

Rantoul Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
May 8 and continued to May 10, 2018

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 the Mayor Smith opening the meeting with a prayer. Following the invocation, Trustee Hall 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 and Chad Smith - 6.

The following representatives of Village Departments were also present: Rick Snider, Administrator; Pat Chamberlin, Comptroller; Kenneth Beth, Attorney; Greg Hazel, Public Works Director; Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Department; Ken Waters, Fire Chief; Tony Brown, Chief of Police; Brenda Runyon, Neighborhood Services Director; Katie Johnston, Human Resource Director; and Elected Village Clerk Mike Graham.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee Hall moved to approve the [agenda](#) for the meeting. Trustee Workman seconded the motion. Motion carried, **5 - 0**.

Public Participation

Holly Sorey, from the Communication Workers of America Local 4202, spoke about the pending sale of the AT & T Building at 1 Aviation Way.

Dea Polchow, from the Communication Workers of America Local 4202, spoke about the sale of the AT & T Building. Ms. Polchow asked if the Village of Rantoul knew that the prospective buyer was currently under indictment in the State of California. Ms. Polchow then read off a list of names that the prospective buyer was associated with. Ms. Polchow then inferred that the prospective buyer was involved in hazardous environmental waste production and storage.

Amy J. Blaisdell spoke about the sale of the AT & T Building and the affect that this sale might have on the existing parking lot.

Jasmyne Boyce expressed concerns related to Chapter 20 of the Village of Rantoul Code of Ordinances and the lack of enforcement by the Village of Rantoul Staff.

John Williams, Area General Manager of the AT & T Call Center at 1 Aviation Way repeated at least twenty times that “management was not informed”, with respect to the proposed sale of the AT & T Building at 1 Aviation Way. Mr. Williams further stated that he had uprooted his family to take the General Management Position and move to Rantoul. Mr. Williams indicated that he had just completed interviewing and hiring 40 new employees at the AT & T Call Center and expected to hire another 60 employees by the end of the year. Mr. Williams was very upset that “management was not informed”, as AT& T has been a good Employer since 1993, creating many employment positions at the AT & T Call Center.

Wendell Golston spoke and said this problem needs to be fixed, as soon as possible.

“NOTE FROM THE RANTOUL VILLAGE OF CLERK. ALL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS LISTED BELOW CARRIED BY ROLL CALL VOTE OF 5 TO 0. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED BELOW.”

Motion to authorize and approve the refinancing of a loan to Amerivest \$151,731.34 for seven years at 4%. After a lengthy discussion about the specific parcels of Collateral and their appropriate legal descriptions this Agenda Item was tabled until the June meeting to give the staff time to review the collateral being offered for this refinancing.

Trustee Gamel moved that the Regular Meeting of the Village of Rantoul, Tuesday, May 8, 2018 be continued until 7:00 P.M., Thursday, May 10, 2018 to give the Village Real Estate Broker and Village staff time to investigate the concerns communicated about the proposed sale of the AT & T Building at 1 Aviation Way. Trustee Fox seconded the motion and the meeting was officially continued until Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. This motion was made at 7:15 P.M. Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Roll Call, Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Charles Smith, Trustees, Hank Gamel, Sam Hall, Terry Workman, Jennifer Fox and Chad Smith – 6.

Public Participation

Jasmyne Boyce spoke.

Holly Sorey, From the Communication Workers of America Local 4202 spoke about the proposed sale of the AT & T Building.

The Mayor, Administrator and the Trustees indicated that they had investigated all of the concerns raised at the Tuesday, May 8, 2018 meeting with respect to the proposed sale of the AT & T Building at 1 Aviation Way and found nothing abnormal about the prospective buyer.

Motion to pass [Ordinance No. 2570](#), AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE, FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, ILLINOIS (735, 801 and 909 Pacesetter Drive and 1 Aviation Center Drive). Trustee Fox moved for approval and Trustee Gamel seconded the motion.

The Clerk Called the Roll:

YEAS: Gamel, Workman, Fox and Chad Smith – 4.
NAYS: Hall – 1.
ABSENT: None.

The motion carried by a roll call vote of **4 – 1**.

Motion to pass [Resolution No. 5-18-1255](#), A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO SELL LISTING AGREEMENT (Coldwell Banker Commercial Devonshire Realty). Trustee Fox moved for approval and Trustee Hall Seconded the Motion. The Clerk Called the Roll and the Resolution carried by a vote of **5 – 0**.

New Business

Trustee Chad Smith asked about reorganizing the Departments and the status of the Village Attorney.

Public Announcements

There will be a Town Hall Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2018 from 6:00 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. to be held at the Rantoul Township High School Cafeteria.

Mayor Smith indicated that a decision on the Missile located at the West Entrance on Borman Drive has been delayed pending consultations with the United State Air Force.

Adjournment

Trustee Fox moved for adjournment and Trustee Hall seconded the motion.

The Clerk Called the Roll and the Motion Passed **5 – 0**.

The Rantoul Village Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Approved June 12, 2018

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 May 8, 2018 and continued on May 10, 2018 as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Mike Graham, Village Clerk