RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
April 5, 2022

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.

Invocation
Trustee Irene Weathersby, CU Autism Network Board Member gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance
Members of the CU Autism Network led the pledge of allegiance in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

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; Jolene Gensler, Comptroller; Debbie Sage, Human Relations; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Department; 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, Wethersby and Johnson – 6.
NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation
Pastor Terry Sheppard addressed the board regarding the additional gambling machines and sales of alcohol at the Sports Complex.
Dr. Dennis Stubblefield and Mr. Brian Corell addressed the board regarding marijuana sales in the Village.
Mr. Danny Matthews, Mr. Mike Lykins, Pastor Nelson Curvas, Pastor David Allison, Pastor Albert Bennett and Ms. Rita Ray addressed the Board regarding the sale of alcohol at the Sports Complex and marijuana sales in the Village.

Pastor Michael Johnson addressed the Board regarding marijuana sales in the Village and additional gambling machines.
Mr. Chad Mitchell addressed the Board regarding the sale of alcohol at the Sports Complex.

The Mayor asked the members of the audience waiting to speak if he could interrupt the Public Participation to address the Proclamation for Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month. With no objections raised, the Mayor introduced Mr. Joe Bolser who mentioned the Autism Walk on May 7 in Savoy. The Mayor then read the Proclamation naming May as Autism month in Rantoul.

Public Participation was then continued.

Mr. Terry Workman addressed the Board regarding alcohol sales at the Sports Complex.
Dr. James Unzicker addressed the Board regarding the sale of alcohol at the Sports Complex, marijuana sales in the Village and more gambling machines. He also thanked the Mayor for his support of the Autism Community.

Items from Mayor
The Mayor thanked the members of the public who addressed the Board.

The Mayor issued a Proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month which is April. Trustee Weathersby discussed the blue children stand ups seen around the area which are a sign of hope against abuse.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Hall
Addressed the Board regarding the physical assets that the Village has and that he would like to see used more, such as the Forum, the Aquatic Center, the Recreation and Youth Center. He challenged the Trustees and Staff to come up with some ways to get more residents to use the facilities.

Trustee Wilkerson
Thanked those who addressed the Board tonight on issues up for discussion.

Trustee Robertson
Asked if the items addressed by the public could be tabled or placed on a referendum. The Administrator explained the two different ways an item could be placed as a Referendum on a ballot.
Addressed the pot holes on Veterans Parkway. The Administrator stated that Veterans Parkway requires a rebuild rather than just being patched because the binding material on the roadway has failed.
Asked if the Village could do a street light study around the village.

Trustee Weathersby
Thanked he Administrator and Scott Morgan for an update on three houses that had been damaged by fire. Thanked the residents that addressed the Board.

Trustee Johnson
Thanked the residents that addressed the Board.

Items from Clerk

A. Minutes of March 1, 2022 Study Session
B. Minutes of March 8, 2022 Board Meeting
C. The Clerk informed the Board that she had submitted a Records Disposal request to the Illinois Local Records Commission. This is done on an annual basis under the retention guidelines of the Illinois State Archives. The minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

A. The March 2022 Village Applicant Demographics Report was included in the Board Packet.

Items from Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Police Department

A. The Police Department is requesting approval to purchase a new access control system for the building from Siemens. The Cost is 19,820.92. This system controls all the entry/exits of all exterior doors and is a budgeted item. 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

No items to report.

Items from the Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

A. The Department is requesting approval of a Local Agency Agreement between the Village of Rantoul and the Illinois Department of Transportation to allocate costs and funding for the construction of the proposed multi-use path along the west side of Maplewood Drive. The funds are provided by Federal ITEP funds, Federal COVID Funds and State funds. The cost of the project is $441,906.20. No local funds will be needed for construction.
B. The Department is requesting approval of the purchase of pad-mount transformers from Jerry's Electric for a total cost of $172,415.00. One transformer will be installed at Hangar 2, one will remain in inventory to be used as a backup and 15 transformers purchased from B & B Transformer, Inc. will be used in the underground project along Broadmeadow Road. This equipment is budgeted in the FY22 budget.
C. The Department is requesting approval of the purchase of a new West Channel Dimminutor Grinder for Pump Station #557 from Franklin Miller which is a sole source vendor. The cost is $65,500.00. This item will be purchased out of the Wastewater Reserves.
These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administration

A. The Village recently accepted the donation of property at 1318 Rockland Drive. Habitat for Humanity is interested in building a structure on this property. The Administrator is asking the Board to approve the donation of the property to Habitat for Humanity who is partnering with the U. of I. on a uniquely designed home.
This item will go to the Board for approval.
B. A redevelopment agreement was approved with Core Acquisitions, LLC for a project in Redevelopment Project Area Number Four (801 W. Champaign Ave). The principals of the agreement have created a separate entity for the project under the name of SC Rantoul, LLC. The Board is being asked to approve a redevelopment agreement with SC Rantoul, LLC to replace the agreement with Core Acquisitions.
This item will go to the Board for approval.
C. As a part of the Liquor License renewal process, the Village is required to determine that the license holder has legal access to the property for the period of the license. This Ordinance change will outline the requirements for verification for properties that are leased.
This item will go to the Board for approval.
D. The current Village Gaming License Rider allows for five gaming terminals. The State increased the number of terminals to allow up to six terminals per license holder. This Ordinance would permit the license holder to operate the number of terminals authorized by that State.
This item will be postponed until the May Study Session.

E. Currently the Village of has 12 P1/P2 licenses with the license holder choosing either a P1, beer, wine and alcoholic products or P2, beer and wine only. The proposal is to allow 12 class P-1 licenses and four (4) P-2 licenses. The new P-2 license would allow the license holder to serve drinks for consumption on the premises but not be eligible for a Class VG License Rider (Video Gaming). This item will go to the Board for approval.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 8:17 pm.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:25 pm.

F. The Board was asked to consider establishing a Class SC, Rantoul Family Sports Complex license to allow sale and consumption of drinks on premise which are 15% alcohol by volume or less. This would allow for consumption of open alcohol on premise but only alcohol that is sold on premise. A vendor would be selected to hold the license and be responsible for dram show insurance. Mr. Eric Thompson, owner of ET's Restaurant, addressed the Board regarding this license. He stated that he would have BASSET trained employees selling the alcohol.
The consensus of the Board was to prepare a Referendum for the November election.

G. A Trustee requested that the Board reconsider allowing the adult-use of cannabis dispensing organizations within the corporate limits of the Village.
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H. The Village Board discussed the amount of funding to the Rantoul Police Pension Fund for the year FY2022-2023. The Actuary recommended a contribution of $496,000.00. The State requires a contribution of $316,000.00. The consensus of the Board is to make the contribution $316,000.00 for this year. This will go to the Board for approval.

I. The Board discussed the FY 2022-23 Budget. The Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on May 3 at 5:30 pm. There will be a Special Board Meeting following at 5:45 pm to approve the Budget.

Items from Counsel

A. No items to Report

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:51 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 April 5, 2022 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk