

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
June 6, 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, Trustees Wilson, Robertson, Crider, Hall, Workman and Weathersby – 7

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; Scott Morgan, Building and Environmental Safety; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; David Wesner, Attorney; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

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

AYE: Crider, Hall, Workman, Weathersby, Wilson, and Robertson – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

Mr. Sheldon Lashley congratulated the 2023 High School graduates as well as any college graduates in the community. He stated he would like to run for Mayor in the next election.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Weathersby

Thanked Building Safety for getting the properties cleaned up on Gleason Drive.

Trustee Hall

Spoke about the young people who are out of school and playing in the streets. He asked the citizens to slow down and be aware of them. Asked residents to make sure their grass clippings were not being blown into the streets as they can clog up gutters. He also encouraged residents to keep their trash receptacles out of the road.

Trustee Workman

Thanked everyone that was involved in the Our Rantoul event at the Sports Complex. It was a very positive event.

Trustee Wilson

A citizen asked him to bring up the ground hog problem on the former base. The Administrator said the Village had been working on this problem. The animals seem to move from place to place.

Trustee Robertson

Asked the Village to review the policy of charging parents admission if they take their children to the pool but do not swim. The Administrator said the concern was trying to determine who should or should not be in the pool. The department is working on possibly having a viewing area where parents can supervise their children but not have access to the pool.

Items from Mayor

- A. The Mayor read a Proclamation for Juneteenth Freedom Day.
- B. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Sr. Citizen Health Fair at the Forum Fitness Center on June 15 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be refreshments, health screenings and information booths.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of May 2, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- B. Minutes of May 2, 2023 Regular Study Session
- C. Minutes of May 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Village continues to see illegal dumping of waste and furniture along roadsides which currently carries a fine of up to \$750.00. Tickets have been issued but that alone is not a deterrent to stop illegal dumping. This Ordinance would allow the Village to impound a vehicle that is used in the commission of illegal dumping. There would be an impound fee and the owner would be responsible for storage charges.
- B. This Ordinance amends the original Non-Emergency Fire Response Fee Ordinance to include an Appeal Process. A written request would be required to be submitted by mail within thirty days of the incident. A Fire Response Fee Appeal Board will be appointed to determine if the fee should be waived or a hearing should be held. The Board will have 30 days after the appeal is filed to have a meeting and issue a ruling. Their ruling will be final.

These items will go to the Board for Approval

Items from Human Resources

- A. The May 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 Building & Environmental Safety

- A. Scott Morgan gave a presentation on the Building and Environmental Safety department. The department has five staff members and oversees rental property registration and inspection, issues building permits, does building, electrical and plumbing inspections and is the code enforcement department. All inspectors are ICC Building Code certified.

Items from Community Development

No items to report.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

- A. The department requested the approval of a contract with Engineering and Research International for a street inventory and automated distress survey pavement condition index. The cost would be \$116,145.00 and the project is in the FY24 budget. This data would allow the department to better prioritize repairs and determine the types of repair needed.
- B. The department requested the approval of the purchase of a new leaf vacuum for the Street and Systems Division at a cost not to exceed \$145,000.00. This unit will replace a 35-year-old piece of equipment. This is a budgeted item.
- C. The department requested the approval of the Utility Financial Solution's recommendations regarding updating the wastewater utility rates. The study proposes a 7.5% increase in the rate for each of the next five years with the first increase effective July 1, 2023. The last increase was approved in 2019. Dan Kasbohm from NFS gave a presentation.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report.

The Mayor called for an 8-minute break at 7:59 pm.

The reconvened the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Closed Session

Trustee Hall moved to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 5, to consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Hall, Workman, Weathersby, Wilson, Robertson and Crider – 6

NAYS: None -0

Motion carried 6-0

The Board entered into Closed session at 8:06 pm.

The Board returned to Open session at 8:15 pm.

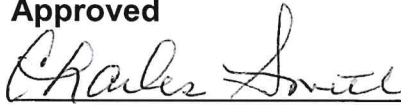
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

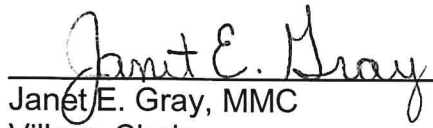
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



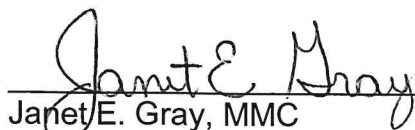
Charles Smith
Village President

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 June 6, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk