Rantoul Village Board Meeting

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Remember November 9th, 2025, 6:00 PM Call our meeting to order.

Uh, if you'll please stand and join me with our invocation given by Father Joel Phelps from St.

Malachy Catholic Church. Thank you. It's an honor to be with you here tonight.

Great. The, the Catholic tradition. We begin the name of the Father, the Son of the Holy Spirit.

The season of Advent. We celebrate the connection with the four candles, the light in the midst of darkness, light that gives us wisdom, gives us direction, gives us understanding and sight give.

Thanks Lord, for all these, uh, people hear all the service that they give to the community.

They may be given that light of understanding to see the needs that are before the light to see through complicated or difficult situations.

That courage, that inspiration to act in ways that help bring together the good of the community, the talents, the abilities, all of the resources may work in cooperation that likewise in this time of advent may be a time of reconciliation, of overcoming, um, resentments, separations, divisions of uniting together as people of goodwill.

I ask your blessing, Lord upon them, give you thanks for the service that they provide and particularly, uh, ask for guidance in the meeting here this evening.

Ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen. Amen. Trustee Wilson, lead us in the pledge.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty, justice for all.

We'll move on to, we're going to item three, four, which is roll call.

Madam Clerk, would you mind? Mayor Hall Here.

Trustee Workman? Here. Trustee Kreider. Here. Trustee Wilson. Here. Trustee Graham. Here.

Trustee Robertson. Here. Trustee Haynes. Here we have a quorum.

Thank you. Uh, next is the approval of the agenda board. May I have a motion to approve the agenda as it is?

So, so moved. Second, we have a motion from Trustee Kreider and second from Trustee Robertson board.

Is there any discussion? All right, Madam Clerk, Trustee Kreider.

Aye. Trustee Wilson? Aye. Trustee Graham? Aye. Trustee Robertson? Aye. Trustee Haynes Aye. Trustee Workman?

Aye. The vote is six ayes, zero nays. Motion carried. The agenda has been approved.

Item six is public participation and, and it reads, citizens' wishing to address the village board with respect to any item of business listed on the agenda or any matter not appearing on the agenda, are asked to sign up on the public participation form and submit it to the village clerk prior to the meeting.

Comments will be limited to three minutes for each speaker. Madam Clerk, do we have any speakers this evening? Mr.

Mayor? We have one speaker. Janet Brotherton. Alright. Hey Regina. They all gave me their time, So I have 20 Minutes. No ma'am.

No Ma'am. I have good tings of great joy. Um, great.

Something positive. Last night at our high school board meeting, we were informed that we have been approached by Maverick Pipe about a collaboration with our school to bring our students and maverick, uh, pipe together so that they can, uh, go out there and do some training or, uh, just observe that their engineers would work with our students.

They did come in and look at our facility and our, um, equipment and said that it was very compatible with what they have out there.

So the CEO and the manager were there and they're going to be setting up some, uh, meetings and some speakers and so they're gonna go forth with that.

So I just think that's a really great collaboration that they're extending themselves and that we can offer that as another alternative to our, to our students.

And so, one thing I would like to do is that let's just keep moving that along and if we can get some bugs and some ears, let's do that with fly, uh, fly by studios so that we can maybe get some internships there with some of our kids too.

One thing that Maverick Pike did say is that in the process of doing this, eventually they will be offering about $40,000 in scholarship.

Oh wow. Waivers. So, wow. Just so if you know them, I don't, but you know, stay say a grateful.

We're thankful. Yeah. Yeah. Wonderful. That's it.

Awesome. Thank, thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Yeah, that's great. Yeah.

Maverick is, uh, Maverick Pipe is a great partner and great company here in the community and that just continues to show it, so thank you.

Thank you. Section A is the consent agenda and number seven is approval of consent agenda.

By Omni this vote, it says that all items under the consent agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent roll call vote.

There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a village board member, uh, requests.

So in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered as the first item after the approval of the consent agenda tonight we have four items on the consent agenda.

Letter A is bills monthly financial reports B are the minutes of the November 4th, 2025 board study session C minutes of the November 12th, 2025 board meeting nd board meeting slash holiday schedule for 2026 board.

I was gonna ask, do you wanna remove anything? Oh, okay. Yeah, No, Hold off then.

Okay. We removing anything? No, sir. Thank you. So now may I have a motion? So move Second.

So board, uh, uh, we have a motion from Trustee Graham and second from Trustee Wilson.

Any discussion? Awesome Madam Clerk. Trustee Graham. Aye. Trustee Robertson? Aye.

Trustee Haynes Aye. Trustee Workman? Aye. Trustee Kreider? Aye. Trustee Wilson? Aye. The vote is six ayes. Zero nays.

Alright. Motion carried. Letter number eight. We remove since we don't have any.

So we, and there's nothing for section B. Um, boredom. Trying to stall this as long as possible. How about Not We move on to I, our board has we all have things to do? Yes.

I-O-L-I-N-I. So section C is considerations of ordinance and resolutions.

Number nine is a motion to approve ordinance 2 8 0 7 and ordinance levying taxes for the 2025 tax levy year board. Can I have a motion?

So move second For motion from Trustee Kreider and a second from Trustee Workman board.

Is there any discussion? Madam Clerk? Trustee Kreider? Aye. Trustee Wilson? Aye. Trustee Graham?

Aye. Trustee Robertson? Aye. Trustee Haynes? Aye. Trustee Workman? Aye. The vote is six. Aye. Zero nays.

Alright. Motion. Ms. Brotherton was coming up to tell us that the high school was reducing their taxes.

Motion carried. Yeah, that's great.

Number 10 is a motion to approve Ordinance 2 8 0 8. An ordinance authorizing abatement of tax levy for the 2025 tax levy for the general obligation bond series 2 0 1 3 A as authorized by ordinance 2, 3, 5, 8 board.

Is there a motion? So move Second. It's a motion from Trustee Robertson.

Second from Trustee Graham board. Is there any discussion? All right, Madam Clerk, Trustee Robertson.

Aye. Trustee Haynes? Aye. Trustee Workman? Aye. Trustee Kreider? Aye. Trustee? Trustee Wilson. Aye.

Trustee Graham? Aye The vote is six ayes. Zero nays. All right. Motion carried.

Moving on to item 11, which is a motion to approve ordinance 2 8 0 9 and ordinance authorizing abatement of tax levy for the 2025 tax levy for the general obligation bond series 2 0 1 5 as authorized by ordinance 2 4 1 0 board.

Is there a motion? So move Second. Second.

Oh boy. Give it to rider. Okay, so did you get the second?

I believe Trustee Haynes was first. I'm not sure it was between him and Trustee Workman Robertson was first give it to Crowder. Yeah, I Didn't, I have Trustee Robinson is making motion as Motion. Yeah, right. The second was And we were in unison. So give it to Virginia.

Trustee Workman as a second. Okie dokie. Thank you. So we have a motion from Trustee Robertson second from Trustee Workman board.

Is there any discussion or comments? Okay, Madam Clerk Trustee Robertson?

Aye. Trustee Haynes Aye. Trustee Workman? Aye. Trustee Kreider Aye. Trustee Wilson? Aye. Trustee Graham?

Aye The vote is six ayes. Zero nays. Motion carried. Sounds like an active shooter or something.

No. Oh, No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. We have to Buy a new desk. No, no kidding. Okay.

I've been working out. Been working out. Yeah. So move on to item 12.

Motion to approve ordinance 2 8 1 0, which is an ordinance authorizing abatement of tax levy for the 2025 tax levy for the general obligation bond series 2 0 1 6 as authorized by ordinance 2 4 7 2 board.

Is there a motion? So second we have a motion from Trustee Robertson and a second from Trustee Kreer board.

Is there any discussion for this item? Alright, Madam Clerk Trustee Robertson Aye.

Trustee Haynes Aye. Trustee Workman? Aye. Trustee Kreider Aye. Trustee Wilson? Aye. Trustee Graham?

Aye The vote is six ayes. Zero nays. All right. Motion carried.

Moving to item 13, we have a motion to approve ordinance 2 8 1 1 an ordinance authorizing abatement of tax levy for the 2025 tax levy for the general obligation bond series 2 0 1 9 as authorized by ordinance 2 6 1 7 board.

Is there a motion? So Moved. Second.

We have a motion from Trustee Wilson and a second from Trustee Robertson.

Uh, board, any question? Discussion? Okay, Madam Clerk Trustee Wilson.

Aye. Trustee Graham? Aye. Trustee Robertson? Aye. Trustee Haynes Aye. Trustee Workman? Aye. Trustee Kreer?

Aye. The vote is six ayes. Zero nays. Alright. Motion carried. Thank you Board.

Moving on to item 14, a motion to approve ordinance 2 8 1 2 an ordinance authorizing abatement of tax levy for the 2025 tax levy for the general obligation bonds series 2 0 2 0 as authorized by ordinance 2 6 6 5 board.

Can I have a motion? So second motion from Trustee Robertson and a second from Trustee Graham.

Uh, board is there any discussion? Okay, Madam Clerk Trustee Robertson.

Aye. Trustee Haynes? Aye. Trustee Workman? Aye. Trustee Kreer? Aye. Trustee Wilson? Aye. Trustee Graham?

Aye The vote is six ayes. Zero nays. All right. Motion carried.

Before we enter into uh, motion six, I'll ask our uh, uh, village administrator to, uh, I'm sorry, what did I say?

Six? Mm-hmm. I'm really trying to keep you all here. So yeah, I'll ask our village administrator to give an explanation.

This was an item that was not on last week's study session. Thank you very much Mr.

Mayor and to the board very quickly, in the essence of time, uh, you will recall that we passed an ordinance amending chapter 28, which is the solid waste, um, ordinance in connection with the pollution control facilities.

Part of the wording in that indicated that anyone within 500 feet would be notified, um, of any siting petitions that were brought before this board.

There was some concern voiced by a few that because the interstate is within that 500 feet from this location, there would be some concern that the entire interstate may then be considered a part of that 500 feet and you would have to notify every residence up and down the interstate, um, along 57 north to south.

That certainly isn't the intention. I don't think any of you, when you pass that ordinance felt as though that would be a reasonable request by any petitioner.

And so all we have done is added the language that says and capped at a thousand feet.

So that would certainly encompass the residents of our community, which we want to make sure, uh, residents and businesses within our community, um, have the ability to participate in the process and therefore would be notified.

Um, but we would not be able to go greater than a thousand feet down the interstate.

Um, that would then require the petitioner to notify, um, everyone from, uh, the north, uh, of i 57 to the south, uh, tip of I 57.

So we bring that before you this evening. I'm more than happy to answer any questions.

I would argue and if corporation counsel wants to disagree, certainly can that it doesn't change in any way.

The intention of what we indicated from the beginning is that we will make sure and wanna make sure that all of our residents and businesses are notified, but it also eliminates any question or concern about how Interstate 57 should be managed.

I'm more than happy to answer any Questions with a thousand feet. Wouldn't that or the way you worded it was a thousand feet the way it was worded before it was 500 feet, which would include all of Interstate 57. I don't Understand what they, what the question was or the concern I should say is that because you have that 500 feet, the interstate falls within that, that then, does that include all of interstate 57?

We would certainly argue, I think corporation council would argue that is not intended to be the case at all. So Chicago to Cairo?

Correct. And so this would simply max that at a thousand feet.

So nobody could interpret that all of interstate 57 needed to be thought that, Uh, petitioner the The petitioner.

Yeah. That's good. Yeah. Yeah. Oh, we need a crowd in here.

So any other questions? No. Okay then Board I'd like a motion to approve Ordinance 2 8 1 3.

An ordinance amending chapter 28, solid waste of the RAN tool code in connection with pollution control facilities.

Come move. Second. We have a motion from Trustee Graham and a second from Trustee Kreer board.

Is there any further discussion? Alright, Madam Clerk, Trustee Graham.

Aye. Trustee Robertson? Aye. Trustee Haynes? Aye. Trustee Workman? Aye. Trustee Kreider? Aye. Trustee Wilson?

Aye The vote is six ayes. Zero nays. Thank you. Motion carried. And thank you Mr.

Administrator for such a fine explanation. Uh, section D, other business board, do you have any other business to bring before us this evening?

All right. Um, then we'll move on to public announcements. Section E Board. Do you have any announcements?

Okay, I have a few. I'll start off with the one that's not listed.

Um, uh, I was contacted by our, our very own Mrs.

Marguerite Carter the other day, and she asked, um, she asked for some help, you know, um, this Friday, December 12th, uh, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM uh, at the north door of Walmart, uh, our, our wonderful Ran two police department, we'll, we'll join Champaign County agencies in a Salvation Army Bell ringing challenge.

And I just love the word challenge 'cause we, we tend to excel in challenges since You've been working out. You ought To be, to be there. I ought to be there. Right? Right, right.

So, you know, for years, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Carter has organized bell ringers from, from, for our community, right?

And she's done a, a fantastic job, right? So she's pledged a $50 gift, 25 from herself.

And in 25 in memory of, uh, deputy chief, uh, Eddie Carter, uh, this is gonna help our officers reach their goal of $10,000, right?

And so this is a, uh, this is the challenge. We wanna, we wanna reach this $10,000, first of all, before the other agencies, but for sure by August, by December 12th.

Uh, so, uh, I'm inviting all village staff, uh, trustees officers, dispatchers, department heads, residents to, to support this effort.

Um, you can donate in person right on, on the 12th of December, uh, during those times of 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM or you can donate electronically.

And the, the e the the, the link is rather long to read, so I'll make sure we get it posted and, and, and shared.

And I'll probably send it out in an email tomorrow, right? When you make a donation electronically, make sure that you, you note ran Toole Police Department.

That's, that's how we get credit. And then all donations have to be end, uh, received by 6:00 PM on December 12th to count toward the challenge.

Right? Uh, so it's whoever raises it the most money. Yeah. Yeah. And the goal is 10,000, I guess, uh, hearing about the, the, the ringing of the bells.

This, this season, the numbers have been down because of the weather.

And so they're really, they're trying to have some fun with getting their, getting those numbers up.

So she, thanks everyone. I thank everyone who rings bells and everyone who gives, and, you know, truly supports because, you know, you know, every, everything helps.

So that's that announcement. And like I said, it'll be posted on the website as well as I'll send out an email to, to staff tomorrow.

Uh, number 16 is senior Christmas lunch, and that's this Thursday, December 11th at the RTO Youth Center.

Call 2 1 7 8 9 3 5 7 0 3 to RSVP.

And it's the last one of the year and we hope to see every, every senior out.

And then, uh, number 17 is a Breakfast with Santa. And so that's this Saturday, December 13th, also at the RTO Youth Center.

Uh, again, call 2 1 7 8 9 3 5 7 0 3 to RSVP.

And I wanna wish everyone a very happy and safe and joyous and restful holiday.

Um, it's been a, it's been a pleasure leading these meetings for the last six, seven, about six months or so, and I look forward to 2026.

So with that, our meeting, what, what Are the hours on the challenge thing again?

10 0 10. 10 to 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Okay. Mm-hmm. Yeah. So everyone with that meeting and adjourned, okay.