

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION**

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

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 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— 5

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; Randy Ethridge, Public Works; Luke Humphrey, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Bryan Hunt, Community Development; Debbie Sage, Human Resources; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hall moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Workman seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote:

AYE: Hall, Workman, Wilson and Crider – 4.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Robertson and Weathersby - 2

The motion carried 4-0.

Public Participation

Ronald Scudder spoke about a concern with an employee.

Debbra Sweat addressed the board about the narrowness of roads and the fact that they become one lane when people park on both sides. Work vehicles also park on the roads creating problems.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Hall said there had been two accidents at the corner of Sangamon and Marshall. He addressed the concern to the Police Chief regarding the placement of Stop Signs and possible enforcement. The Police Chief said they could place a digital speed sign there when the weather was warmer as they work off solar power. Public Works said they would look at the placement of the stop signs. Reducing the speed limit would have to go before the board.

Trustee Hall listed three items he and the Administrator are going to discuss. They are 1) updates on Crime Free Housing; 2) the Gun Shot Detection System and 3) having a study to understand DEI and how the Village can be more proactive.

Trustee Crider said there were two lanes on the grass near Veteran's Parkway where people are driving. Staff is exploring options to remedy this problem.

Trustee Workman wanted to address several questions he has been asked by citizens.

1. What company is laying internet cable in the Village? Connexus is doing the installation under the Illinois Broadband Act. This allows them access at no cost. The Village is not charging for them to store or stage their equipment.
2. What steps have been taken to remove three large buildings on the former base, such as the old hospital? The Village takes these issues to the court to abate the code violations.
3. Does the Village have a list of unoccupied properties and work to get them cleaned up? The Village pursues code violations through the courts. If CDBG money is available, the Village occasionally goes forward with demolitions.
4. How much money is being spent on the Downtown Street Scape and when will those funds be spent? The engineering has been completed along with the utility plans. ARPA funds must be used by 2026. DEO Grant by 2025.
5. The buildings on the northside of Sangamon have mostly been updated. Those on the south side have been inspected and there are building owners in the court system to abate the code violations.
6. Is a list of buildings in the Village that are not up to code and is the Village pursuing the code violations? There is no list at this time.
7. How many violations has the Village had for inoperable vehicles and trash? The Administrator will provide that information to the Board tomorrow.

Trustee Wilson asked if the Village had a list of vacant lots. The Administrator said staff is reviewing that information and may have a new list in the next 30-60 days.

Mayor's Presentation

The bids came back for the ICBM reconstruction. The committee will meet on February 21 at 5:30 pm.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Board Meeting.
These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Administrator

- A. The Village received quotes for Health Insurance Brokerage Services for the upcoming year. The Administrator is recommending Clemens Insurance as the provider. Mr. Lynch from Clemens addressed the Board.
This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The January 2024 Village Applicant Demographics Report is in the Board Packet.
- B. Village Career Opportunities were also included in the Board Packet.

Items from Police Department

- A. The department presented an Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Article II "Law Enforcement" of the Village Code in Connection with Appointments. This change would allow the Chief of Police to consider any person on the eligibility register without regard to their position on the register. Currently only the top eight candidates can be considered.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Fire Department

- A. The Salvation Army awarded the Rantoul Fire Department their Hero's award for 2023.
- B. Tomorrow, February 7 from 7 to 9 pm the department will hold a water rescue exercise at Rudzinski Park on Grove Street. Other area departments will also participate.
- C. March 20 the department will hold an open house for the addition to Fire Station #2 on Maplewood.

Items from Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Building & Environmental Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

- A. Ordinance Approving Rezoning Petition ZP23-3 and Amending the Official Zoning Map for 1310 S Century Blvd. This property is currently zoned C-1, Neighborhood Commercial and the owner, Matt Pundmann is requesting it be zoned C-4 Commercial to allow for the construction of mini-warehouses. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request.
- B. Ordinance Approving Zoning Petition ZP23-4 and Amending Chapter 46 of the Village Code in Connection with the Zoning Ordinance (Barbed Wire Fencing). This change would allow for the installation and use of barbed wire in certain zoning districts. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request.

These items will go to the Board for Approval.



Items from the Parks and Recreation

- A. The department is requesting the approval of a Landscape Installation and Maintenance Contract with Deem Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$32,609.00 plus \$140.00 per occurrence for watering and weeding as needed. This is the same as last year with the exception of flowers now being planted on the north side of the Youth Center.

This item will go to the Board for Approval.

Items from Public Works

- A. The department is requesting the approval of a Contract with Sunbelt Solomon in the amount of \$254,181.00 for Repair of the Prospect Substation Transformer (12000kva); the approval for Equipment Rental in the amount of \$12,000.00; and Contingency Funds in the amount of \$15,000.00. Funds have been allocated in the FY 2024 for repairs of the transformer. Repairs will take eight to nine months.
- B. The department is requesting the approval of the purchase of 69kv Switch Equipment for the Prospect Substation from Ameren Services Company in the amount of \$39,677.73. This project was included in the FY 2024 Budget.
- C. The department is requesting the approval to amend Ordinance 2731, Authorizing the Village to borrow funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Systems, Phase I from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program in the aggregate principal amount of \$18,215,000.00.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report

The Mayor stated that Trustee Weathersby and Trustee Robinson had called in stating they would not be in attendance tonight.

Closed Session

There was no closed session

Meeting Adjourned

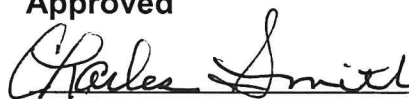
The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:19. pm.

Respectfully submitted,

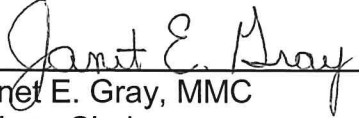
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk



Approved

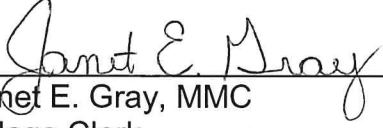

Charles Smith
Village President

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 February 6, 2024 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk