

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR STUDY SESSION  
February 1, 2022**

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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:

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

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Scott Morgan, Building Safety; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Superintendent; Ryan Reid, Sports Complex Director; Debbie Sage, Human Resources; David Wesner, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

**Approval of Agenda**

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

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

    NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

**Public Participation**

Loise Haines called to ask about the Trustee Retreat at the iHotel. She asked why the Village wasn't holding the event in Rantoul.

**Items from Mayor**

The Village will be enacting the snow routes tonight at 11:00 pm. Vehicles parked on the snow routes will be towed.

The Mayor informed the Trustees of a Training Retreat with the Illinois Municipal League Director at the iHotel Conference Center on April 23, 2022 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

### **Items from Trustees**

Trustee Robertson asked about the area on Veteran's Parkway/Perimeter Road where the fence was taken down. He would like to see a roundabout there since the Village owns that property. He asked if the cameras in the area were being used to ticket vehicles that drive through the open area. Trustee Robertson also asked about the Crime Free Housing policy.

Chief Brown said the license plate readers were not being used to enforce traffic violations. There have been no changes in the Crime Free Housing policy and any evictions occur only when proper evidence is presented.

### **Items from Clerk**

- A. Minutes of January 4, 2022 Study Session
- B. Minutes of January 11, 2022 Board Meeting
- C. Deputy Clerk Tana Ward received the 2022 Jim Tinnin Online Learning Scholarship for District VII from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. This is a \$100.00 scholarship to be used for on-line learning through the IIMC.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

### **Items from Administration**

- A. The current lease with McCleod, USA Telecommunications for space at 200 W. Grove expires on Feb. 28, 2022. The amendment extends the lease for five years to Feb. 28, 2027 with three renewals of five years each. The monthly rent is \$273.49.
- B. The Administrator is requesting the authority to refinance the Tax Increment Refunding Revenue Bonds. The interest rate has decreased and the Village could receive a savings of 4.4% to 8.2% over the remaining time of the bond which could net as much as \$1 million savings. John Vezzetti with Bernardi Securities explained the attachment which outlined the possible savings by refinancing the bonds. The Bonds were originally issued in 2013.
- C. The initial discussion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for the Village was started with the Trustees to bring forward ideas they have for the use of the money. The Administrator will make a list of all the ideas, discuss them with staff and review the restrictions of the ARPA program to see if they will fit the requirements.  
Clerk's Note:  
At 6:48 pm Chris Powers called in and was informed by the Clerk that Public Participation had been held at the beginning of the meeting.
- D. The Administrator has been meeting with the departments to review their 2022-2023 budget requests. The Administrator will have a discussion with the Trustees about items they would like to see in the budget and items that might not want.

The lease and bond refinancing items will go to the Board for approval.

**Items from Comptroller**

No Items to report.

**Items from Human Resources**

- A. Debbie Sage presented the Village Applicant Demographics Report.

**Items from Police Department**

- A. The Department would like to purchase nine squad car cameras from Axon Enterprise, Inc. These cameras would integrate with the current body cameras to provide more transparency of police contacts. The agreement would be for five years with a cost of \$20,765.72 annually. This will be a budgeted item.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

**Items from Fire Department**

No Items to Report.

**Items from Building Safety**

- A. The department is recommending the adoption of the 2018 International Code for Buildings and Building regulations. The Village currently uses the 2016 Code. There are three Ordinances to amended various sections of the Village Code. The 2018 Code books have been purchased out of this year's budget.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

**Items from Community Development**

No items to report.

**Items from the Recreation**

- A. Ryan Reid reviewed the year-end report for the Sports Complex.

**Items from Public Works**

- A. The Department submits a request annually to the Illinois Department of Transportation for State highway closings for community celebrations and parades. The Village is requesting permission to use or cross state highways for the Fourth of July Parade, the High School Homecoming Parade and the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.
- B. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency has mandated the development of a Nutrient Assessment and Reduction Plan to identify phosphorous reductions and other measures to ensure the dissolved oxygen and aquatic life criteria are met throughout the watershed. The Department would like to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Urbana and Champaign Sanitary District to hire an Engineer to perform the studies.
- C. The Village and the Sanitary District have selected Donohue & Associates to do the above study at a cost of \$27,010.00. This is a budgeted item.



- D. The Department is requesting the approval of a Change Order in the amount of \$19,864.00 to a contract with Burns & McDonnell to release for Chanute Air Force Base properties through the Illinois Division of Aeronautics. This process was delayed over 16 months and during that time new guidance was released by the FAA that required more work to complete the application.

These items will go to the Board for approval

**Items from Counsel**

Working with Building Safety on the adoption of the updated code. The three before the Board this month are the most used codes. They will be effective in June 2022.

**Items for Closed Session**

No Closed Session was held.

**Meeting Adjourned**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at. 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Gray, MMC  
Village Clerk

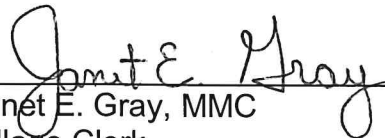
**Approved**

  
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 February 1, 2022 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

  
Janet E. Gray, MMC  
Village Clerk