

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
June 7, 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, Hall, Robertson, Weathersby and Johnson – 6

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Ken Waters, Fire Chief; Debbie Sage, Human Resources Manager; David Wesner, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

The Mayor read a Proclamation in honor of Andrew Kulczycki, Director of the Community Service Center congratulating him on his retirement. The Service Center is hosting a retirement open house on June 16, 2022.

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 and Crider – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Wilkerson - 1

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation

Daylanda Shelby addressed the Board with a request for a variance at 1416 Eater Drive to establish an Airbnb.

Debbra Sweat stated that in addition to an email she sent to the Board regarding residency and purchases, she had several questions.

- Asked where the Community CAPER report for 2020 and 2021 can be found on the web site and when will they be made public.
- Asked for an update on landfill issues.
- Would like a status report on the current and delinquent EDA and Micro Loans and any pending legal action.
- What area of Rantoul does the PFAS come from that is in the Wastewater.
- She referred to a note from a citizen regarding employee salary increases.

Items from Mayor

- A. The Mayor stated that he would be appointing Chad Smith as Fire Chief as of August 1, 2022. Mr. Smith is currently a Captain on the Department. He introduced Mr. Smith and asked the Board if they had any questions.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Johnson

- Asked about the status of outstanding loans for the various programs. The Attorney said he would prepare a report for the Board. She suggested hiring a debt collector.
- Asked about allowing golf carts on roadways. The Administrator and Police Dept. will bring an Ordinance to the Board in July.
- Asked what the status is of the \$500,000.00 grant from the State that Scott Bennett promised. Staff is working with the State on that grant as well as a \$400,000.00 State grant from Mike Marron.
- Asked about the status of the Heritage Park Grant. The Village was informed that it does not qualify as a distressed community for a 90% grant. The Village is challenging that to understand why it does not qualify. It will also resubmit the project for a 50% matching grant.
- Asked about the status of downtown grant. The Village should hear soon.
- Asked about the status of the retention pond on Illinois Drive. The flooding problem appears to be taken care of with the work the school did and the green spaces created by the demolition of the houses.
- Asked if the Village is going to have public meetings where the citizens can ask the Board questions. There are discussions about having District meetings in the fall, with two Districts meeting at a time.
- Asked about the disposal of outdated equipment. Is it sold and if so, where can the public find that information so they can bid on it. The Administrator said it is determined with each piece of equipment. Sales have occurred at auctions at Gordyville. Some are offered on national bidding sources.

Trustee Weathersby

- Asked about the homes that recently burned. One has been demolished and the other has ownership concerns so no action has been taken.
- Had a citizen contact her about transportation to the Peace Meals. The Recreation Department provides transportation.
- Stated that Head Start is looking for teachers.

Trustee Hall

- Asked that the residents watch for children who are playing outside now that school is out for the year and asked that vehicles slow down.
- Asked that citizens keep their eyes out to keep the children safe in the parks.

Trustee Crider

- Asked if the ADA Compliance information was updated on the web site. It has been updated.
- Asked when the EDA and Micro Loan Committee would meet again. The committees will meet in June to review applications.

Trustee Robertson

- Asked if the Village had tested for PFAS in the ground at Southpoint. The Administrator has asked for a report.
- Would like to see the Board vote next week to provide funds to the residents to help pay utilities. He suggested \$300 per residential household with utilities.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of May 3, 2022 Special Board Meeting
- B. Minutes of May 3 2022 Regular Study Session
- C. Minutes of May 10, 2022 Board Meeting

Trustee Crider addressed some concerns in the minutes of the Special Board Meeting and Regular Study Session. The Clerk will review these minutes and forward the updated minutes to the Board.

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

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

Items from Police Department

- A. The Department is asking for approval to purchase two new Ford Police Utility Vehicles from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$78,650.00. The replaced vehicles will be offered to other departments for their use.
- B. The Department is asking for approval to sign a service agreement with Flock Group, Inc. for 24 Falcon Cameras (License Plate Readers) in the amount of \$65,800.00 annually.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Fire Department

No Items to report.

Items from Comptroller

- A. Presented a Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$3,491,143.00. This amendment is to allow funds allocated in the 2021-2022 budget that were not used to go forward to the new fiscal year. This situation is usually because of timing differences where products or services were received prior to year-end but were not billed in time to be paid in the correct fiscal year.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Building Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

- A. The department presented a draft of the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan for review. This Plan serves as the application for the 2022 CDBG funds. The amount for 2022-2023 is \$335,317.00. This amount decreased approximately \$19,000.00 based on the 2020 census.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

- A. The department is requesting approval for the purchase of a mini excavator for the Sanitary and Storm Division from Altorfer CAT in the amount of \$70,000.00.
- B. The department is requesting approval of a service agreement for the HVAC replacement project at the Water Treatment Plant with Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$301,995.00.
- C. The department is requesting approval of the purchase of a tree chipper for the Street Systems Division from Vermeer Midwest in the amount of \$100,000.00.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administration

- A. The Administrator presented an Ordinance amending section 4-38, Video Gambling License Rider. This Ordinance would allow establishments to have up to six machines each which is in line with the State Statutes.
- B. The Administrator discussed the requirements for Officers to live in the Village limit, based on job responsibility. He is proposing changing the requirement to require the Administrator and Fire and Police Chiefs to live in the Village limits.
- C. The Administrator presented preview of July agenda items.
 - A redistricting draft will be brought to the Board in July. There is a meeting this Thursday, June 9 at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room. Citizens may submit maps for review. This map must be approved by August.
 - The Cannabis issue will come back to the Board. A survey will be posted on the web site and social media for public comments.
 - The Golf Cart Ordinance will come to the Board.
 - We have had several requests to purchase vacant lots. An updated list of properties will go to the Board for approval for sale.
 - An updated list of ARPA spending suggestions was been distributed and updated on the web site. Will have a discussion to narrow the list. Public meetings will be held for citizen input.
 - The Trustees would like to discuss applying funds to every residential utility account. The Administrator will provide some documentation that would include funds for Administrative costs for staff time.

Items A and B will go to the Board for approval.

The Mayor recognized Loise Haines who asked to make a statement.

Items from Counsel

- A. The Attorney stated he will send a memo updating the Board on the issues he is working on.

The Mayor recognized Janet Brotherton who asked to make a statement.

Closed Session

There was no Closed Session.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

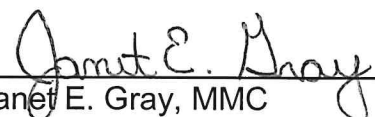
Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

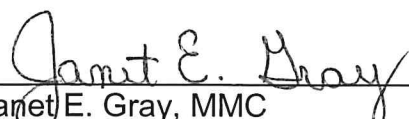
Approved


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 June 7, 2022 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.


Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk