

VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA
801 S. Clark St., North Utica, IL 61373
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
September 24, 2020
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AGENDA

- I. **7:00 p.m. - Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Appearance Request(s):
 - 1.) Mrs. Janet Kotecki, Oak Bluff Estates, Utica, IL re: Concerns with blasting at LaFarge Holcim / Utica Quarry
 - 2.) Mr. Cody Tucker, representing LaFarge Holcim / Utica Quarry to address concerns regarding blasting at Utica Quarry as well as discussing future plans
- V. Village Clerk
- VI. Director of Village Affairs:
 - 1.) Update on upcoming Village Events & Affairs
- VII. Village Treasurer
- VIII. Finance
- IX. Donations & Advertising Requests:
 - 1.) Donation to LaSalle County Historical Society toward expenses for their Canal Market Finale Event being held on 10-10-2020 & 10-11-2020 \$4,000
 - 2.) Donation to Utica Fire Department toward expenses for their annual Car Show being held on 10-10-2020 \$500
- X. Police Department Liaison
- XI. Water / Sewer Liaison
- XII. Governmental Affairs Liaison
- XIII. Park & Recreation Liaison
- XIV. Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison
- XV. Building / Zoning Enforcement Officer

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- XVI. Maintenance Department/ Public Works Director
1.) Update - Ongoing / upcoming projects in the Village
- XVII. Village Engineer
1.) Update – Ongoing / upcoming projects in the Village
1.) Update – Status of bids on resurfacing the basketball courts at Carey Memorial Park and paving at Magnsuon Park.
- XVIII. Village Attorney
- XIX. Village President:
1.) Consideration and Possible Action regarding Amending the Outdoor Dining Ordinance for the extension of the closure of Mill St. in the Village of North Utica
- XX. Committees / Trustees
- XXI. Public Comment
- XXII. Executive Session
1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal for specific employees
2.) Pending Litigation
3.) Purchase/Sale/Lease of Real Property
- XXIII. Possible Action regarding Executive Session items
1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal for specific employees
2.) Pending Litigation
3.) Purchase/Sale/Lease of Real Property
a) Consideration of Acceptance of Proposal and Ordinance authorizing conveyance of part or all of Village owned property located on Mill Street including lots 3,4,5 (213 N. Mill Street) in Clarks 4th addition and Lot 11 in Utica Hydraulic Cement addition and abutting Village owned roadways/easements in response to Proposals Received
- XXIV. Adjournment

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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 was absent from the meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Schrader, seconded by Trustee Krizel to appoint Jamie Turczyn as Clerk Pro-Tem for the meeting.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Meeting attendance was recorded. Present for the meeting were Trustees John Schweickert, Nate Holland, Ron Pawlak, Debbie Krizel, Mary Pawlak and Jim Schrader. Also present were Village Attorney Herb Klein, Director of Village Affairs Jamie Turczyn and Village Treasurer Jill Margis, Public Works Director Curt Spayer and Village Engineer Kevin Heitz.

Appearance Request: Mr. Bill Fry, representing 10 residents in his neighborhood, Oak Bluff Estates Subdivision, Utica, spoke to the Board about their concerns with the blasting coming from LaFarge. The blasting seems to be increasing over the past several years. Mr. Fry thought that the Village is responsible for monitoring the blasting levels, however that is not the case. Mr. Fry recommended that the Village obtain a record of the blasts taking place going forward.

Mr. Kevin Kotecki, Oak Bluff Estates, Utica stated that he understands that the company needs to blast in the quarry however, something needs to be done differently in order to reduce the intensity.

Mr. Doug Overlee, Oak Bluff Estates, Utica stated that the most recent blasting felt very much like an earthquake that was felt in the Village back in 2003 or 2004. He also asked how they could obtain a copy of the numbers that outline the intensity of the blast.

Mr. John Fray, LaFarge Land Manager and Mr. Cody Tucker, LaFarge Plant Manager also attended the Board meeting.

Mr. Tucker stated that their priority has always been to be a good neighbor. The blasting taking place in the quarry has been moving closer to the north; which is the location of the Oak Bluff Subdivision.

Blasting is regulated by IDNR and results of the blasting numbers can be made available to the Village.

LaFarge numbers show that they stay well below the federal guidelines.

Mr. Mike Fritnick, hired to do the blasting at LaFarge, stated that he had been there for approx. 10 years. There are 8 shots (blastings) have taken place this year; north to south and west to east. Blasting is regulated through the IDNR. For the current LaFarge blasting schedule, they have to set up near the Village Hall; closest structure.

All of the readings from the 8 separate blasts have been similar. 1” per second is the legal limit at the last shot was .29 / .24 / .13

Ms. Lisa Beard, 205 Woodland Dr., Utica asked which direction the blasting was toward and if the next blast will be the same.

Mr. Fritnick answered that on September 15, 2020 the blast will be set up in the north facing toward south. The next two blasts will be set up for shooting in both directions.

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Resident, 319 Florence Dr., Utica stated that the most recent blast was unique; it was louder and longer. Mr. Fritnick stated that nothing has changed with their blasting; the amount and charge have remained the same. Mr. Fray stated that he would like to put a monitor in Mr. Fry's yard as well as to provide those records to the Village.
Mr. Tucker stated that LaFarge would like to work with everyone.

Mayor Stewart stated that the Village had received more complaints this time. He asked how far in advance of blasting are they aware of the schedule.
Mr. Fray stated that they usually know a week in advance. There is a possibility to cut the amount and blast more often as they get closer to the community.

Trustee Holland asked if they know the date and time of the blast. They could notify the Village so that the information can be put out to residents via social media and Code Red.

Village Clerk: NONE

Director of Village Affairs: Director Jamie Turczyn stated that the DSBSP Grant funding for the businesses that have been awarded was beginning to come in now.

Village Treasurer: NONE

Finance Liaison: NONE

Donations & Advertising Requests:

It was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Holland to approve a donation in the amount of \$4,000 to the LaSalle County Historical Society toward expenses for their Canal Market Finale event being held on October 10th and 11th, 2020.

4 Yes (Schweickert, Holland, Krizel, Schrader)

1 Pass (R. Pawlak)

1 No (M. Pawlak)

Motion Carried

It was then motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee M. Pawlak to approve a donation in the amount of \$500 to Utica Fire Department toward expenses for their annual Car Show being held on October 10, 2020.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Police Department Liaison: Chief Damron stated that his Department has been keeping very busy. He also stated that the Vintage Illinois Wine Fest event went really well.

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Water / Sewer Liaison: NONE

Governmental Affairs Liaison: Trustee Krizel informed the Board that the annual Burgoo Festival had been canceled. Instead the LCHS will be having a Canal Market Finale on October 10th & 11th. There will also be a Trunk or Treat event held on Mix's Trading Post on October 31, 2020.

Park & Recreation Liaison: NONE

Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison: NONE

Building / Zoning Enforcement: NONE

Maintenance Department: NONE

Village Engineer: Engineer Heitz provide an update on the ongoing projects in the Village.
Mill St. – The north block of Mill St. will be getting developed. Engineer Heitz has had the downtown surveyed and the Village is looking at extending the streetscape.
Rt. 6 / Rt. 178 intersection – There will be utility impacts to the Village as a result of the upcoming IDOT round-about intersection project. Fire Hydrants, water lines, sewer manholes etc. will need to be relocated. Engineer Heitz will be putting together an estimate of the cost to do the utility relocation.
Paving Basketball Courts and areas at Magnuson Park- Engineer Heitz has not received any estimates on the project yet.

Village Attorney: NONE

Village President: Mayor Stewart spoke to the Board about extending the Outdoor Dining on Mill St. Lodi Pub – “This would really help businesses to keep the road closed for the remainder of October. Skoog's Pub – Kelly Waters agreed and stated that the Fall Colors would attract many people and keeping the road closed will allow the businesses to control the crowd and keep people apart to social distance. Trustee Holland stated that he thinks it would be a good idea to keep the road closed. It was then motioned by Trustee Holland, seconded by Trustee Krizel to amend the Outdoor Dining Ordinance to extend the road closure to November 1, 2020 at 11 pm. ORD 2020-25

4 Yes (Schweickert, Holland, Krizel, Schrader)

1 Pass (R. Pawlak)

1 No (M. Pawlak)

Motion Carried

Committee / Trustee Reports:

Trustee Schweickert – will the Village have Trick or Treating hours this year? Mayor Stewart stated that this will be discussed at the October Board meeting.

Trustee R. Pawlak – reminded everyone that permission from the property owner is required to put up election signs.

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Trustee Krizel - stated that she had received an email from Joe Neff, Lincoln St, Utica regarding a UPS scam. She asked if the Village was aware of it. Mayor Stewart stated that nothing had been reported. She will forward the emails to Mayor Stewart.

Public Comment: NONE

Executive Session: NONE

It was then motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee Schrader to Table item 3a, section XXIII.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm. Motioned by Trustee R. Pawlak, seconded by Trustee Schweickert.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Gbur
Village Clerk