

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
MARCH 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 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; Angela Schultz, Comptroller; Andy Graham, Assistant Recreation 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, Hank Gamel, Deputy Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

Chad Smith, Fire Chief joined the meeting in progress.

Approval of Agenda

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

YEAS: Crider, Wilson, Graham, Robertson, Haines and Workman – 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. Chris Powers suggested that the Board send out the meeting agendas to every household in the Village as not everyone is on Facebook. He thanked Gary Wilson for driving the ambulance when he went to the hospital.

Presentations

- A. Human Relations Committee Chairman Jeremy Dixon introduced the other members to the Board: Atha Winston, Larissa Smith, Tracy Williams and Niki Pettit.

- B. Base Developers Sarah Share and Rob Stern addressed the Board regarding the development of The Beacon in the glass building at 803 & 813 Enterprise. They have been interested in the building since 2022. Ron Gregurich said that after working with Flyover Studios he is bringing his business to Rantoul. The group is also interested in renovating an old Barracks into the Base Camp Hotel with 140 suites. Future plans include a diner, a laundry, a Speak Easy in the basement and outdoor games. Sarah Cayce and Laura Cayce were also present to answer questions from the Board.

Items from the Mayor

- A. The Mayor welcomed members of the Youth Council. There will be a presentation next month.
- B. Appointment to the Human Relations Committee
- C. Appointment to the Loan Review Committee

Items from Trustees

- A. Trustee Crider said she sent a photo regarding a camera that needed repair. The Administrator contacted Flock for repair. She also sent a picture of new curbing that is crumbling. The Assistant Public Works Director has contacted the contractor. This will be an item on the final punch list.
- B. Trustee Robertson asked if the budget had funds to purchase the machine that Wendell Goldston mentioned to fix the streets. The Administrator said it is not in the budget presented tonight. The Assistant Public Works Director is getting bids on this equipment.
- C. Trustee Robertson asked when the Village would conduct a night study of the street lights. The Administrator and Assistant Public Works Director will work on that project.
- D. Trustee Robertson asked if that instead of having Public Work employees or a company paint the lines in the streets, couldn't the Village hire area youth to do the painting. The Administrator addressed some of the concerns and legal requirements. There is money in the budget to have the street painting done this year.
- E. Trustee Haines thanked the Police Department for their response to a 911 call last week. The family involved appreciated the Department's support.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of February 3, 2026 Study Session
- B. Minutes of February 10, 2026 Board Meeting
- C. General Primary Election is March 17, 2026. Voting is at the Rantoul Youth Center, the Gathering Place (First United Methodist Church) or any Champaign County Voting Center. Early voting is at the Bennett Center (March 3-16) and Rantoul Youth Center (March 9-16).

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. Village Applicant Demographics Report and Career opportunities were listed in the Board Packet.
- B. Currently conducting training for the Sports Center employees, doing interviews for the pool positions next week.
- C. Have positions open in Public Works: Lineman, Street System Operators and Chief of Wastewater.
- D. Need more swim lesson instructors and two swim team coaches.
- E. There are 19 life guards returning and 18 interviews have been set up.

Items from Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Police Department

No items to report.

Items from Fire Department

- A. The Department received a Grant from the County Board to purchase two chest compression machines to deliver CPR. That gives the Department a total of four machines.

Items from Community Planning and Development

- A. The Department is requesting the approval of a contract with JJ Residential Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$62,465.00 for Spring 2026 Grant-Funded Tree Plantings. The trees will be planted at various locations in the community and planting will begin in about 30 days. The trees will be planted on public parkways.
- B. The Department is requesting the approval of a Small Business Program Loan for Timberline, LLC in the amount of \$150,000.00 for a Banquet Facility/Event Center at 224 Wheat Avenue. The building will be the collateral for the loan with the Village taking a second position to a bank loan. The applicants have received loan program funds in the past and have repaid those with no issues. The Loan Review Committee is recommending the approval of this application.
- C. Chris Milliken gave an update on the Rental Housing Registration & Rental Inspection Program. The program was adopted in 2006 to maintain and improve the residential rental housing stock in the Village by providing for inspections and enforcement of the Property Maintenance Code. The annual registration forms will be mailed out this week. The goal is to inspect every unit every three years.

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 for the purchase of one 2500 kVA Pad-Mount Transformer from Integrated Power Services in the amount of \$74,995.00 for the proposed expansion of Electric Service to Maverick Pipe. Integrated Power Services was the lowest bidder with the shortest lead time of 3 to 6 weeks. This is a budgeted item.
- B. The Department is requesting the approval for the purchase of 15,000 feet of 350 MCM Aluminum Wire from Brownstown Electric Supply in the amount of \$94,200.00 for the proposed expansion of Electric Service to Maverick Pipe, with a contingency fund of \$9,400.00. Brownstown was the lowest bidder with the shortest lead time. This is a budgeted item.
- C. The Department is requesting the approval for the purchase three Overhead Transmission Disconnect Switches from Fletcher-Reinhardt in the amount of \$129,390.00 for the Electric Department proposed Prospect Substation Project, with a contingency fund of \$6,500.00. BHMG Engineers recommends awarding this contract. This is a budgeted item.
- D. The Department is requesting the approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with Donohue & Associates in an amount not-to-exceed \$356,680.00 for the Water Distribution System Project Phase I Design and Bidding. These construction engineering fees will be funded out of the Water Reserve Fund. This is a reimbursable expense from the IEPA loan.
- E. The Department is requesting the approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with Donohue & Associates, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$298,855.00 for the Water Treatment Plant Project Phase I Design and Bidding. This engineering agreement will be funded out of the Water Reserves Fund. This is a reimbursable expense from the IEPA loan.
- F. The Department is requesting the approval of an Ordinance authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement from the Public Water Supply Loan Program - Water Distribution System Improvements. This agreement would authorize the Village to borrow \$6,700,000.00.
- G. The Department is requesting the approval of an Ordinance authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement from the Public Water Supply Loan Program - Water Treatment Improvements. This agreement would authorize the Village to borrow \$6,700,000.00.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator is requesting the approval of an Ordinance Supplementing and Amending Chapter 4, Article II of the Village Code Regarding Liquor Licenses (Class B, Class EF). This Ordinance would create a class B, Beauty Salon, Spa or Barbershop license allowing the sale of beer or wine, without charge to the patrons. This sale is only permitted in conjunction with the purchase or potential purchase of goods or services offered by said licensee. This Ordinance would also create a Class EF, Event Facility license allowing sale by the drink for consumption on the premises during a pre-scheduled event. Video gaming would

be prohibited with both the Class B and Class EF license. Trustee Robertson asked that the changes be put before the Board in separate Ordinances.

- B. The Administrator is requesting the approval of an Ordinance adopting a revised License, Permit, and Service Fees, and Administrative Penalties Schedule. This Ordinance provides fees for the new liquor licenses, a fee for lapsed State of Illinois Liquor Licenses, a fee for daily impoundment of animals and a fee for application for amendment, a special use or variance. These fees will be effective immediately after approval.
- C. The Administrator presented the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget. The Administrator thanked Angela Schultz, Comptroller and the Department Heads. This is a balanced budget.

Items A and B will go to the Board for Approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report

Announcements

- A. Trustee Crider acknowledge the annual report provided by the Police Dept.
- B. The World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade will be Saturday, March 14 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm on Sangamon Avenue, Downtown Rantoul.
- C. The Tuskegee Airmen / Women's Air Force Service Pilots Traveling Exhibit will be March 16-17 at 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Rantoul National Aviation Center. The exhibit is Free.
- D. A Senior Luncheon will be Thursday, March 19 at 11:30 am at the Rantoul Recreation Department. Call 217-893-5700 to RSVP.
- E. A Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Annual Budget will be Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 5:45 pm
- F. A Public Hearing for the GFL Environmental Transfer Station will be April 17, 2026 at 9:00 am in the Village Board Room.

Closed Session

Trustee Robertson move to enter into closed session

- A. 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. 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. pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 6, to consider the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body

Trustee Workman seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None -0.

Motion carried 6-0

The Board entered into Closed session at 7: 52 pm.

The Board returned to Open session at 8:23 pm.

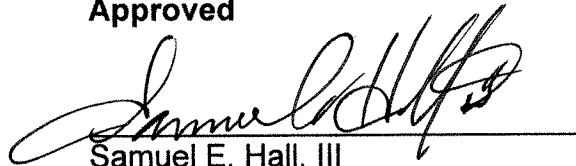
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

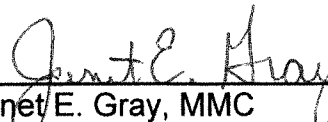
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



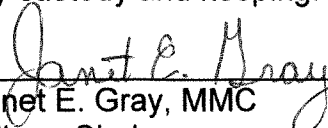
Samuel E. Hall, III
Village President

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



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk