

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
OCTOBER 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 Hall called the proceeding to order.

Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll, finding the following members were physically present:

Mayor Hall, Trustees Workman, Crider, Wilson, Graham and Haines – 6.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhower, Administrator; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Angela Schultz, Comptroller; Chris Milliken; Community Planning and Development; Debbie Sage, Human Resources; Tana Ward, Executive Assistant, Audio/Visual; David Wesner, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

Mayoral Proclamation

The Mayor read a Proclamation for Domestic Violence Month, the month of October, which celebrates the resilience of survivors.

The Mayor congratulated Scott Eisenhower who was awarded the designation of Credentialed Manager by the International City/County Manager Association. This designation is in recognition of Mr. Eisenhower's dedication to excellence in public service and leadership in the local government management. Fewer than 1400 local government officials, worldwide, hold this credential. Mr. Eisenhower thanked the Mayor and the Board for their support.

Mayor's Presentation

- A. The Mayor gave the Oath of Office to EMT Jennifer Nierenhausen
- B. The Mayor gave the Oath of Office to Firefighter Jenna Wallace
- C. The Mayor gave the Oath of Office to Firefighter Ulysseus Compton Jr.

Approval of Agenda

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

YEAS: Crider, Wilson, Graham, Haines and Workman – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Robertson – 1.

The motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation

Mayor Hall opened the public comment portion of the meeting per the Open Meetings Act.

- Jay Schroeder spoke about the employees being represented by the International Union of Operators and Engineers (IUOE). The group believes they have negotiated in good faith but do not feel that the Village has been negotiating in the same manner.
- Richard Miller spoke in concern for the children walking in the school zones. He would like to see more Police presence to help slow down vehicles.
- Dr. Jannea Klingenberg partners with several groups in the County to provide for youth and families. This year's event will be held at the Urbana Park District. Transportation from Rantoul to the Urbana will be provided. They are asking for donations of new pajamas, toys and books. They also need volunteers to help sort items before the event and to help at the event. She thanked the Village for their partnership.

Items from the Mayor

A few weeks ago, the Mayor and Trustees attended the Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference in Chicago. The Mayor attended several seminars.

- Economic Development and Housing – talked about funding; in particular USDA programs. The Mayor will be looking into these programs.
- Work Development – grant writing, rural business development – all the resources available to the Village.
- Leadership and Community Engagement - the Village will only grow as the leadership grows – need to continue developing leaders in the community.
- Technology and Innovation – AI is no longer an option but you also need to include cyber security.

Items from Trustees

- A. Trustee Wilson stated that the Key Note speaker at the Conference, Hall of Famer Mike Singletary, was very inspirational; and he spoke without notes.
- B. Trustee Crider thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to attend the IML Conference.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of September 2, 2025 Study Session
- B. Minutes of September 9, 2025 Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. An application's demographics report from January to September 2025 was included in the Board Packet.
- B. 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

- A. The Rantoul Fire Department will hold an Open House Wednesday, October 8 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Fire Station No. 1, 101 E. Grove Street. October is Fire Prevention Month. The Department will be in the schools this week doing fire drills.
- B. Trustee Wilson asked if the department was up to full staff. The Chief said that they are at full staff at 33 members.
- C. The Department had over 937 call this year; 70 % were fire calls and 30 % EMS calls. The Department also assists the ambulance services. An initial call for lift assist is responded to by the Fire Department EMTs and Paramedics.

Items from Community Planning and Development

- A. The department is requesting the approval of an Ordinance approving Rezoning Petition #ZP25-2, and amending the Official Zoning Map, for the property commonly known as 301 West Keal Avenue. The Rantoul Park District is requesting that the property be rezoned from RC recreation to R-3 Single Family Duplex Residential to allow for the sale and eventual redevelopment of the property. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request and staff supports the approval. There was no testimony at the hearing from adjoining property owners.
- B. The department is requesting the approval on of an Ordinance approving Zoning Petition #ZP25-3, and Amending Chapter 46 of the Village Code in connection with the Zoning Ordinance (Self-Storage Facilities/Mini-Warehouses). The Village of Rantoul currently has ten self-storage facilities with a total of 1,042 units. Staff is recommending instituting further zoning restrictions, including limiting the locations where new self-storage facilities can be developed, plus requiring a special use permit with stringent criteria for approval. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request.
- C. Chris Milliken gave an update on the Downtown Reconstruction & Streetscaping Project. Most of the concrete in the primary area is complete. Paving is done on Sangamon. Light poles, railings and landscaping will be going in soon.

Items A and B will go to the Board.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

No items to report.

Items from Administrator

No items to report.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report

Announcements

- A. The Senior Rambles will take a trip to the Covered Bridge Festival on Tuesday, October 14. They will depart at 8:00 am from the Youth Center. Call 217-893-5700 to register.
- B. There will be a Domestic Violence Awareness event Wednesday, October 15 at 6:00 pm at the Youth Center. They will have Peer group discussions.
- C. The Young Eagles will hold a Rally Saturday, October 18 from 9-11:00 am at the Rantoul Aviation Center with free airplane rides for kids aged 8-17.

Closed Session

- A. Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 1, to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee. AND
- B. Motion to enter into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 2, to consider collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees AND
- C. Motion 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 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 moved to enter into closed session. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

On a Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Crider, Wilson, Graham, Haines and Workman – 5.

NAYS: None -0.

ABSENT: Robertson – 1.

Motion carried 5-0.

The Board entered into Closed session at 6:57 pm.

The Board returned to Open session at 8:30 pm.

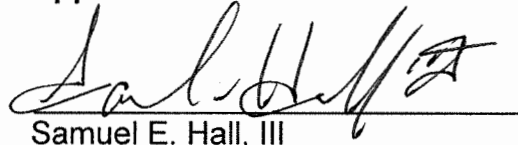
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

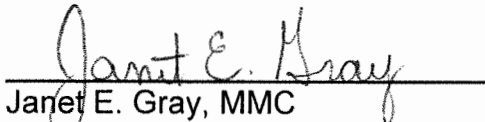
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved

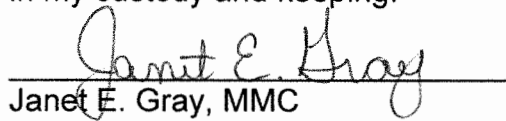


Samuel E. Hall, III
Village President

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


Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk