

VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA
801 South Clark St.
North Utica, IL 61373
Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 25, 2016

AGENDA

- I. 7:00 p.m. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call

- IV. Appearance Request: Supt. Kristine Eager, regarding updates on Waltham School District

- V. Village Clerk

- VI. Village Treasurer
 - 1.) Update – Holiday Lighting in the Village

- VII. Finance Liaison

- VIII. Donation & Advertising Requests

- IX. Park & Recreation Liaison:

- X. Water / Sewer Liaison

- XI. Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison

- XII. Governmental Affairs Liaison:
 - 1.) Update - Utica Business Association

- XIII. Police Department Liaison

- XIV. Building/Zoning Officer Report

- XV. Maintenance Department
 - 1.) Update – Ongoing Projects in the Village
 - 2.) Update – Drainage repairs Neighbor’s Park
 - 3.) Update – Standing Water on Johnson St.
 - 4.) Update – Sewer Lagoon Dredging

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XVI. Engineer's Report

- 1.) Update – Ongoing projects in the Village
- 2.) Update on the final completion of the Punch List for the 2016 Mill St. Streetscape Project
- 3.) Update on Aerial Topography and the creation of a Village Action Plan for potential flooding

XVII. Attorney's Report

XVIII. President's Report

- 1.) Consideration and Possible Recommendation re: Utica Township Contract for Social Services Agreement for the purpose of a making Donation to the Village

XIX. Committee / Trustee Reports

XX. Public Comment

XXI. Executive Session

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

XXII. Possible recommendations regarding Executive Session including:

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

XXIII. Adjournment

Posted: 10-21-16

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At 7:00 pm the meeting was called to Order by Village President Matt Jereb. Roll Call was taken by Village Treasurer Jamie Turczyn. Trustees John Schweickert, Dave Stewart, Ron Pawlak, Joe Bernardoni, John Pappas and Kevin Stewart were present along with Village Attorney Herb Klein and Village Engineer Kevin Heitz.

It was motioned by Trustee K. Stewart, seconded by Trustee Pawlak to appoint Treasurer Jamie Turczyn to Clerk Pro-Tem for the meeting in the absence of Village Clerk Laurie Gbur.

6 Yes

Motion Carried

Appearance Request: Ms. Kristi Eager, Waltham Superintendent, spoke to the Village Board about Waltham School and future plans for building.

Eager stated that Waltham School Board is looking to create '1 Waltham' to address health, life and safety needs of all students.

Currently there are repairs that are needed at both campus buildings.

North School Campus = \$2.6 Million

South School Campus = \$1.1 Million

Total Cost to update both buildings = \$3.7 Million

** This would come from Life Safety Bonds and would increase taxes

Financing

TIF Agreements

LaSalle TIF 1 = Make Whole Agreement

Utica TIF 1 = Coming Due

LaSalle TIF 3 = Coming Due

**IF TIF is not extended, it goes back into EAV

Location

Need 10 acres. Currently Waltham North has 6.8 acres and would need 3.2 additional acres.

New Locations = Would have to consider site cost, road access utilities, water, sewer

Current Student Population:

30% Utica City Limits – Downtown

24% Rural

46% Subdivisions

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Facility

Propose a 33,000 sq. ft. building at \$9.5 Million

Lots of windows and natural light.

Parking and bus lanes.

2 “pods” grades K-4 and 5-8 and also Art, Music, Media Center, Gym, STEM Lab, Stage

Trustee Pawlak asked if the school will provide hot lunch. Eager stated that they will not provide hot lunch however there will be an area to bring hot food in.

Engineer Heitz stated that the plans for the campus and building look a little small. Ms. Eager stated that they looked out to 10 years and the forecast is at about 220 students and the proposed new building could hold up to 240 students so they feel the size is adequate.

Advisory questions on ballot

1. Should they build one building?
2. Seek other funding so as not to increase property taxes?

Trustee Bernardoni then stated that he feels the questions are a bit confusing.

Everyone thanked Ms. Eager for the presentation.

Village Clerk: NONE

Village Treasurer: NONE

Finance Liaison: NONE

Parks & Recreation Liaison: Trustee D. Stewart will check into the status of the Carey Memorial Park to see if everything has been completed and the field is put back together.

Water / Sewer Liaison: Trustee Pawlak spoke about an invoice submitted for payment from Troy Skoog, Mr. Rooter in the amount of \$305. The sewer was cleaned out near the Community Garden on Grove St. however, the discharge is from the other occupied properties. A resident called Mr. Rooter about the issue. Mr. Skoog needs to contact that resident or property owner for payment of the invoice.

Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison: NONE

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Governmental Affairs Liaison: Trustee Pappas provided an update on Utica Business Association. The UBA is planning to hold a 50/50 drawing on July 4th next year. They will send a letter of request. They will also be submitting a list of event for 2017 as well.

Hopefest revenue- \$1,200 from Hike for a cure and \$1,200 from event.

Trustee Pappas also stated that Deb Novak is the new secretary for the organization.

Police Department Liaison: Trustee K. Stewart stated that the Burgoo went well. The Police Department was fully staffed for the event and there were no issues. Everything is also ready to go for the Canal Connection Race and the Veteran's Parade.

Building / Zoning Enforcement: NONE

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

Johnson St. – Spayer will work will work Eng. Heitz to address the materials list for the drainage issue on Johnson St.

Senica Manor – Drainage issues have been taken care of.

Florence St. – Collapsed tile in the cul-de-sac; Heitz and Spayer working on a solution.

Neighbor's Park – Spayer has not heard from Shawn Szvasza regarding the materials.

Sewer Lagoon – Options with a range of estimates:

Pump out several acres; the sludge has never been removed. Then new aerators can be installed once the sludge is removed.

Estimate to remove all sludge could be 7.5 cents to 12.5 cents per gallon plus the cost to take to the landfill which could be additionally 3 times the estimate.

Attorney Klein stated that the project will not have to be bid out if 2/3 the Board votes to approve the contractor. Other Municipalities that have had this done could answer what their costs were and can compare.

Since we are looking at this project for next spring, we can have them come in and speak to the Board in January at the Committee meeting. The Board agreed.

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

IDOT IL. River Bridge Rt. 178 – State is going out for bids next Friday; will have better figures after that.

**November Board meeting item – Exemption from permit fees

Mill St. Beautification – There are still a few items left to be completed on the Contractors Punch List. The slip-resistance product was added into the sealer and applied to the concrete.

Attorney's Report: NONE

President's Report: NONE

Public Comment: NONE

Committee / Trustee Reports: NONE

Executive Session: At 8:20 pm, it was motioned by Trustee D. Stewart, seconded by Trustee John Schweickert to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- 1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees

All in favor

Motion Carried

At 8:25 pm, it was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee D. Stewart to cancel and rescind the motion to enter Executive Session. No Executive Session was needed.

All in favor

Motion Carried

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With no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm. Motioned by Trustee K. Stewart, seconded by Trustee Schweickert.

All in favor

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted for Clerk Pro-Tem Jamie Turczyn,

Laurie A. Gbur
Village Clerk
Village of North Utica