RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
MARCH 5, 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 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, Workman and Weathersby – 7

The following representatives of Village departments were also present: Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Angie Schultz, Comptroller; Jake McCoy, Public Works Director; Luke Humphrey, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Debbie Sage, Human Resources; Brian Hunt, Community Development; David Wesner, Attorney; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

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

AYE: Crider, Hall, Workman, Weathersby, Wilson and Robertson – 6.
NAYS: None – 0.
The motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Weathersby stated that Rantoul Early Head Start is still open and seeking teachers. She gave her phone number.

Trustee Hall stated that the trash receptacles that are placed at the curb for pickup are not being taken back to the houses in a timely manner. This creates a sight hazard on the streets. He asked if something could be put on the utility bill stating when the receptacles can go out and when they need to be removed.

Trustee Wilson said St. Malachy 7th greade girls' volleyball team qualified for sectional. The Fire department will escort them out of town to the tournament.

Mayor's Presentation

A. Youth Center Ribbon Cutting and Open House on March 16, 2024 at 10:00 am.
B. Fire Department Station 2 Ribbon Cutting & Open House on March 20, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.
C. Recreation Department Senior Luncheon on March 21, 2024 at 11:30 am. Call 217-893-5700 to RSVP.

Items from Clerk

A. Minutes of February 6, 2024 Regular Study Session.
B. Minutes of February 13, 2024 Board Meeting.

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

A. The February 2024 Village Applicant Demographics Report is in the Board Packet.
B. A list of Village Career Opportunities was also included in the Board Packet.
C. Trustee Hall asked if the Village was still taking applications for the Sports Complex. The Village is and there is no closing date due to vacancies that become open throughout the season.

Items from Police Department

A. The department is requesting the approval of a Law Enforcement Technology Package with Axon in the amount of $670,714.28 over a ten-year period. This contract will cover the replacement of body cameras, tasers and update of the Drone Program. It would also provide replacement equipment with new technology during the term of the contract. It will also provide more Cloud storage and a redacting system for FOIA requests.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Fire Department

No items to report.

Items from Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Building & Environmental Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

A. The department is requesting the approval of an Agreement for Sale of Real Estate between the Village of Rantoul and Chilla Homes, LLC for property at 109 Wheat Ave. Chilla Homes plans to build 25 micro-homes for owner occupation and price them at $90,000.00. Proceeds of the sale would go back into the EDC fund for further development. Willie Salaee addressed the Board regarding their plans. Ron Hindman will be the local contact for the project.

B. The department is requesting the approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Certain Surplus Real Estate Owned by the Village at 272 Keystone Drive to Habitat for Humanity. No one has expressed interest in the lot and the Village sees no reason to continue to hold on to it.
C. The department is requesting the approval of an Ordinance Approving Rezoning Petition ZP23-3 and Amending the Official Zoning Map for 1310 S Century Blvd. New Kids Investment Group, LLC requested the rezoning to C-4 (Commercial/ Industrial) to allow for the construction of mini-warehouses. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request. Mr. Pundmann addressed the board.
D. The department is requesting approval of a Contract for Demolition with Lee Farms Excavating in the amount of $144,500.00 for the demolition of the building at 119 E Sangamon Ave. This building was conveyed to the Village via court proceedings and is in such a state of disrepair that demolition is the only option. The building shares common walls on both sides which will make demolition difficult.

Items A, B and D will go to the Board for approval. Item C will be postponed.

Items from Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

A. The department is requesting the approval of Resolution 03-24-1409, A Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of State Right-of-Way. This would allow the Village to close a portion of Rt. 136 for the Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2024.
B. The department is requesting the approval of Resolution 03-24-1410, A Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of State Right-of-Way. This would allow the Village to close an intersection on Rt. 45 for the RTHS Homecoming Parade on October 4, 2024.
C. The department is requesting the approval of Resolution 03-24-1411, A Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of State Right-of-Way. This would allow the Village to close an intersection on Rt. 45 for the Christmas Parade on December 7, 2024.
D. The department is requesting the approval to purchase 1500 feet of 350 MCM CU Wire for the Electric Department from Anixter Power Solutions in the amount of $40,545.00. This wire will replace underground wire in the 900 area.
E. The department is requesting the approval of the purchase of a Pad-mounted Primary Disconnect Gear for the Electric Department from Anixter Power Solutions in the amount of $40,645.00. This purchase will allow the Village to disconnect the secondary lines from the campground during emergencies or rehab projects.

F. The department is requesting the approval of a Construction Contract with Grunloh Building, Inc. in the amount of $15,588.207.00 to Develop the Phase One Project for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Systems. The project will include construction of wastewater treatment facilities, pump stations and force main replacement and extension. There is also a request for contingency funds.

These items will go to the Board for Approval.

Items from Administrator

A. The department is requesting the approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 26, Article III "Transient Merchants". This ordinance would create a Mobile Food Truck License and operating regulations. The fee would be $100.00 per month.
B. The department is requesting the approval of a Resolution Authorizing Intervention in a Pending Property Tax Assessment Appeal before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board for Rantoul Lodging, LLC - 946 Broadmeadow Road (Holiday Inn).
C. The Administrator gave a presentation on Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget. The Budget Hearing will be held at 5:30 pm on April 2 and will be voted on at the Regular Board Meeting on April 9.

Items A and B will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to report.

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

Trustee Hall stated he would not be in attendance next week.
Trustee Weathersby also said she would not be in attendance next week.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved

Charles Smith
Village President

ATTEST:

Janet E. Gray

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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 March 5, 2024 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Janet E. Gray

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