

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 8, 2026
5:00 pm**

SECOND STORY SOCIAL
105 N. GARRARD STREET, RANTOUL, IL

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul was held at 5:00 pm, President Hall presiding. President Hall called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

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

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Tana Ward, Executive Assistant and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Robertson moved to approve the agenda for the meeting as presented. Trustee Crider seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NO: None – 0

ABSENT: Workman – 1.

Public Participation

Mayor Hall opened the public comment portion of the meeting per the Open Meetings Act. No individuals registered with the Village Clerk prior to the meeting.

Remarks from the Mayor

The Mayor said the meeting was a strategic planning session and that the decisions the Board was making at this session were for planning the future, not just for budgeting. The Board will spend time clarifying their shared vision. The Mayor asked that this be a safe place where everyone can express their thoughts without criticism. Any operational issues and tasks should be saved for the discussion with the department heads.

Discussion of Strategic Planning

The Mayor welcomed Jeremy Kautza, CEO/Founder of Kautza Coaching and Consulting who was the moderator of the meeting. Mr. Kautza is from Wisconsin and worked at the University of Wisconsin as a consultant.

Mr. Kautza explained that the process would take about 2 1/2 hours with the Board working together in large and small groups to share what the members see as the direction of the village. The Board is setting the course. The main question to be answered in the planning is what needs to happen in the next 3-5 years so the Village becomes a vibrant, welcoming and thriving community for all.

Each person selected a photo post card and was asked to explain the picture and why it represented what they wanted to see for Rantoul.

The Board took a short break at 6:15 pm for 30 minutes, resuming at 6:45 pm.

After the break Mr. Kautza introduce how to take what was discussed earlier and put it into a vision and strategic plan. A vision is a set of ideas that represents your hopes and dreams that is real, a snap shot of the future and is powerful and motivating.

The Trustees took their ideas and develop categories regarding the individual items.

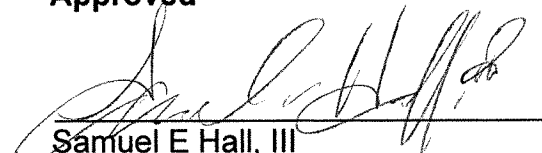
- Diverse multi-cultural entertainment destination
- State of the art manufacturing and education facilities
- New welcoming community spaces
- Work force development training hub
- Aviation development hub
- Historical interactive parks

Adjournment

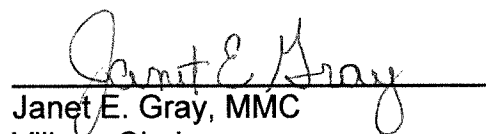
The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

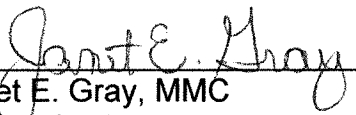
Approved


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 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 8, 2026 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk