

October 14, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Rantoul was called to order at 6:30pm at the Village Hall of Potter by Chairman Mertz. He verified that meeting notices were posted on October 8, 2024. All members were present.

Motion by Jannette, second by Eickert to approve the September 2024 minutes as printed, with a correction to the spelling of a resident's name; motion carried by voice vote. Motion by Eickert, second by Jannette to accept the Treasurer's report of Checking account balance of \$62,434.94, Money Market account balance of \$152,356.67 and Tax Collection Account of \$10.84 for a total of \$215,802.45; motion carried by voice vote.

The Town Board reviewed the most recent 2024 Sales Recording for the Town of Rantoul, and the Monthly Activity Log from Calumet County.

Jason Pausma and Chris Meuer were present from Calumet County to give an update on broadband updates within the county. Types of service options and current projects were discussed, as well as an upcoming federal broadband grant B.E.A.D. (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment) which may be an option for Rantoul if a service provider reaches out to take advantage of the grant opportunity. More information to come in the next few months.

The Red Ribbon Week Proclamation was presented for consideration on behalf of Calumet County REACH program. Red Ribbon week is October 23-31, and encourages substance misuse prevention education activities. Motion by Eickert, second by Jannette to accept the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation; motion carried by voice vote.

Snow plowing charges for the 2024-2025 winter season for the Village of Potter and Town of Charlestown were reviewed. Snowplowing charges for the previous year were \$5,750 for up to 30 times plus an additional \$191.66 /time over 30. Motion by Eickert, second by Jannette to keep the pricing the same for the 2024-2025 winter season; motion carried by voice vote.

The Board reviewed 2025 budget items.

The Hilbert First Responder's annual meeting took place on Wednesday, September 18th at 5:00 pm, which was attended by Chairman Mertz. A \$156 increase was being suggested for the new Hilbert First Responder's contract. That would increase the yearly contracted fee from \$5,217.98 to \$5,373.98. This increase was already approved by Chairman Mertz at the September 18th meeting.

The Wisconsin Towns Association District meeting will take place on October 17th at the Town of Brillion. Chairman Mertz, Supervisors Jannette and Eickert, and Clerk Mink plan to be in attendance.

Headstones repair was once again discussed for fallen headstones at the EUB Cemetery. There are 8-10 large stones that are leaning, and 1 flat on the ground. An estimate from Chilton Monument Works was received for \$250/hr for 2 men and truck to do leveling and re-setting of old monuments. 10-12 hours of work was estimated. Motion by Jannette, second by Eickert to accept the proposed estimate and move ahead with the work, but not to exceed \$3,000 total; motion carried by voice vote.

A roads tour will be called as needed.

For correspondence this month, there was a thank you from Scott Construction, as well as an email from the Department of Administration with the final population estimate for the Town of Rantoul, as of 1/1/2024 of 742.

Bills totaling \$28,938.28 were presented. Motion by Eickert, second by Jannette to approve the bills as presented; motion carried by voice vote. An itemized list follows.

With no further business, motion by Jannette, second by Eickert to adjourn; motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Mink
Clerk, Town of Rantoul