

VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA
801 South Clark Street
North Utica, IL 61373
Meeting of the Village Board of Trustees
And the Planning Commission
For a Joint Meeting
November 24, 2015
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AGENDA

- I. 6:00 p.m. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - 1.) Village Board of Trustees
 - 2.) Planning Commission
- IV. Public Community Open House Meeting for the discussion of updating the Comprehensive Plan
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Recommendations from the Planning Commission and Village Board
- VII. Adjournment

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At 6:10 pm the meeting was called to Order by Village President Matt Jereb who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Village Clerk Laurie Gbur took roll call of the Village Board. Trustees John Schweickert, Dave Stewart, Ron Pawlak, Joe Bernardoni, John Pappas and Kevin Stewart were present for the meeting.

Planning Commission Chairman Tom Guttilla, Members Doug Gift and Roy Chapman were also present. Members Bill Fry, Warren Munson, Matt Cetwinski and Dennis Hamilton were absent from the meeting. Although there were Members of the Planning Commission present for the meeting, there was not a quorum. Mayor Jereb invited the Planning Commission in attendance to join the meeting and offer their input.

Village Attorney Herb Klein and Village Engineer Kevin Heitz also attended the meeting.

Mayor Jereb then introduced Mike Hoffman; Teska & Associates.

Mr. Hoffman presented everyone with copies of the draft of the Comprehensive Plan. He then provided a brief overview of the Plan.

Trustee Schweickert asked if Mr. Hoffman had any resources that he could reach out to about the restoration of the I & M Canal as a future project.

Mr. Hoffman stated that he will look into that.

Chairman Guttilla asked about the ratio of Liquor Licenses vs. retail.

Member Gift also asked about this and the new Gaming industry that seems to be throughout the Illinois Valley. Utica has gaming that is in established restaurants but does the Village really want additional future locations that are exclusively gaming?

Mr. Hoffman stated that some communities have been very interested in gaming due to the revenue they can receive. However, there are also communities that do not want gaming. It's a community preference.

A brief discussion continued about the recent Petitions for additional Liquor Licenses and Gaming.

Mayor Jereb thanked Mr. Hoffman and his team for their efforts and asked that all comments be submitted on or before the December 9, 2015 meeting. Following the meeting, based on comments and further discussion, Teska will put together a final draft and schedule a Public Hearing; tentatively set for January 7, 2016.

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Public Comment: NONE

With no additional business, a motioned was made by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Pawlak to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

All in favor

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Gbur
Village Clerk