

**VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA**  
801 S. Clark St., North Utica, IL 61373  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
January 11, 2017  
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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. Appearance Request: Mr. Eric Riggs, Cedar Creek Construction LLC, regarding the possible rental of privately owned Villa Units on property generally located at 2643 IL. Rt. 178, Utica, IL
- V. Consideration and Possible Action for the Approval of a Consent Agenda including the following items
  - 1.) Minutes: 12-14-16
  - 2.) December 2016 Financial Stmts / Summary / Revenue Reports
  - 3.) December 2016 Prepaids
  - 4.) December 2016 A/P Bills
- VI. Village Clerk
  - 1.) Consideration and Possible Action re: 2017 LaSalle County Visitors Guide Advertising \$397
  - 2.) Consideration and Possible Action re: Donation request from Voluntary Action Center
  - 3.) Consideration and Possible Action re:
    - a) Resolution R17-01 Road Closure Mardi Gras Parade 2-25-17 6 pm
    - b) Resolution R17-02 Road Closure St. Pat's Parade 3-11-17 5 pm
- VII. Finance Liaison
- VIII. Park & Recreation Liaison
- IX. Water / Sewer Liaison
- X. Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison
- XI. Governmental Affairs Liaison
- XII. Police Department Liaison
- XIII. Building / Zoning Enforcement Officer
- XIV. Maintenance Department/ Public Works Director
  - 1.) Update - Ongoing projects in the Village

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- XV. Village Engineer
  - 1.) Update – Rt. 178 IL. River Bridge Project
  - 2.) Update – Status IEPA Water Permits
  - 3.) Update – Aerial Topography and the creation of a Village Action Plan for potential flooding
  
- XVI. Village Attorney
  - 1.) Consideration and Possible Action on an Ordinance Extending a Special Use Permit (Aramoni LLC)
  
- XVII. Village President
  
- XVIII. Public Comment
  
- XIX. Committee / Trustees Reports
  
- XX. Executive Session
  - 1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal for specific employees
  - 2.) Pending Litigation
  - 3.) Purchase/Sale/Lease of Real Property
  
- XXI. Possible Action regarding Executive Session items
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- XXII. Adjournment

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MINUTES

At 7:05 pm the meeting was called to Order by Village President Matt Jereb who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of the Village Board was taken and present at the meeting were Trustees John Schweickert, Dave Stewart, Ron Pawlak, Joe Bernardoni, John Pappas and Kevin Stewart. Also present was Village Attorney Herb Klein and Village Engineer Kevin Heitz.

Village Clerk Laurie Gbur was absent from the meeting. It was motioned by Trustee Bernardoni, seconded by Trustee Pawlak to appoint Village Treasurer Jamie Turczyn as Clerk Pro-Tem for the meeting.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Appearance Request: Mr. Eric Riggs, Cedar Creek Construction LLC, regarding the possible rental of privately owned Villa Units on property generally located at 2643 IL. Rt. 178, Utica, IL. Mr. Riggs was not present at the meeting however he had contacted Attorney Klein to discuss his request to be able to rent out his Villas because Grand Bear Lodge LLC no longer allows them to be included in the rental pool. He told Attorney Klein that he wants what's in the best interest of Grand Bear and the Village as well as the property owners. Attorney Klein stated that there is new management in place to run the operations at Grand Bear Lodge. The new management for Grand Bear had previously stated that they do want to have the Villa units included in the rental pool and that their main goal is to remain open and operating. Mr. Riggs had stated that he will wait to see how things progress forward with the new management.

Consent Agenda: It was motioned by Trustee Pappas, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 1.) Minutes: 12-14-16
- 2.) December 2016 Financial Stmts / Summary / Revenue Reports
- 3.) December 2016 Prepaids
- 4.) December 2016 A/P Bills

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Village Clerk: In the absence of the Clerk, Jamie spoke about the following items:

2017 LaSalle County Visitors Guide Ad - It was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Pappas to approve an Ad in LaSalle County Visitors Guide in the amount of \$397.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Road Closures for Parades: It was motioned by Trustee D. Stewart, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to approve Resolution R17-01 for the purpose of a road closure for the annual Mardi Gras Parade being held on 2-25-17 at 5pm.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

It was then motioned by Trustee D. Stewart, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to approve Resolution R17-02 for the purpose of a road closure for the annual St. Pat's Parade being held on 3-11-17 at 4 pm.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Finance Liaison: NONE

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Park & Recreation Liaison: NONE  
Water / Sewer Liaison: NONE  
Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison: NONE

Governmental Affairs Liaison: Trustee Pappas provided an update on the Utica Business Association: Trustee Pappas reminded everyone that the 2017 Winter Wine Walk was approaching and that ticket sales had begun and only 2,000 tickets will be sold this year. He also stated that they are considering having fire pits and are working with Utica Fire Department to see if that is something that can be done. There are more wineries attending this year and the event has spread out to included many locations. A trolley will provide transportation as well. The Business Association is also considering other events such as a beer tasting event and ghost hunting. They are also holding their annual 50/50 which will be drawn in July at the annual Firework's celebration.

Police Department Liaison: NONE

Building & Zoning Enforcement: NONE

Maintenance Department: NONE

Engineer's Report: Village Engineer Kevin Heitz provided an update of ongoing projects in the Village. IL River Bridge Project - The estimate for the Village share of the project is \$783,461.000. There were 13 bids and the Contract was awarded by IDOT to D Construction out of Coal City for approx. \$25,000,000. The project will be spread out over the course of the next 1 – 1 ½ years and some of the projected costs could change depending on how the project progresses. IDOT will also attend meetings with the Board to provide updates on the project as necessary.

IEPA Water Permits - There were 3 outstanding permits which will be completed soon.

Aerial Topography – Engineer Heitz will be able to provide an update at the following Committee Meeting.

Attorney's Report: Discussion was held regarding the extension of a Special Use Permit granted to Aramoni LLC. Aramoni LLC is still in litigation therefore they are requesting an extension of the Special Use until 2-14-19. It was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Pawlak to approve the extension of a Special Use granted to Aramoni LLC until 2-14-19. Ordinance 2017-01

6 Yes

Motion Carried

President's Report: Mayor Jereb stated that he and Chief Stachowiak would be meeting with the LaSalle County Historical Society to discuss their upcoming events including the Canal Market.

Public Comment: Mrs. Debra Krizel asked if there is an Ordinance against homes sitting empty and noted that there are 3 vacant homes on Lincoln St. Attorney Klein stated that there is not an Ordinance on whether a home is occupied or not, however there are Ordinances for safety, nuisance, danger etc.

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Executive Session: NONE

Committee / Trustee Reports: Trustee Pawlak reminded everyone that Utica will be hosting the Mayor's Dinner in April.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm. Motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Pawlak.

All in favor

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Gbur  
Village Clerk  
Village of North Utica