

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR STUDY SESSION
MAY 5, 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; Chad Smith, Fire Chief; Angela Schultz, Comptroller; Andy Graham, Assistant Recreation Director; Chad Isley, Assistant Public Works Director; Chris Milliken; Community Planning and Development; Brian Hunt, Community Development; Debbie Sage, Human Resources; Tana Ward, Executive Assistant, Audio/Visual; Hank Gamel, Deputy Clerk and Janet Gray, Village Clerk

Mayoral Proclamation

- A. The Mayor read a Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day /Month Proclamation and declared May 5, 2026 as Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day in Rantoul.
- B. Katrina Roberts accepted the Proclamation from the Mayor and addressed the Board regarding the Family First Advocacy Program. Family First Advocacy is committed to building a system of care for children with complex behavioral health needs.
- C.

Presentation

- A. The Administrator reviewed the Village’s redesigned web site, myrantoul.com.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Crider moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Workman 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. No individuals registered with the Village Clerk prior to the meeting.

Items from the Mayor

- A. Mayor gave a statement regarding Real Estate Tax bills that were recently mailed. There was a discrepancy related to how a portion or a bond for the Electric Department was applied. The Village has made the decision to refund residents for the portion of the tax bill that is above the intended levy. Our priority is to make sure that every resident is treated fairly and that this issue is corrected in a responsible manner. We will continue to keep the community informed as more details become available.
- B. Appointment of Village Administrator
- C. Appointment of Chief of Police
- D. Appointment of Fire Chief
- E. Appointment of Comptroller
- F. Appointment of Director of Parks & Recreation
- G. Appointment of Director of Public Works

Items from Trustees

- A. Trustee Crider asked about the street repairs that are being done on Veteran's Parkway. The Assistant Public Work's Director said this is where heavy equipment ran over the pavement and the Contractor is repairing those areas. She also asked if information had been distributed regarding free swim lessons for the youth. The Administrator said it had been posted but that he would have it posted again.
- B. Trustee Robertson asked when the Village was going to try out the street patching machine. The Assistant Public Work's Director said he is trying to schedule that. The Administrator said he would let the Trustee's know when a demonstration was scheduled.

Items from Clerk

- A. Minutes of the April 7, 2026 Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Hearing
- B. Minutes of the April 7, 2026 Board Study Session
- C. Minutes of the April 14, 2026 Board Meeting
- D. Minutes of the April 17, 2026 Area Disposal Service, Inc Public Hearing Minutes

The Clerk stated that the minutes of the April 17, 2026 Public Hearing were the minutes of the Village Board portion of the meeting and not the official record. The Hearing Officer will provide that record to the Board of Trustees.

These minutes will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Human Resources

- A. The Village Applicant Demographics Report was listed in the Board Packet.
- B. Career Opportunities – the Village is still looking for a swim team coach. The practices are in the early morning and they begin in June through the end/middle of July. The Village will have second interviews this week with three Public Works Director candidates. There is one lineman position to be filled. Otherwise the Electric Department is fully staffed.

Items from Comptroller

No items to report.

Items from Police Department

No items to report.

Items from Fire Department

No items to report.

Items from Community Planning and Development

- A. The Department requested the approval of a Resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant 2026 Annual Action Plan. This is an annual request for funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. This Village is expected to receive \$313,967.00 this year.
- B. The Department requested the approval of an Ordinance approving Rezoning Petition #ZP26-1, and amending the Official Zoning Map, for the property commonly known as 426 East Congress Avenue. The request is to rezone the property from R-4 Multi Family Residential to C-2 General Commercial. The current owner AHRMA is requesting this change to continue operation with an opportunity to expand. They have owned the property for the last 20 years. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the approval of this request.
- C. The Department is requesting the approval of an Engineering Agreement with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. in the amount of not-to-exceed \$44,495.00 for Infrastructure Design of Community Development Block Grant funded Infrastructure Improvements. This grant would be used for infrastructure improvements on the property near Champaign Ave. and Charles Dr. where there are room for ten lots that could be developed with single family homes.
- D. Chris Milliken gave an update on the Downtown Reconstruction & Streetscaping Project. They are working on Tanner Street and hope to get it done by the end of May.

Items A – C will go to the Board for approval.

Items from the Parks and Recreation

No items to report.

Items from Public Works

- A. The Department requested approval to purchase of various materials for the Electric Department proposed Prospect Substation Project from Fletcher-Reinhardt Company in the amount of \$137,180.44, with a \$8,230.00 Contingency Fund.
- B. The Department requested approval for an Engineering Agreement for the Power Plant Substation Transformer Replacement with BHMGE Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$75,200.00.

These items will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Administrator

- A. The Administrator requested the approval of a Development Agreement between Village of Rantoul and Combe Laboratories, Inc. Combe has been looking for a site to consolidate another of their plants. They have chosen Rantoul for that site. They will be investing over \$30 million in that expansion. They have asked the Village to extend the property tax abatement from the usual 5 year to 10 years. The Administrator agreed to this request based on the investment Combe will be making.

This item will go to the Board for approval.

Items from Counsel

No items to Report

Announcements

- A. Village of Rantoul Clean-up Day is Saturday, May 16 from 8:00 am to Noon. Residents must Provide a Copy of Utility Bill.
- B. Residential Electronics Collection Event is Saturday May 16 at Parkland College. Register at ecycle.simplybook.me or call 217-384-3708 .
- C. Senior Luncheon is Thursday, May 21 at 11:30 am at the Rantoul Recreation Building. Call 217-893-5703 to RSVP.
- D. Kids Summer Stem Camp is June 1 - July 31 at the Rantoul Youth Center. Cost is \$100/week. Call 217-893-5700 to register.
- E. Forum Fitness Center Youth Membership is Free for ages 14-16 Years. It is for one 3-month Membership per year. Call the Kids Foundation at 217-893-1530 to apply.

Closed Session

Trustee Wilson moved to enter into closed session 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

to enter into closed session 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: Wilson, Graham, Robertson, Haines, Workman and Crider – 6.

NAYS: None -0.

Motion carried 6-0

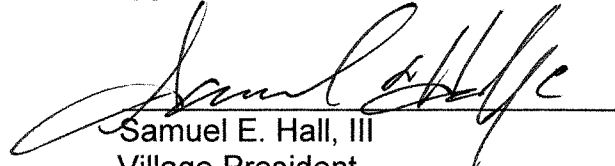
The Board entered into Closed session at 6:59 pm.

The Board returned to Open session at 8:07 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:42 PM.

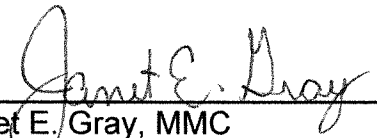
Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk

Approved



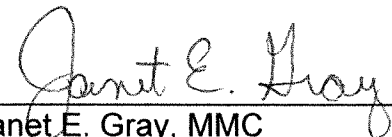
Samuel E. Hall, III
Village President

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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held May 12, 2026 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.



Janet E. Gray, MMC
Village Clerk