

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

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, Crider, Wilson, Graham, Robertson and Haines – 7.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Angela Schultz, Comptroller; Andy Graham, Assistant Recreation Director; Jake McCoy, Public Works Director; Chad Isley, Assistant Public Works Director; Debbie Sage, Human Resources; Tana Ward, Executive Assistant, Audio/Visual; David Wesner, Attorney, Hank Gamel, Deputy Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

Proclamation

The Mayor read a proclamation recognizing Black History Month. He encouraged residents to reflect upon, learn from and celebrate the achievements of Black Americans.

Approval of Agenda

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

YEAS: Robertson, Haines, Workman, Crider, Wilson and Graham – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 6-0.

Public Participation

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

- A. Debra Sweat expressed her appreciation for the removal of the barbed wire on Perimeter Road. Asked if the Village was willing to create an Ordinance requiring the clearing of public walkways in town. She stated that there are several Facebook pages from Village departments that do not always have consistent information.

Items from the Mayor

- A. Appointment to the Liquor Advisory Committee
- B. Appointment to the Human Relations Committee

Items from Trustees

- A. Trustee Crider appreciated the way that Public Works came out to take care of a gas leak at her home.
- B. Trustee Crider has seen complaints about GLF not making scheduled pickups and/or not picking up extra items on the dates they stated. Another citizen complained about having a broken garbage can that needed replaced.
- C. Eric Shangraw, Government Contracts Manager for GFL Environmental and Chris Barber addressed the issues. Mr. Shangraw asked that anyone with a problem contact them. Unfortunately, the company is not allowed, under company policy, to post on a Facebook page. However, they can provide information to the Village which can post the information. The Administrator said that the updated Village web site will provide information about GFL services.
- D. Trustee Wilson thanked the Public Works for their efforts with the water line breaks on Rt. 136 and Grove Ave.
- E. Trustee Robertson apologized to the citizens for the high electric bills. He asked if the Village was looking at selling the utilities. The Administrator said that the Village was not meeting with anyone regarding selling the utilities.
- F. Trustee Robertson asked about clearing snow on the shared use path on Maplewood. The Administrator said that the ballards along the path had prevented the use of the current mower.
- G. Trustee Wilson asked who was responsible for the sidewalk along Rt. 136 east of the High School. The Administrator stated the property belonged to the High School and should be maintained by the property owner.
- H. Trustee Graham asked if the Police Department and Fire Department could provide information in the Board packets each month regarding the number and types of calls they had.
- I. Trustee Graham said that the Corn Belt Fire Department in Mahomet has gone to a hybrid system where some firefighters are full time and others are on call. He asked if the Village had considered this. The Administrator said that there are no discussions regarding this issue. Fire Chief Smith said that the Corn Belt Fire Department brings in \$1.6 million a year and is a Fire District not a municipal fire department.
- J. Trustee Graham asked about the Public Works negotiations. The Administrator said there was a meeting scheduled with the Mediators later this month.
- K. Trustee Crider asked if information on 4-You Rantoul could be included in the Police Reports.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of January 6, 2026 Study Session
- B. Minutes of January 8, 2026 Special Board Meeting
- C. Minutes of January 13, 2026 Board Meeting

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The Village Applicant Demographics Report and Career opportunities were listed in the Board Packet. The Human Resources Manager said the Village still needs Life Guards, Swim Lesson instructors and Swim Team Coaches. She went to area high schools to recruit.
- B. Mayor Hall said the demographic report had a high percentage of rating on “unknown”. The HR Manager said the applicant does not have to answer that question.

Items from Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Police Department

No items to report.

Items from Fire Department

- A. The Fire Chief said that tomorrow the Department will conduct their annual water rescue training at the pond on Grove Street. It will start at 6:00 pm and end around 9:00 pm.

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 an Ordinance approving and adopting a Wholesale Connection Agreement with the Village, Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, and Ameren Services Company. This agreement supersedes and replaces all existing agreements that govern the ownership and operation of the facilities and equipment by the parties at the identified Ameren delivery points.
- B. The department is requesting the approval of an Ordinance appointing Matthew Caldwell to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Board of Directors. Mr. Caldwell is an Administrative Line Foreman in the Electric Department and will be an excellent fit for the agency.
- C. The department is requesting the approval of an Ordinance appointing Jay Schroeder to the Illinois Public Energy Agency Board of Directors. Mr. Schroeder is the Gas Utility Chief of Operations and will be an excellent fit for the agency.
- D. The department is requesting the approval of a Resolution for the annual appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Public Works Street and System Division Maintenance under the Illinois Department of Transportation Highway Code in the Amount of \$225,000.00 for expenses from May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027. This amount is based on the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

- E. The department is requesting the approval of a Resolution regarding temporary closing of State Right-of-Way for a parade on July 4, 2026 (Independence Day). This will require the temporary closure of portions of State Rt. 136 from North Maplewood to East Grove Avenue and crossing Rt. 136 at Frederick Avenue.
- F. The department is requesting the approval of Resolution regarding temporary closing of State Right-of-Way for a parade on September 25, 2026 (RTHS Homecoming). This will require the temporary closure of an intersection at State Route 45 And Congress Avenue and Grove Avenue.
- G. The department is requesting the approval of a Resolution regarding temporary closing of State Right-of-Way for a parade on December 5, 2026 (Christmas). This will required the temporary closure of an intersection involving State Route 45 and Sangamon Avenue.
- H. The department is requesting the approval to purchase Pad Mount Switchgear for the Electric Department for the proposed Prospect Substation Project from Fletcher-Reinhardt Company in the amount of \$102,400.00, with a contingency fund of \$10,240.00 for a total of \$112,640.00. These funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Reserves Budget.
- I. The department is requesting the approval of a Service Agreement to perform emissions testing and reporting on eight diesel-fueled electric generating engines for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Air and the US Environmental Protection Agency with BHMG Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$32,708.00, with a contingency fund of \$3,200.00 for a total of \$35,908.00. This testing is to determine the outlet concentration of CO and destruction efficiency of the catalysts. This is an annually budgeted expense and will be funded through the Fiscal Year 2026 Electric Account.

These items will go to the Board for Approval

Items from Administrator

No items to report.

Items from Counsel

No items to report.

Announcements

- A. Black History program at Eater on February 27.
- B. The Senior Rambles will have a Peoria Riverboat Casino Trip on February 18 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Call 217-893-5700 to register.

Closed Session

No Closed Session was held.

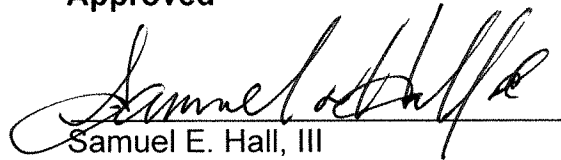
Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



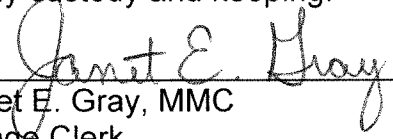
Samuel E. Hall, III
Village President

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 February 3, 2026 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk