

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MAY 5, 2009**

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LOUIS B. SCHELLING MEMORIAL BOARD ROOM  
RANTOUL MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 333 S. TANNER, RANTOUL, IL

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul was held at 6:00 P.M., President Neal Williams presiding. President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Roll Call**

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

President Neal Williams; and Trustees Clifford White, Margurette Carter, Joe Bolser, and Charles Smith – 5. Trustee Herman Fogal arrived at 6:07 P.M.

The following member was found to be absent:

Trustee Jim Stubblefield – 1.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Bruce W. Sandahl, Administrator; Paul Farber, Police Chief; Robert Bruce, Economic Development; Kenneth Beth, Attorney; Scot Brandon, Comptroller; William Clayton, Aviation; Ken Waters, Fire Chief; Rich Thomas, Recreation; David Coffey, Human Resources; Greg Hazel, Public Works Director; Pete Passarelli, Asst. Public Works Director; Mike Loschen, Community Development; Dan Culkin, Inspection; and Village Clerk Jeremy Reale.

**A. Recognition of Retiring Trustee Clifford White**

Mr. Sandahl presented a plaque to Trustee Clifford White, in recognition of his four years of service to the citizens of Rantoul as a member of the Village Board. Trustee White expressed his appreciation to the citizens and employees of the Village of Rantoul for their support during his tenure in office. He thanked his colleagues on the Village Board, adding that he had enjoyed working with each of them. He felt honored to have had the opportunity to serve Rantoul and vowed to remain active in the community for years to come. Following his remarks, Trustee White vacated his seat on the Village Board.

**B. Installation of Village President**

The Clerk administered the oath of office to Village President Neal Williams. Upon completing the oath, President Williams returned to his seat on the Village Board.

**C. Installation of Village Trustees**

The Clerk then administered the oath of office to Trustee Margurette Carter and Trustee-Elect Anthony Brown, who were then formally seated as members of the Village Board. The Clerk announced that Trustee-Elect Roger Jones was unable to be present for the special meeting due to a death in his family. He stated that he would administer the oath of office to Trustee-Elect Jones during the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2009.

**D. Installation of Village Clerk**

President Williams administered the oath of office to Village Clerk Jeremy A. Reale.

**E. Recognition of Retiring Trustee Herman Fogal**

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Mr. Sandahl presented a plaque to Trustee Herman Fogal, in recognition of his eight years of service to the citizens of Rantoul as a member of the Village Board.

**Adjournment**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:09 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeremy A. Reale  
Clerk of the Village of Rantoul

APPROVED JUNE 9, 2009

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Neal Williams  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Jeremy A. Reale  
Village Clerk

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR STUDY SESSION  
MAY 5, 2009**

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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 Neal Williams presiding. President Williams called the proceeding to order at 6:13 P.M.

**Roll Call**

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

President Neal Williams and Trustees Tony Brown, Margurette Carter, Joe Bolser, and Charles Smith – 5.

The following members were found to be absent:

Trustees Roger Jones and Jim Stubblefield – 2.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Bruce W. Sandahl, Administrator; Paul Farber, Police Chief; Robert Bruce, Economic Development; Kenneth Beth, Attorney; Scot Brandon, Comptroller; William Clayton, Aviation; Ken Waters, Fire Chief; Rich Thomas, Recreation; David Coffey, Human Resources; Greg Hazel, Public Works Director; Pete Passarelli, Asst. Public Works Director; Mike Loschen, Community Development; Dan Culkin, Inspection; and Village Clerk Jeremy Reale.

**Public Participation**

Mr. Kenny Chumbley, 1005 Ascot, addressed the Board regarding an ongoing rental inspection issue with his property located at 1304 E. Grove Avenue.

**Items from Trustees**

(A) Trustee Bolser, in acknowledging the seating of the new Board, expressed his appreciation to all men and women who had previously served the citizens of Rantoul as members of the Village Board.

**Monthly Department Reports**

*1) Police*

Chief Farber reported that the department was working with local officials to prepare for and monitor the current situation with the potential H1N1 (swine flu) virus pandemic. He also announced the launch of an Autism Awareness Response Program in which staff would receive training to deal with individuals with autism and other related disabilities. The police department would also be serving as an information center for disabled residents and their families. Trustee Bolser added that, as a grandparent of an autistic child, he was extremely enthusiastic about the program. He told the Board that individuals with autism react and communicate in different ways that others often do not understand and that it was important for people to know how to effectively break through that communication barrier.

## 2) Economic Development

Mr. Bruce reported that the Village had signed an agreement with a professional consultant to develop the department's site and building program website. He also reported that he had participated in an energy audit of the Eagle Wings Industries facility with representatives from the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA). Mr. Bruce added that he would be meeting with representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding development potential for properties on the former base area. Finally, he told the Board that the department had hosted two new business prospects during the month of April.

## 3) Comptroller

Mr. Brandon reported that FY 2008-2009 had concluded on April 30, 2009. Although a \$500,000.00 shortfall had originally been anticipated in the Corporate Fund, he reported that the fiscal year would actually close with a surplus of approximately \$175,000.00 for the fund due to reductions in expenditures. He also stated that residents should have received their property tax bills from Champaign County, noting that the overall rate for Rantoul had climbed back above \$9.00. The Village's share of the property tax rate had fallen from \$1.21 to \$1.16 this year. Finally, Mr. Brandon reported that bids for the Village's boiler insurance coverage were due to be received by May 21, 2009, with a final recommendation expected to come before the Board in June.

## 4) Inspection

Mr. Culkin reported that the Village had issued demolition notices to the owners of properties located at 425 ½ Wabash Avenue and 521 Hartigan Avenue. He anticipated that both structures would be demolished by the end of May. He also reported that the department had been working with Busey Bank on the structural addition to their branch facility in the Maple Grove Shopping Center. Finally, he reported that over 100 code enforcement nuisance violation notices had been issued during the month of April. Although the Inspection Department was temporarily short of two employees, he noted that code enforcement activities continued to receive increased attention.

## 5) Community Development

Mr. Loschen reported that the Village had been notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that its total grant allocation for the coming year would be \$364,056.00. This figure was approximately \$55,000.00 over budgeted revenues. As such, he noted that the Citizens Advisory Board would be meeting to determine how these additional funds would be allocated to Village programs and activities. He also reported that his department was beginning to prepare its annual performance report which was due to be received by HUD in July.

## 6) Public Works

Mr. Hazel reported that U.S. Air Force contractors were on site for remediation work at Landfill No. 3. Work also continued to progress on the various improvements at the Water and Wastewater Treatment plants. He added that Public Works would be requesting additional funds for the repair of the second turbocharger unit at Generator No. 8, as inspections had shown the damage to that unit to be more significant than originally anticipated. Finally, he reminded residents that May brush collection was scheduled to take place during the present week. He also noted that May would be the final month for the approved burning of leaves until fall.

## 7) Human Resources

Mr. Coffey reported on the adjustments to the Village's employee performance evaluation process. He also noted that testing for police recruits was scheduled to begin on May 16, 2009, with 90 applicants invited to participate in the testing.

### 8) Recreation

Mr. Thomas reported that grounds maintenance crews had been busy mowing, edging and spraying for weeds at Village properties and parking areas. He also stated that crews had completed blocking windows and painting at Grissom Hall and Hangar No. 2, which had greatly enhanced the appearance of those buildings. Summer sports programs were beginning, including baseball and adult softball. Finally, he announced that the aquatic center was scheduled to open for the season on May 23, 2009.

### 9) Fire

Chief Waters reported a total of 23 calls during the month of April, including two mutual aid calls and one apartment fire resulting in roughly \$30,000.00 in damages. He also reported that the department had completed its emergency vehicle operator course (EVOC) training, with all firefighters passing the training. He added that the Village had received 11 calls for carbon monoxide during the previous month, with three calls resulting in the detection of high levels of CO.

### 10) Aviation

Mr. Clayton reported on the status of the Runway 927 lighting project, which was on schedule to be completed by June 5, 2009. He noted that the airport area would be hosting several events and groups during the coming months, including: the Central Illinois Aerospace Rocket Club, University of Illinois Police Training Institute, and the Champaign County Sports Car Club. He also reported that the Village had signed a three-year agreement with Precision Aviation for FBO services on April 21, 2009. Finally, Mr. Clayton reminded the public of the upcoming community bicycle recycling program that was scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM on May 9 at the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

### Items from the Comptroller

(A) Mr. Brandon presented two proposed budget amendments. The first amendment would adjust the tax account in the Airport Fund by \$11,100.00 to cover an increase in the airport's share of the Village's storm water drainage tax. The amount had increased from the previous year due to vacancies in some of the previously-leased airport buildings. The second amendment in the General Fund was designed to cover additional legal fees related to the police union negotiations, canine officer negotiations, and the Village code codification project. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to place these items upon the formal agenda for its regular meeting.

### Items from Public Works

(A) Mr. Hazel presented a request for the approval of an additional \$10,550.63 in funds to address the repair of the second turbocharger for Generator No. 8. The additional work necessary to refurbish the unit included re-fabricating and replacing the 66 turbine blades, balancing, seals, and bushing replacements. Thus, the cost difference between the amount previously authorized by the Board and the final expected repair cost was \$9,050.63. Mr. Hazel recommended that an additional \$1,500.00 be authorized to address any potential unforeseen expenses associated with the reinstallation of the turbochargers. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to place this item upon the formal agenda for its regular meeting. The Board further directed that the repair work be authorized to begin immediately, pending formal approval of the additional funds at the regular meeting.

### Items from Human Resources

(A) Mr. Coffey presented the Board with the proposed 2009-2010 Pay Plan, including position information and benefits program. He noted that the Village would be facing an approximate increase in insurance benefits costs of 14 percent, less than the 15 percent that had been included in the budget. Employees would be expected to see two minor changes in medical

plans: under Health Alliance, co-pays for visits to specialists would increase from \$20.00 to \$40.00 and employees with dependent coverage under Health Alliance would be subject to a 6 percent increase in premium contributions. He noted that the increase in premiums would affect 35 employees. Trustee Smith requested that Mr. Coffey provide him with additional information, including the actual employee costs under the proposed plans with both health insurance providers. Mr. Coffey agreed to provide that information in advance of the regular meeting. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to place this item upon the agenda for its regular meeting.

**Adjournment**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:54 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeremy A. Reale  
Clerk of the Village of Rantoul

APPROVED JUNE 9, 2009

ATTEST:

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Neal Williams  
Village President

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Jeremy A. Reale  
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