

**Rantoul Village Board of Trustees
Regular Study Session
August 7, 2012**

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 6:15 P.M., President Neal Williams presiding. President Williams called the proceeding to order.

Roll Call

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

Mayor Neal Williams, Trustees, Roger Jones, Tony Brown, Margurette Carter, Jennifer Fox, Hank Gamel, and Herman Fogal – 7.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Bruce Sandahl, Administrator; Kenneth Beth, Attorney; Scot Brandon, Comptroller; Ken Waters, Fire Chief; Rich Thomas, Recreation; Greg Hazel, Public Works Director; Mike Loschen, Community Development; Dan Culkin, Inspection; and Village Clerk Mike Graham.

Public Participation

There was no Public Participation by Rantoul Citizens.

Items from the Mayor

The Mayor had no items for the Board.

Items from Trustees

Trustee Gamel announced that there would be a memorial event for the late Stan Runke at the Downtown Barber Shop on Saturday September 8, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.

Items from the Clerk

The Clerk had two items on the Addendum to the Agenda which were as follows:

- Ordinance No. 2311 authorizing and approving an Economic Incentive Agreement (Tri Star Marketing, Inc.). Mayor Williams asked the Village Attorney, Ken Beth, to explain this item. Mr. Beth reminded the Board that Russell Stewart from Tri Star Marketing, Inc. had made a presentation at the Special Rantoul Village Board Meeting on Thursday July 24, 2012 with respect to building a new convenience store and gas station located on the Northwest Corner of State Route 136 & Murray Road where the former Central Illinois Bank Branch was located, as well as, Tatman's Body Shop.

Mr. Beth explained that the passage of this ordinance would grant Tri Star Marketing, Inc. a fifty percent reduction in the one percent local sales tax for a period of fifteen years, as well as, a full package liquor license which is allowed under the Economic Development Ordinance. Mr. Beth further indicated that the ordinance stipulated that the property would have to be acquired by Tri Star Marketing, Inc. by December 31, 2012 and the construction would have to be completed by December 31, 2013. The Rantoul Village Board had no problem with Ordinance No. 2311 and this item will be taken to the Regular Village Board Meeting on Tuesday August 14, 2012 for final approval.

- Mayor Williams turned over discussion of the request to waive the bidding procedures and approve purchase of HVAC material from Duden & Silver in the amount of \$19,285.00 for the multipurpose building to the Village of Rantoul Administrator, Bruce Sandahl. Mr. Sandahl indicated that this building was primarily built for the University of Illinois Football Camp. Mr. Sandahl also indicated that Duden & Silver had donated their Labor, as well as, all of the other mechanical Contractors on this project and that this was simply payment for the material already installed at the multipurpose building by Duden & Silver. The Rantoul Village Board had no questions or problems with this item and this will be taken to Regular Village Board Meeting on Tuesday August 14, 2012 for final approval.

Items from the Administrator

Mr. Sandahl had no items to bring to the Board.

Monthly Department Reports

The Department Heads in attendance presented their respective oral departmental reports. The Department Heads written reports were included in the Board packets distributed to the Trustees prior to the Study Session. Those reports are in the official board file.

Items from the Consent Agenda

The Trustees had no comment on these items and these will be taken to the Regular Board Meeting for action.

Items from Public Works

- Economic Development Program Agreement between Village and IDOT for improvements at Route 136 & Evans Road for construction of Gravity Drive.
- Purchase of 100kW Standby generator for Municipal Building. Mr. Hazel, Director of Public Works, indicated that this would be a Caterpillar Natural Gas generator purchased through the Federal Purchasing Program for the purpose of sustaining power during and electric outage for the entire Village Building and more importantly the IT Department Equipment and Software.

- Approve contract for water and storm water inspection and mapping. Mr. Hazel, Director of Public Works, indicated that this was necessary because there were many areas in Rantoul and the former Chanute Air Force Base property where the Public Works Department did not have a good handle on what was currently in the ground. After this Contract is completed the Public Works Department will have a definitive map of everything in Rantoul.

The Board had no objections or discussion with respect to these items and these items will be taken to the Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 14, 2012 for final action.

Items from Inspection

- Change Street name from Gravity Court to Innovation Road.

The Trustees had very little discussion on the item and this item will be taken to the Regular Board Meeting August 14, 2012 for action.

Items from the Counsel

- Ordinance No. 2310 fixing a time and place for a public hearing in connection with the proposed designation of a redevelopment project area, approval of a redevelopment plan and redevelopment projects, and adoption of tax increment financing and related matters. Mr. Beth indicated that there was a procedure required by the Illinois Revised Statutes in order to expand the existing TIF District to incorporate the Easton-Bell project in the expanded TIF District. The Public Hearing is scheduled on Tuesday November 6, 2012 after all of the procedural notices and requirements have been accomplished.
- Resolution to Object to the Zoning Request Case No. 728-AM-12 to rezone 1518 County Road 2700 N from Agricultural-1 to Residential-4, to the Champaign County Department of Planning & Zoning. The Mayor and Trustees were totally in support of this objection for the property located next to the blighted Cherry Orchards Apartment Complex located on State Route 45 between Rantoul and Thomasboro, Illinois.

The Trustees had no discussion on this item and this be taken to the Regular Board Meeting on August 14, 2012.

Other Items

Mayor recognized Fred Meek from the American Lutheran Church to discuss the new LED sign that the Church had recently constructed. Mr. Meek turned over the discussion of said sign to Jason Thopkins of Bender Signs and Graphics in Danville, Illinois. Mr. Thopkins indicated that his Company had worked with the City of Champaign and Urbana to modify their Sign Ordinances in order to make the signs more useful to the owners. Mr. Thopkins indicated that among other things the American Lutheran Church wanted to change the Hold Times from

fifteen minutes to four seconds and allow the signs to display multicolor formats. Mr. Beth, Village Attorney, indicated that the Rantoul Village Board would have to pass a resolution directing this request be forwarded to the Rantoul Planning Commission for a Public Hearing and recommendations to change the Ordinance as a Text Amendment.

The Board had no problem with this request and this will be taken to the Regular Board Meeting on August 14, 2012 for action.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board the Mayor declared the proceeding adjourned.

METTING ADJOURNED AT 7:12 P.M.

Mike Graham
Village Clerk

APPROVED September 11, 2012

Neal Williams
Village President

ATTEST:

Mike Graham
Village Clerk

I, Mike Graham, Village Clerk of the Village of Rantoul, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Study Session of the Board of Trustees held August 7, 2012, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Mike Graham
Village Clerk