

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
NOVEMBER 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 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, Wilson, Robertson and Haines – 5.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Luke Humphrey, Recreation & Parks Director; Jake McCoy, Public Works Director; Chad Isley, Assistant Public Works Director; Chris Milliken; Community Planning and Development; Debbie Sage, Human Resources; Tana Ward, Executive Assistant, Audio/Visual; David Wesner, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Robertson moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Workman seconded the motion. On a roll call vote:

YEAS: Robertson, Haines, Workman and Wilson – 4.

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 4-0.

Public Participation

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

- A. Tyshawn Rowan, a local business owner wanted to let the Board know his that his business picks up trash, leaves other things. He also wanted to know ways that the Village could assist small businesses.

Presentations

- A. Faith Freeman, a Manager with CliftonLarsonAllen, presented the Audit Report. She reported a clean, unaudited report which is the highest opinion the Village can receive. There were two financial findings: preparation of accrual of items for the Library and material adjustments. There have been continued improvements each year. Ms. Freeman thanked the Comptroller, Angie Schultz and her staff Lee McMahon and Josh Quinlan for their work on the Audit.

- B. Jolene Pacunas gave a presentation on the Daupler Notify system which is the new after-hours answering service for the Public Works Department. That number is 217-892-6526. Callers can leave a phone number to receive updates on the process of the repairs. This system also has the ability to send out mass notifications to neighborhoods for items such as power outages, water service problems or road closures.

Items from the Mayor

- A. The Mayor gave a list of local food resources and mentioned the csrantoul.org and c-uphd.org/food-pantries-in-champaign-county web sites.

Items from Trustees

- A. Trustee Wilson said the Food Pantry on Wabash Ave. would be willing to take any monetary donation.
- B. Trustee Robertson asked for an update on IUOE union negotiations. The Administrator said that all but one unfair labor charge has been dismissed. One is still pending.
- C. Trustee Wilson asked Chris Milliken if he could contact Midwest paving regarding the closure of Kentucky. There are no barriers to show the road is closed.
- D. Trustee Wilson spoke regarding employees receiving certifications and then becoming eligible for certification pay. A firefighter has asked to get their EMT certification and has been told that the Village will not pay for that. The Administrator said that decision was made by the Fire Chief.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of October 7, 2025 Study Session
- B. Minutes of October 14, 2025 Board Meeting. The Clerk stated that there was a correction on page two regarding Ordinance 2804 vote. The vote was 4 ayes and 1 nay with Trustee Haines being the nay vote.

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The Village Application Demographics Report was included in the Board Packet.
- B. The 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 Planning and Development

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of an Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of real estate owned by the Village (1176 Bel Air Drive and 436 Steffler Street) to Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County. Habitat is interested in constructing single-family structures on the properties. They have two families selected and would build on these lots in 2026. The Village has had these lots for several years with no interest in them.
- B. The Department is requesting the approval of a Resolution authorizing and approving a Local Public Agency Agreement for State Participation Concerning the Construction and Maintenance of the Pleasant Acres Neighborhood Sidewalk Connections Project. This project includes extending existing sidewalks starting at Winston Park and along Gates Drive on the north. It then continues along Eater Drive to Harper Drive. The Village received notice of receipt of the ITEP grant from IDOT back on June 9, 2025. This particular grant was funded 100%.
- C. Chris Milliken gave an update on the downtown Reconstruction and Streetscaping project. They are working on storm sewers and sidewalks on Kentucky. The project is getting close to deadline and the Village has applied for an extension.

Items A & B will go to the Board.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of a one-year extension of a landscape Installation and Maintenance Contract with Deem Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the 2026 season. 22 pots were added downtown, This item will go to the Board.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of a Construction Contract Change Order #4 with Grunloh Building Inc. in the amount of \$125,946.31 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Systems Project (Phase 1). This change order is requested because of necessary changes due to unforeseen reasons which will accomplished the overall goal of completing a successful project. This Change Order will be funded out of the contingency amount of the total loan. Terry Boyer, Lead Engineer was available for questions.
- B. The Department is requesting the approval of a Local Agency Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Department of Aeronautics in the amount of \$127,079.82 for Engineering and Construction costs to rehabilitate the Rantoul Aviation Center Runway 9-27. This is the north-south runway. This project was identified as the next improvement in the 2023 long-range improvement program. The design services have been completed, the project advertised and bids received on September 20, 2025. Cross Construction was the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$2,320,313.30.

- C. The Department is requesting approval for the purchase of two Disconnect Switches from MindCore Technologies (Electrorep) in the amount of \$23,200.00 for the Electric Department's new Prospect Substation Project. They are also requesting a contingency fund of \$1,160.00. This purchase was included in the FY 2026 Reserves Budget.
- D. The Department is requesting approval for the purchase of structural steel from Rohn Products, LLC in the amount of \$266,300.00 for the Electric Department New Prospect Substation Project. They are also requesting a contingency fund of \$13,315.00.

These items will go to the Board.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator gave the annual Property Tax Levy Presentation.
- B. The Administrator is requesting the approval of a Resolution approving the need for a Public Hearing to determine the amounts of money necessary to be raised by the Tax Levy. That hearing will be held the first Tuesday in December at 5:45 pm. The Levy will be voted on at the Board Meeting.
- C. The Administrator discussed the proposal for the General Liability - Workers Compensation Insurance. There was significant \$400,000.00 damage at the Sports Complex this spring. The Village expected 20% increase but were quoted a 5.5% increase. The insurance recognized that straight line winds are a once-in-a-life time event and Workers Comp claims are down.

Item B and C will go to the Board.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report

Announcements

- A. Rantoul City Schools are sponsoring a Literacy night 5:30-7:00 pm tomorrow.
- B. There will be a Veterans Day Ceremony Tuesday, November 11 at 11:00 am at the Rantoul Family Sports Complex. The VFW Gung-Ho Post 6750 Color Guard will present colors.
- C. The November Board Meeting will be Wednesday, November 12 at 6:00 pm.
- D. Rantoul Seniors Coffee & Conversations will be Mondays in November from 8:00-9:00 am at Rantoul Recreation Department. Call 217-893-5703 to Register.
- E. The Holiday Bureau Annual Toy & Food Distribution Registration is open from November 3-22 at the Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County. Call 217-893-1530 for details. Over 854 Individuals Received Holiday Cheer in 2024.

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

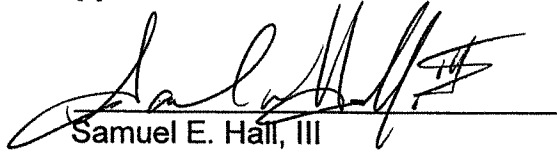
Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

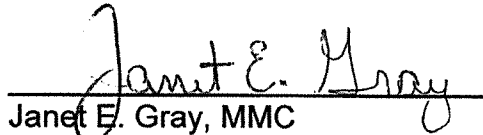
Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

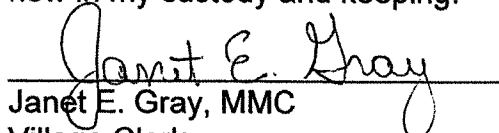
Approved


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


Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk