

**Rantoul Village Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 8, 2008**

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*Order of Business*

- 1. Call to Order – Mayor Williams**  
Invocation – Pastor Ken Crawford, First Baptist Church  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Public Participation**  
*Citizens wishing to address the Village Board with respect to any pending item of business listed upon the agenda or any matter not appearing on the agenda are asked to complete a public participation form and submit it to the Village Clerk prior to the meeting. Public comments will be limited to three minutes for each speaker.*
- 4. Special Presentation to Rantoul Scholarship Recipients**  
Jennifer Gardner, Danice Roberts & Melissa Chevez
- 5. Administrator Report – Mr. Johnston**
- 6. Approval of Bills**
- (A) Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Records – Mr. Reale**
- 7. Motion to authorize the release of a portion of records of a closed session meeting of the Village Board of Trustees held on August 8, 2006 as related to the discussion of acquisition of real estate**

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**(B) Consent Agenda**

- 8. Approval of Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote**  
*All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Village Board member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda.*
  - A) Approval of Minutes, Regular Study Session, December 4, 2007 10-15
  - B) Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, December 11, 2007 16-20
  - C) Approval of Minutes, Special Board Meeting, December 6, 2007 21
- 9. Approval of Any Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

*Order of Business*

**(C) Consideration of Ordinances & Resolutions**

10. Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2124, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT (Alliance Resources, L.L.C. Parcel) 22-23
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14. Motion to pass MFT Resolution No. 1-08-1056, A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE 6-7

**(D) New Business**

*Discussion of any items of new business not listed upon the formal agenda. No formal action will be taken on these items during this proceeding.*

**(E) Announcements**

**(F) Adjournment**

15. Motion to Adjourn

**Next Meeting Dates (Strategic Planning):  
January 10, 2008; January 17, 2008; January 31, 2008**

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*The Rantoul Village Board of Trustees meets in Study Session on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:15pm and in Regular Session on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:15pm. Unless otherwise noted, all proceedings are held in the Louis B. Schelling Memorial Board Room of the Rantoul Municipal Building, 333 S. Tanner Street, Rantoul, Illinois.*

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**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR STUDY SESSION  
DECEMBER 4, 2007**

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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 6:15 P.M., President Pro Tem Herman Fogal presiding. President Pro Tem Fogal called the proceeding to order at 6:15 P.M.

**Roll Call**

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

Trustees Herman Fogal, Clifford White, Margurette Carter, Joe Bolser, Charles Smith, and Jim Stubblefield – 6.

The following member was found to be absent:

President Neal Williams – 1.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

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

**Items from Trustees**

(A) Trustee Smith stated that he had received several complaints from residents regarding the traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. Route 136 and Lon Drive. He suggested that the timer might need to be reset, as drivers were experiencing long delays between signal changes on northbound Lon Drive. Mr. Hazel responded that staff would examine the timing of the traffic signal to determine if adjustments need to be made to relieve any delays.

**Items from the Clerk**

(A) The Clerk reminded the trustees that the Village is required each year to adopt a schedule of meetings of the Village Board and Plan Commission for the following calendar year. He presented a proposed schedule for 2008, noting that the January study session and November regular meeting would be moved to the following Wednesdays to avoid conflicts with Tuesday holidays. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to place this item upon the formal agenda for its regular meeting.

**Monthly Department Reports**

*1) Comptroller*

Mr. Brandon reported that the Village had conducted a used computer sale at the Recreation Building on the previous Saturday. Forty-four (44) of the original computers had been sold and staff would explore options for selling the remaining seven units. He also informed the Board that the Village would need to conduct a fraud risk assessment during the upcoming year. A committee

would be formed to develop a process for reviewing internal controls and creating a policy for the prevention of fraud. Finally, he announced that the annual budget process had begun, with department heads receiving their preparation packets and instructions.

2) *Inspection*

Mr. Culkin reported that the property maintenance inspection process for rental units had uncovered several issues relating to lack of maintenance on furnaces, heater units and gas stoves. In properties in which those issues have created public health concerns about dangerous levels of carbon monoxide, tenants have been ordered to vacate the premises until the necessary repairs are made. He also stated that staff had been meeting to address code enforcement issues (e.g. tall grass, weeds) on Village properties and to develop a plan for appropriately addressing these issues. He reported that staff had been working with developers on potential projects for the Village. Although the details were still confidential at this point, he believed that the projects were very promising.

3) *Community Development*

Mr. Loschen reported that staff was continuing to work on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, developing a community needs survey that will be made available to citizens on the Internet and at other venues throughout the community. The department was also providing HUD with additional information to supplement the annual report submitted for last year and would need to amend this year's plan in accordance with HUD recommendations.

4) *Public Works*

Mr. Hazel reported that this week would be the final week for leaf and brush collection for 2007, with Christmas tree collection beginning after the holidays. As the winter season approaches, he reminded all citizens to take note of the emergency snow routes and parking prohibitions. He also noted that North Ohio Street was again temporarily closed as the contractor sets the final wall panels around the Claricone structure at the east water treatment plant. In response to a question from Trustee Smith, Mr. Hazel stated that the contractor was roughly two weeks behind schedule on the water treatment plant reconstruction project; however, all indications were that the reconstructed plant would still be operational by the summer of 2008.

5) *Human Resources*

Mr. Madalon reported that the vacant operator position in the Water Department had been filled, with the new employee having started on December 4. The Village was currently advertising for a grounds person/meter reader to fill a vacancy created by resignation. Finally, he announced that the Village's annual United Way campaign would begin the following week.

6) *Recreation*

Mr. Thomas reported that the winter sports programs – basketball and volleyball – were underway. He also reported that property maintenance staff was cleaning up Village properties around the former base area before the winter season. This marks the busy season for the Forum Fitness Center and Mr. Thomas noted that enrollment is approximately 1,000. In October, the department had hosted approximately 225 senior citizens for a holiday dinner.

7) *Fire*

Chief Waters noted that the department had assisted with the Majestic Theater fire in Paxton during the previous month and had also responded to several accident calls due to icy weather over the previous weekend. Firefighter training

would begin for the new firefighters in February 2008. Finally, he reported 9 carbon monoxide calls during November.

*8) Aviation*

Mr. Clayton reported 1,144 gallons of fuel sold during November. To date, fuel sales were 12,871 gallons short of the year-to-date total in November 2006. He noted that declining sales were typical of airports in the vicinity because of reduced activity. He also reported that staff had participated in a pre-design meeting with officials from IDOT regarding a series of airport projects scheduled for 2008. Finally, Mr. Clayton announced that the Village had been contacted by two companies expressing an interest in basing a crop-dusting operation from the airport. At this point, discussions were still ongoing.

*9) Police*

Chief Farber reported that department administration was beginning the process of developing its budget request for the next year. On December 1, a written examination had been administered to candidates for the vacant dispatcher position. With respect to the radio system upgrades, he stated that he had met with officials from Metcad. The department had already received some of the handheld units, but there was no timetable in place for the completion of the overall project at this point. Finally, he announced that December 14 would mark the official retirement of Lt. Randy Davis after 27 years of service to the Village of Rantoul.

*10) Economic Development*

Mr. Bruce reported four prospect visits during the month of November. Staff was continuing to work with developers on creating a marketing strategy for the Village. He also informed the trustees that he had participated in business calls in Chicago through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Finally, staff was working on following up opportunities for leasing several Village properties on the former base.

**Items from Administration**

(A) Mr. Johnston informed the trustees that the regional Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) authority had notified the Village that the first documents necessary for the approval of Rantoul's application had been submitted to federal officials for review. He added that the Village's application had received letters of support from all pertinent agencies, with the exceptions of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Aviation Administration.

(B) Mr. Johnston reported that the runway area soil boring project had been completed, with a draft report expected to be available the following week.

(C) Mr. Johnston also stated that he had been working extensively with Mr. Clayton on a series of airport improvement projects scheduled to take place during the upcoming year. During the summer of 2008, work will begin on the reconstruction of the runway intersection and the installation of new lights along the runway.

(D) Mr. Johnston reported that the RFQ for the drainage design in the area of the future Century Gateway Industrial Park had been issued. To date, a total of twenty-two (22) firms had expressed an interest in the project and requested RFQ packets. He also stated that the Chanutte Commission had hosted a tour of the gateway area for two industrial property developers during the previous month.

(E) Mr. Johnston reported to the trustees that staff had developed an energy saving strategy targeted at reducing expenses at Grissom Hall, which houses aviation offices, the Chanute museum, Rantoul Theater Group, and classrooms used by Lincoln's ChalleNGe. New thermostats were being installed and locked for strict temperature control. Heating and cooling expenses for Grissom Hall for the previous year totaled \$250,000. As the tenants are not responsible for paying these bills, these costs have been covered by funds from the Village's Airport Fund.

(F) Finally, Mr. Johnston thanked the *Rantoul Press* for its article highlighting the Fire Department's response to carbon monoxide calls. He reminded all citizens of their legal obligations to install and maintain functional carbon monoxide detectors in their residences.

#### **Items from Public Works**

(A) Mr. Hazel presented a request for approval of a change order for the east water treatment plant reconstruction project. During the reconstruction, contractors had encountered a discrepancy between the 1970 drawings of the plant and the actual as-built condition of the re-carbonation basin splitter box. As such, certain modifications would be necessary to prevent the carbon dioxide gas used for re-carbonation from traveling back into the building after having been injected into the water flow. The change order would also address employee safety issues with the inclusion of a handrail to provide a physical barrier to the splitter box opening. Mr. Hazel reported that the total cost of these modifications would be \$16,326.54. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to place this item upon the formal agenda for its regular meeting.

(B) Mr. Hazel presented a proposed engineering agreement with Burns & McDonnell to perform a Long-Range Storm Water Study for areas included within the 2006 Comprehensive Plan that are currently outside of the corporate limits of the Village of Rantoul. Once completed, this study would provide the Village with a long-range plan for storm water system expansion and detention that will correspond with the land use provisions of the Comprehensive Plan as these areas develop in the future. Following an RFQ process and subsequent interviews of qualified firms, staff had negotiated a contract with Burns & McDonnell for an amount not to exceed \$67,490. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to place this item upon the formal agenda for its regular meeting.

(C) Mr. Hazel presented a request for approval of a contract with Central Illinois Tile (CIT) for the installation of a new twelve-inch water main from Interstate 57 to South Evans Road. During the initial phase of the extension project, a new main had been constructed from the Canadian National railroad to Interstate 57 to serve the Wal-Mart area, the United Developers site and other customers along Murray Road. The additional westward extension being proposed would serve existing customers in the Industrial Park area, as well as future development west of Interstate 57. Under the terms of the contract, the total cost for the project would be \$438,135.66. Trustee White inquired as to whether this project would be eligible for funds from the bond issue. Mr. Brandon replied that the funds for this project would be coming from the Water Fund, as most of the bond funds dedicated to water service projects had been earmarked for the water treatment plant reconstruction. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to place this item upon the formal agenda for its regular meeting.

(D) Mr. Hazel presented a request for authorization of final payment for the rental of a chiller unit at the AT&T/Cingular Building. He noted that the initial approval had provided for a five-month lease of the unit; however, the rental unit had remained on site during the project design, purchase and installation of the new permanent unit. This additional rental period was considered

necessary during the design and installation phases because of concerns that the remaining unit may have been vulnerable as the sole source in serving the facility. The total amount to be paid to Carrier Rental for the additional period is \$25,743.50. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to place this item upon the formal agenda for its regular meeting.

#### **Items from the Comptroller**

(A) Mr. Brandon presented the proposed tax levy for the 2007 tax levy year, which needs to be approved and submitted to the county clerk in December. As proposed, the levy rate would increase by 4.98% over the previous year's and would generate a total of \$1,332,493. Of that amount, the majority of revenues would go to the Library and the pension and retirement funds. Only 16 percent – or \$213,500 – would be dedicated to the Corporate Fund to cover general operating expenses of the Village. Noting that the Corporate Fund had been experiencing relatively flat revenue sources to counter expenses rising faster than inflation, he stressed that any cuts to the tax levy would have a negative impact on the ability to balance the Corporate Fund budget.

Trustee Carter noted that the Village had recently suffered an economic blow with the closure of the Collins & Aikman plant, forcing many residents to tighten their budgets. She requested that Village departments be mindful of that situation in fashioning their budget requests for the next year so that it might be possible to alleviate some of the tax burden being placed upon Rantoul citizens. Echoing the comments of Trustee Carter, Trustee Stubblefield suggested that the proposed tax levy rate could be halved if expenditures were cut to make up the difference. He expressed reluctance to increase the tax burden upon residents, many of whom are on fixed incomes. Trustees Fogal and Bolser countered that any cutting of expenditures would necessitate the cutting of services that the Village provides to its citizens.

Mr. Johnston reminded the trustees that the Village's levy also includes the Library, Police Pension and retirement funds which are not under its immediate control. He noted that the Library had been judicious in its spending decisions so that it would not require excessive increases in its levy request. However, the Library is essentially hamstrung by the fact that approximately 85% of its revenues are derived from property taxes. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to place this item upon the formal agenda for its regular meeting.

(B) Mr. Brandon presented two proposed budget amendments for the Public Works Administration Fund and the Fire Department. The first amendment would increase the budgeted insurance account in the Public Works Administration Fund by \$32,000 to cover the expenses of increased insurance costs through the Illinois Municipal League. The second amendment would increase the vehicle maintenance account in the Fire Department budget by \$8,500 to cover the cost of tire replacement for two older fire trucks that had not been included in the original budget. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to place this item upon the formal agenda for its regular meeting.

#### **Items from Inspection**

(A) Mr. Culkin presented a request for the release of the one-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$3,300 for the Manley Subdivision. He reported that all required improvements have been made and accepted by the Village. Inspection and Public Works staff have reviewed the improvements and are satisfied that no additional improvements or repairs are needed. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to place this item upon the formal agenda for its regular meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Pro Tem Fogal declared the proceeding adjourned.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:34 P.M.**

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Jeremy A. Reale  
Clerk of the Village of Rantoul

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

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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**

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##### **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**

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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**

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#### **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**

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

**E. Announcements**

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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**

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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.**

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Jeremy A. Reale, Clerk of the Village of Rantoul

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2007**

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CONFERENCE ROOM  
RANTOUL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 333 S. TANNER, RANTOUL, IL

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Trustee Jim Stubblefield – 1.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Clerk Jeremy Reale

**Strategic Planning**

President Williams announced that the special meeting was the second in a series of meetings called for the purpose of developing a strategic plan for the Village of Rantoul. He then reintroduced Mr. Howard Piggee to serve as facilitator for the process.

Mr. Piggee briefly summarized the discussions of the previous strategic planning session, particularly focusing upon the concepts of community growth and vision. The Board then engaged in a discussion of developing a vision for the Village of Rantoul that can be communicated through an inspirational vision statement. The participants were divided into pairs as part of a group exercise to identify the types of programs, policies and principles that would be reflected in the ideal vision of the future of Rantoul. Upon conclusion of the vision exercise, the Board reconvened to discuss the group lists and begin developing a statement of its ideal vision for the community.

Following the discussion, the consensus of the Board was to hold its next strategic planning session on December 27, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.

**Adjournment**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:36 P.M.**

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Jeremy A. Reale  
Clerk of the Village of Rantoul

ORDINANCE NO. 2124

AN ORDINANCE  
APPROVING AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT  
(ALLIANCE RESOURCES, L.L.C. PARCEL)

WHEREAS, Alliance Resources, L.L.C., as owner, has expressed an intention to annex certain territory adjacent and contiguous to the corporate limits of the Village of Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois (the "Village"), to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the form of a certain Annexation Agreement dated as of January 1, 2008 (the "Annexation Agreement") by and between the Village and the Owner; has been presented to and is now before the meeting of the President and Board of Trustees (the "Corporate Authorities") of the Village at which this Ordinance is adopted; and

WHEREAS, under and pursuant to Division 15.1 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-15.1-1 et seq.), as supplemented and amended, the Corporate Authorities have fixed a time and held a public hearing upon the Annexation Agreement at 6:15 p.m. on January 2, 2008, notice of such public hearing having been given not more than thirty (30) nor less than fifteen (15) days before the date fixed for such public hearing by publication on December 12, 2007, in the *Rantoul Press*, a newspaper published and having a general circulation within the Village.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

**Section 1. Approval.** The form of the Annexation Agreement be and the same is hereby approved.

**Section 2. Authority to Execute and Record Annexation Agreement.** The Village President and the Village Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Annexation Agreement for and on behalf of the Village, with such changes therein as may be authorized by such Village President. Upon the receipt from the Owner of a duly executed copy of the Annexation Agreement by the Owner, the Village Clerk, or his designee, shall record or cause to be recorded the Annexation Agreement in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Champaign County, Illinois.

**Section 3. Supplemental Authority.** From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, the proper officers, employees, and agents of the Village are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute and to record, if appropriate, all such supplemental documents and instruments as may be necessary to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance in order to comply with and make effective the provisions of the Annexation Agreement, as approved or required by this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval as required by law.

This Ordinance is hereby passed, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, by a roll call vote of two-thirds of the Corporate Authorities then holding office as follows:

"Ayes" \_\_\_\_\_  
"Nays" \_\_\_\_\_  
"Absent" \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED** this 8th day of January, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

**APPROVED** this 8th day of January, 2008.

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Village President

**ORDINANCE NO. 2125**

**AN ORDINANCE  
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE  
(106-108 S. Garrard Street)**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois (the "**Village**") is a home rule unit under and pursuant to Section 6(a) of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and is authorized to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to acquire any real estate, including any interest therein, for municipal purposes in such manner as the President and the Board of Trustees (the "**Corporate Authorities**") of the Village may authorize; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities of the Village have determined that it is advantageous and desirable for municipal purposes and the public welfare of its residents for the Village to accept title to certain real estate in order to promote and protect the health, safety, morals and welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been presented to and there is now before the meeting of the Corporate Authorities at which this Ordinance is adopted the form of a certain Quitclaim Deed dated as of December 26, 2007 (the "**Deed**") from Mathews Management Resources, Inc., an Illinois corporation, as Grantor, to the Village, as Grantee, whereby the Grantor conveys and quitclaims to the Village certain parcels of real estate (as more particularly described in the Deed, the "**Real Estate**"), as a gift.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the acceptance of title to the Real Estate by the Village from the Grantor for the purposes as set forth in the preambles and recitals of this Ordinance be and the same is hereby authorized and approved.

**Section 2.** That all actions of the officers, employees and agents of the Village heretofore taken in connection with the Deed and the acceptance of the Real Estate are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

**Section 3.** That from and after the effective date of this Ordinance, the proper officers, employees and agents of the Village are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to prepare, execute, deliver, acknowledge and file all such supplemental instruments as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance and the consummation of the transfer of the Real Estate to the Village in accordance with the respective terms, conditions and undertakings of the Ordinance.

This Ordinance is hereby passed, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, by the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Corporate Authorities then holding office at a regular meeting held on the date set forth below upon a roll call vote as follows:

"Ayes" \_\_\_\_\_  
"Nays" \_\_\_\_\_  
"Absent" \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED** this 8th day of January, 2008.

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Village Clerk

**APPROVED** this 8th day of January, 2008.

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Village President

RESOLUTION NO. 01-08-1054

**A RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION TAPES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06) requires all public bodies to keep a verbatim record of all closed meetings in the form of an audio or video recording; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act further provides that the verbatim record of such closed meetings may be destroyed without notification to or the approval of a records commission or the State Archivist under the Local Records Act or the State Records Act no less than eighteen (18) months after the completion of the meeting recorded, but only after: (1) the public body approves the destruction of a particular recording; and (2) approves minutes of the closed meeting that meets the following written minutes as required by such Section 2.06:

- (a) the date, time and place of the meeting;
- (b) the members of the public body recorded as either present or absent; and
- (c) a summary of discussion on all matters proposed, deliberated or decided, and a record of any vote taken; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the minutes of the closed meetings held on the dates set forth on the attached list (collectively, the "**Designated Closed Meeting Minutes**") meet the written minutes requirements of Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, as follows:

**Section 1.** The President and Board of Trustees (the "**Corporate Authorities**") of the Village of Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois (the "**Village**") hereby expressly find and determine that the matters set forth in the preambles and recitals to this Resolution are true, correct and complete and are hereby adopted and included herein by this reference thereto.

**Section 2.** The Corporate Authorities, having approved the Designated Closed Meeting Minutes as required by such Section 2.06 of the Act, hereby approves and authorizes the destruction of the audio recording of such Designated Closed Meeting Minutes.

This Resolution is hereby passed, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, by the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Corporate Authorities then holding office at a regular meeting on the date set forth below.

**PASSED** this 8th day of January, 2008.

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Village Clerk

**APPROVED** this 8th day of January, 2008.

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Village President

**List of Designated Closed Meeting Minutes**

October 6, 1998	IBEW negotiation matters
April 19, 1999	FOP negotiation matters
September 12, 2000	FOP negotiation matters
June 12, 2001	Specific employee matter
March 5, 2002	Specific employee matter.
March 18, 2002	Specific employee matter
April 2, 2002	Filed or pending litigation
May 14, 2002	Specific employee matter
June 4, 2002	Specific employee matter
June 11, 2002	Filed or pending litigation
June 27, 2002	Specific employee matter
August 26, 2002	IBEW negotiation matters
	Purchase/lease of real property
September 3, 2002	IBEW negotiation matters
December 3, 2002	Specific employee matter
January 7, 2003	Specific employee matter
January 14, 2003	Purchase/lease of real property
	Pending Litigation
	Filed or pending litigation
February 4, 2003	Specific employee matter
March 11, 2003	Specific employee matter
April 1, 2003	Specific employee matter
	Purchase/lease of real property
April 8, 2003	Specific employee matter
November 4, 2003	FOP negotiation matters
February 3, 2004	FOP negotiation matters
February 20, 2004	FOP negotiation matters
February 17, 2004	FOP negotiation matters
March 9, 2004	Purchase of Property
June 8, 2004	Specific employee matter
August 12, 2004	Specific employee matter
August 25, 2004	Specific employee matter
September 2, 2004	Specific employee matter
September 7, 2004	Specific employee matter
September 14, 2004	Specific employee matter
November 3, 2004	Specific employee matter
November 16, 2004	Specific employee matter
November 30, 2004	Specific employee matter
December 10, 2004	Specific employee matter
January 10, 2005	Specific employee matter
January 28, 2005	Pending Litigation
	Specific employee matter

June 14, 2005	Pending Litigation
	Purchase of Property
September 6, 2005	Specific employee matter
September 26, 2005	Specific employee matter
September 30, 2005	Specific employee matter
December 6, 2005	Pending Litigation
December 13, 2005	Pending Litigation
December 19, 2005	Pending Litigation
January 3, 2006	Pending Litigation

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-08-1055**

**A RESOLUTION  
REGARDING TEMPORARY CLOSING OF  
STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois (the "**Village**") sponsors parades, road races, festivals and other such events which constitute a public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these events are held on State rights-of-way which will require the temporary closure of said state highways; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code (605 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq.) authorizes the State of Illinois Department of Transportation ("**IDOT**") to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of state highways for such public purposes.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, as follows:

**Section 1.** The President and Board of Trustees of the Village hereby request an annual permit allowing the temporary closure of state highways for the purpose of conducting various parades, road races, festivals and other such events. By receiving an annual permit, the Village will be required to notify IDOT in writing approximately ten (10) days in advance of all road closures so that all emergency agencies will be notified of the proposed event.

**Section 2.** (a) That traffic from the closed portion of any state highway shall be detoured over routes with an all-weather surface that can accept that anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of IDOT and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from such state highway, except as provided in Subsections (b) and (c) hereof.

(b) That when a marked detour is not provided, police officers or authorized flaggers shall, at the expense of the Village, be positioned at each end of the closed section of such state highway and at other points as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the temporary detour.

(c) That when any state highway is closed for less than 15 minutes, police officers, at the expense of the Village, shall stop traffic for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes and an occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through.

**Section 3.** That the Village assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection and regulation of the traffic during the time any such detour is in effect.

**Section 4.** That all debris shall be removed by the Village prior to reopening the state highway.

**Section 5.** That the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

**Section 6.** That the Village hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing described above and to hold harmless the State of Illinois from all claims arising from any requested closing of any state highway.

**Section 7.** That the Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to IDOT, District 5 Bureau of Operations, 13473 IL Hwy. 133, P.O. Box 610, Paris, Illinois 61944-0610 to serve as authorization for the Village to request state highway closures through December 31, 2008.

This Resolution is hereby passed, the “ayes” and “nays” being called, by the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Corporate Authorities then holding office at a rescheduled regular meeting on the date set forth below.

**PASSED** this 8th day of January, 2008.

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Village Clerk

**APPROVED** this 8th day of January, 2008.

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Village President