

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES REGULAR STUDY SESSION
April 7, 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 Samuel Hall, III called the proceedings to order.

Roll Call

The Deputy 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; Andy Graham, Assistant Recreation Director; Chad Isley, Assistant Public Works Director; Chris Milliken; Community Planning and Development; Bob Coverdill, Airport Manager; Tana Ward, Executive Assistant, Audio/Visual; David Wesner, Attorney; and Hank Gamel, Deputy Village Clerk.

Joint Mayoral Proclamation

Mayor Hall read a joint proclamation signed by himself, the Mayors of both Champaign and Urbana, and the Champaign County Executive proclaiming the month of April 2026 to be Child Abuse Prevention month in Champaign County.

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. There were no speakers.

Items from the Mayor

- A. Mayor Hall introduced and presented the following members of the Youth Council with Certificates of Special Mayoral Recognition for their service, dedication, and commitment: Aubree Emkes, Berenise Barajas, Dagon England, Emmett Hench, and Joanna Mejia.
- B. The Mayor noted recent updates to the Village's website, which include more robust and comprehensive search results, an assistive chatbot, and multilingual capacity, and acknowledged the team who accomplished the upgrade, including Chris Huston,

Scott Eisenhauer, Chief Tony Brown, Chris Milliken, James Brown, Brian Hunt, and Tana Ward.

- C. Mayor Hall announced a *Slow Down Rantoul* traffic safety initiative by the Police Department focused on speeding, particularly near and around schools and school zones, as well as distracted driving. Chief Brown noted the recent availability of a *Traffic Complaint Portal* on the Police Department's webpage, and the regular availability of mobile speed display signs that can be positioned in neighborhoods upon request.

Items from Trustees

- A. Trustee Robertson asked if the upgraded website included monthly Police reporting data, and Administrator Eisenhauer said those will be available on the transparency dashboard of the Police Department's webpage.
- B. Trustee Robertson also inquired about his previously proposed improvements to the Clean-Up Day process, which the Administrator replied would be brought up during this year's discussion of the terms of a new Waste Hauling Contract.
- C. Trustee Wilson added additional observations on Clean-Up Day procedures in the context of a future contract.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of March 3, 2026 Study Session
- B. Minutes of March 10, 2026 Board Meeting

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. Mayor Hall noted that the Human Resources Manager would not be present, as she is out completing the hiring processes for summer staff at both the Aquatic Center and the Sports Complex.
- B. Administrator Eisenhauer added that there is still a need for lifeguards, and that full-time positions are available in Public Works and a Utility Clerk vacancy.

Items from Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Police Department

Reported during Items from the Mayor.

Items from Fire Department

No items to report.

Items from Airport

- A. The Department is requesting approval for the purchase of a Self-Service Aviation Fuel Dispensing System for the Rantoul National Aviation Center from United Petroleum Service in the amount of \$198,345.95, with potential contingency costs of \$20,000.00, in order to both replace the outdated fueling system, and increase airplane operations counts, as well as aviation fuel sales and revenue. Following discussion this item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Community Planning and Development

- A. Contract for Partial Roof Replacement at 735 Pacesetter Drive (Hangar 1) with Sentry Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$302,416.00.
- B. Chris Milliken provided a progress update on the Downtown Reconstruction & Streetscaping Project, which is on track for its June 30 completion date.

Item A will go to the Board for Approval.

Items from Parks and Recreation

- A. Purchase of Connecting Concrete Sidewalks and Pads for the Rantoul Family Sports Complex from Mid-Illinois Concrete & Excavation Inc. in the amount of \$74,805.00.

This item will go to the Board for Approval.

Items from Public Works

- A. Construction Contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project, Phase II with Grunloh Building, Inc. in the amount of \$8,103,385.00.
- B. Service Agreement for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Public Safety Training Facility Site Construction with Stark Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$687,199.00.
- C. Purchase of 20,000 feet of 15kV Underground Cable for the Electric Department Proposed Prospect Substation Project from Fletcher-Reinhardt Company in the amount of \$605,200.00, with a \$42,300.00 Contingency Fund.
- D. Purchase of four Steel Poles for the Electric Department Proposed Prospect Substation Project from MVA Power, Inc. in the amount of \$97,410.30, with a \$4,870.00 Contingency Fund.
- E. Purchase of Bus, Arrestors, and Insulators for the Electric Department Proposed Prospect Substation Project from Fletcher-Reinhardt Company in the amount of \$56,961.26, with a \$2,800.00 Contingency Fund.
- F. Purchase of a 2026 Ford F-450 Truck Chassis for the Public Works Gas Division from Shields Auto Center in the amount of \$58,315.00, with a \$1,000.00 Contingency Fund.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Delivery of General Obligation Refunding Bonds.
- B. Loan for a Self-Serve Aviation Fuel Dispensing System for the Rantoul National Aviation Center from the Bank of Rantoul for a Not-to-Exceed amount of \$225,000.00, with a payback over five years at a rate of 3.975%.
- C. Resolution Outlining Expenditures in Fiscal Year 2026-27 Committed Funds.
- D. Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Funds Regarding a Negative Fund Balance.
- E. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Discussion
- F. Items of Information:
 - Aquatic Center Swim Lessons
 - Recreation Fee
 - Pothole Filling Machine

Items A through E will go to the Board for Approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report

Announcements

- A. **Public Hearing - GFL Environmental Transfer Station**
April 17, 2026 | 9:00am
- B. **EAA Young Eagles Rally - FREE!**
April 18 | 9:00 - 11:00am
Rantoul National Aviation Center
Register at: eaachapters.org
- C. **Senior Rambles Trip to The Pottery Place**
Wednesday, April 29 | 11:45am - 2:45pm
Call 217-893-5700 to Register
- D. **Village of Rantoul Clean-up Day**
Saturday, May 16 | 8:00am to Noon
Must Provide a Copy of Utility Bill

Closed Session

Trustee Robertson moved to enter into closed session.

- A. 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 AND
- B. 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 AND
- C. 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.

Trustee Crider 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 7:30 p.m.

The Board returned to Open session at 8:35 p.m.

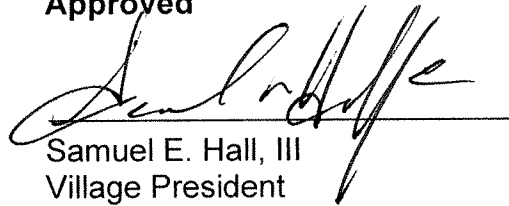
Meeting Adjourned

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Hank Gamel
Deputy Village Clerk

Approved




Samuel E. Hall, III
Village President

ATTEST:



Hank Gamel
Deputy Village Clerk

I, Hank Gamel, Deputy 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 April 7, 2026 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Hank Gamel
Deputy Village Clerk