

**RANTOUL VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 8, 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

Pastor Glen Crouse, Rantoul Christian 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:

Paul Farber, Police Chief; Kenneth Beth, Attorney; Scot Brandon, Comptroller; William Clayton, Aviation; Rich Thomas, Recreation; Greg Hazel, 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 Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried, all present voting “aye”.

Public Participation

Mr. Bill Hunsucker addressed the Board to discuss several incidences in which ordinance violation cases initiated by the Village had not been properly followed-up in the court system, specifically noting several cases involving the property located at 1506 Fairway Drive. He suggested that the Village should investigate the possibility of hiring its own full-time attorney before considering renewal of its contract with present counsel. He expressed the opinion that the Village could save a considerable amount of money and achieve better results in its efforts to target code enforcement violations by hiring its own attorney. Following Mr. Hunsucker's remarks, Mr. Culkin stated that the present case against the owner of 1506 Fairway Drive had been continued to July 1, 2010. Mr. Beth added that this case was being handled by an associate and, as such, he was not familiar with the status. He stated that he would find out the specific details of the case and report back.

Recognition of Rantoul Community Scholarship and IMUA Scholarship Recipients

Mr. Carl Meyer, Scholarship Committee, presented scholarship certificates to Rantoul Community Scholarship recipients Todd Keller and Cesar Bueno. Mr. Hazel presented a certificate to Illinois Municipal Utilities Association (IMUA) Scholarship recipient Isalia Ramirez.

Section A. Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda Items by Omnibus Vote

- A. Approve Minutes: Regular Study Session of May 4, 2010; and Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2010
- B. Approve Bills and Monthly Financial Reports, as submitted by the Comptroller
- C. Authorize the execution of Addendum #2 to the Village of Rantoul agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (Contract #C-95-349-09) to provide for the de-obligation of remaining ARRA Rantoul project funds
- D. Authorize the renewal of Cincinnati Insurance policy for gas and electric system liability through Insurance Providers Group - \$42,285.00
- E. Approve contract with Accurate Site Demolition Specialists for the demolition of six properties - \$30,500.00
- F. Approve contract with Accurate Site Demolition Specialists for the demolition of four garages through the "Shed-a-Way" Program - \$5,400.00
- G. Pass **Ordinance No. 2227, AN ORDINANCE ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR PUBLIC WORKS OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS OF JUNE 1, 2010**

Trustee Bolser moved to approve the Consent Agenda items by omnibus vote. Trustee Smith 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 G, as outlined on the Consent Agenda, were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.*

B. Consideration of Bids, Contracts & Other Expenditures

Trustee Carter moved to authorize the approval of change order to contract with Midwest Construction Services, LLC, for the removal of additional asbestos at 521 Hartigan Avenue - \$21,500.00. Trustee Brown seconded the motion.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

NAYS: None – 0.

ABSENT: None – 0.

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

C. Consideration of Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution No. 6-10-1094

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Trustee Smith moved to pass Resolution No. 6-10-1094. Trustee Brown seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Trustee Carter stated that she had reviewed the proposed contract for the school resource officer (SRO) and, while she continued to support the concept of having a resource officer at the school, she was troubled by some of the language contained in the proposal. Specifically noting that the Rantoul Township High School district would not be responsible for paying any overtime costs, she asked if the Village would be responsible for any overtime incurred by the SRO for supervision of extracurricular activities or events at the school. Chief Farber responded that the work schedule of the SRO would include some flexibility to provide for any additional hours that might be required for attendance at school functions. Such flexibility might include working reduced hours during the school day or granting time off during in-service or institute days.

Trustee Carter also noted that the proposed contract called for the SRO to begin working at the school district three weeks prior to the first day of classes and to continue working for an additional three weeks beyond the final day of classes. To that point, she inquired as to what type of work the SRO would be expected to perform during the last three weeks of the contract period. Chief Farber responded that the additional time was needed to complete any necessary reports and coordinate with school administrators to ensure that any outstanding issues were brought to conclusion. It was also noted that the contract would be reviewed after the completion of the first year to determine whether the additional post-school year work days could be reduced or otherwise adjusted.

Trustee Carter questioned how the work schedule of the SRO would be handled on days when school was not in session, such as snow days or in-service days. Dr. Janet Koroscik, RTHS Superintendent, responded that the SRO would be expected to work for the Rantoul Police Department on duties as assigned on any days in which students were not in attendance. The SRO would also be encouraged to schedule his/her vacation time around days when school would not be in session.

Trustees Carter and Bolser expressed disappointment with the fact that neither the Village Board nor Mr. Sandahl had been included in the contract negotiations between the Police Department and RTHS officials. Dr. Koroscik responded that, given the uncertainty of whether the RTHS Board of Education would approve an SRO contract, both sides had initially agreed that only after approval by the RTHS Board would it be appropriate to go forward with negotiations with Village officials. Chief Farber added that it was not an unusual practice in public administration for department heads to negotiate the terms of contracts with outside agencies before involving higher level administration officials or the governing body.

Trustee Stubblefield noted that the proposed contract called for hiring an SRO with a minimum of four years of experience with the Rantoul Police Department. Given that a current veteran officer would be assigned to the school, he asked if there was any plan to replace that officer with a new hire. Chief Farber responded that the department workload would be handled by the remaining officers and staff without the need for any new hires. Officials would plan ahead with scheduling to ensure that all duties could be handled without any significant impact to overtime costs.

Following discussion, the Clerk called the roll:

YEAS: Smith, Stubblefield, Jones, and Brown – 4.

NAYS: Carter and Bolser – 2.

ABSENT: None – 0.

The motion carried by roll call vote of **4 to 2**.

D. New Business

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

E. Announcements

No public announcements were made.

F. Adjournment

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:04 P.M.

Jeremy A. Reale
Village Clerk

APPROVED JULY 13, 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 June 8, 2010, as the same appears on the records of the Village now in my custody and keeping.

Jeremy A. Reale
Village Clerk