

VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA
801 S. Clark St., North Utica, IL 61373
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 10, 2016
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AGENDA

- I. 7:00 p.m. - Call to Order Regular Village Board Meeting
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Village Attorney
 - 1.) Consideration and Possible Action re: An Ordinance to Adopt the 2016 Village of North Utica Comprehensive Plan
 - 2.) Consideration and Possible Action re: An Ordinance to indicate 'no parking allowed' along Rt. 178 from Lincoln St. to the entrance of Starved Rock.
- V. Consideration of Approval of Minutes: 1-13-16; 1-26-16
- VI. Financial Statement
 - 1.) January 2016 Financial Stmts / Summary / Revenue Reports
- VII. Approval of Bills
 - 1.) January 2016 Prepays
 - 2.) January 2016 A/P Bills
- VIII. Finance Liaison
- IX. Donations / Advertising Requests
 - 1.) Consideration and Possible Action re: Donation to LP Foundation for Educational Enrichment Trivia Night being held on 3-19-16 \$100
 - 2.) Consideration and Possible Action re: LaSalle County Travel Magazine 2015 Edition - \$399
- X. Clerk
 - 1.) Consideration and Possible Action re: LPYFB Fundraiser 5-7-16 8 am – 12 pm Rt. 178 / Rt. 6
 - 2.) Consideration and Possible Action re: 2016 Landscape Maintenance Contract Renewal
- XI. Park & Recreation Liaison
- XII. Water / Sewer Liaison
- XIII. Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison
- XIV. Governmental Affairs Liaison
- XV. Police Department Liaison

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XVI. Building / Zoning Enforcement Officer

XVII. Maintenance Department/ Public Works Director

- 1.) Update of ongoing projects in the Village

XVIII. Village Engineer

- 1.) Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize Village Engineer to seek Bids on the 2016 Mill St. Beautification Design Project
- 2.) Consideration and Possible Action regarding a final payment in the amount of \$9,940.33 to Advanced Asphalt for the MFT/Non-MFT Hallet Road Project
- 3.) Consideration and Possible Action regarding a final payment in the amount of \$121,067.02 to IDOT for the Rt. 178 Realignment Road Project
- 4.) Update- Illinois River Bridge Project
- 5.) Update – Aerial Topography

II. Village President

- 1.) Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize the Village President to cast a Ballot in the Election of Officers for the EDCNCI Group

III. Public Comment

IV. Committee / Trustee Reports

V. Executive Session

- 1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal for specific employees
- 2.) Pending Litigation
- 3.) Purchase/Sale/Lease of Real Property

VI. Possible Action regarding Executive Session items including employment, compensation, salaries for specific employees; Purchase, Sale or Lease of Property

- 1.) Consideration and Possible Action to Authorize the Village President to seek Bids for the Sale of Property(s) owned by the Village of North Utica

VII. Adjournment

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At 7:00 pm the meeting was called to Order by Village President Matt Jereb who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Village Clerk Laurie Gbur called the attendance. Present at the meeting were Trustees John Schweickert, Dave Stewart, Ron Pawlak, Joe Bernardoni, John Pappas and Kevin Stewart. Village Attorney Herb Klein was absent from the meeting. Village Engineer Kevin Heitz arrived at 7:12 pm.

Attorney's Report: Mayor Jereb introduced Mr. Mike Hoffman and asked him to summarize the changes to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan that resulted from the 1-26-16 meeting.

Mr. Hoffman stated that the following changes were made to the final 2016 Comprehensive Plan:

- 1.) Added the LaSalle County Zoning Plan
- 2.) Removed Mining from the Industrial Definition
- 3.) Identified Higsby Canyon on the map
- 4.) Identified the Land Fill including the EPA classification
- 5.) Redacted the final sentence on Pg. 46 regarding an OSLAD Grant for property owned by Mr. Mark Bernabei

Trustee Schweickert stated that the Comprehensive Plan is a guide for the future of Utica and it is not used for zoning changes of property.

Trustee D. Stewart agreed and stated that the plan is a good plan for the Village. The Board agreed and thanked Mr. Hoffman and Teska and Associates for the time spent on developing the updated plan. It was then motioned by Trustee D. Stewart, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to approve an Ordinance adopting the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Ord. 2016-04

**Before the roll call vote was taken by the Clerk, Mayor Jereb asked if there was any further comment from the Village Board. Hearing none, he then stated that although it is not required to allow further public comment after a motion has been seconded, he would allow comments from the audience. He asked that anyone making a comment be brief and not repetitive.

- a. Mr. Bill Stack, Waltham Twp. Supervisor: Mr. Stack read a brief statement; "Although the plan has a good start, it needs further discussion. The neighboring communities should be involved in discussions when it involves a plan that ultimately affects them. This plan will impact Waltham and they should be considered first before the Board adopts the plan. Waltham Twp. wants to keep its' pristine farm land, but understands that growth is needed. Waltham Twp. Urges the Village Board to vote the adoption down at this time and to take the time to consider the feelings of their Waltham neighbors."

*Trustee Schweickert stated that there is nothing written in stone. The plan is a guide but doesn't define what will happen in the future.

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- b. Mr. Rick Coleman, C.O.R.E President: Mr. Coleman read a statement; “C.O.R.E. agrees with Waltham Twp. and urges the Village Board to vote the plan down and to meet with C.O.R.E to discuss the impacts the plan would have on the surrounding communities.” Mr. Coleman then stated that a list was previously submitted to Mayor Jereb and Planning Commission Chairman Tom Guttilla. It was a list outlining specific items that should be addressed in the plan and the list was never brought up in discussions.

*Mayor Jereb stated that he did meet with Mr. Coleman earlier in the fall however it is not his responsibility to bring forth Mr. Coleman’s list. The Mayor remains neutral and does not promote any group. If Mr. Coleman wanted to provide that list to the Board or Planning Commission, there were several meetings that involved Public input. Mayor Jereb also stated that everyone was given an opportunity to speak and provide input and present ideas.

*Trustee Bernardoni then asked Mr. Coleman if the C.O.R.E. group or Waltham Twp. had spoken to the property owners and asked them not to sell their land to developers. If the property isn’t sold to a developer, there wouldn’t be any issue with the Village being petitioned for annexation. Mr. Coleman responded that people should be able to do what they want with their land. Trustee Bernardoni stated that once the land is sold to someone who wants to develop it, and once a petition for annexation is submitted, they have the right to go through the process.

Mayor Jereb then asked if there were any other comments. With none being heard, the roll call vote was then taken on the previous motion made by Trustee D. Stewart and seconded by Trustee Schweickert to approve Ordinance 2016-04 to approve the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

The Village Board then thanked Mr. Hoffman and his group at Teska & Associates for all of their hard work and efforts in creating the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Hoffman thanked the Village and stated that Teska will be submitting the plan as an entry for the ‘State Planning Award’ competition.

Finance Liaison: NONE

Donations / Advertising Requests:

It was motioned by Trustee D. Stewart, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to approve a donation in the amount of \$100 to the LP Foundation for Educational Enrichment.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

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It was then motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee D. Stewart to approve the Clerk to seek a bid for contract renewal for the 2016 Landscape Maintenance Contract.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

*Consideration of the renewal bid and new contract will be provided for Board review at the March Board meeting.

Park & Recreation Liaison: NONE

Water / Sewer Liaison: NONE

Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison: NONE

Governmental Affairs Liaison: Trustee Pappas stated that the Utica Business Association has decided that they will only hold their 50/50 drawing once during 2016 instead of twice as previously indicated. He also stated that 2,500 tickets were sold for the Annual winter Wine Walk and the event is now sold out. He also stated that Grant applications were submitted for the Utica Community Grove St. Garden.

Police Department Liaison: Trustee K. Stewart stated that the Annual Mardi Gras parade was a great event and there were no incidents reported. "The Utica Police Department does a great job." The Board agreed.

Building & Zoning Enforcement: NONE

Maintenance Department: NONE

Engineer's Report: Village Engineer Kevin Heitz provided an update of ongoing projects in the Village.

2016 Mill St. Design Project – Engineer Heitz stated that the finishing details are being worked out and the project is ready to go out for bids. The project includes water main replacement, ADA requirements and the cost estimate for the overall project is between \$375,000 and \$400,000. The bids will be due by 3-8-16 and reviewed at the March Board meeting.

It was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee D. Stewart to authorize Engineer Heitz to seek bids on the 2016 Mill St. Design Project.

6 Yes

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It was then motioned by Trustee D. Stewart, seconded by Trustee Pappas to approve the final payment to Advanced Asphalt for work on the MFT Hallet Rd. project in the amount of \$ 9,940.33.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

It was then motioned by Trustee Bernardoni, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to approve the final payment to IDOT for the Rt. 178 realignment project in the amount of \$ 121,067.02.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

*The project actual cost was approx. \$ 385,240 and the Village has previously paid \$ 264,172.

IL. River Bridge Project – Heitz stated that he needs to gather additional data for IDOT for their plans for the bridge project.

Aerial Topography – The data has been supplied to Chamlin & Associates and they are in the process of processing the information and creating models to show the Village Board where the water goes during flood events, and at what water level there is an impact to the community. Heitz will have the information available for review at the March Board meeting. Mayor Jereb stated that this is a great first step and next the Village will reach out to Marseilles and the IDNR to begin gathering information so that a ‘flood event plan’ can be developed for the Village.

President’s Report: It was motioned by Trustee D. Stewart, seconded by Trustee Pappas to authorize Mayor Jereb to cast a vote on the Ballot for the Board of the EDGNCL.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Ms. Gloria Alvarado stated that the Canal Connection is organizing a ‘canal trail clean up’ to be held on Saturday, 4-23-16. Everyone is invited to participate.

Mr. Keith Arwood thanked the Board for the donation in the amount of \$ 4,000 to the Utica Business Association.

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Mr. Dale Senica asked why Kelly Waters was not allowed to open her gaming business in the location on Mill St. that is owned by his parents. Mayor Jereb stated that the liquor license and use required Board approval and after going through the process, it was not approved. Mr. Senica then stated that he may purchase the building and would like to open the same type of business. Mayor Jereb stated that this type of business would require a liquor license and a Special Use to operate in that location. Mayor Jereb then stated that Mr. Senica could petition to do so however, the outcome does depend on Board approval. Mr. Senica then stated that he believes that there are too many empty buildings downtown and in his opinion the Village needs to let people open up gaming businesses. Mayor Jereb stated that there are certain limitations on liquor licenses and where they can be located. Mr. Senica then stated that the Village could receive a lot of revenue from gaming businesses and he believes the Board needs to consider this when they are making these decisions.

Committee / Trustee Reports: NONE

At 7:46 pm it was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee D. Stewart to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- 1.) Purchase/Sale/Lease of Real Property
All in Favor
Motion Carried

At 7:56 pm it was motioned by Trustee D. Stewart, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to reconvene the meeting.

- All in Favor
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee D. Stewart to authorize Village Attorney Klein to publish a request for proposal for the sale of Village properties as follows:

- 125 Water St.
 - 149 Mill St.
 - Vacant Lots located on Mill St.
- All in Favor
Motion Carried

At 7:58 pm it was motioned by Trustee Pappas, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to adjourn the meeting.

- All in Favor
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie A. Gbur
Village Clerk