

VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA

801 S. Clark Street
North Utica, IL 61373

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (New)
May 13, 2015 at 7:45 p.m.
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AGENDA

- I. 7:45 p.m. Call to Order Regular Village Board Meeting
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Certification of Election
 - 1.) Oath of Office – Village President
 - 2.) Oath of Office - Board Trustees
- V. President's Report
 - 1.) Committee Assignments
- VI. Maintenance Department
 - 1.) Update on Ongoing Projects in the Village
- VII. Engineer's Report
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- VIII. Attorney's Report
- IX. Public Comment
- X. General Discussion of Village Affairs
- XI. Executive Session
 - 1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal for specific employees
 - 2.) Pending/Imminent Litigation
 - 3.) The setting of a price for the Purchase/ Lease or Sale of property
- XII. Possible Action Regarding Executive Session
- XIII. Adjournment

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MINUTES

At 8:20 pm the meeting was called to Order by Village Clerk Laurie Gbur who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office: Village Clerk Gbur began by swearing in the newly Elected Officials as follows:

Village President Matt Jereb

Village Trustee John Schweickert

Village Trustee David Stewart

Village Trustee Ron Pawlak

Village Trustee John Pappas

All of the Elected Officials took the Oath of Office and were seated. Roll call for the meeting was then taken by the Clerk.

President's Report: Mayor Jereb began by recognizing former Trustee Jim Schrader for his service to the Village as a Board Member.

He also stated that tickets were still available for the Benefit for former Police Chief Mark Wren, who had passed away recently.

Mayor Jereb then stated that being newly elected as our Village President is a responsibility that he does not take lightly. He appreciates the support of the residents in the community and will do his best in the position. "Former Mayor Gloria Alvarado started many projects and not only do we need to continue those, but there is still a lot to do."

He then stated that he would be making appointments at the June meeting. The staff in the Police Department is doing a good job and will be able to handle things until the appointment of a new Police Chief. He thanked the Board members and stated that although everyone does not always agree, the Board always makes decisions with professionalism and with the best interest of the Village in mind.

Committee Assignments: Mayor Jereb then announced Committee Liaison assignments for the Board.

Trustee Schweickert – Finance Liaison

Trustee Pawlak – Water / Sewer Liaison

Trustee Dave Stewart – Park & Recreation Liaison

Trustee Bernardoni – Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison

Trustee Kevin Stewart – Public Health and Safety / Police Liaison

Trustee John Pappas – Governmental Affairs Liaison

He then stated that the intention of the first meeting or two is to bring the new Board members up to speed and make them familiar with current issues and ongoing projects.

Maintenance: Public Works Director Curt Spayer provided a brief update of ongoing projects in the department.

Mill St. Fire - He spoke about the wells / water infrastructure and how they handled the water use during the fire downtown on Mill St. on May 10, 2015. He stated that approx. 75,000 – 100,000 gallons of water were used to fight the fire and there were no noted issues with Well 1. Well 2 did not come on during the event and Well 1 operated very well.

Johnson St. Water Main Project – The project is scheduled to begin on May 18th or 19th depending on the weather, and it should take approx. 3 weeks.

Grove St. – All of the trailers / properties located on Grove St. that were previously purchased by the Village will be taken down and cleaned up within the next few weeks.

Engineer's Report: Engineer Kevin Heitz, Chamlin & Associates, provided a brief update of ongoing projects in the Village.

IDOT / IL River Bridge – Heitz will need to provide IDOT with the final specifications and cost of the Villages' sewer discharge pipe that will be impacted by the project. The Village will need to seek assistance of Grants that are offered in the event that there is a substantial cost to the Village. The Village had previously committed to participation in the shared use bike path and some of the lighting.

Johnson St. – As Spayer indicated, the water main replacement project will begin soon. This has been an ongoing water quality issue for the Village.

Road Improvements – The Village will be reviewing the current condition of all Village Roads to determine whether a road project is necessary this year.

Streetscape – The Rt. 178 Streetscape is almost at the stage of completion and a landscape maintenance company is currently mowing, weeding and pruning the areas.

Mill St. Design – The Board had previously considered a concept for beautifying the block of Mill St. between Church and Canal Street(s). The design will be brought to the Board at a future meeting to determine how the Village wants to go forward.

Mayor Jereb then stated that if anyone on the Board has any questions for Engineer Heitz, he can pose them to the Mayor who will then pose them to Engineer.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Herb Klein, Jacob and Klein, Ltd., provided some commentary on the items allowed in Open Session at a Public Meeting, and items allowed in Executive Session. He also spoke briefly about the Villages' plan to update the Comprehensive Plan along with the Help of the Planning Commission. He also touched on the subjects on the current Boundaries that are in place and the benefits of Love's Truck Stop, other small local businesses, Starved Rock State Park and the I & M Canal to the Village.

Public Comment: NONE

Trustee Reports: NONE

With no additional business, it was motioned by Trustee Kevin Stewart, seconded by Trustee Pawlak to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Gbur
Village Clerk