

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2007**

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

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Administrator David Johnston opened the meeting with a prayer. Following the invocation, Trustee Margurette Carter led the audience in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

President Neal Williams; and Trustees Clifford White, Margurette Carter, Joe Bolser, Charles Smith, and Jim Stubblefield – 6.

The following member was found to be absent:

Trustee Herman Fogal – 1.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

David Johnston, Administrator; Paul Farber, Police Chief; Robert Bruce, Economic Development; Scot Brandon, Comptroller; Janet Gray, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk; William Clayton, Aviation; Ken Waters, Fire Chief; Rich Thomas, Recreation; Larry Madalon, Human Resources; Greg Hazel, Public Works Director; Pete Passarelli, Assistant Public Works Director; Mike Loschen, Community Development; and Dan Culkin, Inspection.

Approval of Agenda

Trustee White moved to approve the agenda for the meeting, as presented. Trustee Bolser seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting “aye”.

Public Participation

Mr. Bill Hunsucker, 602 Briarcliff Drive, addressed the Board in response to public remarks made by Trustee Fogal with respect to individuals living on “guaranteed”, as opposed to “fixed”, incomes. Mr. Hunsucker felt that the comments had been in poor taste and were offensive to a large segment of the community and requested an apology from Trustee Fogal. (Clerk’s Note: Trustee Fogal was not in attendance at the meeting.)

Administrator Report

Mr. Johnston noted that the Village had received a considerable amount of media attention due to its eviction of residents at the rental properties located at 405, 407, and 409 S. Steffler. The Rental Inspection Division had ordered the buildings to be evacuated due to dangerous levels of carbon monoxide found within the rental units. He asked Mr. Culkin to provide the trustees with background information about the situation. After distributing a timeline reference to the Board, Mr. Culkin explained that initial inspections of the property had come about in response to tenant

complaints received in mid-November. Nicor had tagged the gas that it was to be turned off; however, the property manager had removed the tag. Upon inspection of the premises, the property maintenance inspector had found several major violations and high levels of carbon monoxide in the units. Over the next three weeks, Village officials had conducted a series of follow-up inspections, finding that required repairs were not being completed and high levels of carbon monoxide continued to be present in the units. On December 4, the Village informed the tenants that they would need to begin looking for alternative places to stay because the buildings would be evacuated on December 7 if the proper repairs were not made. Finding that no repairs had been made, the Village issued notice to vacate at 9:00 A.M. on December 7 and assisted tenants in finding temporary housing. Mr. Culkin added that the property maintenance inspector had also found that carbon monoxide detectors had not been installed in the rental units, as required by state law. The Village would be forwarding this information to the Illinois Attorney General's office for further investigation. Since the evacuation, Inspection Department officials have communicated to the property owner that the outstanding major violations must be repaired, the property must be registered, and all penalties and fines must be paid before any tenants would be permitted to reenter the buildings. Mr. Culkin thanked the Police Department for their assistance in evacuating and securing the premises.

Approval of Bills

Following a review of the monthly bills, Trustee White moved to authorize payment of the bills. Trustee Bolser seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: White, Carter, Bolser, Smith, and Stubblefield – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

A. Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda Items by Omnibus Vote

- A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Study Session, November 6, 2007
- B. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, November 13, 2007
- C. Approval of Minutes, Special Board Meeting, November 19, 2007
- D. Adoption of Annual Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2008

Trustee Bolser moved to approve the Consent Agenda items by omnibus vote. Trustee White seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, White, and Carter – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Items A through D, as outlined on the Consent Agenda, were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

B. Consideration of Bids, Contracts & Other Items of Expenditure

Trustee White moved to authorize the approval of Change Order #9 with Leander Construction in the amount of \$16,326.54, to address modifications to the splitter boxes in the east water treatment plant reconstruction project. Trustee Carter seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: White, Carter, Bolser, Smith, and Stubblefield – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Smith moved to authorize the approval of an engineering contract with Burns & McDonnell for a Long-Range Storm Water Study, for an amount not to exceed \$67,490. Trustee Carter seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Smith, Stubblefield, White, Carter, and Bolser – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Bolser moved to authorize the approval of construction Contract A with Central Illinois Tile in the amount of \$438,135.66, for the installation of a new twelve-inch water main from Interstate 57 to South Evans Road. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, White, and Carter – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Carter moved to authorize the approval of final payment in the amount of \$25,743.50 to Carrier Rental for the rental of a chiller unit at the AT&T/Cingular Building. Trustee White seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Carter, Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, and White – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

C. Consideration of Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2118

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE 2007 TAX LEVY YEAR

Trustee Bolser moved to pass Ordinance No. 2118. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Discussion followed:

Trustee Stubblefield moved to amend the motion such that the levy amount dedicated to the General Corporate Fund would be reduced to reflect a 3% increase in the total levy amount over that of the previous levy year. Trustee Carter seconded the motion.

Under the terms of the proposed levy, staff had recommended a 4.98% increase over the previous year's levy amount. The majority of property tax receipts would be dedicated to the Library and to the pension and retirement funds. Thus, only approximately 16% of property tax revenues received by the Village would be used to cover general operating expenses in the Corporate Fund. Mr. Brandon calculated that the levy would need to be reduced by \$23,513 to comply with the proposal offered by Trustee Stubblefield. Mr. Beth added that this amount would likely need to

be taken from the proposed allocations for the Police Department and/or the Recreation Department. The trustees were unable to reach a consensus as to which line items would be trimmed in order to fulfill the \$23,513 reduction.

Following discussion, Trustee Stubblefield withdrew the motion. Trustee Carter agreed to withdraw her second.

On the original motion, the Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Bolser, Smith, Carter, and Williams – 4.

NAYS: Stubblefield and White – 2.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2119

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION BY ABATEMENT OF TAX LEVY FOR THE 2007 TAX LEVY YEAR FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2003, OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1893

Trustee White moved to pass Ordinance No. 2119. Trustee Bolser seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: White, Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, and Carter – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2120

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ABATEMENT OF TAX LEVY FOR THE 2007 TAX LEVY YEAR FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2005, OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1963, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2014

Trustee White moved to pass Ordinance No. 2120. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: White, Carter, Bolser, Smith, and Stubblefield – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2121

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ABATEMENT OF TAX LEVY FOR THE 2007 TAX LEVY YEAR FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2006, OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2060

Trustee White moved to pass Ordinance No. 2121. Trustee Bolser seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: White, Carter, Bolser, Smith, and Stubblefield – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2122

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ABATEMENT OF TAX LEVY FOR THE 2007 TAX LEVY YEAR FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2007, OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2076

Trustee Bolser moved to pass Ordinance No. 2122. Trustee White seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, White, and Carter – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2123

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET
(Public Works Admin. & General Funds)**

Trustee White moved to pass Ordinance No. 2123. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: White, Carter, Bolser, Smith, and Stubblefield – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 12-07-1053

**A RESOLUTION RELEASING A MAINTENANCE BOND
IN CONNECTION WITH MANLEY SUBDIVISION**

Trustee Smith moved to pass Resolution No. 12-07-1053. Trustee White seconded the motion.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Smith, Stubblefield, White, Carter, and Bolser – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Fogal – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

D. New Business

There were no trustees expressing desire to discuss any items of new business.

E. Announcements

Trustee Bolser announced that the monthly Rantoul Area Chamber of Commerce “Business after Hours” was to be held at the Linden on December 13, 2007.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Carter moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee White seconded the motion. Motion carried viva voce vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

Jeremy A. Reale, Clerk of the Village of Rantoul