Inc. to provide these services for a five-year term. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- B. Public Works is requesting the approval of a contract with Cross Construction, Inc. for roadway improvements associated with the resurfacing of Congress Avenue and Sheldon Street at a cost of \$1,196,432.00. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- C. Public Works is requesting the approval of a contract with Mid Illinois Concrete & Excavation, Inc. for sidewalk improvements along Rt. 136 at a cost of \$130,000.00. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- D. Public Works is requesting the approval of an agreement with Parker Fabrication for the replacement of the Silencers on Generators #15 & 16 in the Industrial Substation at a cost of \$99,793.46. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- E. The current Electric Division bucket truck #938 has close to 84,298 miles on it. The department is requesting approval to purchase a replacement truck from Altec Trucks at a cost of \$220,000.00. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- F. Public Works is requesting the approval of a contract with Dirtworks Trucking & Excavation for equipment and resources to haul and dispose of wastewater sludge from the Treatment Plant to the landfill. This cost is \$175,840.00. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- G. Public Works is requesting approval to purchase a 2023 tandem dump truck for the Street/Wastewater Division from CIT Trucks in the amount of \$145,000.00. This will replace a 20-year old truck. This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

- A. The Attorney said he has been working with the owner of the Home Theater and his Attorney regarding code issues with the building on Sangamon Avenue. He has been informed there is a buyer of the property who can make the repairs.
- B. The Attorney is working on several collection issues which involved payment due for damaged property such as light poles and loan collections.

The Mayor encouraged all citizens to wear masks and to get COVID vaccinations.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:52 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 August 3, 2021 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.


Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk