

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
September 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 6:02 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, Workman and Weathersby – 6

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

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

Approval of Agenda

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

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

 ABSENT: Hall – 1.

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Items from Trustees

There were no items from the Trustees.

Mayor's Presentation

- A. The Mayor stated this month is the 30th anniversary of the closing of Chanute Air Force Base. It closed on September 30, 1993. Loise Haines, Chairman of the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Sub-Committee gave a presentation on the damage to the missile that needs to be repaired. The Village would incur any cost for repairing or dismantling the missile. The dismantled parts would be sent to Wright Patterson AFB.
- B. Appointment of Sherry Johnson to the Citizens Advisory Committee with a term expiration of 2027.
- C. Appointment of John Vasquez to the Police Pension Board with a term expiration of 2025.

- D. Appointment of Matt Caldwell and Sherry Johnson to the Tree Commission with a term expiration of 2025.
- E. Reappointment of Ann Long, Patty Stoffel, and Joan Weichel to the Tree Commission with a term expiration of 2025.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of August 1, 2023 Regular Study Session
- B. Minutes of August 8, 2023 Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

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

Items from Community Development

- A. The Warner Dynasty Trust is requesting that properties located at 950-892 Broadmeadow and 825, 829 and 867 Stone Bridge Drive be rezoned from AG Agriculture to C-2 General Commercial to allow for commercial development at that location. The property is adjacent to the Rantoul Family Sports Complex. This request would be consistent with the Village's adapted Future Land Use Map and is being recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- B. The department is requesting the approval of a Resolution Accepting and Adopting the Eater Junior High School Safe Routes to School Plan. The Plan will serve as a resource for the Village Board and to developers regarding how transportation infrastructure and services in and around Eater Junior High School should grow and improve moving forward. Gabe Lewis, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission gave a brief overview of the plan.
- C. The Department is requesting amending the Vacant Lot Purchasing Program by adding 22 Charles Drive to the Program. The Village staff sees no reason to continue holding on to this lot and there has been interest expressed in the lot by neighboring property owners. All the previous lots in the program have been sold.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Police Department

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of a Resolution for a Five-Year Contract with Flock Safety for Automated License Plate Readers in the amount of \$312,500.00. The Village has 25 ALP Readers. The collected data from the readers has served as valuable evidence during investigations.
- B. The Department is requesting the approval of the purchase of a 2023 Dodge sedan from Shields Auto Group in the amount of \$35,311.00. A 2007 Chevrolet Impala will be traded in for a \$3,000.00 credit. This purchase will be made from the Capital Replacement Fund.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Fire Department

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16, Section 16-47, Authority of Ranking Officer. The staff would like to change the current staffing to a command structure that aligns with the goals and vision within the Fire Department. This change would add one Deputy Chief and two Lieutenant positions. There are specific goals and job duties for these new positions.
- B. The week of October 11 is Fire Prevention week. The department will host an open house on October 11 from 6-8 pm. They will serve hot dogs, chips and water. The office of the State Fire Marshall will have demonstrations.
- C. The construction of the addition to the Maplewood Fire Station has started. Steel will arrive the week of September 13.

Item A will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Building & Environmental Safety

No items to report.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of a Construction Contract with Dodds Company and a Construction Loan from the Bank of Rantoul for the Youth Center Renovation in the amount of \$500,000.00 at 4.9% interest over 5 years. The Director gave an overview of the proposed changes. The bids were advertised and Dodds was the low bidder for the project. The construction loan is desired to be able to do the construction all in one phase to maintain efficiency and limit family disruptions for the Rantoul youth. Construction would begin immediately with proposed completion of the Project by January 2024.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Department is requesting the approval to purchase of two (2) 2000 KVA Pad-Mount Transformers for Public Works from Jerry's Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$137,990.00. These transformers will be used at Shields Auto Center for their new charging stations for electric vehicles. Lead time for the transformers is 40-44 weeks.
- B. The Department is requesting the approval of the Acceptance of the Deed for Parcel A2G-2D-2 from the United States Air Force, contingent on the environment release. This half acre parcel is located in the southeast portion of the former Chanute Base area. This is the last parcel the Village will receive from the Air Force.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator is requesting the approval of a Resolution Authorizing Intervention in a Pending Property Tax Assessment Appeal before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (LEX Rantoul, LP - 1001 Innovation Road). Vista has filed an appeal with the Property Tax Board for a reduction of more than \$100,000.00. They have appealed to the County for a \$2 million reduction which was denied and they have now appealed to the State Tax Board.
- B. The Administrator stated that there are two types of motorized Bicycles. There are bikes that have a motor attached. The Attorney believes that this type of bike is prohibited based on local Ordinances because they are not exclusively propelled by people power. They also are not authorized to run on streets as a motorized vehicle. Another concept is pocket bikes which are more a mini-motorcycle than a bike. The Administrator suggested that the Village pass a local ordinance rather than rely on State Statutes. The Administrator and Attorney will review other Ordinances focusing on registration of Pocket Bikes and Mini-motorcycles and whether or not these vehicles are insurable.

Item A will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report

Closed Session

Trustee Roberson moved to go into closed sessions pursuant to:

- A. 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
- B. 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 6, to consider the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body

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

YEAS: Robertson, Crider, Workman, Weathersby, and Wilson – 5.

NAYS: None -0.

ABSENT: Hall – 1.

Motion carried 5-0.

The Board entered into Closed session at 7:55 pm.

The Board returned to Open session at 8:20 pm.

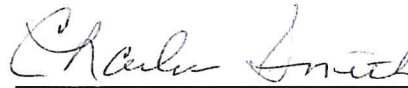
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

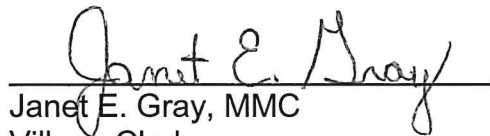
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

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



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk