

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
JULY 2, 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, Workman and Weathersby – 6

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; Chad Isley, Assistant Public Works Director; Luke Humphrey, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Brian Hunt, Community Development; Debbie Sage, Human Resources; Tana Ward, Deputy Village Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

 NAYS: None – 0.

 ABSENT: Hall -1.

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation

Mayor Smith opened the public comment portion of the meeting per the Open Meetings Act. No individuals registered prior to the meeting with the Village Clerk.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Workman recognized Jeremy Larson and Rich Carr, two firemen who performed a service for our senior citizens above and beyond the call of duty.

Trustee Crider commended the GFL workers. There had been some overflow in her area and the driver got out of the truck, picked up the garage that fell out and then dumped it in the truck.

Trustee Crider has been walking more and asked if there was anything that could be put on Social Media regarding the requirement of having dogs on leashes.

Trustee Workman also wanted to address the issue of dogs off leash or not under control when on a leash. He knows someone who was riding a bike that was knocked over when a dog broke loose.

Items from the Mayor

- A. The Mayor also received a call regarding the firefighter's response in helping a senior citizen. He stated his appreciation for their response.
- B. Coffee with a Cop will be Tuesday, July 9 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at McDonald's, 711 W. Champaign Ave.
- C. The Recreation Department Senior Luncheon will be Thursday, July 18 at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Call 217-893-5700 to RSVP.
- C. The Hal Summers/Margurette Carter Gym Dedication will be Saturday, July 27 at 10:00 am in the JW Eater Junior High, Main Gym.
- D. The Fireworks will be Wednesday night, July 3, at approximately 9:15 pm. They will be set off from the Rantoul Aviation Center.
- E. The 4th of July Parade will be Thursday morning with the line-up beginning at 8:00 am and kicking off at 9:30 am, weather permitting. Village Officials will make a determination by 6:00 am whether the parade will be canceled due to the expected weather. Please follow the Village of Rantoul Facebook page to stay up to date with information concerning the parade.
- F. Freedom Fridays returns to downtown this Friday and will be held every Friday in the month of July from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There will be entertainment, free inflatables and games for the kids, bags tournament, food and drinks and more to enjoy.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of June 4, 2024 Regular Study Session
- B. Minutes of June 11, 2024 Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The June 2024 Village Applicant Demographics Report is in the Board Packet.
- B. A list of Village Career Opportunities is also included in the Board Packet.

Items from Police Department

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Rantoul City School District #137 for a School Resource Officer. The City School Board approved this agreement at their July 10, 2024 meeting. Officer Kaleb Kraft will be the SRO.
- B. The Department is requesting the approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Rantoul Township High School #193 for a School Resource Officer. The High School Board approved this agreement at their June 8, 2024 meeting. Officer Eddie Garcia will be the SRO.

These items 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 requested the approval of a Contract for East Grove Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Construction with A&A Concrete, LLC in the amount of \$116,889.50. This project will provide for replacing sections of the sidewalk along the north side of Grove Avenue and along Mitchell Court. It will include the reconstruction of driveway entrances off Grove Avenue and Mitchell Court. This project will be paid for from Community Development Block Grant funds and is included in the 2025 Budget.
- B. The Department requested the approval of a Contract for the Community Service Center Sidewalk Improvement Project Construction with Mid Illinois Concrete & Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$42,886.60. The project will provide for replacing sections of the sidewalk around the Community Service Center at 520 Wabash Avenue. This project will be paid for from Community Development Block Grant funds and is included in the 2025 Budget.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Department requested the approval of waiving the bidding process and approving the rental of three 2,000 kw generators for the Industrial Area Customers, and one 1,000 kw generator for Rantoul Foods from Altorfer CAT in the amount of \$239,709.19. Since November 15, 2023 when the Prospect Transformer failed all customers at the Industrial area have been served by one transformer. The funds for the rental of this equipment is not a budgeted item.
- B. The Department requested the approval of the purchase of a CASE 590SN Tractor Loader Backhoe for the Street Department from Birkey's Farm Store in the amount of \$150,500.00, with a contingency fund of \$5,000.00. The department currently has two backhoes. The 1997 Ford is at the end of its useful life and will be traded in with the purchase. The contingency funds are requested to cover any modifications and/or increase in price. This is a budgeted item.

- C. The Department requested approval to purchase an Altec Ford 4x4 Bucket Truck for the Electric Division from Global Rental Company, Inc in the amount of \$136,486.00. The new truck will replace a 1998 Ford Platform Truck which will be auctioned off through the Village's auction website. The department is currently renting the truck they wish to purchase and the rental fee will be taken off the purchase price. This is a budgeted item and will be paid out of reserve funds.
- D. The Department requested the approval of the purchase of a 2024 Altec F550 Ford 4x4 Bucket Truck for the Electric Division from Global Rental Company, Inc in the amount of \$200,379.00. This will replace a Truck which will be auctioned off through the Village's auction website. The department is currently renting the truck they wish to purchase and the rental fee will be taken off the purchase price. This is a budgeted item and will be paid out of reserve funds.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator requested the approval of an Ordinance Amending Article VI of Chapter 34 "Taxation" of the Rantoul Code in connection with Hotel and Motel Use Tax to include campgrounds. It would include tents, travel trailers, RV, AirBnB, VRBO and similar services. The current tax rate is 7% and would take effect on January 1, 2025.
- B. The Administrator requested the approval of an Ordinance Implementing Campgrounds and Campground Licensing requirements. The Ordinance would include the application process, review process and obligations and responsibilities for anyone wanting to operate a campground within the Village of Rantoul.
- C. The Administrator requested the approval of the Fee Structure Ordinance to include the fees from the Chapter 34 "Taxation" Ordinance.

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) 21, for the purpose of discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for the purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None -0.

ABSENT: Hall -1.

Motion carried 5-0

The Board entered into Closed session at 6:40 pm.

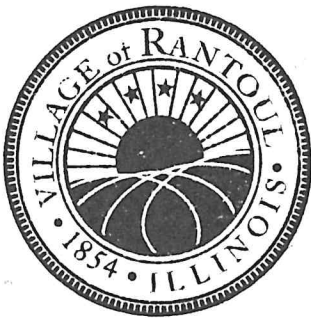
The Board returned to Open session at 6:46 pm.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:47 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 July 2, 2024 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk