

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING FOR GFL TRANSFER STATION
APRIL 17, 2026
9:00 am**

LOUIS B. SCHELLING MEMORIAL BOARD ROOM
RANTOUL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 333 S. TANNER, RANTOUL, IL.

A Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul was held at 9:00 AM, President Hall presiding. President Hall called the proceeding to order.

Board Members Present

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

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

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Chris Milliken, Community Planning Manager; Tana Ward, Executive Assistant, Audio/Visual; David Wesner, Attorney and Janet Gray, Village Clerk.

The Applicant is Area Disposal Services, Inc. represented by Janaki Nair, Attorney with testimony from John Hock, Dale Kleszynski, Christopher Lannert and Michael Werthmann.

The Clerk stated that the Public Hearing notice was published in the Champaign Urbana News Gazette on March 27, 2026.

Appointment of Hearing Officer

The Mayor appointed Mr. William Andrichik as the Hearing Officer for the purpose of, and only for the purpose of, overseeing the Public Hearing, including any and all matters relative to such, for the Application for Local Siting Approval submitted to the Village of Rantoul by Area Disposal Service, Inc. Trustee Graham moved to approve the motion. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

NAYS: None 0.

The motion carried 5-0.

William Andrichik stated the Public Hearing is for the review of the Application for Local Siting Approval for a Transfer Station submitted by Area Disposal Service, Inc. The Hearing will follow the process outlined by IEPA and Village of Rantoul code. He stated the requirements for the hearing and listed the criterion for approving the transfer station.

- **Criterion 1** – The facility is necessary to accommodate the waste needs of the area it is intended to serve.

- **Criterion 2** – The facility is so designed, located, and proposed to be operated that the public health, safety, and welfare will be protected
- **Criterion 3** – The facility is located so as to minimize incompatibility with the character of the surrounding area and to minimize the effect on the value of the surrounding property.
- **Criterion 4** – For a facility other than a sanitary landfill or waste disposal site, the facility is located outside the boundary of the 100-year floodplain or the site is flood-proofed.
- **Criterion 5** – The plan of operations for the facility is designed to minimize the danger to the surrounding area from fire, spills, or other operational accidents.
- **Criterion 6** – The traffic patterns to or from the facility are so designed as to minimize the impact on existing traffic flow.
- **Criterion 7** – The facility will be treating, storing or disposing of hazardous waste, an emergency response plan exists for the facility which includes notification, containment, and evacuation procedures to be used in case of an accidental release.
- **Criterion 8** – If the facility is to be located in a county where a county board has adopted a solid waste management plan consistent with the planning requirements of the Local Solid Waste Disposal Act or the Solid Waste Planning and Recycling Act, the facility is consistent with that plan.
- **Criterion 9** – If the facility will be located within a regulated recharge area, any applicable requirements specified by the Board for such areas have been met.

Mr. Andrichik stated that the Village Board is acting as a Jury to determine whether or not Area Disposal Services has met the Criterion required by the IEPA for a transfer station.

Area Disposal

Janaki Nair, Attorney for Area Disposal thanked the Village Board for hosting this hearing. The Village approved a host community agreement in June. That Agreement was included in the Application.

John Hock for Area Disposal

Mr. Hock was sworn in by the Court Recorder. He is with Civil and Environmental Consultants Inc. Ms. Nair asked he be recognized as a qualified expert. The Hearing Officer so ruled.

Break

Mr. Andrichik called for a break at 10:17 am.
The Hearing resumed at 10:29 am.

Christopher Lannert

Mr. Lannert was sworn in by the Court Recorder. He is the President of Lanner Group, Inc. which provides professional planning. Ms. Nair asked he be recognized as a qualified expert. The Hearing Officer so ruled. His testimony was regarding Criterion 3.

Dale Kleszynski

Mr. Kleszynski was sworn in by the Court Recorder. Mr. Kleszynski is with Associated Property Counselors, Ltd. Ms. Nair asked he be recognized as a qualified expert. The Hearing Officer so ruled. His presentation was to determine the impact of property values in the surrounding area. He concluded that the proposed Transfer Station meets the standards of the second part of Criterion 3.

Michael Werthmann

Mr. Werthmann was sworn in by the Court Recorder. He is a Certified Professional Traffic Operations Engineer. Ms. Nair asked he be recognized as a qualified expert. The hearing officer so ruled. His testimony was regarding Criterion 6.

Lunch

Mr. Andrlichik called for a lunch break at 11:47 am.
The Hearing resumed at 12:45 pm.

John Hock for Area Disposal

The Hearing Officer reminded Mr. Hock that he was under oath. Ms. Nair asked he be recognized as a qualified expert. The Hearing Officer so ruled. Mr. Hock will speak to Criterion 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9.

The Hearing officer stated the Village has acknowledged receipt of the mandatory fee payment and the notices have also been placed as evidence for the record. The Village also accepted the approval letters received prior to the meeting. No pre-filed testimonies were received prior to the Hearing.

The Hearing Officer noted that Republic Services of Bloomington had submitted a request to testify at the hearing but subsequently withdrew their request. There was no pre-trial testimony that was filed.

The Village Attorney stated the Village would not be presenting any testimony.

Break

Mr. Andrlichik called for a break at 1:44 pm.
The Hearing resumed at 1:55 pm.

Public Comments

Mr. Andrlichik opened the meeting for public comment for those who signed up prior to the meeting. Each person was allowed five minutes for their presentation. Mr. Andrlichik asked the Village Clerk to call for the individuals to step forward.

- Art Hess – Spoke in opposition to the location of the Transfer Station.
- Kenda Hess – Spoke in opposition to the location of the Transfer Station.
- Theresa Adams – Understands the need for the facility but does not like the location.
- Kim Taylor – HOA President from Westland Meadows said the residents are concerned about odors, animals and location.
- Rick Shields – Owns a car dealership across the Interstate. He believes the location would be better outside of the Village.

- Cain Kizer – Runs Illini Recycle in Champaign. He stated that he is in favor of the proposal.
- Steve Combest – Owner of NAPA Auto Parts and the Rantoul Truck Center next to the proposed facility. GFL has addressed any concerns he had and he is in favor of the facility.
- Russell Shaffer – Works for GFL. He said this transfer station was a good idea for Rantoul. He is in favor of the facility.

Mr. Andrichik asked if there was anyone who had not signed up who wished to speak.

- Lori Shields – Does not want something across the street that detracts from their facility. She does not think it is the right location for the proposed facility.

Mr. Andrichik again informed the public that there will be a 30-day period to submit written comments to the Village Clerk to be a part of the record.

Area Disposal Closing Statement

Janaki Nair, Attorney for Area Disposal Services gave a closing statement.

Village Closing Statement

Mr. Wesner thanked the Hearing Officer and said the Board is looking forward to the complete record and submission to the Board for their consideration.

Mr. Andrichik stated the County Board will need to certify compliance with the Hearing requirements. The Hearing Officer will be preparing the public record to be submitted and certified. He will prepare and submit draft findings to the Village Board.

Mayor Hall thanked the Hearing Officer for presiding over the Hearing and thanked the public for their comments.

Adjournment

Trustee Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Robertson seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote:

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

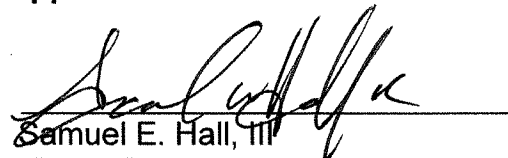
NAYS: None – 0.

The motion carried 5-0.

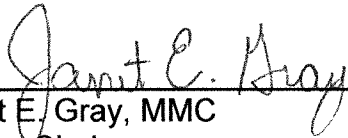
The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 PM

Janet E. Gray. MMC
Village Clerk

Approved

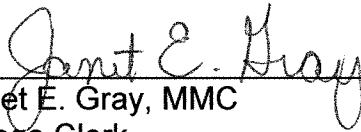

Samuel E. Hall, III
Village President

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 Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees held April 17, 2026 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk