

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2008**

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 Pro Tem Herman Fogal presiding. President Pro Tem Fogal called the meeting to order.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Mark Wilkerson, Maranatha Baptist Church, 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 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:

Paul Farber, Police Chief; Robert Bruce, Economic Development; Kenneth Beth, Attorney; Scot Brandon, Comptroller/Interim Administrator; 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; Dan Culkin, Inspection; and Village Clerk Jeremy Reale.

Approval of Agenda

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

Special Presentation – Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum

Mr. Jim Eldridge addressed the Board to discuss the financial situation of the Chanute Museum in light of its recent campaign to raise emergency funds to avoid closure of the facility. Much of the financial difficulty stems from lower-than-expected attendance at the 2007 summer air show and the failure of the State of Illinois to follow through on its commitment to provide the museum with a \$35,000 marketing grant. In order to address the situation, Mr. Eldridge told the Board that he had implemented a reorganization plan that called for the resignation of the entire Museum Board of Directors, which was to be replaced by a group of experienced business professionals and executives who would concentrate on aggressive fundraising efforts. The museum would also defer capital projects and large-scale events until the facility was more financially stable.

Mr. Eldridge publicly acknowledged that the Village of Rantoul provides a great deal of assistance to the museum through its annual hotel-motel tax revenue allocation (\$38,000), utility payments (\$120,000), and other services to the building. He also noted that the Village had been working with museum officials to locate possible sources of grant funding to help defray some of the museum's costs. He thanked Village officials for their continuing commitment to preserving the history of Chanute and Rantoul by supporting the museum.

Mr. Hal Loebach, Executive Director, also addressed the Board to provide statistics on the museum's contribution to the local economy. He reported the results of annual visitor surveys showing that approximately 15,500 visitors attended the museum in 2007. Of that amount, roughly 10% reported staying in Rantoul motels, 40% reported eating in Rantoul establishments, 27% reported using the services of Rantoul gas stations, and 20% reported shopping in Rantoul. Mr. Loebach also reported that the museum continued to attract new visitors through the installation of new billboard signs along Interstates 57, 72, and 74.

Administrator Report

Mr. Brandon reported that the Rantoul Area Chamber of Commerce would be conducting its annual Business Expo on April 3, 2008. He informed the trustees that most Village departments would be represented during this event to showcase the various services offered to its citizens.

Mr. Brandon announced that the preference payments owed by the Village to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court from the Collins and Aikman bankruptcy proceedings had been finalized at the amount of \$18,000. This figure represented a significant decrease from the \$1.1 million originally requested.

Finally, Mr. Brandon reminded the Board that its annual budget review session had been scheduled for March 17, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. If additional time was needed for review, that meeting would be continued to March 18, 2008 at 6:30 P.M.

Approval of Bills

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

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, Fogal, White, and Carter – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

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, February 5, 2008
- B. Approval of Minutes, Special Board Meeting, February 7, 2008
- C. Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting, February 12, 2008
- D. Approval of Minutes, Special Board Meeting, February 14, 2008
- E. Approval of Minutes, Special Board Meeting, February 26, 2008

Trustee Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda items by omnibus vote. Trustee Carter seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Smith, Stubblefield, Fogal, White, Carter, and Bolser – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote. Items A through E, 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 Smith moved to authorize the award of bid for improvements at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to Leander Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,659,000 and to reject all bids regarding Alternate Bid No. 1. Trustee White seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Smith, Stubblefield, Fogal, White, Carter, and Bolser – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Bolser moved to authorize the approval of Change Order #17 with Leander Construction in the amount of \$16,909.66, to provide for the preparation and painting of the exposed concrete walls at the East Water Treatment Plant reconstruction project. Trustee White seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, Fogal, White, and Carter – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee White moved to approve bid and authorize the Mayor to sign a three-year contract with Illini FS for Village fleet fuel purchases. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: White, Carter, Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, and Fogal – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

C. Consideration of Ordinances & Resolutions

Community Development Resolution No. 271

A RESOLUTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN UPDATE AND TO FILE A SUBMISSION FOR THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR (B-08-MC-17-0019) ASSISTANCE UNDER THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT, AS AMENDED

Trustee White moved to pass CD Resolution No. 271. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: White, Carter, Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, and Fogal – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2129

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Trustee Bolser moved to pass Ordinance No. 2129. Trustee Carter seconded the motion.

Discussion followed:

Trustee Carter stated that she had received communication from an additional property owner, Mr. Mark Brooks of 616 W. Champaign Avenue, requesting that his property also be included in the Office/Hospitality zoning category proposed for three residential lots to the west of his property. She expressed her opinion that the entire strip of property along the north side of Champaign Avenue, between the Burger King property and East Avenue, should be zoned consistently to avoid creating any potential economic hardships for the residential property owners in that area.

Trustee Carter then moved to amend the original motion to include a Comprehensive Plan designation of Office/Hospitality zoning for all current residential properties on the north side of Champaign Avenue, west of East Avenue. Trustee Bolser seconded the motion.

Trustee Smith objected to the proposed change, arguing that the move was premature and might adversely impact the esthetic appearance of a major gateway to the community. He requested that Trustee Carter withdraw her amendatory motion to provide the Board with more time to further study the issue before taking any action. Trustee Carter opined that the Board had had ample opportunity to discuss the subject and declined to withdraw the motion.

Following discussion, the Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Carter, Bolser, Stubblefield, and Fogal – 4.

NAYS: Smith and White – 2.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The amendatory motion carried by roll call vote.

The Clerk then called the roll on the original motion, as amended:

YEAS: Bolser, Stubblefield, Fogal, and Carter – 4.

NAYS: Smith and White – 2.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The amended main motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2130

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, ILLINOIS, TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE IPEA SALES CONTRACT WITH THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC ENERGY AGENCY

Trustee White moved to pass Ordinance No. 2130. Trustee Carter seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: White, Carter, Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, and Fogal – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 3-08-1059

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MITIGATION PLAN**

Trustee White moved to pass Resolution No. 3-08-1059. Trustee Bolser seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: White, Carter, Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, and Fogal – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 3-08-1060

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING DELIVERY OF A CERTAIN QUIT CLAIM
DEED FROM THE UNITED STATES AND AUTHORIZING
THE ACCEPTANCE THEREOF**

Trustee Smith moved to pass Resolution No. 3-08-1060. Trustee White seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Smith, Stubblefield, Fogal, White, Carter, and Bolser – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

D. New Business

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

E. Announcements

There were no public announcements made.

F. Closed Session

Trustee Bolser moved to enter into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 2, to consider collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, Fogal, White, and Carter – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

The Board entered into closed session at 7:07 P.M. By the authority of the Board, the following individuals were permitted to remain present: Kenneth Beth, Paul Farber, Larry Madalon, and Jeremy Reale.

Trustee Smith moved to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the open meeting. Trustee Bolser seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Smith, Stubblefield, Fogal, White, Carter, and Bolser – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:54 P.M.

G. Adjournment

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy A. Reale,
Clerk of the Village of Rantoul

APPROVED APRIL 8, 2008

Neal Williams
Village President

ATTEST:

Jeremy A. Reale
Village Clerk