

ORDINANCE NO. 2051

AN ORDINANCE
SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING
CHAPTER 2 OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL CODE-1977,
BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XXX THERETO, TO BE
ENTITLED "COMMITTEE ON NAMING FACILITIES AND RELATED POLICY"

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

Section 1. That Chapter 2, entitled "Administration, of the Village of Rantoul Code-1977, as supplemented and amended, be and the same is hereby further supplemented and amended by adding a new Article XXX thereto, which such Article XXX shall be entitled "Committee on Naming Streets and Related Policy", and shall provide as follows:

ARTICLE XXX

COMMITTEE ON NAMING FACILITIES AND RELATED POLICY

Sec. 2.230. Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on Naming Facilities

There is hereby established an ad hoc committee to be known as the Committee on Naming Facilities (the "Naming Committee"). From time to time as petitions or requests are made in accordance with Section 2.231 of this Article, the Village President shall, with advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, appoint five (5) members of the Naming Committee, one member of which shall be a Trustee, one member of which shall be a member of the Plan Commission, one member of which shall be an appointed officer or employee of the Village and two members of which shall be citizen representatives of the Village. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Naming Committee to review proposals and make recommendations for the naming or renaming of any existing Village Facility as defined in Section 2.231 below.

Sec. 2.231. General Procedures

The following process shall apply to the naming or renaming of any public building, previously named street, place, facility or natural feature within the Village (collectively, a "Village Facility"):

Requests to name or rename any Village Facility shall be initiated by any one or more of the following means:

- (1) Written or oral petition from citizens to the President and Board of Trustees (the "Corporate Authorities") in a regular business meeting;
- (2) Written or oral petition from an advisory board or commission;

- (3) Written or oral petition from the Village President or any member of the Board of Trustees; or
- (4) Written or oral request from a donor of a property or a gift who may request a specific recognition as part of offering a gift to the Village.

The Village President, in consultation with the Board of Trustees, shall forward any petitions or requests for naming or name changes to the Naming Committee for review and recommendation at a properly noticed public meeting of such Naming Committee.

The Naming Committee shall make every effort to contact and solicit comments from surrounding property owners, residents, and affected parties before making a preliminary recommendation on any naming or renaming of any Village Facility. The Naming Committee shall also seek input from any applicable Village committees and commissions and other civic organizations.

The Naming Committee shall provide public notice of any proposed naming action, including notice that the receipt of any written public comment on any proposed naming action will be received within a period of not less than thirty (30) days from the date of such notice. Such notice shall be made by publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation within the Village.

Following the 30-day public comment period, the Naming Committee shall meet to review the proposal and shall subsequently forward all naming or renaming actions to the Corporate Authorities with a recommendation for approval or denial. The Naming Committee shall also forward to the Corporate Authorities any historical and/or supportive information appropriate to justify the recommendation. This information shall include, but shall not be limited to: a summary of comments received from any applicable committees and commissions, civic organizations and citizens, as well as copies of any written comments received.

Sec. 2.232. General Policies for the Naming Committee

To avoid duplication, confusing similarity or being inappropriate, the Naming Committee, in considering name suggestions, shall review the names of each existing Village Facility.

In naming any Village Facility, the Naming Committee shall consider geographical location, historical or cultural significance, and natural or geological features.

Any Village Facility may be named for an individual if a determination is made that such individual has performed outstanding public service that has enhanced the quality of life in the Village. The Naming Committee shall give strong preference to naming a Village Facility for any individual who is deceased, except under the most extraordinary circumstances. Outstanding public service shall be performed in one or more of the following categories:

- (1) Involvement in a leadership role in a local government body or in civic organization which is devoted to community improvement.

- (2) Assistance to persons who are underprivileged or economically disadvantaged or who have a physical and/or mental disability.
- (3) Active promotion and direction of community events and activities which have clearly added to the enrichment of the quality and quantity of cultural life within the Village.
- (4) Active promotion and implementation of effective youth programs and activities within the Village.
- (5) Active promotion and implementation of effective senior citizen programs and activities within the Village.
- (6) Active promotion and implementation of effective racial and ethnic minority programs and activities within the Village.
- (7) Assumption of an active leadership role in developing and implementing programs directed toward the improvement of the aesthetic appearance of the Village.
- (8) Assumption of an active leadership role in developing programs and/or facilities for collecting, promoting and retaining the natural or historical heritage of the Village.
- (9) Assumption of an active leadership role in developing programs and/or facilities directed toward the improvement of community social and/or health needs or other programs directed toward humanitarian purposes.

Any Village Facility may also be named for an individual, living or deceased, who has made a significant direct financial grant to the Village for the purposes of developing a particular Village Facility.

The interior features of any Village Facility which is a public building or similar facility may be named separately from the main building or similar facility.

The Committee may distinguish between renaming a Village Facility which is a previously named public street for an individual and designating a public street or part thereof with an honorary street name in an individual's name. An honorary designation means that the public street or part thereof will bear a plaque or marker stating the designation as having an honorary street name in the individual's name, however, the actual name of such street will remain unchanged in accordance with the official designation thereof.

Sec. 2.233. Consideration by the Village Board

In addition to receiving the recommendations of the Naming Committee, the Corporate Authorities may receive comments from citizens during regular meetings and may establish time limits in accordance with its policies and procedures.

Written comments from citizens, civic organizations and boards and commissions shall be invited.

A special public hearing to receive public comments should ordinarily not be called except in circumstances in which a large number of citizens desire to address the Corporate Authorities with respect to the naming or renaming of any Village Facility.

In all cases, the Corporate Authorities shall have the prerogative of accepting or rejecting any proposal for naming or renaming any Village Facility. All actions of the Corporate Authorities regarding the naming or renaming of any Village Facility or part thereof shall be done by resolution.

After any official action by the Corporate Authorities to name or rename any Village Facility, the appropriate Village officials shall be responsible for its implementation in accord with such guidance as may be provided by the Corporate Authorities.

Sec. 2.234. General Provisions

Once a name has been officially approved by resolution of the Corporate Authorities, such honor should be bestowed with the intention that it will be permanent and that any change shall be strongly resisted.

Any change of name for any Village Facility should only be approved when it does not violate any historical or common usage name.

Street names, plats, specific sites and places and natural features indicated on general usage maps for fifty years or more should only be changed under the most exceptional circumstances.

Attention should be paid to maintaining sequential, numerical and alphabetical naming patterns when considering any street name changes or additions.

Historical names placed on designated landmarks listed on the National Register of Historic Places shall not be changed.

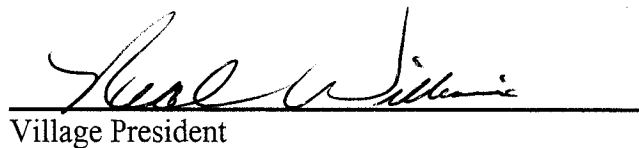
Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

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 on the date set forth below.

PASSED this 12th day of September, 2006.


Village Clerk

APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2006.


Village President

