

RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
August 2, 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, 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; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Superintendent; Ryan Reid, Sports Complex Manager; Ken Waters, Retiring Fire Chief; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Corky Vericker, Airport Manager; Jolene Gensler, Comptroller; David Wesner, Attorney; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk; and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Items from Mayor

- A. The Mayor recognized the new command officers for the Rantoul Fire Department: Assistant Chief Kevin Kaiser, Captain Richard Carr, Captain Jeremy Larson, Captain Geoff Wahl, Lieutenant Jason McMorris, Lieutenant Derek Shreves and Lieutenant Gary Wilson.
- B. The Mayor recognized the retirement of Firefighter Mark Fullenkamp who joined the force on August 7, 1996. He also recognized Assistant Chief Mitchell Suits who joined the force on November 24, 1981, was promoted to Captain in 2005 and to Assistant Chief in 2008.
- C. The Mayor recognized the retirement of Fire Chief Ken Waters who joined the force on June 25, 1975, was promoted to Captain in 1996, and to Chief in 2005. Retired Chief Waters gave a few remarks, thanking the Board for his time on the department.
- D. Luke Humphrey thanked the Board for recognizing Jayla McGee for her assistance at the Sports Complex. She played the tourism video she made for her class assignment. Ryan Reid also thanked that Board for the first Touch a Truck event last weekend.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

Lee McMahan thanked the Recreation employees who helped with the day camp and the youth garden club. She stated that the recreation department is awesome. She supports the use of ARPA Funds to upgrade the Youth Center.

Chris Powers spoke about the Mayor's veto of the use of ARPA funds for utility credits. He is in favor of using the funds for the utility credits.

Terry Workman praised the Village employees and administration for the work they have done over the last four years. He mentioned projects completed by the various departments.

Loise Haines was concerned about serving alcohol at the Sports Complex while children are present. She has found the list of term limits for committees.

Debbra Sweat had several questions. Where is the PFAS report? What enterprise account will the money from auctioned vehicles go in? She would like \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 from the ARPA funds to be allotted for a forensic audit. She was concerned that the Mayor vetoed the use of ARPA funds for utility credits.

Wendell Goldston spoke about the use of ARPA funds for utility credits .

Rhonda Reed, Rantoul Library Trustee, distributed information on the Community's second annual back to school event.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Weathersby

- Promise Health Care is holding an event in Champaign on August 6, 10-noon
- There is a School Supply Give Away at Napleton's August 7, from 2-5 pm
- Be My Neighbor Day is at Douglas Park in Champaign August 13, 11-5 pm
- The Salvation Army is sponsoring a Job Fair August 17, 10-2 pm
- There is a District 1 event on August 20 at the Youth Center, 11-4 pm.
- She is concerned that the Board was not aware of the Special Liquor License for the Sports Complex.

Trustee Johnson

- Asked the Fire Chief to explain how the new Fire Command Vehicle would be used. This is 2013 vehicle that is no longer being used by the Police Dept.
- Thanked the Administrator for getting areas of the Village mowed. The Administrator has reached out to Senator Bennet and Representative Marron to get funds to enhance the west entrance of the Village.

Trustee Hall

- Congratulated the Firefighters who were promoted and those who retired.
- Was pleased to see the Recreation Department had a garden program this year.
- Stated that District 5 will meet August 20 at the Nazarene Church. He is concerned about how he can get the word out to the residents of that District.

Trustee Wilkerson

- Asked about the sale of liquor at the Sports Complex. The Administrator stated that a non-profit organization applied for a Temporary Liquor License. It was issued to the Rush Softball/Baseball Organization.
- Asked if there was any option of amending the motion regarding use of ARPA funds when voting to override the Veto. The board can either vote to override the veto or let it stand, but not make amendments.

Loise Haines asked to address the Board. The Mayor stated that Public Participation was over.

Trustee Robertson

- Asked a follow-up question on the name on the license to sell alcohol at the Sports Complex.
- Asked why the Board couldn't lower the cost for children to attend the pool and offer a \$2.00 rate. The Recreation Director offered to have the Board review the policy and prices.
- Asked why the ARPA vote regarding the utility credit was not back on the agenda tonight. The Administrator stated that information has been provided to the Board regarding the process of bringing a vote back to the Board.

The Mayor asked the members of the Gallery to refrain from speaking during the meeting.

The Mayor again asked the members of the Gallery to refrain from speaking as they were disturbing the meeting.

Trustee Crider

- Asked when the PFAS report would be available. The Administrator said he would present it to the Board once it was received.
- Asked where funds from auctioned vehicles are placed in the budget. Those proceeds go into the General Fund.
- Asked which department would be making a report next and when that would occur. The Administrator said that was the Fire Department and he had wanted to wait until the new Command Officers were in place.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of July 5, 2022 Regular Study Session
- B. Minutes of July 12, 2022 Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. Village Applicant Demographics Report July 2022

Items from Police Department

No Items to Report.

Items from Fire Department

No Items to Report.

Items from Comptroller

No Items to Report.

Items from Building Safety

- A. The Department requested approval to purchase a 2020 Chevy Silverado from McMahon Auto Group in the amount of \$30,573.00. This truck will allow the department to pick up large items that have been dumped in the right-of-way. It would replace the 2007 Jeep with 105,449 miles. This is a budgeted purchase. This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Community Development

No Items to Report.

Items from the Recreation

No Items to Report.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Water Division requested the approval of a service agreement with Water Well Solutions Illinois, LLC in the amount of \$56,998.00 to provide materials, equipment and labor to pull and replace a new 40 HP submersible pump for Well No. 9. This is a budgeted project.
- B. The department requested the approval of an engineering service agreement with Hanson Professional Services not-to-exceed \$219,200.00 to develop the plans, specifications, and provide construction engineering for rehabilitation of Runway 18-36, the north-south runway. The Village is responsible for \$10,960.00 which is 5% of the engineering costs. This is a budgeted project.
- C. The Street and Systems Division requested approval to purchase a replacement truck with snow plow not to exceed \$60,000.00. This vehicle will replace the 1994 truck which will be auctioned off. This is a budgeted item.
- D. The department requested approval to purchase electric equipment from Anixter Power Solutions in the amount of \$110,997.00 to support load growth at Rantoul Foods.
- E. The department requested approval of the annual IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Resolution in the amount \$225,000.00 to fund Street and System Division day labor and equipment expenses.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Mayor requested an 8-minute break at 7:54

The Board returned to the meeting at 8:03

Items from Administration

- A. The Administrator requested approval to purchase AnalyticsNOW Report Writing Software in the amount of \$32,750.00 for the accounting department. There is a \$1,500.00 annual fee.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Discussion of ARPA Funds

- A. The Administrator presented an updated list of proposed projects using ARPA funds. The Administrator asked the Trustees to prioritizing projects and determine which projects the Board is not interested in pursuing. Attached is a list of that discussion as compiled by the Administrator.

The Clerk stated that there were comments in the gallery and she was unable to hear the Board's discussion. The Mayor asked the gallery to refrain from speaking in the meeting. One of the speakers apologized.

The Mayor asked the Board to reconsider the Grove Street Extension project. The project would provide the infrastructure to promote the building of residential homes and some commercial development.

Items from Counsel

- A. No items to Report.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Smith", written over a horizontal line.

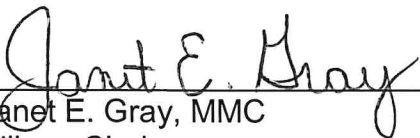
Charles Smith
Village President

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 August 2, 2022 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk