

VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA
801 S. Clark St.
North Utica, IL 61373
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
June 17, 2021
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AGENDA

- I. **7:00 p.m.** - Call to Order Special Village Board Meeting
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Village Attorney:
 - 1.) Summary of the Petition Consideration of the Petition of Dee Bennett and Bonnie Bennett-Campbell, f/k/a Bonnie Grusk, Owners of property located at 2958 IL Rt. 178. Utica, IL, 61373, seeking approval to subdivide and approve a Plat of Survey for the property in order to sell such. The Property is Zoned C-3 and is to remain as such.
 - A.) Consideration and Possible Action on the Petition to subdivide property and to approve a Plat of Survey for property located at 2958 IL rt. 178, Utica, IL 61373.
- V. Village Clerk:
 - 1.) Consideration and Possible Action on an Ordinance Approving the 2021 Appropriations Budget
- VI. Director of Village Affairs:
 - 1.) Update on Utica Business Association Meeting
 - 2.) Update on Upcoming Events in the Village
- VII. Village Treasurer
- VIII. Police Department; Chief Damron
- IX. Building / Zoning Enforcement
- X. Maintenance Department
 - 1.) Updates on any ongoing / upcoming projects in the Village
 - 2.) Update – Status of the 2021 Project List
- XI. Village Engineer:
 - 1.) Update – Upcoming / Ongoing projects in the Village
 - 2.) Update – IDOT Rt. 6 & Rt. 178 Intersection Project regarding Utility Relocation
 - 3.) Update – regarding the Florence Dr. Project
 - 4.) Update – regarding the 2021 MFT Road Project – Village Street Assessment
 - 5.) Update – regarding Storm Water Drainage along E. 752nd Rd in Senica Manor Subdivision
 - 6.) Update – regarding the Johnson St. Drainage Project
 - 7.) Update --New Village Hall Administrative Building
 - 8.) Consideration and Possible Action regarding boring for the installation of a new water service to property located at 2955 IL Rt. 178, Utica, IL 61373 (Gregg's Automotive) in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.

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- XII. Village President
- XIII. Trustee Reports
- XIV. Public Comment
- XV. Executive Session
 - 1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal for specific employees
 - 2.) Pending Litigation
 - 3.) Purchase/Sale/Lease of Real Property
- XVI. Possible Action regarding Executive Session items
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- XVII. Adjournment

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At 7:00 pm, the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to Order by Village President David Stewart who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting attendance was recorded by Village Clerk Laurie Gbur. Present at the Meeting were Board Trustees Debbie Krizel, Mary Pawlak, Jim Schrader, John Schweickert, Nate Holland, and Ron Pawlak. Also present at the Meeting were Village Attorney Herb Klein, Village Engineer Kevin Heitz, Police Chief Rodney Damron, Director of Village Affairs Jamie Turczyn, Village Treasurer Jill Margis and Public Works Director / Zoning Enforcement Officer Curt Spayer.

Village Attorney: Attorney Klein provided a brief summary regarding the Petition of Dee Bennett and Bonnie Bennett-Campbell, f/k/a Bonnie Grusk, Owners of property located at 2958 IL Rt. 178, Utica, IL, 61373. The Bennett family will be selling the property to Ron McFarland, owner of Cajun Connection Restaurant, currently located in the building on the property. The Petitioners are seeking approval to subdivide and approve a Plat of Survey for the property in order to sell such. There were no objectors at the Public Hearing and the Planning Commission was unanimous in their recommendation for approval to subdivide the property and approve a Plat of Survey. It was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Krizel to approve an Ordinance approving the subdivision and Plat of Survey for property located at 2958 IL Rt. 178, Utica, IL 61373.

ORD 2021-22

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Attorney Klein then stated that the Planning Commission also had a brief discussion regarding cannabis businesses and whether or not to allow such in the Village. The Planning Commission previously discussed the matter in December 2019 however, Covid-19 led to limited meetings to be able to continue that discussion. Many communities have policies regulating or prohibiting such and currently the Villages' Zoning Ordinance does not include cannabis. The Village has not yet received any applications however, Mayor Stewart would like to discuss the matter and add language to the Zoning Ordinance regarding such. Mayor Stewart stated that he is in favor of prohibiting businesses related to cannabis sales, growth and manufacturing.

Trustee Schrader stated that he is not in favor of prohibition, but rather regulation in certain zoning districts, therefore if an application is received, it could be considered.

Trustee Holland asked why the Village is discussing cannabis related businesses if the Village has not received any applications for such. Attorney Klein stated that cannabis is not included in the Villages' Zoning Ordinance at all and because the State has expanded the number allowed state wide, it would be a good time for the Village to discuss and include some language in the Code. Ordinances from other communities can be reviewed and discussed. He then reminded everyone that the Village will need to republish to hold another Public Hearing regarding such prior to any Board consideration.

Village Clerk: Village Clerk Gbur briefly discussed the 2021 Appropriations Budget. It was then motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee M. Pawlak to approve an Ordinance approving the 2021 Appropriations Budget as presented. ORD 2021-23

6 Yes

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Director of Village Affairs: Director Turczyn stated that the email addresses for the Board have been updated. The Liaison positions have been retired by Mayor Stewart therefore new email addresses have been assigned to the Board. Jamie provided a list of those email addresses to everyone and the website will be updated as well. Fireworks – The annual fireworks event will be held at Carey Memorial Park on Friday, July 2, 2021. Volunteers are needed to serve food and drinks. There will also be bounce houses and face painting for the kids. The ‘Friends of the Fireworks’ tickets are being sold again as a fundraiser for the Village. New Village Administrative Building – Renovations to the building are moving forward; Demo is complete and new walls are being built and electrical and plumbing are moving forward. The sign in front of the building will be updated as well.

Village Treasurer: NONE

Police Department: Chief Damron stated that the North Utica Police Department Policy Manual is being updated to reflect recent and upcoming changes in law enforcement policies and guidelines.

Building / Zoning Enforcement Officer: NONE

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

2021 Project List – Several items on the project list have been completed.

Florence Drive Project – Public Works Director Spayer and Engineer Heitz are working on the plans and materials list to begin the Florence Drive Project.

Village Engineer: Village Engineer Heitz provided an update on the ongoing projects in the Village.

Rt. 6 & Rt. 178 Intersection – The relocation of utilities is approx. 70% complete. The Village will need to install a new water service to property located at 2955 IL. Rt. 178 (Gregg’s Automotive). Originally the water service was installed at the back of the property and ran behind the former Amoco however, the water service needs to be relocated. The estimate to run the water service by boring under Rt. 178 is \$3,500. It was motioned by Trustee Krizel, seconded by Trustee Holland to approve an estimate for the installation of a new water service to property located at 2955 IL. Rt. 178, Utica, IL 61373 at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Engineer Heitz then stated that he has been overseeing the utility relocation, but soon he will begin assessing the other drainage projects and the street assessment for the MFT Road Project.

Village President: Mayor Stewart informed everyone that the Utica Business Association held an election and Ms. Amanda Carter has been re-elected at the UBA President.

hung throughout the community however, it would have to be on a first come basis. There was no decision made however Mayor Stewart will think about it.

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Committee / Trustee Reports:

Trustee R. Pawlak asked if the Village would be selling banners again to hang on the light poles. Mayor Stewart said that we could consider doing something this year however, there are less poles available now due to outdoor dining on Mill St. One option would be for people to sign up to bring in their previous banners to be

Public Comment: NONE

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm. Motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee M. Pawlak.

All in Favor
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Gbur
Village Clerk