

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 14, 2009**

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

Pastor Christopher King, Rantoul United Pentecostal Church, opened the meeting with a prayer. Following the invocation, Trustee Joe Bolser led the audience in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

President Neal Williams; and Trustees Roger Jones, Tony Brown, Joe Bolser, Charles Smith, and Jim Stubblefield – 6.

The following member was found to be absent:

Trustee Margurette Carter – 1.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Bruce W. Sandahl, Administrator; Paul Farber, Police Chief; Kenneth Beth, Attorney; William Clayton, Aviation; Ken Waters, Fire Chief; 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.

Special Introduction of Rantoul Twp. High School Superintendent

Janet Brotherton, Rantoul Twp. High School Board of Education member, introduced Janet Koroscik, who had recently begun employment with the district as its new superintendent. Superintendent Koroscik stated that she was pleased to be a part of such a welcoming community as Rantoul and looked forward to working closely with Village officials. She told the Board and department heads that she would always have an “open door” policy to discuss mutual concerns and issues between the Village and the district.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Participation

Neil Parthun, 705 E. Colorado, Urbana, addressed the Board to discuss the ongoing housing crisis in Champaign County and to urge Village officials to work with a coalition of concerned citizens from throughout the county to address the current lack of safe, affordable housing for lower-income residents. Noting that the recent closures of large apartment complexes (including Autumn Glen in Rantoul) had displaced many former residents, Mr. Parthun stated that county

social services were simply too overwhelmed and underfunded to adequately address the needs of these residents. He asked that Rantoul officials initiate an ongoing dialogue with the concerned citizens' coalition to try to find reasonable solutions to these housing issues.

Barbara Kessel, 904-B E. Colorado, Urbana, addressed the Board to express her concerns regarding the growing transient student population in Champaign County. She noted that the main flow of transient students was from Rantoul to Champaign-Urbana and back, with many of these children being forced to relocate with their families due to homelessness or unemployment. Ms. Kessel stated that she would like to see the Village of Rantoul, the Regional Planning Commission, and the cities of Champaign and Urbana work together to address this problem.

Bill Peterson, Englewood Drive, addressed the Board to express his gratitude to the Rantoul Police Department for assisting the residents of his neighborhood in resolving a series of problem situations. He stressed the importance of neighborhood unity in improving the quality of life in the community and further urged all residents to participate in the upcoming National Night Out Program with the Rantoul Police Department. He then presented President Williams with a letter of appreciation to the Police Department, signed by fifteen residents of the Englewood Drive area.

Administrator Report

Mr. Sandahl reported that two items of business were being prepared for the August Study Session: revisions to the Village's Strategic Plan; and an item regarding new signage for the main entrances to the community.

Section A. Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda Items by Omnibus Vote

- A. Approve Minutes: Special Board Meeting of June 2, 2009; Regular Study Session of June 2, 2009; and Regular Board Meeting of June 9, 2009
- B. Approve Bills and Monthly Financial Reports
- C. Pass **Resolution No. 7-09-1075, A RESOLUTION DETERMINING WHETHER THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY STILL EXISTS OR IS NO LONGER REQUIRED AS TO ALL OR PART OF MINUTES OF ALL CONFIDENTIAL CLOSED MEETINGS**
- D. Pass **Resolution No. 7-09-1076, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES (Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC)**
- E. Pass **Resolution No. 7-09-1077, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION (Illinois Department of Transportation)**
- F. Authorize the acceptance of IMRF phase-in rate proposal of 11.50% for Village employer contribution for 2010

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

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Bolser, Smith Stubblefield, Jones, and Brown – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Carter – 1.

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

B. Consideration of Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2188

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET (Corporate Restricted Reserve and TIF Funds)

Trustee Smith moved to pass Ordinance No. 2188. Trustee Bolser seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Smith, Stubblefield, Jones, Brown, and Bolser – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Carter – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 2189

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING SECTION 6.11.2.6 OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL CODE – 1977, AS SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, IN CONNECTION WITH INSPECTIONS OF RENTAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Trustee Stubblefield moved to pass Ordinance No. 2189. Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Stubblefield, Jones, Brown, Bolser, and Smith – 5.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: Carter – 1.

The motion carried by roll call vote.

C. New Business

There were no trustees presenting any items of new business for discussion.

D. Announcements

No public announcements were made.

E. Adjournment

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy A. Reale,
Clerk of the Village of Rantoul

APPROVED AUGUST 11, 2009

Neal Williams
Village President

ATTEST:

Jeremy A. Reale
Village Clerk