

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
JANUARY 7, 2025**

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; Angela Schultz, Comptroller; Luke Humphrey, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Milliken, Zoning and Planning; Tana Ward, Executive Assistant, Audio/Visual; David Wesner, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hall moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Robertson 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.

Oath of New Firefighter

The Mayor administered the oath to Toby Brinkman, Rantoul's newest firefighter.

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 Weathersby stated that the Iron Worker's 340 is opening up their apprenticeship program. The salary scale is \$24.50-\$26.00 per hour.

Items from the Mayor

The Mayor announced a groundbreaking on January 9 at 3:00 pm at 700 Parkway for the Buzzard Organ facility.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of December 3, 2024 Special Board Meeting – Public Hearing
- B. Minutes of December 3, 2024 Regular Study Session
- C. Minutes of December 10, 2024 Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. Village Career opportunities were 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 Community Development

- A. The department requested the approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Village Code to add Article XIX, which creates Demolition Requirements for the Demolition of Buildings. There are currently no adopted requirements in place for demolitions. The proposed requirements contain safeguards to ensure that all demolitions are completed safely and satisfactorily.
- B. The department requested the approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Certain Surplus Real Estate owned by the Village (1108 Fairlawn Drive). This lot was acquired by the Village from the Champaign County Housing Authority. There has been no interest in this property and staff recommends donating it to Habitat for Humanity.
- C. The department requested the approval of an Ordinance Approving Rezoning Petition ZP24-2, and Amending the Official Zoning Map for 626 West Champaign Avenue. Gordon Family Farms is requesting that the property be rezoned from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-2 General Commercial to allow for marketing of the property for future commercial development. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request as it would be consistent with the Village's adopted Future Land Use Map.
- D. The department requested the approval of an Ordinance Approving Rezoning Petition ZP25-1 Amending the Official Zoning Map for 701 West Chandler Road from AG Agriculture to I-2 General Industrial to allow for the expansion of the neighboring construction contractor facility and material storage yard at that location. This rezoning would facilitate the sale of the property by the Village to a new owner, as previously discussed and approved by the Board. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

- A. The department requested the approval of a Landscape Installation and Maintenance Contract with Deem Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$38,916.00. This would be a one-year contract extension with Deem Landscaping for the 2025 season. This company has provided quality service to the Village since 2019. The funds will be included in the FY 26 Budget.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Public Works

No items to report.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administration requested a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Village and Carle Arrow Ambulance for Provision of EMS Service. This would be a 4-year agreement with one unit located in the Village at no cost. Other options may be considered at a later time. The agreement would begin no later than July 1, 2025. Jason Hayes, Director of Carle Arrow Ambulance addressed the Board's questions.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report.

Closed Session

Trustee Robertson moved to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)21, for the 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 by Section 2.06. Trustee Crider seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None - 0.

Motion carried 6-0.

The Board entered into Closed session at 6:30 pm.

The Board returned to Open session at 6:50 pm.

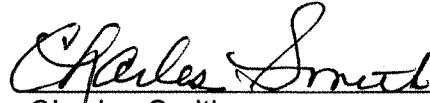
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

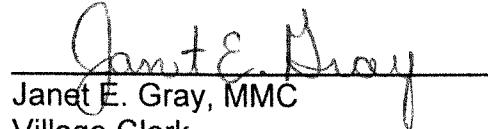
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved

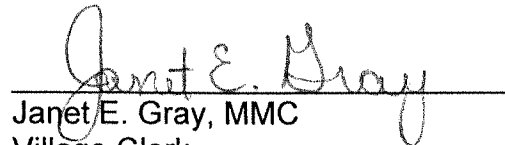


Charles Smith
Village President

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 January 7, 2025 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.


Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk