

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
DECEMBER 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, Crider, Hall and Workman – 6.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:
Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Justin Bouse, Deputy Police Chief; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Jake McCoy, Public Works Director; Randy Ethridge, Public Works; Luke Humphrey, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Brian Hunt, Community Development; David Wesner, Attorney; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

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

 AYE: Hall, Workman, Wilson, Robertson and Crider - 5.

 NAYS: None – 0.

 ABSENT: Weathersby – 1.

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Hall said he has been approached by citizens asking about businesses being operated out of homes. He has noticed semi-trailers in drive ways in these areas, seen businesses advertised on Facebook and most recently alcoholic drinks listed for sale such as eggnog. The Administrator said that it is illegal to sell alcohol unless you have a liquor license. Food sales from home businesses are regulated by the Champaign County Public Health Department. Home-based businesses are restricted to the residents only; they cannot have other employees. Also, they are restricted regarding the amount of traffic they create at that location.

Trustee Workman asked if there were any Ordinances regarding the number of vehicles that can be parked in a driveway and/or parked on the streets. There is no restriction if the vehicles are licensed and plated and parked on a hard surface.

Mayor's Presentation

- A. The Recreation Department is sponsoring the Senior Citizens' Christmas Luncheon at The Gathering Place, 200 S. Century Blvd. on Thursday, December 7 at 11:30 am. Call 217-893-5700 to RSVP.
- B. The Recreation Department is sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa at The Gathering Place, 200 S. Century Blvd. on Saturday, December 9 at 8:00 - 10:00 am. Call 217-893-5700 to RSVP.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of November 7, 2023 Regular Study Session.
- B. Minutes of November 14, 2023 Board Meeting.
- C. Board Meeting Schedule for 2024.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

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

Items from Community Development

- A. The department requested the approval of an agreement for the sale of property at 711 Chandler Road (Prairie Pines Campground) to Rantoul Warehouse Group, LLC for an amount of \$500,000.00. This group has experience in running a campground. They purchased 721 Galaxy Drive from the Village in 2021 and have made significant improvements in the property. The buyer has agreed to a deed use restriction that will ensure the property remains a campground for a minimum of 15 years. Chris Milliken introduced Mr. Crispin, one of the partners, who gave a presentation on their vision for the Camp Ground.
- B. The department requested the approval of a Development Agreement between the Village and Rantoul Warehouse Group, LLC in conjunction with the sale and development of the Real Estate at 711 Chandler Road. The Village would be obligated to put in the meter for the water service.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Police Department

No items to report.

Items from Fire Department

No items to report.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

- A. The department requested the approval to purchase 1500 feet of 350 MCM CU Wire from Anixter in the amount of \$40,575.00. This material will be used on Century Blvd. for a back-up feed from the Chandler Substation to the Rantoul Business Center. There is a two-year lead time on the material. This is a budgeted project.
- B. The department requested the approval to purchase Switchgear Equipment for the Prospect Substation upgrades from Powercon Corp. in the amount of \$1,838,115.00. This would allow the department to convert the substation to a two-unit station with a new open-air breaker design. This is a budgeted project.
- C. The department requested the approval to purchase a Three-Phase 12 MVA (13.8kv-69000kv) Pad-Mount Transformer from Sunbelt Solomon in the amount of \$425,000.00. Delivery date would be 22 weeks out. The transformer at the Prospect substation failed in November and must be replaced to maintain reliability due to the heavy load from the industrial complex. A small transformer from the east substation has been moved temporarily to the west side.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator reviewed the new Paid Leave for All Workers Act (PLSWA) that will be effective in January. The Village Vacation Policy meets or exceeds the act's requirements for full-time staff and the Village does not offer leave benefits to part-time or seasonal employees. As a Home Rule community, the Village has the option to "opt out" of the act. The proposed Ordinance would make this change to the Personnel Policy.
- B. The Administrator presented the proposed Tax Levy Ordinance for the 2023 Tax Levy Year. The levy amount has increased this year but the Equalized Assessed Valuation is up by more than 11%. The property tax rate is projected to remain the same as last year.
- C. The Administrator requested the approval of several Ordinances that would abate the taxing obligation because they have an identified revenue source.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report.

Closed Session

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

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

NAYS: None -0.

ABSENT: Weathersby – 1.

Motion carried 5-0.

The Board entered into Closed session at 7:20 pm.

The Board returned to Closed session at 8:12 pm.

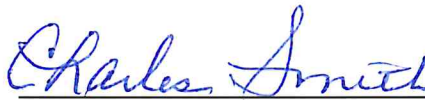
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:13 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 December 5, 2023 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk