

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

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.

Mayoral Proclamation

- A. The Mayor read a Proclamation for Mental Health Matters Month. He declared May as Mental Health Matters Month in Rantoul.

Mayor's Presentation

- A. The Mayor gave the oath of Office to three new Police Officers.
1. Jonathan Grice previously was a Champaign County Court Security Officer and has worked at the Youth Detention Center. He has an Associate's Degree from Parkland in Criminal Justice and is originally from Rantoul.
 2. Armando Romero came from the Champaign County Sherriff's Department working Court Security. He has an Associate's degree from DACC in Danville in Criminal Justice. He currently lives in Danville.
 3. Shanice Guider came from the County Juvenile Detention Center and worked as Security for Carle Hospital. She has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from EIU and is working on her Masters in Criminal Justice at Purdue. She is originally from Chicago area and currently lives in Champaign.

Approval of Agenda

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

AYE: Robertson, Workman, Weathersby and Wilson – 4.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Crider and Hall - 2

The motion carried 4-0.

Public Participation

Coach Lew from Rantoul Falcon's Football addressed the Board about assisting the program with some funding as the program grows.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Wilson asked the Administrator to provide an update on the Sports Complex concerning attendance and revenue. The Center was in the black at the end of the 23-24 Budget year. There have been two weekends this spring where over 20,000 people have been in attendance.

Trustee Weathersby announced that the Regional Plan Commission is looking for teachers for its Early Development Program. More information is listed on the web site.

Items from Mayor

- A. Appointment of Scott Eisenhower as Village Administrator – originally appointed November 5, 2018.
- B. Appointment of Anthony Brown as Chief of Police – originally appointed August 7, 2017.
- C. Appointment of Chad Smith as Fire Chief – originally appointed July 12, 2022
- D. Appointment of Angela Schultz as Comptroller – originally appointed January 1, 2024.
- E. Appointment of Luke Humphrey as the Director of Parks & Recreation – originally appointed May 21, 2004.
- F. Appointment of Jacob McCoy as the Director of Public Works – originally appointed August 8, 2023.
- G. Appointment of Justin Bouse, Deputy Chief of Police as Emergency Services Disaster Agency (ESDA) Coordinator.
- H. Appointment of Janet Gray, Village Clerk and Justin Bouse, Deputy Chief of Police as Freedom of Information Officers.
- I. The Recreation Department Senior Luncheon will be held May 16, 2024 at 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Call 217-893-5700 to RSVP.
- J. A Residential Electronics Collection event will be held on May 18, 2024 at Parkland College (Duncan Road) Call 217-384-3708 to Register.
- K. Village of Rantoul Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, June 22 at 8:00 am to Noon.

Items A through H will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of April 2, 2024 Regular Study Session.
- B. Minutes of April 7, 2024 Board Meeting.

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Fire Department

- A. Last fall 11 Firefighters started EMT training. Two firefighters, Kevin Wallin and Travis Wallin are now nationally registered Emergency Medical Technicians.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Department reviewed the results from the Cost of Service Study Findings from Utility Financial Solutions for the Village Electric, Gas, and Water Utilities. Dan Kasbohn joined the meeting via zoom to present the analysis of the study results. This type of study is usually undertaken every 3-5 years. The average increase suggested was 4% a year.
- B. The department requested the approval to purchase a Replacement 2018 Kenworth Water Truck for the Systems Collection Division from CIT Trucks in the amount of \$49,908.00. A \$1,000.00 contingency is requested to secure the title, license and any other miscellaneous expense. This will replace the 1993 water truck acquired from the military when Chanute closed. The frame is rusted through and the vehicle has become unusable. This is a budgeted item.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The April 2024 Village Applicant Demographics Report is in the Board Packet. A list of Village Career Opportunities was included in the Packet.

Items from Police 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 requested the approval of a Resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant 2024 Annual Action Plan. This is a plan submitted annually to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding. The Village was just notified they will receive \$314,260.00, which is less than projected. The plan will be adjusted accordingly.
- B. The department requested the approval of a contract for the Downtown Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Replacement Project Construction with SNC Construction, Inc, in the amount of \$1,488,282.02. This project will consist of the complete replacement of all water, sanitary sewer mains, water service lines and sanitary sewer laterals in the designated downtown area. This project is being paid for with Water Funds and ARPA funds. Construction should begin in June.
- C. The department requested the approval of an agreement for Construction Engineering Services for the Downtown Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Replacement Project with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. not-to-exceed the amount of \$150,000.00. ARPA funds will be used for this project.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

- A. The department requested the approval of a Construction Contract for Reconstruction and Enlargement of Garage Bay Doors at the Fleet Maintenance Shop with Mid Illinois Concrete & Excavation in the amount of \$72,690.00, with a \$7,310.00 Contingency Fund. The west side doors were redone in 2016. With this construction the department will be able to pull into the shop and through to the other side. This is a budgeted item.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The administrator presented the final computation for the 2023 Property Tax Levy. The Village projected the rate as 1.897%. The final rate came in as 1.898%.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report

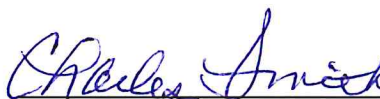
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

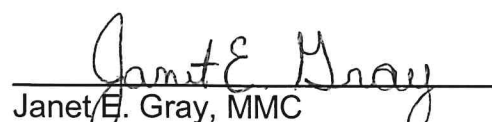
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



Charles Smith
Village President

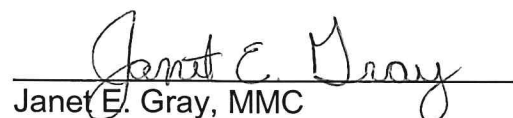
ATTEST:



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 May 7, 2024 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk