

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 8, 2023**

LOUIS B. SCHELLING MEMORIAL BOARD ROOM
RANTOUL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 333 S. TANNER, RANTOUL, IL

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul was held at 6:00 P.M., President Charles Smith presiding. President Smith called the meeting to order.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Albert Bennett, opened the meeting with prayer. Following the invocation, Trustee Crider led the audience in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll, finding the following members present:

Mayor Smith, and Trustees Wilson, Crider, Workman and Weathersby – 5.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhower, Administrator; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Luke Humphrey, Recreation & Parks Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Bryan Hunt, Community Development Specialist; David Wesner, Attorney; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Crider moved to approve the agenda for the meeting, as presented.

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

YEAS: Crider, Workman, Weathersby and Wilson – 4.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Robertson and Hall

The motion carried 4-0.

Comments from the Mayor

Administrator Eisenhower read a statement expressing regret for recent actions that affected the Village and the Board. He publicly apologized to his wife for his actions and said he will dedicate himself to be the husband she deserves. He stated he had struggled with depression over the last 18 months and thanked everyone for their support. He again apologized for the embarrassment he caused the community and asked for the opportunity to continue to serve Rantoul.

The Mayor thanked Trustee Wilson for his comments at the Study Session and wanted to clear up some information about two Village taxes and fees.

The Mayor stated that Ordinance No. 1767 regarding the Storm Drainage tax was approved in December 2000. The Ordinance states that the tax will be determined each year and billed annually. Funds from this tax can be used for construction, installation, maintenance or repair of the storm water drainage system.

The Mayor stated that Ordinance No. 2523 for the Police Pension Bond was passed in May 2017 and a General Obligation Bond was issued for \$12 million in 2017 due in 2041. This bond was issued to fund the Police Pension and was approved to save taxpayers money over the long run.

Public Participation

- Chris Powers asked the board to terminate the Administrator. He feels there is evidence in the public record to support that action and was distressed that the Administrator was taken off Administrative Leave and put him back on active duty.

A. Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda Items by Omnibus Vote

- A. Affirmation of appointment of Jake McCoy as the Director of Public Works
- B. Affirmation of reappointment of Allen Jones and Ken Waters to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term expiration of 2027
- C. Affirmation of reappointment of Craig Rogers to the Police Pension Board with a term expiration of 2025
- D. Affirmation of appointment of Niki Pettit to the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Sub-Committee with a term expiration of 2025
- E. Minutes of the July 5, 2023 Board Study Session
- F. Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Board Meeting
- G. Bills and Monthly Financial Report

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda items by omnibus vote. Trustee Weathersby seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Wilson, Crider, Workman and Weathersby – 4.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Robertson and Hall - 2.

The motion carried 4-0.

B. Consideration of Bids, Contracts & Other Items of Expenditure

There were no items under this category.

C. Consideration of Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2743

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (700 W. Champaign Ave.)

Trustee Workman moved to pass Ordinance No. 2743. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Workman, Weathersby, Wilson and Crider – 4.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Robertson and Hall.

The motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance No. 2744

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATURAL GAS ALL-REQUIREMENTS SALES AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC ENERGY AGENCY (IPEA)

Trustee Wilson moved to pass Ordinance No. 2744. Trustee Workman seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Wilson, Crider, Workman and Weathersby – 4.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Robertson and Hall.

The motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance No. 2745

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE (402 E. Flessner Ave.)

Trustee Weathersby moved to pass Ordinance No. 2745. Trustee Workman seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Weathersby, Wilson, Crider and Workman – 4.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Robertson and Hall.

The motion carried 4-0.

D. Public Announcement

The Rantoul Fire Department will hold a Fish Fry at the High School on Meet the Eagles night, August 18 at 5:30 pm.

There will be a Back to School Community Celebration in Wabash Park on August 12 from 1:00-5:00 pm.

Chief Brown said they were having a Citizens Police Academy this year. It begins on Sept. 13 and goes through Nov 8. The meetings are on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm at the Police Training Academy in Champaign.

Trustee Wilson said Mike Marron is hosting a resource fair at the Sports Center tonight until 7:00 pm.

F. Closed Session

No closed session was held.

G. Adjournment

Trustee Workman moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Weathersby seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Workman, Weathersby, Wilson and Crider – 4.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Robertson and Hall.

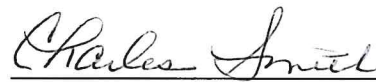
The motion carried 4-0.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved

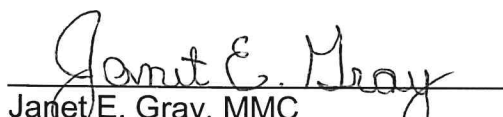


Charles Smith
Village President

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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held August 8, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.


Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk