

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
November 7, 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, Crider, Hall, 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.

Mayoral Proclamation

- A. The Mayor read a Proclamation for National Apprenticeship Week – November 13-19, 2023.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hall moved to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 16F (Purchase of Switchgear Equipment). Trustee Crider seconded the motion. On a roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Robertson – 1.

The motion carried 5-0.

Jayne DeLuce, President and CEO of Experience Champaign-Urbana gave a presentation on tourism in Rantoul and the County.

Public Participation

- Jayde Ray spoke regarding the lack of the Rantoul Police Department response to a petition regarding the deaths Azaan Lee and Jordan Richardson.
- Derik Briles from the Prairie Liberation Network also spoke regarding the lack of the Rantoul Police response to a petition regarding the deaths of Azaan Lee and Jordan Richardson.

Items from Trustees

There were no items from the Trustees.

Items from the Mayor

- A. Veterans Day Ceremony will be held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Saturday, November 11 at 1:00 pm at the Rantoul Family Sports Complex.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of October 3, 2023 Regular Study Session.
- B. Minutes of October 10, 2023 Board Meeting.

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The October 2023 Village Applicant Demographics Report is in the Board Packet.
- B. Debra Sage, Human Resource Manager, highlighted the positions posted for Village Career Opportunities.

Items from Police Department

- A. In September 2023, the Village Board approved a five-year contract with Flock Safety for Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) in the amount of \$312,500.00. The Police Department is requesting the Board approve amending the contract to add nine (9) additional ALPRs to the contract. With the additional ALPRs, the new amount for the five-year contract is \$428,350.00.

This item will go to the Board for Approval.

Items from Fire Department

- A. The Fire Department will hold a Liquefied Petroleum Gas Burn Exercise on Wednesday, November 8 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm at the airport. The Illinois Fire Institute will assist in the exercise.

Items from Building & Environmental Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

No items to report.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of a Construction Contract with Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$184,335.00 for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Heritage Lake Boat Access Area Development project. This project will be funded by an IDNR grant.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of a Local Agency Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Preliminary Engineering Phases I & II of the Veterans Parkway Shared Use Path - Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (North Side of Veterans Parkway from Maplewood Drive to Short Street).
- B. The Department is requesting the approval of the First Amendment to Site Lease Agreement for SprintCom, LLC for the Maplewood Water Tower Wireless Antenna Site. This would be a five-year extension with two additional five-year options. The current rate is \$1,557.97 per month and the annual increase would be 3% per year.
- C. The Department is requesting the approval of the purchase of 308 FT of 27" PVC SDR26 pipe material from Core & Main in the amount of \$44,302.72 for the Storm Drainage Division. These materials will be used to replace the existing underground sewer along Cheryl Drive from Keystone to Alexander. This is a budgeted item.
- D. The Department is requesting the approval of the purchase of a Replacement 2024 Ford 450 Truck Chassis and Knapheide Service Body from Shields Auto Group in the amount of \$103,980.00 for the Systems Collection Division. This vehicle will replace a 2006 service truck. This is a budgeted item.
- E. The Department is requesting the approval of the purchase of a Replacement Digger Derrick Truck for the Public Works Electric Division in the amount not-to-exceed \$308,000.00. The current truck is a 1991 model and is past its useful life span. This is a budgeted item.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator presented an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 38, Article XI of the Village Code - Snow Routes. This change would allow Public Works to activate the snow routes in advance of a significant snow event where forecasts project a snowfall greater than two inches. That notification would give the residents more time to relocate their vehicles before plowing begins.
- B. The Administrator gave the annual Property Tax Levy Presentation. He is proposing a small increase in the Police Pension contribution this year. The library is asking for a 7% increase due to the minimum wage increase. The Village's tax rate will not increase.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report.

Closed Session

Trustee Crider moved to go into closed sessions pursuant to:

- A. 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 6, to consider the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body
- B. 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
- C. 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 1, to consider the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee

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

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

NAYS: None -0.

ABSENT: Robertson – 1.

Motion carried 5-0

The Board entered into Closed session at 7:21 pm.

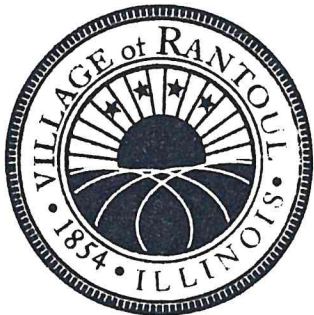
The Board returned to Open session at 8:37 pm.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:37 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 November 7, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk