

VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA
801 South Clark St. North Utica, IL 61373
Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 27, 2017
AGENDA

- I. **6:00 p.m. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Village Clerk
- V. Village Treasurer – Update on the upcoming 2017 Fireworks Event
- VI. Governmental Affairs Liaison
 - 1.) Update – Utica Business Association Meeting
 - 2.) Discussion regarding Starved Rock Trolley and local Utica Businesses
- VII. Park & Recreation Liaison
 - 1.) Discussion and possible recommendation regarding additional playground equipment for Neighbor’s Park
- VIII. Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison
- IX. Finance Liaison
- X. Donation / Advertising Requests
- XI. Police Department Liaison
- XII. Water / Sewer Liaison
- XIII. Building/Zoning Officer
- XIV. Maintenance Department
 - 1.) Update - Ongoing projects in the Village
 - 2.) Update – Florence Drive leaking pipe / pavement repairs
 - 3.) Update - Drainage issues on property located at 100 Wright Dr.
 - 4.) Update – Repairs to drainage issues on Johnson St.
 - 5.) Update – Lincoln St. Drainage
 - 6.) Update – Sewer Lagoon Testing
- XV. Engineer’s Report
 - 1.) Update – Ongoing projects in the Village
 - 2.) Update – Rt. 178 / IL River Bridge Project

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- XVI. Attorney's Report
- XVII. President's Report
- XVIII. Committee / 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
 - 2.) Purchase / Sale of Real Estate
- XXII. Adjournment

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At 6:06 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, Joe Bernardoni and Ron Pawlak. Also present was Village Engineer Kevin Heitz.

Village Clerk – NONE

Village Treasurer Jamie Turczyn provided an update on the 2017 Village Fireworks event.

Governmental Affairs Liaison – Trustee Krizel provided a brief update on the Utica Business Association. The UBA will be doing their 50/50 raffle at the fireworks and will speak to someone at the event to discuss the time of the drawing and the possibility of doing earlier announcements about the raffle.

The UBA has also been discussing ideas for generating additional business revenue. One idea is for the businesses to come together to create an ‘event’ on a specified date. They could offer specials or gift certificates. Working with Starved Rock Lodge and the Trolley was also discussed. Trustee Krizel then stated that she had a meeting with Amy Trimble from Starved Rock Lodge. They spoke about the possibility of utilizing the Trolley to bring people downtown to shop and dine. Ms. Trimble stated that these ideas have been discussed many times however, its’ never been followed through on. There are some businesses that don’t have their hours posted and they are not always open; also the museum does not have full time hours for visitors. Trustee Krizel spoke with Mary Holland, from the LaSalle County Historical Society about the hours at the museum as they are closed several days during the week. Ms. Holland stated that they utilize volunteers for the museum and maintaining a schedule has not been easy. Trustee Krizel also spoke with a few of the business owners and they do seem interested in pursuing the idea of the trolley bringing in groups of people. She will keep us informed as things change.

Trustee Schweickert stated that in the past, the Village utilized Utica Bucks as a way to bring people into the business community. The group agreed that this would be a good idea as well. Also discussed was the possibility of drafting an Ordinance to set business hours for the community so that all businesses would have more consistent hours that they would be open.

Park & Recreation Liaison – Trustee M. Pawlak and Treasurer Turczyn discussed options for new playground equipment for Neighbor’s Park. Four options were presented ranging from \$4,993 to \$5,685. After some discussion, it was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee M. Pawlak to recommend approval of the purchase of the Ames playground equipment in the amount of \$5,597 plus S/H.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

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Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison – NONE

Finance Liaison – NONE

Donations – NONE

Police Department Liaison: Trustee Bernardoni stated that a few Officers would be retiring from the Village at the end of the month. The Board thanked the Officers for their years of service to the community. Trustee Bernardoni also added that Chief Damron has been hiring additional Officers.

Water / Sewer Liaison – NONE

Building / Zoning Enforcement – NONE

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

Florence Dr. – needs finished pavement

Wright Dr. – meeting in the next week to discuss the issue with drainage in the area

Johnson St. – tentatively will be able to move forward with this in mid-July

Lincoln St. – will require a camera to determine the issue with drainage

Sewer Lagoon – the company is speaking with IEPA to determine if land application of the removed material will be possible. After this is determined, an application for a permit to move forward with the project would need to be submitted. They will provide an update soon.

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

Engineer Heitz presented a check to the Village from Chamlin & Associates toward the annual fireworks event.

Florence Dr. – The contractor will be submitting an invoice for work completed on the project. Although there were additional issues during the project, the contractor, Mason Equipment Services, Inc. will be submitting an invoice for their original bid in the amount of \$13,760. Heitz also stated that the Village maintenance department did a lot to help keep the project moving toward completion.

Lincoln St. – A home will be constructed on property on Lincoln St. and there is an inlet in front of the property. The Village may need to consider seeking an easement to maintain a storm sewer pipe on the property.

IL. River Bridge Project – They are waiting on new pipe from the manufacturer.

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Carey Memorial Park Ball Field repairs – It was motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to recommend approval of a payment to R & R Landscaping in the amount of \$4,000 for repairs made to the ball field at Carey Memorial Park.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Ridgeview Estates Subdivision – The developer will be submitting a Phase 4 plat for consideration before the Planning Commission, followed by consideration by the Village Board of Trustees, on July 12, 2017.

Attorney's Report – Absent

President's Report – Mayor Stewart thanked Chief Jay Stachowiak for his dedication and years of service to the Village of North Utica. The Board agreed and everyone wished him well in his upcoming retirement.

At 6:40 pm, it was motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee Bernardoni to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

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

All in favor

Motion Carried

It was motioned by Trustee Krizel, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to reconvene the meeting.

All in favor

Motion Carried

It was then motioned by Trustee Bernardoni, seconded by Trustee Schrader to recommend approval of amending the 2017 Payroll Schedule.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

It was then motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee R. Pawlak to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Gbur
Village Clerk

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