

**Rantoul Village Board of Trustees  
Regular Study Session  
May 2, 2017**

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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 Smith called the proceeding to order.

**Roll Call**

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

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

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Jeff Fiegenschuh, Village Administrator; Scot Brandon Comptroller; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Director; Greg Hazel, Public Works Director; and Village Clerk Mike Graham.

**Public Participation**

Kathy Bergeron spoke about the leaf burning language in the Village of Rantoul Ordinance and her inability to get a Police response when she called the Police Department as the call went directly to METCAD in Urbana. Her concern was that individuals in her neighborhood were burning leaves at the wrong time, using gasoline to improve the fire and burning too close to fences and garages. Ms. Bergeron lives in the Prairieview subdivision. Mayor Smith said that he would look into her concerns.

Jack Anderson spoke about the timeline of the Broadmeadow Road Drainage Improvement Project and the Conflict of Interest of Trustee Chad Smith and incompetence of the Village Administrator with a detailed hand out to the Board. The Administrator apologized to the Board for the third time. Trustee Fox said she had confidence in the Village Administrator. Chuck Smith the Mayor said he believes this was a confusing mistake and that he knew the Administrator to be honest with integrity. Trustee Gamel indicated that he was on auto pilot as this transaction unfolded and did not recognize the consequences of approving the project in what appeared to be Board favoritism towards Trustee Chad Smith. Trustee Chad Smith indicated that he made a mistake in May of 2016 by not doing his due diligence prior to the purchase of the lots in Quinlan Place and further indicated he was going to pay the \$17,000 bill to the Village of Rantoul for the movement of the storm drainage pipe. He further indicated that he and his wife had decided to not build a new home on the two lots in Quinlan Place because he wanted to build a new home with a three car garage, which would require a trip to the Zoning & Planning Commission for a variance and it would not be worth continuing the controversy swirling around this transaction any more. Trustee Chad

Smith said the two lots in Quinlan Place are currently for Sale and he expected to take a loss on the sale if and when they are ever sold. Trustee Chad Smith said it was time to move on and put the controversy behind. Jack Anderson asked for the Village Board of Trustees to hire an independent third party to investigate this transaction and report back to the Village of Rantoul Board. However, no one on the Village of Rantoul Board spoke in support of Mr. Anderson's request.

Rose Smith spoke about her proposal to have chickens in her back yard. The Village Administrator said he has met with Ms. Smith and discussed the matter with other public officials from Champaign, Urbana and Fisher, Illinois where this is allowed. Those officials indicated that they had no problems with residents raising chickens in their respective back yards for fresh eggs and other hobby-like activity. This will be brought back to the Village of Rantoul Board in a subsequent meeting for review and action by the Rantoul Village Board of Trustees.

#### **Items from the Mayor**

- Appointments of Department Head.

#### **Items from Trustees**

There were no items from the Trustees.

#### **Items from the Clerk**

The Clerk had no items for this Study Session.

#### **Items from Administrator**

Jeff Fiegenschuh, Village of Rantoul Administrator, had the following items for the Board;

- Set parameters for bonding for Police Pension Fund.
- Intergovernmental Agreement with Urbana for CDBG/HUD.
- Agreement with Regional Planning Commission to update Revolving Loan Guidelines.
- Management Agreement with the Rantoul Park District.
- Public Works Employee Certification Pay.

The Board had no problems and all of the above noted items will be taken to the Rantoul Village Board Meeting, Tuesday May 9, 2017.

**“NOTE FROM RANTOUL VILLAGE CLERK, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BELOW ALL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS BELOW HAD LITTLE OR NO VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DISCUSSION AND WILL BE TAKEN TO THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY, May 9, 2017.”**

- Approval of the Minutes, Regular Study Session, April 4, 2017.
- Approval of the Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, April 11, 2017.
- Approval of Bills and Monthly Financial Reports.
- Feasibility Study to explore Land Bank.

- Redevelopment Agreement with Isak Beciri.
- Recommendation from Micro Loan Committee.
- Construction Engineering Agreement for Elevated Tank Rehab - \$25,000.00.
- Environmental Covenant Agreement with IEPA.
- Purchase of Vermeer stump cutter - \$47,735.00.
- Purchase of LED Lighting from Anixter - \$49,359.00.
- Budget Amendment No. 17-05 – Various Accounts.
- Approval of Engagement Letter with Ken Beth, Village of Rantoul Attorney for Legal Fee Adjustment Increase.

The Trustees had no objections to these items being taken to the Regular Village Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

**Motion to go into Closed Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 5, to consider the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.**

Trustee Medlen moved to enter into Closed Executive Session and Trustee Fox seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the Roll. The motion passed **6 – 0**.

The Rantoul Village Board entered into Closed Executive Session at 7:15 P. M.

The Village of Rantoul returned into Open Session at 7:40 P.M.

**Adjournment**

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:41 P.M.

Mike Graham  
Village Clerk

**APPROVED June 13, 2017**

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Charles Smith  
Village President

**ATTEST:**

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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 May 2, 2017, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

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Mike Graham  
Village Clerk