

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Smith called the proceeding to order.

Roll Call

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

Mayor Smith, and Trustees Crider, Wilkerson, Hall, Robertson and Weathersby – 6

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhower, Administrator; Debbie Sage, Human Relations; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Director; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; David Wesner, Attorney; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Mayor's Announcement

- A. The Mayor invited Margurette Carter to give an announcement regarding the Red-Kettle Campaign for the Salvation Army. She invited the public to a meeting September 23, 2022, 5:30 pm at the Methodist Church Gathering Place. Melissa Wilhelm of the Salvation Army will speak on how the community can get involved in the 2022 Red Kettle program.

2023 Consolidated Election Notice

- A. Candidates seeking election can pick up election packets from the Office of the Clerk starting September 20, 2022. Packets for Library Trustees may be picked up at the Library.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Johnson - 1

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation

- Sharica Carter owner of Dis and Dat BBQ addressed the Board regarding citations she received for an event held on August 6.
- Hank Gamel requested ARPA funds for wastewater repairs in the Hope Meadows.
- Loise Haines asked who serves as the Mayor Pro Tem, the status of the Missile Committee and clarification on term limits of the different committees. She also requested a Town Hall meeting. She is in favor of the Grove Street extension.
- Chris Powers addressed the board on the issue of trust.
- Debbra Sweat spoke to the Mayor's veto of the ARPA funds for utility credits.
- Wendell Goldston addressed the Board regarding consistency in the meetings.

Items from Trustees

- Trustee Hall thanked Mrs. Carter for information on the Salvation Army Red Kettle program. He would like to discuss the issue of the Mayor Pro Tem.
- Trustee Weathersby thanked Ms. Sharica Carter for standing up for herself. She also asked the Mayor why there was a concern with applauding at meetings. District 1 will have a meeting on Sunday, September 25 at the Youth Center.
- Trustee Robertson asked if the Board needed to put the Ordinance for using ARPA funds for utility credits back on the agenda.

Items from Mayor

- A. The Mayor addressed the issue of the Mayor Pro Tem. He has spoken with Sam Hall regarding this position. He decided not to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem but to allow all Trustees an opportunity to preside at the meetings if he is unavailable.
- B. The Mayor asked for the affirmation of the appointment to the Police Pension Board with a term to expire in 2024. The Mayor has interviews set with four citizens interested in serving on the Board.
- C. The Mayor asked for the affirmation of the reappointment of Brian Schurter to the Fire and Police Commission for a term to expire in 2025.
- D. The Mayor asked for the affirmation of the appointment of Jennifer Tucker to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a term to expire in 2025.

Items C and D will go to the Board for approval. Item B will go to the Board if a candidate is selected prior to the meeting.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of August 2, 2022 Regular Study Session
- B. Minutes of August 9, 2022 Board Meeting

The minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The August 2022 Village Applicant Demographics Report is in the Board Packet.

Items from Police Department

- A. The Police Department requested approval for the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Sedan from Shields's Auto Center in the amount of \$35,439.00. If this vehicle is not available the department requested the approval to order a 2023 Dodge Sedan in the amount of \$36,500.00. The new vehicle will replace a 2008 Chevrolet Impala. The funds will come from the Capital Replacement Fund.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Fire Department

- A. Chief Smith gave an update on the department. He reviewed the mission of the department, the goals and the objectives. He presented some capital planning goals. The Department will have an open house on October 12.

Items from Comptroller

No Items to report.

Items from Building Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

- A. The department asked for the approval of a Resolution for submitting a 2022 Transportation Enhancement program (ITAP) grant for Veteran's Parkway/ Perimeter Road Shared Use Path Extension, which would extend to Pleasant Acres School.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Recreation

- A. The department asked for the approval of a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Notice of State Award for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition & Development (OSLAD) Grant for Heritage Lake Redevelopment Phase One. The grant would be for \$400,000.00 and the Village would be responsible for \$235,000.00. There is \$100,000.00 allocated in the current budget. The remaining \$135,000.00 would either have to be allocated in the 2024 budget or provided with in-kind services.
- B. The department asked for the approval of an Ordinance for an Intergovernmental Agreement with Rantoul Township High School for the Transfer of Real Estate (Ryan Park). It was recently brought to the attention of the Recreation Department that the Village did not own the property. The High School and Village would like to enter into an agreement in order to be able to do upgrades at the Park.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Department asked for approval for the purchase of a new Kubota SV65 Skid Steer Loader for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Birkey's Farm Store in the amount of \$46,155.89 with a contingency fund of \$5,000.00 for any modifications or increase in price. This is a budgeted item.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administration

- A. The Administrator distributed a letter to the board from Hope Meadows requesting ARPA funds for wastewater line repairs. No amount was requested but the cost is estimated at \$500,000.00. He also distributed a request from DREAAAM for funding for a pilot initiative. No amount was listed in that letter. The last list of requests distributed did not have those two requests included. The Administrator reviewed projects that the Trustees no longer wished to consider for use of ARPA funds. He then asked the Trustees to list their top priorities.
- B. The Administrator stated that Motor Fuel Tax revenue is underperforming. He believes people are purchasing their gas in other areas where the prices are lower.

Items from Counsel

- A. No items to Report. The attorney will provide an update on accounts taken to court for collection.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:54.

Respectfully submitted,

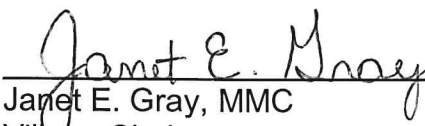
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

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 September 6, 2022 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk