

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
MARCH 4, 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; Angela Schultz, Comptroller; Jake McCoy, Public Works Director; Chad Isley, Assistant Public Works Director; Luke Humphrey, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Milliken, Community Planning and Development; Tana Ward, Executive Assistant, Audio/Visual; David Wesner, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hall moved to amend the agenda moving item 14G to 14A and all other items under Public Works down one letter. Trustee Workman 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.

- Chris Powers spoke.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Weathersby thanked Janet Brotherton for picking out her wedding dress. She said a Read Across American event will be held at Lincoln Square Mall.

Trustee Wilson said that early voting will start March 12th at the Brookens building.

Items from the Mayor

- A. There will be a Senior Rambles Golden Nugget Casino Trip Wednesday, March 12 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Call 217-893-5703 to Register.
- B. A Senior Luncheon will be held Thursday, March 20 at 11:30 am at the Rantoul Recreation Department. Call 217-893-5703 to RSVP.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of February 4, 2025 Regular Study Session
- B. Minutes of February 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- C. Minutes of February 18, 2025 Special Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. 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 Community Planning and Development

No items to report.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of the purchase of three 20 MVA 3-phase Transformers for the proposed construction of the New Prospect Substation Project from Virginia Transformer Corporation in the amount of \$6,088,500.00, with a \$100,000.00 Contingency. Virginia Transformer was not the lowest bidder but can deliver the transformers in 2 yrs. The extra cost is worth the shorter delivery time. The down payment of 30% is included in the FY 2026 Reserves Budget. Jason Jackson and Chris Couch from BHMG joined the meeting via phone.
- B. The Department is requesting the approval of Resolution No. 03-25-1430 regarding temporary closing of State Right-of-Way for the Independence Day Parade on July 4, 2025. A general insurance policy is also required.
- C. The Department is requesting the approval of Resolution No. 03-25-1431 regarding temporary closing of State Right-of-Way for the RTHS Homecoming Parade on September 25, 2025. A general insurance policy is also required.
- D. The Department is requesting the approval of Resolution No. 03-25-1432 regarding temporary closing of State Right-of-Way for the Christmas Parade on December 6, 2025. A general insurance policy is also required.

- E. The Department is requesting the approval of a Local Agency Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount not-to-exceed \$55,637.00 for the proposed intersection upgrade to US 136 and Murray Road. The work would include modernizing the traffic signals, lighting removal/replacement and ADA accessible curb ramps. Funding will be included in the FY 2026 Budget.
- F. The Department is requesting the approval of Resolution No. 03-25-1429 appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Public Works Street and System Division Maintenance under the IL Department of Transportation Highway Code in the amount of \$225,000.00.
- G. The Department is requesting the approval of Ordinance No. 2793 authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Systems, Phase II from the Water Pollution Control Program in the amount of \$11,000,000.00. The current plant crucial equipment is approaching the end of its reliable service life and needs upgrading.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator is requesting the approval of Resolution No. 3-25-1433 authorizing intervention in a Property Tax Assessment Appeal before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board. This Resolution would be a standing authority to allow the Village Attorney to file requests to intervene in appeal proceedings with the Property Tax Appeals Board to represent the Village's interest with respect to appeals challenging the assessed valuation of property within the Village.
- B. The Administrator gave a presentation on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. The Budget Hearing will be held at 5:45 pm on April 1st and the Budget will go to the Board on April 8 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) 1, to consider the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee

And

to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 6, to consider the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body

And

to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 11, to consider litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

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 7:28 pm.

The Board returned to Open session at 7:56 pm.

Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

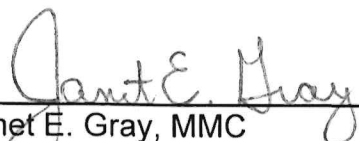
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



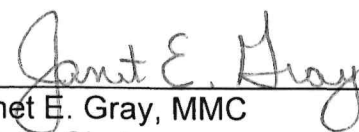
Charles Smith
Village President

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 March 4, 2025 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk