

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
July 5, 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, Hall, Workman and Weathersby – 6

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Tony Brown, Police Chief; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Debbie Sage, Human Resources; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Brian Hunt, Community Development; David Wesner, Attorney; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

New Police

The Mayor swore in Kaleb Kraft a new patrol officer. He was a member of the Gibson City department and is a literal transfer. He started on Monday.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

 NAYS: None – 0.

 ABSENT: Crider – 1.

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation

Herbert Burnett addressed the Board regarding the problems with the youth in the community. He submitted a request to the Recreation Department regarding a Midnight Basketball program and has not yet heard back. He would like to begin the program on July 15.

Wendell Golston address the Board regarding the North Drive Park and other issues.

Presentations

Margurette Carter from the Carter Education & Community Foundation gave a presentation on Academic Standards and Parental Engagement. She distributed a flyer announcing three Town Hall meetings. She has worked with the Youth Center which will be open every 4th Saturday for 1st - 5th graders to come in for activities. There is no cost to attend. Mrs. Carter asked everyone in the community to join in these Town Hall meetings.

John Vezzetti, Vice President of Bernardi Securities gave a presentation on Tax Increment Financing Revenue Bonds. The bonds taken out ten years ago for the Evans Road project are coming due in 2023. He is working with a group to obtain a lower interest rate for the remaining term of the bond. He would like authorization to go forward and bring this item back to the Board for approval.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Hall

- Thanked the Public Works Department for getting the electricity back on and the streets cleaned after last week's storm.
- Addressed the Board regarding the violence that the community is experiencing. He said Mr. Burnett has been holding meetings on Sundays at 5:00 pm at the Rantoul Business Center. He also said there are many programs our youth can participate in.
- Suggested that the Village look into having a program where citizens can turn in their guns with no repercussions.

Trustee Workman

- Extended condolences to Trustee Crider on the passing of her mother and to Assistant Public Works Director Jake McCoy on the passing of his mother.
- Asked for more information on the Midnight Basketball program.

Items from Mayor

- Offered sympathy to Trustee Crider and Director McCoy.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of June 6, 2023 Regular Study Session.
- B. Minutes of June 13, 2023 Board Meeting.

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. Debra Sage, the Human Resources Manager presented a proposed amendment to Section 24-148 of Chapter 24 of the Village Code entitled Personnel. This change would amend the requirement for certain officers of the Village to maintain a residence within the corporate limits. This would include the Village Administrator, Chief of Police and Chief of Fire. It would also be amended to state that all other Officers would be required to maintain a residence within 20 miles of the corporate limits and to have a 30-minute response time if recalled for duty.
- B. The Mayor presented a request to issue Tax Increment Refunding Revenue Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$7,700,000.00 for the Evans Road Project. The bonds would be reissued to secure a lower interest rate and the due date would remain the same. The Bonds will come due in December 1, 2033 and are currently at a rate of 6%.

These items will go to the Board.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The June 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

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

- A. The department presented a request from Jeremy and Angela VanMatre dba VanFam Diner for a Micro Loan in the amount of \$50,000.00. The restaurant will be located in the former Pizza Hut building at 2020 Lon Drive. A security interest will be taken on the restaurant equipment. Their Business Plan shows expected revenues sufficient to service the loan. This loan request meets the requirement of the program. A Loan Committee will meet tomorrow to review their Business Plan which was requested at their initial committee meeting in May.
- B. The Department requested the approval of an engineering agreement with Hutchison Engineering for design engineering services for construction of the Veterans/Perimeter Shared Use Path Extension. The amount of the agreement is \$172,226.00 and will be funded through an ITEP grant. The path will be extended from Maplewood Drive to Perimeter Road and to Pleasant Acres School.

Item A will be taken to the Board. Item B will be taken to the Board if the Micro Loan Committee recommends approval at their upcoming meeting.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Work

- A. The Department requested the approval of an Engineering Agreement with BHMG Engineers, Inc. for the Electric Division Prospect Substation Upgrades in the amount of \$452,500.00. This update will include room for the future growth at Rantoul Foods. Funding is included in the FY24 Budget.
- B. The Department requested the approval to purchase a new replacement Mini Excavator for the Street and Systems Division in the amount not-to-exceed \$135,000.00. The old mini excavator is over 17 years old and is reaching the end of its useful life. It will be used as a trade in.

These items will be taken to the Board.

Items from Counsel

Closed Session

Trustee Hall 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 Robertson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None -0.

ABSENT: Crider - 1

Motion carried 5-0

the Board entered into Closed session at 6:48 pm.

The Board returned to Closed session at 6:54 pm.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

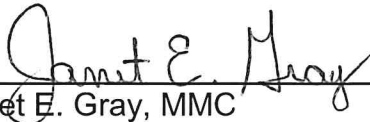
Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved

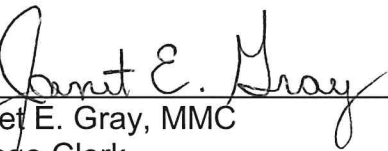

Charles Smith
Village President

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 July 5, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk