

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
NOVEMBER 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.

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; Jolene Gensler, Comptroller; Debbie Sage, Human Relations; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; David Wesner, Attorney; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Mayor's Presentation

- A. The Mayor read a proclamation in honor of Dr. Thomas Ramage, President of Parkland who is retiring after 15 years of service. The Mayor declared November 1, 2022 as Dr. Thomas Ramage Day in Rantoul.
- B. Luke Somerville from Illinois Solar Decathlon gave a presentation on the Rantoul Solar House Project. The house will be built at 1318 Rockland Drive. Construction will begin in November 2022 and be completed in March 2023. The group works with Habitat for Humanity to place a local family in the house when it is completed.
- C. The Mayor recognized Deputy Village Clerk Tana Ward, who was named Illinois Rookie Clerk of the Year and was elected as the Municipal Clerks of Illinois District Six Director.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

 NAYS: None – 0.

 ABSENT: Wilkerson - 1

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation

- Diana Flanagan thanked the Board for their time in serving the community. She expressed concerns about the cost of repairs and upgrades needed for the wastewater treatment plant.
- Loise Haines asked if the Village owned the Hallmark Building. She asked if this issue had come before the Board.
- Mr. Lashley asked the Trustees what their vision is for the Village.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Johnson

- Asked about the company that wanted to put solar panels on the landfill. The Administrator said the company is still in their due diligence phase which will take about one year.
- Expressed concerned about the motorized bicycles in Rantoul. She asked the other Trustees if they would be interested in looking into regulating these bicycles.
- Asked if the Village had considered investing in CDs at Edward Jones.
- Asked what happened to the liens on the former Theater. Were they paid? The Administrator said that as part of the sale to the new owner the liens were waived. The Village is currently pursuing violations that have occurred under the new ownership.

Trustee Robinson

- Asked if the Village owns the Hallmark Building. The Administrator said the Village received the title to this building in lieu of fines for code violations. The Village will put this building up for sale through a bid process.
- Asked if anyone has contacted the Village stating they did not want the \$300.00 utility Credit. The Administrator said no one has contacted the Village. The software is on order but has not been received.

Trustee Crider

- Asked if there was any follow-up on her concerns regarding the groundhog situation on the former base. The Administrator said the Village is working with someone on humane ways to relocate the groundhogs. This will be done in the colder weather months.

Trustee Hall

- Asked about the status of the Autonomous track. The Administrator said the U. of I. has developed a new design that will need 600 acres. They are working on the engineering phase.
- Asked about the remaining vacant lots the Village has for sale. The Administrator said there are three parties interested in the remaining residential lots and the Village is working on the documentation.

Items from Mayor

- A. The Mayor asked the Board to affirm the appointment of Terry Archibald to the Micro Loan Committee and the Revolving Loan Committee with a term expiration of 2025.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of October 4, 2022 Regular Study Session.
- B. Minutes of October 11, 2022 Board Meeting.

The minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. Sol Azteca, Inc. dba Angel's Agave Mexican Restaurant has applied for an EDA Loan in the amount of \$450,000.00 to purchase the property at 1668 E. Grove and buy more equipment. The loan will be secured by equipment. The Loan committee is recommending that the Village Board approve this loan request.
- B. Aaron and Cindy Tuller have applied for a Micro Loan in the amount of \$75,000.00 to renovate the property at 1568 E. Grove and buy additional equipment to operate the bowling alley. They will be making repairs to the roof and remodeling parts of the interior. The loan will be secured by a second mortgage and equipment. The Loan committee is recommending that the Village Board approve this loan request.
- C. The Administrator presented a Resolution to expand the services of C-Carts and to approve the Rantoul Eagle Express C-Carts transportation agreement for November 2022 – October 2023 at \$9,700.00 per month.
- D. The Administrator gave a presentation on the proposed Property Tax Levy which included the formula used to determine the levy amount, the proposed tax levy, the Police Pension Fund request and how it affects the Village Levy.
- E. The Administrator distributed an updated list of funding recommendations for the use of the ARPA funds. An estimate for additional bathrooms and concession stands at the Sports Complex came to \$900,000.00. The Staff looked into other options and has some ideas on some non-permanent options.

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

Items from Human Resources

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

Items from Police Department

No items to report.

Items from Fire Department

No items to report

Items from Comptroller

The Comptroller distributed the FY 23 Budget book to the Board.

Items from Building Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

- A. The Village has been approached by Rantoul Warehouse, LLC, owner of the property at 721 Galaxy to purchase the adjacent property at 620 Cook Street at a price of \$15,000.00. This parcel is in the Airport District so proceeds will go back into the Airport Fund. The buyer will lease the property until the FAA release is completed.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

The Mayor called for a break at 8:02 pm.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Items from the Recreation

- A. The Department is requesting approval to purchase chemicals for the 2023 pool season from Spear Corp. in the amount of \$28,390.00. This purchase will lock in the 2023 price and provide free shipping. The department requests the waiving of the bidding process for a sole source purchase.
- B. The Department is requesting approval to purchase one or two, pickup trucks for the Grounds Maintenance Division not-to-exceed \$40,000.00. A 1992 Chevy was recently taken out of service. This is a budgeted item.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Public Works

- C. The Department is requesting approval of Change Order #1 with Water Well Solutions Illinois, LLC for the Pump Replacement project on Well Nine in the amount of \$19,300.00. The purchase of chemicals to treat and clean the screens was not included in the original scope of work.
- D. The Department is requesting approval to purchase a 2500 KVA pad-mount transformer and two 750 KVA pad-mount transformers from Jerry's Electric in the amount of \$109,985.00. The 2500 KVA transformer will be kept as a backup for the new Prospect sub-station. One of the 750 KVA transformers will be used for the Starbuck's development and the other will be a spare unit. The department requests the waiving of the bidding process for a sole source purchase.
- E. The Department is requesting approval to purchase wire from Anixter Power Solutions in the amount of \$180,000.00 and PVC Conduit from BHMGE Engineers in the amount of \$44,200.00 to support load growth at Rantoul Foods, Phase Four. The department requests the waiving of the bidding process for a sole source purchase.

- F. The Department is requesting approval to purchase a Bucket Truck for the Electric Division not-to-exceed \$200,000.00. The 1987 Truck with a 75-foot bucket was involved in an accident while replacing lights at the High School football field. The insurance company has declared it a total loss. A truck with the bucket height of 75 feet is needed to work on the transmission lines. The department has been renting a truck from TRL Rentals at \$10,973.00 per month.
- G. The Department is requesting approval to purchase a Dump Plow Truck for the Street and Systems Division not to exceed \$210,000.00. This vehicle will replace the 1997 truck with a snow plow. This is a budgeted item. The retired truck will be sold at auction.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Trustee Johnson requested an updated list of the balances due on the outstanding EDA and Micro Loans. The Administrator will ask the Bank to provide a list.

Items from Counsel

- A. No items to Report

Closed Session

Trustee Hall moved to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 2, to consider collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees,

AND

to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 1, to consider the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee.

Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Hall, Robertson, Weathersby, Johnson and Crider – 5

NAYS: None -0

ABSENT: Wilkerson - 1

Motion carried 5-0

The Board entered into Closed session at 8:38 pm.

The Board returned to Closed session at 9:24 pm.

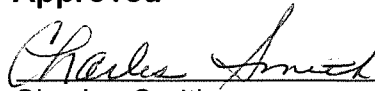
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

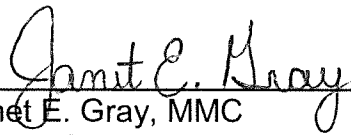
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



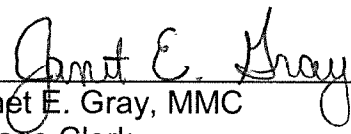
Charles Smith
Village President

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



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk