RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
August 1, 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; 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

Mayor's Presentation

A. The Mayor gave the Oath of Office for Captain to Fireman Derek Shreves
B. The Mayor gave the Oath of Office for Lieutenant to Fireman Travis Wallin
C. The Mayor gave the Oath of Office to Police Officer Kyle Schlorff. Officer Schlorff is a lateral transfer from the Mahomet Dept. He is a graduate of Parkland College and started on Monday.

Approval of Agenda

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

AYE: Hall, Workman, Weathersby, Wilson, Robertson and Crider – 6.
NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

- Angela Perry addressed the Board regarding long term planning and funds for Community Development opportunities for Black business owners.
- Wendell Goldston spoke in support to what Ms. Perry presented. He expressed concern that the recent Police hires and Fire promotions did not include Black officers or firemen. Stated there is a problem with motorized bikes and wheelchairs and the streets; that they are dangerous.

Items from Trustees

Regina Crider

- Thanked everyone who reached out to her with the loss of her mother. Asked for continued prayers.

Trustee Hall

- Stressed the need for efficient communication with all the projects going on in Rantoul. Ask if citizens have concerns to contact him.
- Would like to have a newspaper again to reach the citizens with information since not everyone is on Facebook.

Items from Mayor

A. Requested the affirmation of the appointment of Allen Jones and Ken Waters to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term expiration of 2027
B. Requested the affirmation of the reappointment of Craig Rogers to the Police Pension Board with a term expiration of 2025
C. Requested the affirmation of the appointment of Niki Pettit to the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Sub-Committee
D. Presented Deputy Clerk, Tana Ward, a certificate showing her designation as Certified Municipal Clerk by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks
E. Announced that Promise Health Care, 819 Bloomington Road Champaign will be conducting school physicals on Monday August 7.

Items from Clerk

A. Minutes of July 5, 2023 Regular Study Session
B. Minutes of July 11, 2023 Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

A. The owner of the Home Theater has taken out a permit for repairs and has a roofing contractor who is waiting on the beams. The complete plans have been provided for the project which will take 8 to 9 months to complete. One part of the project is the complete restoration of the Marquee.

Items from Human Resources

A. The July 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 the Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Building & Environmental Safety
No items to report.

Items from Community Development

A. Busey Bank is requesting the rezoning of property at 700 W. Champaign Ave. from Residential to General Commercial to allow for the construction of a new banking facility. There were no objections from the surrounding property owners. This rezoning would be consistent with the Village's adopted Future Land Use Map and has been recommended by the zoning Commission. Busey's current facility at the shopping center will be closed.
B. Bryan Hunt presented the results from the Community Development Survey. The complete survey is available on the Village web site. Kristian Hopkins assisted with the survey as a part of his Master's program at the U. of I. which focused on sustainability.

Item A will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Parks and Recreation
No items to report.

Items from Public Works

A. The Department is requesting the approval of a new Natural Gas All Requirements Agreement through March 31, 2029 between the Village and the Illinois Public Energy Agency to purchase natural gas. The Village has saved over $300,000.00 for its customers in the past with this agreement.
B. Assistant Director Jake McCoy gave a presentation showing the duties of the different divisions in the Department.

Item A will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel
No items to Report

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

Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 11, to consider litigation, when an action against, effective 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.

Trustee Weathersby seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:
YEAS: Hall, Workman, Weathersby, Wilson, Crider and Robertson – 6
NAYS: None -0
Motion carried 6-0

The Board entered into Closed session at 7:28 pm.

The Board returned to Closed session at 8:38 pm.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:38 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 August 1, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk