

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
April 4, 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 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; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Director; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Debbie Sage, Human Relations; David Wesner, Attorney; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Mayoral Proclamations

- A. The Mayor read a proclamation for Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month. Julie Duvall said the C-U for Autism Network is raising money for an Autism Center. She mentioned the Autism walk on April 15 in Savoy.
- B. The Mayor read a proclamation naming April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

- Wendell Goldston said it was time for the summer youth employment program. He asked citizens to let him know of anyone who would like to participate in this program.
- Loise Haines thanked the Trustees who showed up for the candidate meet and greet. She also thanked the citizens who came out.

Items from the Trustees

Trustee Johnson

- Thanked the Village employees who worked during the storm last week.

Trustee Hall

- Thanked everyone who participated to make sure the citizens were safe during the storm. As summer approaches he encouraged drivers to slow down and watch out for the children playing outside.

Trustee Weathersby

- Thanked the Administrator for keeping the Board informed regarding the storm last week.
- Mentioned that April is National Prevent Child Abuse Month. April 7 is designated as “wear blue” day.

Items from the Mayor

- Stated he was very proud of how the staff came together to keep the community safe during the storm.

Items from the Clerk

- A. Minutes of March 7, 2023 Regular Study Session
- B. Minutes of March 14, 2023 Board Meeting
- C. Minutes of the March 17, 2023 Special Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The March 2023 Village Applicant Demographics Report is in the Board Packet.

Items from Police Department

No items to report.

Items from Fire Department

- A. The Chief gave recapped the accident on Interstate 57 last Friday. It included 4 semi-trailers, 1 tour bus with 30 passengers, 1 RV and several other vehicles. Transmission lines were blown down causing road closure on both sides of the Interstate. Several area fire departments and ambulances from other areas responded with mutual aid. The Interstate was reopened within 5 hours.
- B. The department requested the approval of an agreement for the Design Build Contract for the Fire Sub-Station with Roessler Construction & Contracting, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$750,000.00. Two proposals were received and Roessler Construction met the requirements and funding allocated from the ARPA funds. There will be parking on both the north and south side of the building.

Item B will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Building & Environmental Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

No items to report.

Items from Recreation

- A. The department requested the approval of an Engineering Agreement with Engineering Resource Associates for the work under the Heritage Lake Boat Access Area Development Grant Project in the amount of \$20,000.00.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Public Works

- A. The department requested an amendment to the Engineering Agreement for the Wastewater Nutrient Assessment Reduction Plan Study with Donohue & Associates in the amount of \$33,740.00. The initial study was completed in 2022. USEPA has requested more data which would be Phase 2 of the project.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Administrator

- A. The Administrator reviewed proposed changes to the fee schedule Ordinance. One item is to add the fees for non-emergency responses to the schedule. These fees were approved in March. The second is to increase the Video Gaming license fee to \$250.00. The current fee is \$100.00. Class C licenses are currently charged \$50.00 and the new fee will be \$100.00. The terminal fees are shared equally by the local establishment and the terminal provider.
- B. The Administrator reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 Budget which will be voted on at the April 11 Board Meeting. The Public Hearing will be held at 5:45 pm on April 11.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

Dave Wesner, Attorney gave an update on items he is working on.

- He is going to Court on June 2 to try to collect on loans with CC Hospitality, Peggy Johnson, Jennifer Kitchen (Happy Dog) and Debra Austin.
- Working with Midwest Prep Academy to restart their direct payments.
- Getting documents together on Victor Torres, Jr. before filing in court.
- Reviewed his responsibilities and duties as Village Attorney.

Closed Session

Trustee Johnson 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 Weathersby seconded the motion. On a roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

The Board entered into Closed session at 7:15 pm.

The Board returned to Open session at 8:41 pm.

Trustee Weathersby moved to reconsider the Ordinance to allow a Cannabis Growth Facility in the Village of Rantoul and to have this item placed on the April 11, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. This item will be placed on the April 11, 2023 Board Agenda.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

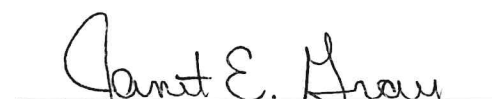
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

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 April 4, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk