

VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA
801 South Clark St. North Utica, IL 61373
Committee of the Whole Meeting
September 27, 2018
AGENDA

- I. **7:00 p.m. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call

- IV. Village Clerk
 - 1.) Discussion and Possible Recommendation regarding employee Health Insurance benefits for 2019

- V. Village Treasurer

- VI. Governmental Affairs Liaison:
 - 1.) Update on the Utica Business Association
 - 2.) Update on the Christmas in the Village Event weekend being held on 11-24-18 and 11-25-18

- VII. Park & Recreation Liaison

- VIII. Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison

- IX. Finance Liaison

- X. Donation / Advertising / Event Requests:
 - 1.) Consideration and Possible Recommendation re:
 - a) American Red Cross
 - b) Lions of Illinois Foundation Golf Classic

- XI. Police Department Liaison

- XII. Water / Sewer Liaison

- XIII. Building/Zoning Officer

- XIV. Maintenance Department
 - 1.) Update - Ongoing projects in the Village
 - 2.) Update – Status for Florence Dr. Project

- XV. Engineer’s Report
 - 1.) Update – Ongoing projects in the Village
 - 2.) Update – Completion of the Johns St. / Hitt St. Road Project
 - 3.) Update – Status of the IDOT IL River Bridge Project

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XVI. Attorney's Report:

- 1.) Consideration and Possible Recommendation regarding amendments to the Vacant and Abandoned Property Ordinance including fees

XVII. President's Report

XVIII. Committees / Trustees

- 1.) Trustee Reports

XIX. Public Comment

XX. Executive Session

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

XXI. Possible recommendations regarding Executive Session including:

- 1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees
 - a) Consideration and Possible Recommendation to amend the 2018 Payroll Schedule
- 2.) Purchase / Sale of Real Estate

XXII. Adjournment

Posted: 09-25-18

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At 7:45 pm the meeting was called to Order by Village President David Stewart who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Village Clerk Laurie Gbur took the meeting attendance. Present at the meeting were Trustees Debbie Krizel, Mary Pawlak, Jim Schrader, John Schweickert and Joe Bernardoni. Trustee Ron Pawlak was absent from the meeting. Village Attorney Herb Klein and Village Engineer Kevin Heitz also attended the meeting.

Village Clerk: The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois employee health insurance policy renewal was discussed. The policy is a pre-ACA health policy therefore the policy is grandfathered in for automatic renewal and monthly increase is very nominal. The annual deductible, employee co-pay amount, and in and out of network deductibles will remain the same. The total increase is \$13.27 per month. It was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee M. Pawlak to recommend approval of the renewal of the Village of North Utica BCBSIL employee health insurance policy in the amount of \$1,850.96.

5 Yes

1 Absent (R. Pawlak)

Motion Carried

The schedule for trick or treat being held in the Village was then discussed. It was motioned by Trustee M. Pawlak, seconded by Trustee D. Krizel to recommend approval of the 2018 trick or treat hours to be scheduled as follows: 10-31-18 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

5 Yes

1 Absent (R. Pawlak)

Motion Carried

Village Treasurer: NONE

Governmental Affairs Liaison: Trustee Debbie Krizel provided an update on the Utica Business Association. She stated that the group was happy with the numbers from the recent Craft Beer Festival held in August. The UBA will also be sharing the cost of advertising in the Heritage Corridor Travel Magazine. Since they are Members of the Heritage Corridor, the cost for the ad will only be \$2,395 instead of \$3,800 as previously thought.

A couple of other small events were also noted: Makery on Mill, August Hill and Blue Truck Photography will be holding a 'Fright Night Event' on 10-18-18 and Duffy's Pub will be holding 'Zombie Halloween' on 10-27-18.

She then provided an update on the Xmas in the Village Event being held in November. Some ideas for the event are: a tree and wreath stand, an old fashion Xmas lighting contest for the businesses, a Barbershop Quartet and Horse and Carriage rides.

Park & Recreation Liaison: NONE

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Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison: NONE

Finance Liaison: NONE

Donations & Advertising Requests: It was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Schrader to recommend approval of a donation in the amount of \$50 to American Red Cross.

5 Yes

1 Absent (R. Pawlak)

Motion Carried

Police Department Liaison: Police Chief Damron provided an update on the Officer that was hit by a car during a traffic stop on Monday 9-24-18. He was very lucky to have suffered only minor bruising. The driver received a citation.

Water / Sewer Liaison: Absent

Building / Zoning Enforcement: NONE

Maintenance Department: Public Works Director Curt Spayer provided an update of ongoing projects in the Village.

Florence Dr. project – The project has been completed and is just awaiting asphalt.

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

Johns St./Hitt St. project – The road and infrastructure project is complete and the seeding has been done.

Engineer Heitz then asked the Village Clerk if the new street lights for Johns St. had been ordered from Ameren and the Clerk answered that the request had been submitted for a street light to be installed on each corner of Johns St.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Klein provided an updated draft of the Vacant and Abandoned Property Ordinance for review by the Village Board. The draft contains changes that were from previous committee discussions and they will be further discussed at the next meeting.

President's Report: Mayor Stewart reminded everyone that the Burgoo Festival is coming up in a couple of weeks on 10-7-18. The UFPD Car Show will be held on 10-6-18.

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Committee / Trustee Reports:

Trustee Krizel asked about the Village responsibility for mowing the shoulder of the road along the west end of Donaldson St. Engineer Heitz stated that the property in question is privately owned. The Village does have some right of way however we don't maintain any property.

At 7:59 pm, it was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Schrader to enter into Executive Session for the following:

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

All in favor

Motion Carried

At 8:15 pm it was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Bernardoni to reconvene the meeting.

All in favor

Motion Carried

Adjournment: It was motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

All in favor

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Gbur
Village Clerk