

**VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA**  
**801 South Clark St. North Utica, IL 61373**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**July 26, 2018**  
**AGENDA**

- I. **7:00 p.m. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
  
- IV. Appearance Request: Ms. Kristie Eager, Superintendent Waltham Elementary School re: Updates on the Construction of a New School
  
- V. Appearance Request: Mr. Roy Dittle, 2891 E. 765<sup>th</sup> Rd., Utica re: sewer connection
  
- VI. Village Clerk
  - 1.) Discussion and possible recommendation regarding a new trash / recycle collection schedule.
  
- VII. Village Treasurer
  
- VIII. Governmental Affairs Liaison
  
- IX. Park & Recreation Liaison
  
- X. Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison
  
- XI. Finance Liaison
  
- XII. Donation / Advertising / Event Requests:
  - 1.) Consideration and Possible Recommendation re:
    - a) Starved Rock Runners Annual Canal Connection Race 11-4-18 10 am
    - b) Donation to Starved Rock Runners Canal Connection Race
    - c) Advertising in Travel Illinois Magazine
  
- XIII. Police Department Liaison
  
- XIV. Water / Sewer Liaison
  
- XV. Building/Zoning Officer
  
- XVI. Maintenance Department
  - 1.) Update - Ongoing projects in the Village
  - 2.) Update – Schedule for the completion of the Lincoln St. Drainage Project
  - 3.) Update – Schedule for Florence Dr. Project

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XVII. Engineer's Report

- 1.) Update – Ongoing projects in the Village
- 2.) Update - Johns St. / Hitt St. Road Project
- 3.) Update – IDOT IL River Bridge Project

XVIII. Attorney's Report

XIX. President's Report

XX. Committees / Trustees

- 1.) Trustee Reports
  - a) Update on Pork Fest Event
  - b) Consideration and Possible Recommendation re: Annual Pork Fest Event Budget not to exceed \$40,000

XXI. Public Comment

XXII. Executive Session

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

XXIII. Possible recommendations regarding Executive Session including:

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

XXIV. Adjournment

Posted: 07-24-18

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At 7:00 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 Debbie Krizel, Mary Pawlak, Jim Schrader, John Schweickert, Joe Bernardoni and Ron Pawlak. Also present was Village Engineer Kevin Heitz.

Before the meeting began, Mayor Stewart requested a Moment of Silence to remember long time Village resident and business owner, George Koch who had recently passed away.

Appearance Request: Ms. Kristi Eager, Waltham School, provided a brief update on the construction of the new school. The contract was approved for \$8.2 million and a ground breaking was held earlier that day to signify the start of the construction. It is anticipated that the school will be ready to open by the Fall 2019 school year. The general contractor, Vissering Construction, would like to have the building enclosed by the end of the year so that work can begin to complete the interior. The building will be approx. 33,225 sq. ft. and will hold up to 240 students which will give them room to grow into the future. Ms. Eager then provided a document that showed the layout and floor plan of the building.

Mayor Stewart asked about the long-term plan for the current south campus building.

Ms. Eager stated that they have not had any real conversation about that building yet because they aren't completely sure whether they will be able to move into the new school before the 2019 school year. The date that the contractor provided was hopeful, however it is only a tentative date depending on weather, etc. She also stated that the building has been well maintained and the School Board definitely does not intend to leave it sit vacant for a long time.

Trustee M. Pawlak and Trustee Bernardoni both asked about the name of the school and why the name wasn't change and why 'Utica' was not added since now the school will be located in the Village of Utica.

Ms. Eager stated that the school is changing locations, but not its' name. It costs a lot of money to change a schools' name within the State of Illinois Board of Education. It would cost the District thousands of dollars to change the name.

Trustee Bernardoni stated that 75% of the students come from Utica, not Waltham.

Trustee Krizel stated that both Peru and Ottawa schools have changed their names.

Ms. Eager stated that Parkside in Peru is a new school which is different than actually changing the name of an existing school. It becomes much more complicated and very expensive.

Trustee M. Pawlak then asked why the new school would not have a cafeteria.

Ms. Eager stated that there will be a warming room so that lunches could be brought it, but there will not be a cafeteria. Lunches can be brought it from HyVee at a cost of less than \$3 per lunch.

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Trustee Schrader asked about the parking lot capacity.

Ms. Eager stated that there will be enough parking areas to hold approx. 170 vehicles when necessary.

Mayor Stewart asked if there were any concerns with traffic pulling out onto Rt. 178.

Ms. Eager stated that a traffic study was done and IDOT has approved the location of the school entrance. Also, there will be a reduced speed in effect for the school zone in the area. They are also hoping to install a blinking light to alert traffic to the approaching school entrance.

