

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
January 3, 2023**

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, Robertson and Johnson – 5

Absent: Sam Hall and Irene Weathersby.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Director; Debra Sage, Human Resources; David Wesner, Attorney; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

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

 AYE: Wilkerson, Robertson, Johnson and Crider – 4.

 NAYS: None – 0.

 ABSENT: Hall and Weathersby – 2.

The motion carried 4-0.

Public Participation Listen to tape and clean up

Debbra Sweat had several questions.

- Asked where she can find the update on the EDA and Micro Loans.
- Asked what the process was for the RFP selecting Hutcheson Engineering for the Downtown project.
- She suggested that rather than create a staff position for a Diversity Officer that the Village hire a consultant to conduct a diversity audit and make recommendations to the Board, and for the Board to abide by that report.
- Asked where she can find information on who paid the property taxes for Village properties that are leased.
- Thanked the Mayor for providing information on the Martin Luther King events and hoped to see the Board and public attend.

Terry Workman addressed comments made in the News Gazette regarding the petitions and the referendum to abandon districts in Village Trustee elections. He said there was no place on the petitions where a citizen could list their ethnicity. His neighborhood is diverse with many ethnic groups represented.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Johnson

- Asked if the Mayor was going to get the committee back together regarding the missile at Borman Ave. She is concerned about the condition and the Village's requirement for upkeep.
- Asked the Recreation Director if he had resubmitted the grant request for Heritage Lake. He replied he had but had not yet heard back.
- Ask the Clerk about the time of the Electoral Board meeting on Friday. In one place it lists 4:00 pm but the agenda lists 2:00 pm. The Clerk stated that the discrepancy was noticed and has been corrected. The time on the Agenda is always the official time.
- Asked Fire Chief Smith if he could provide a list of what the fire calls were for the last month. He stated he could do so and would provide it to the Administrator.
- Stated she had received the EDA and Micro Loan report but has still not received the other report she asked the Administrator for. The Administrator asked her for a reminder of the report she wanted.
- Stated she would also like to have a Town Hall meeting.

Trustee Robinson

- Asked how much money of the ARPA funds were spent on Utility Credits. The Administrator did not have that information at hand but will provide it.
- Stated he would like to have a Town Hall meeting to address issues in the community. He is concerned about people getting evicted because of the Crime Free Housing program.

Items from Mayor

- A. The Mayor mentioned the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Village-wide Legacy Celebration on Sunday, January 15 at 2:00 pm at the JW Eater Jr. High School.
- B. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources notified the Village that they have awarded the Heritage Lake Development project a \$200,000.00 grant.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of December 6, 2022 Regular Study Session
- B. Minutes of December 13, 2022 Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator provided the information Trustee Robertson requested regarding the amount of ARPA money used for utility credits. Credits were provided to 4,958 customers for a total of \$1,487,400.00. Staff overtime cost \$4,051.00 and the software cost \$1,950.00. The total amount was \$1,493,401.00

Items from Human Resources

- A. The January 2023 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

No items to report.

Items from Building Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

- A. The Department has received an offer from Cameron Juday Real Estate, LLC to purchase 604 Eagle Drive for the amount of \$25,000.00. The building is currently used for storage by the Village and has been publicly listed for sale for a number of years. Proceeds from the sale will go back into the EDC fund. Ben Juday gave a short presentation with before and after pictures of the buildings he purchased.
- B. This Department is requesting the approval of a contract with Hutchison Engineering for engineering services for the Downtown Streetscape, Plaza and Utility Infrastructure Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$572,018.00. The engineering services will be paid for from the \$3 million DCEO Downtown and Main Street Grant as well as from the \$1.8 Million of Village ARPA funds. There is no required bid process for professional services in the State of Illinois.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Recreation

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of a contract with Deem Landscaping, Inc. to provide landscaping installation and maintenance for the 2023 season. The amount of the contract is \$30,759.00 plus \$140.00 per occurrence, on an as needed basis.
- B. The Department is requesting the approval to purchase a Duel Slide and hire a pre-qualified contractor for installation at the Hap Parker Family Aquatic Center at a cost not-to-exceed \$50,000.00. ERA will submit the permit to the Illinois Public Health Department.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Public Works

No items to report.

Items from Counsel

No items to report.

Closed Session

Trustee Johnson moved to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 21, for the purpose of discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for the purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Trustee Robinson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Johnson, Crider, Wilkerson and Robertson – 4.

NAYS: None - 0.

ABSENT: Hall and Weathersby – 2.

Motion carried 4-0

The Board entered into Closed session at 6:54 pm.

The Board returned to Closed session at 7:01 pm.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting At. 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



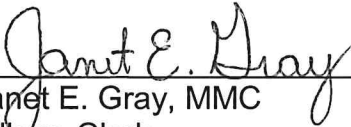
Charles Smith
Village President

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 January 3, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk