

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
November 2, 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 Eisenhower, Administrator; Jolene Gensler, Comptroller; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Director; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; 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:

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

NAYS: 0

Motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

Jim Cheek addressed the board regarding the property at 325 E. Campbell. A new owner has brought in gravel to put on the lot. The Village has issued a stop work order until the proper permits can be issued. The Attorney informed the Board that this property is zoned commercial.

Bridgett Burnette stated she moved to Rantoul in June and spoke in support of allowing growing cannabis in the Hangar as discussed at the October meeting.

Wendell Golston asked the Board to remove the clothing collection bins that are at County Market. They were previously at the corner of Chanute and Rt. 136.

Items from Mayor

The Mayor did not have any items to report.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Hall stated that District 5 had its first Association meeting and will meet again on Thursday, November 4 at 6:30 pm at the Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited. He asked about the lights in the Forum parking lot. They have not always been on in the mornings. The Recreation Superintendent said they are aware of the problem which is due to the construction. They are considering leaving the lights on all the time until the issue is resolved.

Trustee Johnson asked about the two checks on the bill list for the Attorney. The Comptroller said one was paid late for September and the other bill is for October. She asked any citizens in her district interested in forming an Association to contact Debbra Sweat, Michael Mooreland or herself.

Trustee Robertson commented on the repair of pot holes on Eastview. He felt they were inferior to repairs in other areas of the Village. He suggested that some of the Federal Relief funds be used for infrastructure. This is needed due to the electrical outages that affect many citizens with medical issues.

Trustee Weathersby said that Kevin Jones and Loise Haines are assisting with the formation of a Homeowners Association in her district. She also mentioned a concern about reliable garbage pickup. She reached out to the Village's provider and was told they are having staffing issues.

Trustee Crider said there is a District 2 meeting on Saturday, November 6 at 10:00 am at the Youth Center. The Assistant Public Works Director and a Code Enforcement staff member will attend the meeting. She thanked the Public Works Department for cutting back the brush at the sidewalk on Perimeter Road and asked about the status of the fence at that location.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of Study Session October 5, 2021
- B. Minutes of Board Meeting October 12, 2021
- C. The Clerk gave an update on Training at the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute and Academy. She informed the Board that Deputy Clerk Tana Ward had attended the Institute as a year one student and that she had attended the Academy. This is an educational program provided by Eastern Illinois University. The Deputy Clerk received a full scholarship to attend (\$450.00) and the Clerk received \$400.00 in scholarships – leaving the total registration cost of \$50.00 for 2021. Both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk will continue to explore outside funding/scholarships for future training.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Department is requesting a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to amend the agreement with IBEW Local 51 representing the Electric Division personnel. The contract currently states that Parkland will provide training for electrical apprentices. However, Parkland's classes no longer meet the needs of the

Village and availability is limited. The proposed amendment is for Section VIII – Formal Training for Apprentices. This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Recreation

- A. The department is requesting approval to waive the bidding process and purchase Pulsar briquette chlorine tablets from the Spear Corporation. This is a budgeted item and will lock in the 2021 price and provide free shipping. The cost of the purchase is \$30,429.00. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- B. There has been a problem at the Sports Complex with foul balls entering the spectator area. The department is requesting to waive the bidding process and purchase a canopy netting system from National Sports Nets, LLC in the amount of \$217,610.00. Funding will come from the Sports Complex Fund. This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administration

- A. James Richy of Lauterbach and Amen, LLP presented their Actuarial Valuation of the Police Pension Fund. They recommend that the Village contribute \$496,375.00 to the fund for the FY 2022-2023 budget year. This will be incorporated in the FY 2022-2023 budget.
- B. In November the board sets the amount of Levy for the 2021 RE Taxes and determines if the levy will increase above 5%. The Administrator reviewed the funds to be requested in the Levy – \$1,549,960.00. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- C. The Administrator advised the Board that the Commerce Bank Credit Cards will be canceled and that the Village will now be using Bank of Rantoul Credit Cards. The Bank of Rantoul provides a local contact and better security of the accounts. The Village will also open a separate account for the purpose of managing the use of credit cards by patrons at the Village facilities. No action needed.
- D. The Village would like to create an Economic Development Electric Rate. IEMA defines this as a rate for businesses which utilize 3 megawatts of power or greater and have a load usage of 50%, or 80%. The Administrator is requesting that this language be added to the current ordinance. This item will go to the Board for approval.
- E. The Administrator stated that the Audit will be presented at the December Board meeting.
- F. There will be a Special Board Meeting sometime in November to review and approve the general liability insurance provider. This would provide time to put the policy in place effective January 1, 2022.
- G. There will be a discussion at the January meeting regarding the spending of the Federal Relief Funds. There are very strict regulations on the use of these funds and that information will be provided to the Board prior to the meeting.
- H. The discussion regarding allowing the cultivation of marijuana in the Village has been deferred at the request of Mr. Ehler.

Items from Comptroller

No Items to Report.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The monthly Village Applicant Demographic Report was provided in the packet.

Items from Police Department

No items to Report.

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 Counsel

- A. The Attorney said he has worked with the owner of the 325 E. Campbell property on other issues before.
B. He is working with the owners who have not yet registered their rental property as required by Ordinance.
C. The court meetings mentioned last month did not go forward as expected. He will continue working on these issues.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

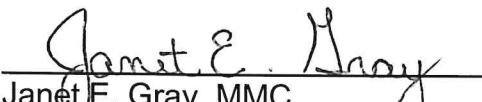
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



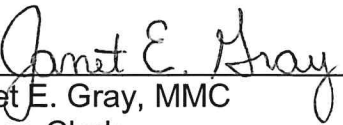
Charles Smith
Village President

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 November 2, 2021 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

