

**Rantoul Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
June 13, 2017**

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

A regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul was held at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Charles Smith called the proceeding to order.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by Neil White, American Lutheran Church, opening the meeting with a prayer. Following the invocation, Trustee Fox led the audience in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Mayor Charles Smith and Trustees, Hank Gamel, Sam Hall, Terry Workman, Jennifer Fox, Rich Medlen and Chad Smith.-7.

The following representatives of Village Departments were also present: Jeffrey Fiegenschuh, Village Administrator; Scot Brandon, Comptroller; Kenneth Beth, Attorney; David Silver, Inspection Department; Greg Hazel, Public Works Director; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Department; Ken Waters, Fire Chief, and Mike Graham, Village Clerk.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Medlen moved to approve the agenda for the meeting. Trustee Fox seconded the motion. Motion carried, **6 - 0**.

Public Participation

Eldon Quick, Retired Chief of Police Village of Rantoul, spoke in favor of hiring Tony Brown as the next Chief of Police for the Village of Rantoul.

Debra Sweat spoke about her Freedom of Information request given to Mike Graham, Rantoul Village Clerk, on Thursday June 8, 2017 which was given to Janet Gray, Deputy Clerk and then passed on to Lt. Wooten, the Freedom of Information Officer for the Rantoul Police Department. Ms. Sweat indicated that Lt. Wooten had come to her residence on Monday, June 12, 2017 to attempt to satisfy her request for the demographics of all of the applicants for the position of Chief of Police. Ms. Sweat indicated that she was not at all satisfied with Lt. Wooten's presentation. Trustee Fox indicated that the Village of Rantoul could not release this sensitive information legally. Ms. Sweat said that she was retired from the University of Illinois and had worked for the Chancellor of Human

Resources and that Trustee Fox was wrong. Ms. Sweat also took issue with the fact that Trustee Gamel and Trustee Fox served on the selection committee maintaining that this was a conflict of interest and local Citizens should have been on the selection committee, with the Village Board interviewing the final selected applicants. Trustee Fox responded that she disagreed with Ms. Sweat as she was an elected Public Official representing all of the interests of the Citizens of Rantoul.

Wendell Golston then continued to speak about the lack of transparency in the new Police Chief Selection process. Mr. Golston indicated that Village of Rantoul Website said there would be four finalists for the position of Chief when of Police when in fact there were only two. Mr. Golston indicated that this was a failure to communicate the true intentions of the Village of Rantoul.

Celina Buford spoke about Citizens of Rantoul who owed as little as \$7.00 on their Utility Bills being disconnected. Scott Brandon, Village of Rantoul Comptroller said that this was not true and the Utility Billing Department made every effort to work with needy Citizens before disconnecting their Utilities.

Presentation of Certificates of Recognition

Mayor Smith then called up to the front Breeze Espinosa and Colton Hesterberg, recognizing these two Walmart Associate Employees for coming to the aid of another Walmart employee who had stopped breathing. These two immediately began administering CPR prior the Emergency Personnel arriving, thereby saving the person's life. They received a standing ovation from the audience at the meeting.

"NOTE FROM THE RANTOUL VILLAGE OF CLERK. ALL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF 6 TO 0. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED BELOW."

- Approval of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Workmen moved for approval of the Consent Agenda and Trustee Hall seconded the motion.
- Motion to authorize and approve purchase Electric Division Vehicle from Shields Auto Group - \$34,694.00. Trustee Fox moved for approval and Trustee Workmen seconded the motion.
- Motion to authorize and approve purchase of Sewer Division Vehicle from Shields Auto Group - \$34,566.00. Trustee Fox moved for approval and Trustee Medlen seconded the motion.
- Motion to authorize and approve purchase of Water Service Vehicle from Shield Auto Group - \$28,127.00. Trustee Hall moved for approval and Trustee Workman seconded the motion.
- Motion to authorize and approve Public Works Administrative Vehicle from Shields Auto Group - \$28,904.00. Trustee Medlen moved for approval and Trustee Fox seconded the motion.

Motion to approve purchase of two Police Vehicles; a Ford Taurus from Shields Auto Group \$18,762.00 and a Ford Interceptor from Morrow Brother's Ford - \$27,490.00. Trustee Hall moved for approval and Trustee Fox seconded the motion.

