

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
APRIL 1, 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; Jake McCoy, Public Works Director; Chad Isley, Assistant Public Works Director; Luke Humphrey, Parks and Recreation Director; Chris Milliken, Community Planning and Development; 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 for Arbor Day recognizing April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in Rantoul.

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 with the Village Clerk prior to the meeting.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Workman said he read an article in the IML newsletter regarding legislation that would allow Municipalities to assess a fee for lift services at care facilities.

Items from the Mayor

- A. There will be a Downtown Streetscape Construction Kickoff Public Open House at the NE Corner of Sangamon Ave. & Garrard Street (future Plaza Location) on Monday, April 7 at 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

- B. The Senior Rambles will go to The Pottery Place on Wednesday, April 16 from 11:45 am - 2:45 pm. Call 217-893-5703 to Register.
- C. The Village of Rantoul Clean-up Day is Saturday, May 10 from 8:00 am to Noon. Residents must provide a copy of their Utility Bill to participate.
- D. A Residential Electronics Collection Event will be held Saturday, May 17 at Parkland College. Register at ecycle.simplybook.me.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of March 4, 2025 Study Session
 - B. Minutes of March 11, 2025 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

- A. The department is requesting the approval of a contract with SNC Construction, Inc. for the Construction of the Veterans Parkway Shared Use Path Extension Project in the amount of \$459,479.09. This is a new shared use path from the intersection of Veterans Parkway and South Maplewood Drive east along Perimeter Road and then north to Pleasant Acres School. This path would join up with the recently constructed Safe Routes to School project improvements at Pleasant Acres School. The construction would be paid for from grant funding. Construction should start in June and be finished by the end of summer.
 - B. The department is requesting the approval of an Agreement for Construction Engineering Services with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. for the Downtown Reconstruction & Streetscaping Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$225,000.00. The Public Works Department will oversee the majority of the construction oversight but still needs a consultant for some construction engineering services. This contract will be paid from ARPA funds.
 - C. Chris Milliken gave an update on the Downtown Reconstruction & Streetscape Project. The project will begin on the North side of Sangamon Ave.
- Items A and B will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

- A. The department is requesting the approval of an Engineering Agreement Amendment for the Development of the Stormwater System Master Plan increasing the Engineering Services with Donohue & Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$98,785.00. This is an increase of \$14,485.00. This project will provide a long-term road map for stormwater and detention and create a 20-year master plan for stormwater system improvements. This agreement is funded by storm drainage funds.
- B. The department is requesting the approval of a Service Agreement for the pumping, transporting, and disposing of Liquid Biosolids with Merrell Brothers, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$72,347.44. The Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements include off-lining parts of the sludge system for repairs. This is an unanticipated FY 2025 expense that will be funded through the wastewater account.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator requested the approval of a Resolution Outlining Expenditures in FY 2025-26 Committed Funds. These expenditures may or may not be made and must come back to the Board for action.
- B. The Comptroller discussed the transfer of funds for Negative Accounts. In compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards, the Village is required to separately list "Committed Funds" and identify what if any, appropriations that will be considered in the upcoming Fiscal Year Budget. A list of these funds was provided in the Board Packet.
- C. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Discussion. The Police budget has been reduced by \$40,00.00 so only one vehicle will be purchased this year. The second change is the purchase of an outdoor storm warning siren. The bottom line of the budget does not change. A new Budget Summary was provided to the Board.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report

Closed Session

No Closed Session was held.

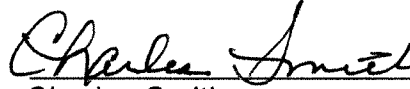
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

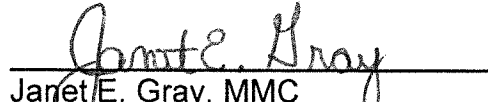
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

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 April 1, 2025 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.


Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk