

**Rantoul Village Board of Trustees
Regular Study Session
September 3, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

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 6:00 P.M. Mayor Smith called the proceeding to order.

Roll Call

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

Mayor Smith, Trustees Hall, Wilkerson, Wilson, Johnson, & Workman – 5.

The following representatives of Village Departments were also present: Scott Eisenhauer, Administrator; Pat Chamberlin, Comptroller; Tony Brown, Chief of Police; Ken Waters, Fire Chief; Luke Humphrey, Recreation Department Director; Andy Graham, Assistant Recreation Director; Greg Hazel, Director of Public Works; Jake McCoy Assistant Director of Public Works; Ken Turner, Community Development; Eric Vences, Airport Director; Ken Beth, Village Attorney; and Mike Graham Clerk.

Trustee Hall moved to approve the [Agenda](#) and Trustee Workman seconded the motion. The Clerk Called the roll and the Motion carried 5 – 0.

Presentation by Nadine Frerichs – National Night Out, September 18, 2019

Public Participation

Kristian Hopkins spoke about upcoming fundraiser events for the Big Brothers & Big Sisters Program.

Items from the Mayor

NONE.

Items from Trustees

NONE.

Items from the Clerk

- Minutes of Regular Study Session, [August 6, 2019](#).
- Minutes from Regular Board Meeting, [August 13, 2019](#).

Items from the Administrator

- Mr. Eisenhauer spoke about the importance of the upcoming 2020 Census.
- Mr. Eisenhauer spoke in general about the recently passed Cannabis Legislation by the General Assembly, State of Illinois. Mr. Eisenhauer then

turned the meeting over to the Village Clerk, Mike Graham, for Public Comments. The following individual spoke about the Cannabis matter.

Jean Wilson spoke against allowing Cannabis to be sold in the Village of Rantoul.

Thomas Ordal spoke about the scientific aspects of Cannabis and how hard it would be to control, monitor and enforce in the Village of Rantoul.

Doug Rokke spoke about the Health Hazards of Cannabis, based on his experience as an EMT at the University of Illinois.

Susan Quinlan spoke about the adverse public perceptions of the Village of Rantoul and the Health Hazards of Cannabis, as well as, the fact that the citizens of the State of Illinois were not allowed to vote for or against this in a General State Referendum, as other State were allowed to. She felt that Cannabis should not be allowed to be sold or grown in the Village of Rantoul.

Dan Davis, a longtime resident of the Village of Rantoul indicated that he did not smoke or drink, but if the Village of Rantoul did not allow Cannabis to be sold in the Village of Rantoul, then individuals would go to other communities where Cannabis was sold and the Village of Rantoul would lose tax revenue.

Shelia Sherman, a retired Register Nurse spoke about the negative health and public relations of allowing Cannabis to be sold in the Village of Rantoul.

Sister Paulette Yeager of Saint Malachy Church spoke against allowing Cannabis to be sold in the Village of Rantoul.

Allen Higgins, a retired businessman in Rantoul spoke about the public safety and law enforcement problems of allowing Cannabis to be sold in the Village of Rantoul.

Donnel Robinson spoke about the misconceptions of the use of Cannabis and felt the Village of Rantoul should allow the sale of Cannabis in the Village of Rantoul.

Kristian Hopkins spoke about the misunderstanding surrounding Cannabis as a gateway drug to other forms of higher drug addiction, Mr. Hopkins indicated that early childhood trauma and Opioids were the real drug addiction not Cannabis.

Thomas Ordal then finished the public input by expanding on his previous remarks about Cannabis consumption.

This concluded the Public input about Cannabis. Administrator Eisenhower indicated that this would also be discussed at the Regular Study Session of the Rantoul Village Board on October 1, 2019.

“NOTE FROM RANTOUL VILLAGE CLERK, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BELOW ALL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY, September 10, 2019.”

- [Budget Amendment](#) BA-FY #20-20-3 – [Ordinance 2623](#), which would allow encumbered fund obligations to be transferred from Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2019 to the current Fiscal Year Ending April 20, 2020.
- Approval of Bills and Monthly Financial Reports.
- [Engineering Agreement](#) with ERA for Rudainski Park - \$39,000.00
- The Recreation Department and Administrator Eisenhower then presented a power point presentation of the new proposed Sports Complex to be built on a sixty acre plot in TIF District No. 1, south of Walmart and adjacent to Interstate 57. This was for presentation only and no action by the Village Board would be required until the October Regular Board Meeting on October 8, 2019. All of the Trustees present and the Mayor Smith had many comments and questions about this proposal which is currently in the final stages of development. Mr. Eisenhower indicated that this would be presented to other public bodies throughout the month of September and that there would be two Public Hearings on September 17th & 24th to receive public comment.
- Purchase of 2020 [F-150 Truck](#) form Shields Auto Group - \$25,332.00. Mr. Eisenhower indicated that this was the same item that was on the agenda for August but when contacting Shields Auto Group there were no 2019 Trucks available, so a 2020 Truck would have to be purchased at an additional cost of \$530.00.
- MFT Resolution for shared us path on the west side of Canadian National Railroad - \$209,661.20 – [Resolution No. 9-19-1289](#). Mr. Hazel indicated that this was a housekeeping matter in that the Illinois Department of Transportation requested this Resolution from the Rantoul Village Board to close out the previously approved actions by the Board.
- Purchase of [vacuum circuit breaker](#) from Anixter - \$19,484.00.
- Agreement with BHMG for upgrading of Prospect [Substation Relay](#) protection - \$45,200.00.
- Sale of [1120 Veteran’s Parkway](#) – [Ordinance No. 2622](#).

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Smith declared the proceeding adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:24 P.M

Mike Graham
Village Clerk

APPROVED October 8, 2019

Charles Smith
Village President

ATTEST:

Mike Graham
Village Clerk

I, Mike Graham, Village Clerk of the Village of Rantoul, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Study Session of the Board of Trustees held September 3, 2019, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Mike Graham
Village Clerk