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2526, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (221 West Chandler Road). Trustee Workmen moved for approval and Trustee Fox seconded the motion.

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2527, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF TWO POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH NOTES, AND RELATED MATTERS. Trustee Medlen made the motion to approve and Trustee Fox seconded the motion.

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2528, AN ORDINANCE ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR PUBLIC WORKS OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS OF JUNE 5, 2017. Trustee Hall moved for approval and Trustee Workmen seconded the motion.

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2529, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A NEW EMPLOYMENT POSITION AND RELATED MATTERS. Trustee Fox moved for approval and Trustee Hall seconded the motion.

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2530, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A RESIDENTIAL HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM. Trustee Fox moved for approval and Trustee Hall. The Trustees then began a discussion as to the relevancy of this Ordinance if the High School and City School District had not approved this program. Ken Beth, Attorney, indicated that the Ordinance would be null and void. Some of the Trustees wanted to delay the passage of this Ordinance until the School Districts had approved the program while other Trustees wanted to press on. The Clerk Called the Roll and the Motion Carried by a vote of **5 – 1**, with Trustee Hall voting No.

Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2531, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF CHARGES, FEES AND RATES FOR WASTEWATER UTILITY SERVICES AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 40 OF THE RANTOUL CODE. Trustee Medlen moved for approval and Trustee Workmen seconded the motion.

Public Announcements

Trustee Workmen read a speech from three by five cards in which he indicated a refutation of previous Public Participation by Wendell Golston that the Village

of Rantoul should be operated by the chief elected Public Official Charles R. Smith Mayor/President of the Village Board of Trustees rather than the appointed Administrator. Trustee Workmen indicated that after the April Consolidated Election he visited every Department in the Village of Rantoul and he felt that the Village of Rantoul had outstanding dedicated Employees and Department Heads. Trustee Workmen, in conclusion further said that the Village of Rantoul was operated by the Elected Public Officials the Mayor/President of the Board of Trustees and the Village of Rantoul Board of Trustees.

Mayor Smith indicated that he had been asked to read a statement refuting the assertions of Jasmyne Boyce on June 6, 2017 with respect to the cancellation of the Farmer's Market in Downtown Rantoul. The Mayor indicated that the Village of Rantoul Staff was dissatisfied with Rantoul Area Chamber of Commerce and the Not for Profit set up to run the Farmer's Market. The Mayor further indicated that Rebecca Motley, Economic Development Director Consultant and Eric Barnes worked diligently to fix the Farmer's Market for 2017 in downtown Rantoul but in the end could not attract enough fresh food vendors to participate. Mayor Smith said that pursuant to United States Treasury Regulations that any excess funds in the Farmer's Market Checking Account could in fact be transferred legally to the Village of Rantoul. These funds are now located in a special fund dedicated to the Farmer's Market for future years assuming that this can be accomplished. Further complicating the 2017 Farmer's Market in Downtown Rantoul, was the fact that Mr. Fox, the Agricultural Teacher at the Rantoul Township High School who coordinated the Rantoul Township High School's FFA Club in Planting and Harvesting Fresh Produce on the South Rantoul Farm plot, had taken a new position in the Saint Louis area and the FFA Club did not plant nor harvest any Fresh Produce in June of 2017 like they had done in the past. Hopefully, the Farmer's Market in Rantoul can be continued in the spring of 2018.

Motion to enter into Closed Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 1, to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel of the public body to determine its validity.

Trustee Hall move to approve the motion and Trustee Medlen seconded the motion. The Clerk Called the Roll and the motion passed **6-0**.

The Rantoul Village Board entered into Closed Executive Session at 7:16 P.M.

The Rantoul Village Board of Trustees returned into Open Session at 7:55 P.M.

Trustee Hall moved to adjourn the Regular Village Board Meeting and Trustee Foxl seconded the motion. The Motion carried **6 – 0**.

The Rantoul Village Board of Trustee adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Approved July 11, 2017

Charles Smith
Village President

ATTEST:

Mike Graham
Village Clerk

I, Mike Graham, Village Clerk of the Village of Rantoul, Illinois, do hereby certify that the forgoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held June 13, 2017 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Mike Graham, Village Clerk