Trustee Bernardoni asked in there will be air conditioning.

Ms. Eager stated that there will be a geo-thermal heating and cooling system in the building.

Mayor Stewart thanked Ms. Eager for the update. Ms. Eager will come to future meetings to continue to update the Board on the progress of the new school.

Appearance Request: Mr. Roy Dittle, 2891 E. 765<sup>th</sup> Rd., Utica spoke to the Board about the possibility of obtaining connection to the sewer. His septic is failing and he would like to hook up to Village sewer. Engineer Heitz explained that there is not a connection immediately near Mr. Dittle's property. The sewer line is on the other side of the street. If the Village were to extend the sewer, the estimated cost would be about \$60,000 and would only be able to service 5 homes in the area.

Trustee R. Pawlak reminded the Board that there are many properties that still don't have Village sewer available to them.

Trustee Schweickert agreed and stated that it would be impossible to extend sewer throughout the entire community.

Mayor Stewart stated that he was sorry the Village could not help him with his sewer issues.

Appearance Request: Mr. Tom Wall spoke to the Board about his participation with the Better Fishing Expo Organization. They had submitted a plan to IDNR to try to get water back into the I & M Canal from Clarks Run to Lock 14. There was a Petition with approx. 8,000 signatures in support of the plan and the organization thought it was a good plan to submit. He then thanked the Village Board for continuing to try to work with IDNR.

Mayor Stewart thanked Mr. Wall for attending the meeting and said that the Village is hopeful that a plan will be approved to restore the Canal.

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Village Clerk: Clerk Gbur stated that Republic Services had contacted the Village to inform us of a change in the day of service in the community. Republic would like to change the service day from Monday to Friday. The Board discussed the option and then stated that they do not want a change in the day of service. The containers have created a lot of change with our residents already. The Board agreed that this would not be a welcome change within the Village. It was then motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to recommend to deny the request for a change in the service day.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Village Treasurer: Treasurer Jamie Turczyn thanked everyone who helped with the fireworks. We could also use help for the upcoming Pork Fest being held on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Governmental Affairs Liaison: Trustee Krizel stated that she will be meeting with Debbie Novak and Amanda Carter on July 30<sup>th</sup>, to begin discussing Xmas in the Village.

She also informed the Board that the Utica Business Association was considering dropping all advertising except for the Heritage Corridor Travel Magazine.

They are also requesting that the road remain closed until 10 pm after the Craft Beer Fest being held on 8-18-18 from 1pm – 6 pm.

Park & Recreation Liaison: Trustee M. Pawlak stated that she has been getting a lot of compliments on both of the parks.

Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison: NONE

Finance Liaison: NONE

Donations & Advertising Requests:

Advertising in the Heritage Corridor Travel Magazine will be further discussed in September. The deadline for advertising is in October.

It was then motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Schrader to approve the Canal Connection Race being held on 11-14-18.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

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It was then motioned by Trustee M. Pawlak, seconded by Trustee Schweickert to approve a donation in the amount of \$250 to Canal Connection.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Police Department Liaison: NONE

Water / Sewer Liaison: NONE

Building / Zoning Officer: NONE

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

Lincoln St. Drainage – The project will be completed within the next week.

Florence Dr. Project – The project will begin sometime in mid-August.

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

IDOT IL River Bridge – The project is progressing pretty well thanks to the recent weather.

Johns St. / Hitt St. Project – The project has been a bit challenging. There is some additional watermain work that is necessary. Thank you to the residents and businesses for their patience during the construction project.

Attorney's Report: NONE

President's Report: Mayor Stewart informed the Board that there have been ongoing conversations regarding the I & M Canal. Currently the Village is awaiting an Intergovernmental Agreement to allow the Village to maintain the landscape and the Canal path. The Attorney will review the documents and they will be brought to the Board for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

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Committee Reports:

Trustee Krizel asked about the recent 'no parking' signs that were put up on Division St. Mayor Stewart stated that a resident had asked about having some signage put up. He will take a look at the area and review the amount of signage needed.

Jamie – Pork Fest – We still have draw down tickets to sell. Anyone able to sell some, please let Jamie know.

Village Clerk Laurie Gbur then stated that the Pork Fest Committee had made a recommendation to approve up to \$40,000 to spend on the Pork Fest this year.

It was then motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Krizel to approve an expenditure of not to exceed \$40,000 for expenses associated with the Pork Fest being held on 8-11-18 and 8-12-18.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Motioned by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee Krizel.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted

Laurie A. Gbur  
Village Clerk