

VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA
248 W. Canal St. North Utica, IL 61373
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
May 30, 2024

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AGENDA

- I. **6:00** p.m. - Call to Order Special Village Board Meeting
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Village President:
 - 1.) Review and Discussion regarding Contractor Bids received by the Village of North Utica for the construction of the Rebuild Illinois Downtown & Main Streets Grant; 'Market on Mill St.' Development Project
 - 2.) Consideration and Possible Action on authorizing the Village President to accept a Bid and Award a Contract for construction of the Rebuild Illinois Downtown & Main Streets Grant; 'Market on Mill St.' Development Project
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

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MINUTES

At 6:08 pm the meeting was called to Order by Village President David Stewart who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Village Clerk Laurie Gbur recorded the meeting attendance. Present at the meeting were Trustees John Schweickert, Nate Holland, Kylie Mattioda, Debbie Krizel, Pete Pawlak and Jim Schrader. Also present were, Director of Village Affairs Jamie Turczyn and Village Engineer Kevin Heitz. Village Attorney Herb Klein, Police Chief James Mandujano, Public Works Director / Zoning Enforcement Officer Curt Spayer and Village Treasurer Jill Margis were absent from the meeting.

Village President: 'Market on Mill St.' Development Project -

Mayor Stewart stated that the 'Market on Mill St.' Development Project Bids were received. Mayor Stewart and Engineer Heitz reviewed the Bids. Two Bids were received and both came in significantly higher than the estimate.

IV Excavating came in at \$2,198,075.71 which was 26% higher than the estimate and D Construction came in at \$2,876,683.30 which was 65% higher than the estimate. The Villages' estimate was \$1,744,019.00

Engineer Heitz explained that the estimate was higher than the original estimate back in 2021 due to increased costs as well as due to several items being added to the scope of the project.

The Village added additional parking that was able to be expanded because the Village purchased the Collins property. The Village also added the cost to replace the old water main under Church St. because it makes the most sense to replace the water main while we are tearing up that area. The Village also added a larger stone wall curb to keep the area free from possible flooding from the creek, as well as decorative river rock and turf, and an expanded Welcome Plaza. The project has grown from its' original concept in 2021.

There are also additional items that are not included in the estimates as they are separate from the design portion of the project.

Trustee Krizel asked if the sheds are included in the estimate; Engineer Heitz answered, "No".

Engineer Heitz stated that the sheds, the light posts and engineering costs are not included in the estimate.

Trustee Holland asked where the largest increase is as compared to the Village estimate.

Engineer Heitz stated that some of the cost is from adding a retaining wall, the repairs to the bridge, the street repairs, replacement of the water main and replacement of the collapsed storm sewers, additional street lighting and turf.

Trustee Schrader asked about the cost of the water main and storm sewers. Engineer Heitz stated that the water main are estimated to cost \$125,000 and the storm sewers are estimated to cost \$27,500.

Trustee Schweickert stated that those items make sense to do at the same time so the Village doesn't need to go back and tear everything up again.

Mayor Stewart stated that he would like to take some additional time to review the Bids and speak to the Contractors about the Project.

Trustee Holland stated that the cost will only increase over the next few years; Engineer Heitz agreed.

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Trustee Krizel asked about the timeframe to complete the Grant Project. Mayor Stewart stated that currently, the deadline is December 31, 2024, however the Village may need to ask the State for an extension.

Trustee Schweickert stated that it is a good idea to go through the Bids to determine if there is any piece of the project that the Village could consider doing at a later date, or with alternative materials, thus lowering the cost.

Trustee Holland stated that although the cost has increased to do the project, the 'Market on Mill St.' development will be a great addition to the Village and will bring in more tourism and increased revenue in the future; Mayor Stewart agreed.

There was no action taken on the matter. Mayor Stewart and Engineer Heitz will review the Bids further and the item will be considered again at the June Board meeting.

Public Comment: NONE

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm; Motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee Schweickert.

All in Favor
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Gbur
Village Clerk