

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
March 1, 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.

Roll Call

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

Mayor Smith, and Trustees Crider, Wilkerson, Hall, Robertson and Johnson – 6
Trustee Weathersby was absent.

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; Chris Milliken, Community Development; Luke Humphrey, Recreation; David Wesner, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

Approval of Agenda

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

 AYE: Johnson, Crider, Wilkerson, Hall and Robertson – 5.

 NAYS: None – 0.

 ABSENT: Weathersby - 1

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation

Debra Sweat thanked the City Schools for their African American Heritage event last Friday. She also thanked Trustee Irene Weathersby for speaking out on the PBL video issue. Ms. Sweat had several questions regarding the Storm Drainage issues in the Village. She was also concerned that the Storm Drainage Meeting and Human Relations Committees were canceled without notification to the citizens.

Items from Mayor

 A. Asked everyone to pray for the Ukraine.

Items from Police Department

Chief Frank Kaminski presented the Mayor and Chief Brown with a certificate recognizing the Village of Rantoul's Police Department as receiving accreditation from the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP). Rantoul is one of only five municipalities in the State to receive this accreditation.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Johnson

- What is the status of grant funds for Heritage Park? Mr. Humphrey said the Village should hear something this summer. The Village should also hear about the boat ramp grant this summer.
- How many picnic tables have been repaired at the campground? Mr. Humphrey will check and let her know.
- Has the Village heard anything back about a crosswalk on Rt 136 once the speed limit is reduced? The Administrator said that it takes IDOT some time to process requests. Once approved the Village will review the request for a crosswalk.
- Scott Bennett stated the Village would receive a \$500,000 grant from the State. What is the status of that grant? The Administrator said the Village should hear something this summer.
- Have we paid back the electric division for payments for the fire truck? These funds are paid back when the Village receives payment of the video gaming tax.
- Trustee Johnson would like to revisit the Village electric bicycle ordinance. She has contacted the Secretary of State and the State requires these bicycles to be licensed and have insurance.

Trustee Wilkerson

- Thanked the Police Dept. for the work they did this weekend in regards to the shooting.
- When will the Board have an opportunity to discuss the distribution of the Federal Stimulus money again? The Administrator said that the regulations on how that money can be used were changed and are being reviewed. At the same time the Administrator is reviewing the items suggested by the Trustees in February.

Sam Hall

- Thanked the teachers for last Friday's event.
- Asked about the lack of Taxi services in Rantoul. The Administrator stated that there are two companies licensed. He has heard that there is a problem finding labor to work the shifts.
- An Autism group has contacted Trustee Hall about having a walk or other event in March. The Administrator said the Mayor is usually willing to prepare a proclamation if asked. He also asked that the group coordinate with the Village.
- Thanked the Police for the work they do. He asked the public to please help the public safety employees do their job and keep our community safe.

Trustee Robertson

- Offered condolences to the family who lost someone last week.
- Asked why the Village would continue to pay someone who gives two weeks' notice but not require them to work during that time. The Administrator stated this was an administrative decision.
- How many unions does the Village have and why is a Supervisor allowed to be a union steward? The Administrator said there are three unions – Electric Department, Sergeants and Patrol Officers. Any member of the union is allowed to be a steward and the unions were set up allowing supervisors to join the union.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of February 1, 2022 Study Session.
- B. Minutes of February 8, 2022 Board Meeting.

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administration

- A. Chris Millikan presented a Land Lease Agreement with Bow Renewables LLC for property at 3200 N 1800 E Road for a Solar project. This is a former landfill and will have to be released by the EPA. The property is outside the Village limits so the group will need to get permits through the County. Bow Renewables wants to be a contributing member of the community and would sponsor a \$10,000 Scholarship to a local high school student and donate \$50,000 to the Village Recreation Department. They would like to get the lease approved as soon as possible because of the other steps required to get this facility approved. The consensus of the Board was to rent the property at \$500.00 per year for three years and with a \$19,500.00 payment at the time of construction. Mike Miso and Jordan Newall answered questions from the board.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Comptroller

No Items to Report.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The Mayor stated the February 2022 Village Applicant Demographics Report was included in the Board Packet.

Items from Fire Department

No Items to Report.

Items from Building Safety

- A. Scott Morgan presented five ordinances which will update several Articles in Chapter Ten "Buildings and Building Regulation" adopting the 2018 International Mechanical Code, Fire Code, Fuel Gas Code, Energy Conservation Code and Wildland-Urban Interface Code. These codes will be effective June 1, 2022.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Community Development

- A. In 2021 the Village received a grant to conduct a tree inventory. As a result of that study the Village is proposing an Urban Forestry Management Plan that would provide requirements for preserving, caring for, and protecting our urban forest, which also lists guidelines for planting new trees and removal and replacement of existing trees. The Ordinance also defines and addresses, nuisance trees and infestations while providing compliance and enforcement provisions. The Ordinance approval is part of receiving reimbursement of the grant funds.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Recreation

- A. The department is requesting the approval of a contract with Deem Landscaping for landscape installation and maintenance for the 2022 season. Deem Landscaping was the only company that responded to an RFP advertised in January. They have provided a quality product in the past and the department is recommending a one-year extension for the 2022 season. The cost is \$28,385.00. This will be paid on a monthly basis. The funds are in the FY22-23 budget.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Public Works

- A. The department is requesting the approval of a contract with GHR Engineering & Assoc. for design and construction for the HVAC replacement at the Water Treatment Plant at a cost of \$47,784.00.
- B. The department is requesting the approval of a contract with Cross Construction for roadway improvements and resurfacing of Congress Ave. and Sheldon St. at a cost is \$1,244,883.87.
- C. The department is requesting the approval of an agreement with POW-R-GUARD for semi-annual preventative maintenance of the Caterpillar emergency standby generators. The cost is \$52,208.00 per year.
- D. The department is requesting the approval of an agreement with G.A. Rich & Sons for the replacement of the underdrains of filter two and filter four at the West Water Treatment Plant. The cost is \$246,850.00.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

- A. Recorded the plat for property with the park district for the Sports Complex. Continuing to work on the loan collection cases.

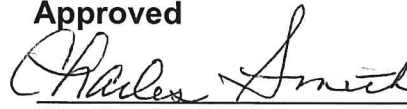
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

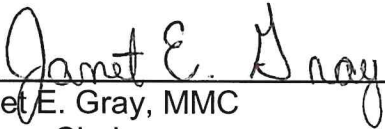
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

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



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk