

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 13, 2010**

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

Rev. Ken Crawford, First 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:

President Neal Williams and Trustees Roger Jones, Tony Brown, Margurette Carter, Joe Bolser, Charles Smith and Jim Stubblefield – 7.

The following representatives of Village departments were also present:

Bruce W. Sandahl, Administrator; Paul Farber, Police Chief; 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, Assistant Public Works Director; Mike Loschen, Community Development; Dan Culkin, Inspection; and Village Clerk Jeremy Reale.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Participation

Mr. David Hayes addressed the Board to discuss ongoing issues with the Inspection Department over the rating classification of one of his rental properties and other code enforcement concerns. Mr. Hayes noted that he presently owns five properties in Rantoul and has received Class A ratings on all but the one property in question. Since the inception of rental inspections, he stated that this property had been inspected a total of nine times and did not receive a rating until after a tenant-initiated complaint had been lodged against him. He suggested that landlords should be called by the Inspection Department to inform them whenever tenants file complaints. President Williams stated that he would review the case with Mr. Sandahl and report back to Mr. Hayes. Trustee Jones also asked that the Board members be kept informed of any progress on the issues addressed by the speaker.

Mr. Gary Crane, Ludlow-Rantoul Multi-Township Assessor, addressed the Board to express his support for the resolution of inducement in connection with the Stone Bridge Center project bonds. He stated that the successful development of the area in question would provide long term relief to the property tax burden placed upon residents by effectively lowering the Village tax rate. He urged the Board to move swiftly to foster the development of the interstate area through the bond issue, noting that the Village could be in competition for interstate commercial development with the recently-opened interchange at Curtis Road, south of Champaign.

Administrator Report

Mr. Sandahl reported that representatives from the Champaign County Housing Authority were planning to make a presentation to the Board in May to discuss plans for new housing development in Rantoul. The Champaign County Convention and Visitors Bureau would also be in attendance at the May Study Session to update the Board on the various services being offered by the organization.

Mr. Sandahl announced that the Village had once again been named a recipient of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). He acknowledged the efforts of Scot Brandon and Don Early in developing another award-winning budget document for the Village.

Mr. Sandahl also updated the Board on the status of the former Meadowbrook Farms plant, as Village officials were currently dealing with representatives from Stearns Bank, the entity holding the property after the cooperative filed for bankruptcy. He stated that the Village continued to work with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to identify commercial or industrial clients that might be interested in acquiring the property. However, there had been no new activity on that front.

Section A. Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda Items by Omnibus Vote

- A. Approve Minutes: Regular Study Session of March 2, 2010; Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2010; Special Board Meeting of March 15, 2010; and Special Board Meeting of March 23, 2010
- B. Approve Bills and Monthly Financial Reports, as submitted by the Comptroller
- C. Authorize the Village Clerk to submit an application to the Local Records Commission for disposal of certain open meeting audio tapes, as listed on Exhibit A
- D. Pass **Resolution No. 4-10-1091**, A RESOLUTION OF INDUCEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX INCREMENT BONDS FOR STONE BRIDGE CENTER
- E. Pass **Resolution No. 4-10-1092**, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SITE LEASE (Open Range Communications, Inc.)
- F. Pass **Ordinance No. 2220**, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, ILLINOIS (Scrap Metal and Scrap Wire)
- G. Pass **Ordinance No. 2223**, AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, ILLINOIS BY ADDING AN ARTICLE III THERETO
- H. Pass **Ordinance No. 2224**, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISED LICENSE AND PERMIT FEE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY SCHEDULE
- I. Authorize the award of bid to National Construction Services for Community Development Major Rehabilitation project at 204 Mary Alice Road - \$14,211.00

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

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Bolser, Smith, Stubblefield, Jones, Brown, and Carter – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote of **6 to 0**. Items A through I, as outlined on the Consent Agenda, were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

B. Consideration of Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance No. 2221

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

Trustee Stubblefield moved to pass Ordinance No. 2221. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. During subsequent discussion, Trustees Carter and Jones noted that they had expressed concerns over the creation of an additional position in the Inspection/Code Enforcement divisions. Despite these concerns, both trustees announced that they would support the position in the proposed budget, as it was designed to assist with the community clean-up and beautification efforts identified in the Village Strategic Plan.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Stubblefield, Jones, Brown, Carter, Bolser, and Smith – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote of **6 to 0**.

Ordinance No. 2222

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET

(Gas Fund)

Trustee Smith moved to pass Ordinance No. 2222. Trustee Brown seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Smith, Stubblefield, Jones, Brown, Carter, and Bolser – 6.

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote of **6 to 0**.

C. New Business

There were no items of new business brought forward for discussion.

D. Announcements

Trustee Bolser announced that Parkland College would be hosting a “Walk for Autism” fundraiser event on April 18 at 2:30 PM. He encouraged all citizens to support this worthy cause by contributing or participating in the event.

E. Adjournment

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:33 P.M.

Jeremy A. Reale
Village Clerk

APPROVED MAY 11, 2010

Neal Williams
Village President

ATTEST:

Jeremy A. Reale
Village Clerk

I, Jeremy A. Reale, Village Clerk of the Village of Rantoul, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 13, 2010, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Jeremy A. Reale
Village Clerk