

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
NOVEMBER 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 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; Angela Schultz, Comptroller; Jake McCoy, Public Works Director; Chad Isley, Assistant Public Works Director; Andy Graham, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Brian Hunt, Community Development; Tana Ward, Executive Assistant, Audio/Visual; David Wesner, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Mayoral Proclamation

The Mayor read a proclamation in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Rantoul Area Chamber of Commerce.

Presentation

Jayne DeLuce of Visit Champaign-Urbana gave a presentation on tourism in Rantoul. Visit Champaign works with five counties. They will be concentrating on bringing in conferences and other events that will be held during the week.

Approval of Agenda

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

 AYE: Hall, Workman, Weathersby, Wilson, Robertson and Crider – 6.

 NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

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 asked Chief Brown the process for dealing with inoperable vehicles on public property, specifically the area on the airport where trucks are parked. The sign says that parking should be no longer than 7 days. The Administrator stated that the Village did not charge for parking in that area nor do they monitor the parking.

Items from the Mayor

- A. The Mayor congratulated Kevin Wallin who was named Firefighter of the year.
- B. The Mayor mentioned the recent article in the News Gazette regarding medical training of the Rantoul Firefighters.
- C. There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony Monday, November 11 at 11:00 am at the Rantoul Family Sports Complex. The Color Guard will be from the VFW Gung-Ho Post 6750.
- D. The Intercontinental Ballistic Missile will be Rededicated on November 11, 2024 at Noon at 300 Borman Drive.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of October 1, 2024 Regular Study Session
- B. Minutes of October 8, 2024 Board Meeting
- C. Candidate Petition Filing Notice

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

Items from Human Resources

- A. The October 2024 Village Applicant Demographics Report is in the Board Packet.
- B. Village Career opportunities were also listed in the Board Packet.

Items from Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Police Department

No items to report.

Items from Fire Department

No items to report.

Items from Building & Environmental Safety

No items to report.

Items from Community Development

- A. Rantoul Warehouse Group, LLC applied for an EDA Revolving Loan in the amount of \$400,000.00, for the construction of a 45,000 square foot facility at 700 Veterans Parkway to house Buzard Pipe Organ Builders. They are relocating their current business to Rantoul. The collateral will be a second position on the building. The total cost of construction is \$2.5 million. This project will result in the addition/retention of 20 positions. Buzard Pipe Organ will sign a 30-year lease

with the Rantoul Warehouse Group. The loan Committee recommended the approval of this loan. Chris Milliken introduced John Paul Buzard, the owner of the company, to provide some information on his company. Julio Crispin, Rantoul Warehouse Group, LLC spoke about the building aspect of the project. They currently own and have remodeled other buildings on the former Air Force Base.

- B. The Department requested the approval of a Resolution approving utilization of Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Funds to assist with the relocation and expansion of Buzard Pipe Organ Builders at 700 Veterans Parkway. The grant would be in the amount of \$40,000.00.

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 a Service Agreement for Replacement of the Underdrains of Filters (1, 3, 5, 6) at the West Water Treatment Plant with Schomburg & Schomburg Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$508,549.44, with a contingency fund of \$60,000.00. This bid was 15% below the cost estimate. The project is in the FY 2025 Water Reserve Budget.
- B. The Department requested the approval of an Engineering Agreement to Design, Assist in Procurement, and Construction Support for the New Prospect Substation Upgrades with BHMGE Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$807,900.00. This project is in the FY 2025 Electric Division Budget.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator gave a presentation on the 2024 Property Tax Levy. The Village only pays for three things with the Real Estate Taxes received: the Library, Police Pension Bond payment and the current cost of the Police Pension. The total request is for \$1,888,828.00.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report

Closed Session

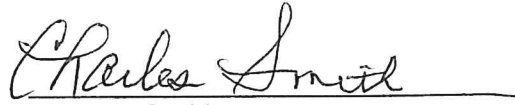
There was no Closed Session.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

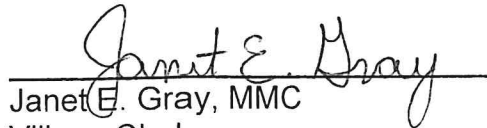
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



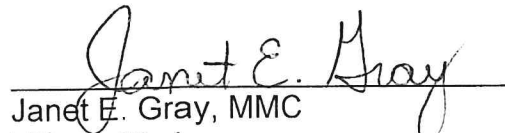
Charles Smith
Village President

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



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk