

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
May 2, 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 6:04 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 Wilson, Crider, Hall, Workman and Weathersby– 6

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

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

Mayor's Presentation

- A. The Mayor recognized the promotion of Police Officer Kyle Donovan to Sergeant. Sgt. Donovan has been with the Department 16 years, been a training officer and served on the Metro Squad.
- B. The Mayor swore in Police Office Richard Little who started last Monday. He has served in the military and owns a trucking company. He will start PTI on Sunday.
- C. The Mayor swore in Rantoul Firefighter Oussama "Sam" Amiche.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hall moved to amend the agenda by removing item 14C, Microloan approval for Jeremy and Angela VanMatre DBA VanFam Diner and to eliminate language in item 9A referencing "Motion to Approve Ordinance 2737".

Trustee Crider seconded the motion. On a roll call vote:

AYE: Hall, Workman, Weathersby, Wilson and Crider – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Robertson - 1

The motion carried 5-0.

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

AYE: Workman, Weathersby, Wilson, Crider and Hall – 5

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Robertson - 1

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation

- Henry Miller spoke regarding the Cannabis Growth Facility.
- Rita Ray spoke against the Cannabis Growth Facility.
- Brian Correll spoke against the Cannabis Growth Facility.
- Roger Evans spoke against the Cannabis Growth Facility.
- Mark Wilkerson spoke against the Cannabis Growth Facility.
- Wendell Golston spoke regarding the Cannabis Growth Facility.
- David Allison spoke against the Cannabis Growth Facility.
- Martin Sebastian spoke against the Cannabis Growth Facility.
- Loise Haines spoke regarding the Cannabis Growth Facility.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Hall

Informed the public that he works with an organization that helps employ youth for the summer. He is proposing that the Village of Rantoul create an Internship Program that works with youth who may pursue a career in municipal service. The program would provide supervised employment during the summer months. He would like to start the program with ten interns and said the salaries would be provided by various community organizations. The Trustees were in agreement to go forward with this program at the Village.

Trustee Crider

Trustee Crider said her daughter had participated in the program last year and it helped her find employment this year.

Items from Mayor

- A. Appointment of Scott Eisenhauer as the Village Administrator.
 - B. Appointment of Anthony Brown as the Chief of Police.
 - C. Appointment of Chad Smith as Fire Chief.
 - D. Appointment of Luke Humphrey as the Director of Parks & Recreation.
 - E. Appointment of Lt. Justin Bouse, Deputy Chief of Police as the Emergency Services Disaster Agency (ESDA) Coordinator.
 - F. Appointment of Janet Gray, Village Clerk and Lt. Justin Bouse, Deputy Chief of Police as the Freedom of Information Officers.
 - G. Appointments to the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Sub-Committee: Loise Haines, Michael Helfrich, Janet Brotherton, Margie Gamel and one open position.
- These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of April 4, 2023 Regular Study Session.
- B. Minutes of April 11, 2023 Board Meeting.

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator presented a request to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 20, Article XII Pertaining to Prohibited Cannabis Establishments. The Village has been approached again by the parties interested in establishing an Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Grower license in Rantoul. The business would be required to meet specific zoning restrictions and would only allow for the cultivation, drying, curing and packaging of cannabis for sale at a dispensing business or use at a processing organization. Dispensing would not be allowed as a part of this amendment.
Mr. Blake Schilb gave a presentation on the Rantoul Cannabis Cultivation and Production Facility. He introduced William Moss, a partner in the venture. The company has received a Cannabis Growth License from the State.
- B. The Administrator presented information regarding the 2022 Property Tax Levy final projection computation. Increase in the EAP was 7.5%; higher than expected. The new tax rate is \$1.18 per \$100.00 assessed which is a 7.5% decrease in the rate.
- C. Updated the Board on the appeal process for Non-emergency Fire Call Fees. This process is still under review. This should come before the Board next month.

Item A will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

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

Items from Police Department

- A. The Department requested the approval of the purchase of a 2023 Ford Police Utility Vehicle from Morrow Brothers in the amount of \$40,710.00. This is the State Bid price. Equipment to outfit the new squad vehicle will be approximately \$12,000.00.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Fire Department

- A. The Department requested the approval of a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Master Agreement with MABAS. The last agreement was signed in 1988.

This item will go to the Board for Approval.

Items from Building & Environmental Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

- A. The Department requested the approval to submit the 2023 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. These funds are used for various programs throughout the Village such as owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, public infrastructure improvements, blight removal/demolition and Owner-occupied housing construction (Habitat).
- B. The EDA Loan Committee recommended the approval of a loan request from Kelly Beach and Mary-Margaret Roessler in the amount of \$300,000.00 for 9 years at 3% interest to purchase Midwest Silkscreening at 104 N Century Blvd. The Village will hold a first mortgage and a security interest in the existing equipment, any additional equipment purchased and a personal guarantee. The loan request meets the criteria of the program as a minority/woman owned business and the required job creation/retention.

These items will go to the Board for approval

The Mayor took an 8-minute break at 8:03 pm.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Items from the Recreation

- A. The Department requested the approval for the replacement of the Community Service Center Storefront by Bacon & Van Buskirk Glass Co, Inc. in the amount of \$19,000.00. The building is owned by the Village and leased to multiple tenants. Per the lease, the Village is responsible for certain maintenance. This is a budgeted item.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Department requested the approval to purchase four Influent Pumping Variable Frequency Drives, one Motor Control Center and one Distribution Panel from Kirby-Risk in the amount of \$128,776.00 to support the Phase 1 Wastewater Plant Improvements. They are also requesting a \$10,000.00 contingency for the total cost of \$138,776.00. Two of the variable drives have failed and need to be replaced. These items have a very long lead time.
- B. The Department requested the approval of annual July 4th Parade Route on July 4, 2023.
- C. The Department requested the approval of the annual Christmas Parade Route on December 8, 2023.
- D. The Department requested the approval of the annual Homecoming Parade Route on September 22, 2023.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

The Attorney welcomed the new Trustees. He has office hours in Village Hall on the last Monday of the month to work on items for the Study Session and Board meetings.

Closed Session

Trustee Wilson moved 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

AND

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) 11, to consider litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

AND

To enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 6, the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

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

YEAS: Wilson, Crider, Hall, Workman and Weathersby – 5

NAYS: None -0

ABSENT: Robertson - 1

Motion carried 5-0

The Board entered into Closed session at 8:26 pm.

The Board returned to Closed session at 9:25 pm.

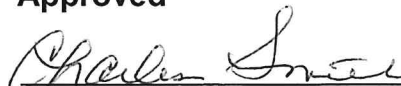
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

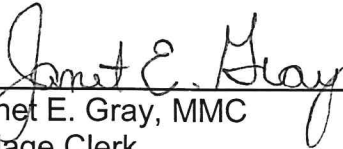
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



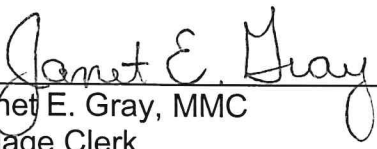
Charles Smith
Village President

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 May 2, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk