

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
December 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 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, Weathersby and Johnson – 7

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; 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.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

 NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

There was no Public Participation.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Wilkerson

- Thanked the Public Works Department for putting up the Christmas Decorations.

Trustee Johnson

- Thanked the staff for the ribbon cutting at the Forum.
- Asked if the Recreation Department had been able to find any trucks. The Director stated that Vehicle Maintenance was currently checking out a truck for possible purchase.

Trustee Crider

- Asked if the Administrator spoke with the resident that brought the ground hog issue to her attention. He stated he called and left a message but they did not respond. He will call again.

Items from Mayor

- A. The Mayor offered condolences to the family of Regina Crider for their loss.
- B. Reviewed the 2022 Rantoul Area Chamber of Commerce Awards
 - i. Business of the Year: The Fringe
 - ii. New Business of the Year: Gravy Studios
 - iii. Minority Business Award: The Carter Education & Community Foundation
 - iv. Young Professional Award: George Washington
 - v. Educator of the Year: Kristin Bertram
 - vi. Marv Remmer's Volunteer of the Year: Margurette Carter
 - vii. Citizen of the Year: Ken Waters
- C. The Senior Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 15 at 11:30 am at the Youth Center. Call 217-892-5700 for reservations.
- D. Breakfast with Santa will be December 17 from 8:00-10:00 am at the Youth Center. Call 217-892-5700 for reservations.
- E. Affirmation of appointment of Niki Pettit to the Human Relations Committee for a term expiration of 2026.
- F. Appointment of Mayor Charles Smith to the Micro Loan Committee and the Revolving Loan Committee.

Item E will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of November 1, 2022 Regular Study Session.
- B. Minutes of November 8, 2022 Board Meeting.
- C. 2023 Board Meeting Schedule.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. Ordinance 2723 amends Section 1, of Chapter 24, "Personnel" of the Village Code. The Federal Government has mandated that Juneteenth National Independence Day be observed beginning 2023. This is an additional holiday which brings the total to twelve (12) holidays a year for employees.
- B. Ordinance 2724 approving Levying Taxes for the 2022 Tax Levy Year. This is a decrease in the amount from last year's levy.
- C. Ordinance 2725, authorizing Abatement of Tax Levy for 2022 Tax Levy for General Obligation Bonds, Series, 2013A, as authorized by Ordinance No. 2358.
- D. Ordinance 2726, authorizing Abatement of Tax Levy for 2022 Tax Levy for General Obligation Bonds, Series, 2015, as authorized by Ordinance No. 2410.
- E. Ordinance 2727, authorizing Abatement of Tax Levy for 2022 Tax Levy for General Obligation Bonds, Series, 2016, as authorized by Ordinance No. 2472.
- F. Ordinance 2728, authorizing Abatement of Tax Levy for 2022 Tax Levy for General Obligation Bonds, Series, 2019, as authorized by Ordinance No. 2617.

G. Ordinance 2729,authorizing Abatement of Tax Levy for 2022 Tax Levy for General Obligation Bonds, Series, 2020, as authorized by Ordinance No. 2665.

H. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Discussion.

Susan Monte from the Champaign County Environmental Stewards presented a request for \$75,000.00 in ARPA funds to establish a Household Hazards Waste Collection Facility in Champaign County.

Resolution 12-22-1370 is authorizing a request for proposals/qualification for architectural and engineering design studies for the top four projects the Trustees chose. These projects are the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Downtown Infrastructure, Youth Center Renovations and Fire Station Two improvements. The studies would be paid for out of the ARPA funds.

After discussion the Board decided to allocate ARPA funds as follows: \$3 million for the Wastewater; \$1.8 million for the downtown project; \$750,000.00 for the Fire Station and \$950,000.00 for the Youth Center. The funds allocated would be for both architectural and engineering design and construction.

I. The Administrator distributed information regarding the number of fire calls in the last 60 days and the type of service given by the Volunteer Firefighters. They have responded to more than 70 lift assistance calls. Private ambulance companies used to provide this service but it is no longer considered a medical emergency. The Administrator is looking at options regarding this service since it is an expense to the Village.

J. The insurance premium has increased 17% with the current insurance brokers. This is due to the addition of the Sports Center, the current value of buildings, and our claims this year.

K. An RFP for the Hallmark building has been issued. Information is available on the Village web site.

L. There is a Micro Loan Committee tomorrow to discuss a loan request from the Taste of Thai in the amount of \$30,000.00. If the Loan Committee approves the application the Administrator will forward that information to the Board and put the item on the December 13 Board Meeting.

Items A through H will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

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

The Mayor called an 8-minute break at 8:02 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 pm.

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

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of Resolution 12-22-1371: a memorandum of understanding between the Village and Champaign County regarding bus shelters. C-Carts would like to construct 10 bus shelters at locations in Rantoul. There are currently no bus shelters on the route. The agreement will allow C-Carts to build the shelters. When built, the Village will take ownership of the shelters and maintain them. Funds would come from the CDBG funds not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- B. The Department is requesting the approval of Resolution 12-22-1372: the utilization of Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Funding for Earnest Agriculture at 501-505 Condit Drive. Gabe Price addressed the Board regarding Earnest Agriculture. This newly established business is requesting a grant in the amount of \$60,000.00 to purchase equipment to expand their operations. This will create at least two new full-time jobs and retain three full time jobs. This request falls within the guidelines of the CDBG Plan.

These items will go to the Board for approval

Items from the Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

- A. Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director introduced Paul Carroll, BRAC Division of the Air Force, who has worked at Chanute regarding Environmental Concerns. He has work with Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFAS) concerns at Chanute during the closure. Mr. Carroll reviewed the process the Air Force has used to identify areas that might need remediation. The main concern is contamination to drinking water supplies. BRAC is also working with Chris Hill from the Illinois EPA. Jake McCoy then gave a presentation on this PFAS impacts the Village. No PFAS has been detected in any Rantoul wells.
- B. The Department requested the approval to update the language to the Champaign County Geographic Information System Consortium agreement. St. Joseph has asked to join the Consortium and as a member the Village must approve their admission.
- C. The Department requested the approval of the purchase of 9000 ft. of 750 MCM Cu wire from Anixter for materials for the Rantoul Foods Phase Four project. The cost is \$295,740.00.

- D. The Department requested the approval of Resolution 12-22-1373 establishing a Class II Truck Route and a Prohibited Truck Route. The Illinois Department of Transportation has requested that all Truck Routes be reclassified and a Resolution provided. Tanner Street from Liberty to Rt. 136 would be a prohibited truck route.

Items B through D will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to report.

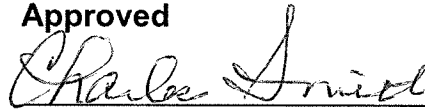
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:09 pm.

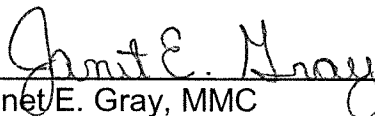
Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

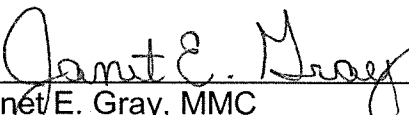
Approved


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


Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk