

VILLAGE OF NORTH UTICA
801 S. Clark St., North Utica, IL 61373
Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 23, 2019
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AGENDA

- I. **7:00 p.m. - Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Appearance Request: Ms. Amy Trimble, Heritage Corridor re: National Tourism
- V. Appearance Request: Mr. Arnie Shramel, Progressive Energy Group re: Municipal Aggregation
- VI. Appearance Request: Mr. Ken Mollan, Starved Rock Pedicabs re: Establishing a Pedi-Cab Service in the Village of North Utica
- VII. Village Clerk: Update Ax Church Volunteers for Hope Week June 9th – June 15th
- VIII. Director of Village Affairs:
 - 1.) Update on 2019 First Responder Banner Program
 - 2.) Update on 2019 Block Party Event
- IX. Village Treasurer
- X. Finance Liaison: Discussion regarding the 2019 Appropriations Budget
- XI. Donations / Advertising / Event Requests
- XII. Governmental Affairs Liaison:
 - 1.) General updates on Utica Business Association
- XIII. Park & Recreation Liaison
- XIV. Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison
- XV. Police Department Liaison
- XVI. Water / Sewer Liaison:
 - 1.) Consideration and Possible Recommendation regarding the Annual ITRON Tech Support Agreement for Meter Reading in an amount not to exceed \$ 2,584.96

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- XVII. Building / Zoning Enforcement Officer
- XVIII. Maintenance Department/ Public Works Director
 - 1.) Update - Ongoing / upcoming projects in the Village
 - 2.) Consideration and Possible Recommendation re: Purchase of Pump for the Loves Lift Station
- XIX. Village Engineer
 - 1.) Update – Ongoing / upcoming projects in the Village
 - 2.) Update – Status of the IL Rt. 178 Bridge Project
- XX. Attorney’s Report
- XXI. Village President:
 - 1.) Discussion regarding the use and placement of speed bumps in the Village
- XXII. Committees / Trustees
 - 1.) Committee Assignment updates
 - 2.) Trustee Reports
- XXIII. Public Comment
- XXIV. Executive Session
 - 1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal for specific employees
 - 2.) Pending Litigation
 - 3.) Purchase/Sale/Lease of Real Property
- XXV. Possible Action regarding Executive Session items
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- XXVI. Adjournment

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At 7:08 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, Ron Pawlak, Mary Pawlak and Jim Schrader. Trustee Debbie Krizel was absent from the meeting. Also present at the meeting were Village Attorney Herb Klein, Village Engineer Kevin Heitz, Public Works Director / Zoning Enforcement Officer Curt Spayer, Village Treasurer Jill Margis and Director of Village Affairs Jamie Turczyn.

Appearance Request: Ms. Amy Trimble, Heritage Corridor re: National Tourism

Ms. Trimble stated that Heritage Corridor was supporting National Tourism Week. The Economic Impact of Tourism is a # 1 industry in the United States and LaSalle County has been noted as the 2nd highest County receiving tourism dollars in the State of Illinois.

Appearance Request: Mr. Arnie Shramel, Progressive Energy Group re: Municipal Aggregation

Mr. Shramel stated that he will be coming back to speak to the Board in June regarding rates for Municipal Aggregation once Ameren's rates have been released at the end of May. The Municipal Aggregation will not expire until September 2019.

Then Mr. Shramel stated that the Village's Municipal Facilities can't be included in the aggregation however the Village could enter into another Contract for lower electric rates. The current rate freeze will expire in July 2019 and the Village could enter into a new Contract choosing a lower electric rate that would remain in place for up to 3-years. Electric rate pricing changes on a daily basis, so approval of a Resolution authorizing the Village President to enter into the Contract would be necessary at the June 13th Board meeting to move forward with a new Contract. The Board agreed that they would like to enter into another Contract for lower electric rates on Municipal Facilities for a period of up to 3 years. Mr. Shramel will attend the June 13, 2019 Board meeting.

Appearance Request: Mr. Ken Mollan, Starved Rock Pedicabs

Mr. Mollan spoke to the Board about his request to open a business in the Village that would allow him to offer a pedicab service that would provide transportation to LaSalle and back along the I & M Canal. He has entered into a Lease agreement with IDNR for use of the Canal Path and he would like to also create a route within the downtown to be able to transport people from LaSalle to various business establishments in the Village. Mr. Mollan has submitted a draft of a route plan as well as documents supporting permission from IDNR to use the Canal Path and IDOT to be able to cross IL Rt. 178 at the Canal St. intersection. He would only be traveling on Mill St. when traffic allows. He also has submitted a Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Village of North Utica as the additional insured. Mr. Mollan then stated that he has spoken with several Utica Business owners and they are very supportive of his business. He is working with Ana Kobal, Canal Corridor Association, to create an online reservation system that people can use to reserve a pedicab. He has also spoken with Mr. Mark Wenzel, who provided a letter of support to Mr. Mollan, to be able to utilize August Hill Winery as a location for riders to meet for their reservations. Riders would be told to meet at August Hill and then they would be directed to the Canal footbridge to meet the pedicab driver at their reserved time. Mr. Mollan also stated that he would like to use Hitt St. as a way to access the southern part of the Village to be able to drop people off near Nonie's and Mix's Outpost. Attorney Klein reminded the Board that the Village currently does not have an Ordinance to regulate pedicabs. He has received a copy of the Ordinance that the city of LaSalle created and he will review it and draft an Ordinance for the Village that can be discussed and considered at the June 13, 2019 Board Meeting.

Mayor Stewart asked what the hours would be for the pedicab service.

Mr. Mollan answered that his IDNR Lease agreement allows him to travel on the Canal Path from Dawn to Dusk, however that would be further determined by reservations.

It was also noted that permission would be necessary for the pedicabs to provide service within the community during all special events.

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Village Clerk: Clerk Laurie Gbur provided an update on the Volunteers coming to the Village for Hope Week being held between June 9 - June 15th. The group will be focused on helping with various projects throughout the community. Curt will work with the director of the program and all volunteers will sign a liability waiver.

Director of Village Affairs: Director Jamie Turczyn provided a brief update.

Banners – The First Responder Banners have been ordered and will be hung throughout the Village after Memorial Day.

Block Party – A Block Party event will be held downtown on Mill St. on 6-29-19 from 4 pm – 11 pm.

Craft Beer Fest – The Craft Beer Festival will be held on 8-24-19.

Finance Liaison: A draft of the 2019 Appropriations Budget was provided to the Board for review. The Appropriations will be finalized by Ordinance at the June 13, 2019 Board meeting.

Donations & Advertising Requests: NONE

Governmental Affairs Liaison: NONE

Park & Recreation Liaison: NONE

Streets, Lights & Alleys Liaison: Trustee Schrader stated that he and Engineer Heitz and Public Works Director Spayer will be assessing the Village streets soon and they will compile a priority list for a possible MFT Road Project.

Water / Sewer Liaison: It was motioned by Trustee R. Pawlak, seconded by Trustee Schrader to recommend approval of the annual Itron Tech Support Agreement for meter reading in an amount not to exceed \$2,584.96.

5 Yes

Motion Carried

Building / Zoning Enforcement Officer: NONE

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

Sewer Lift Station – The pumps in the Love’s sewer lift station failed. The seals had failed on them and a pump had to be rented in the emergency due to the flooding and water infiltration. Spayer is obtaining estimates for the replacement of pumps. It was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee R. Pawlak to recommend the purchase of a new pump in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.

5 Yes

Motion Carried

Village Engineer: Village Engineer Heitz provided an update on the ongoing projects in the Village

Streets – The Village will prioritize a road program to be funded with Motor Fuel Tax.

Illinois River – The Village is continuing to monitor river levels and the potential for flooding.

IL River Bridge – The contractor is working on the bridge when they can, however the rain and high river levels have impeded their progress recently.

Intersection of Rt. 178 & Rt. 6 – The Village will be reviewing the cost to move certain utilities for the IDOT round-a-bout project at the intersection.

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Village Attorney: NONE

Village President: Mayor Stewart provided a brief update on the 4-25-19 Planning Commission Meeting. The Planning Commission is currently doing an extensive review of the Village's Zoning Ordinance. They will be reviewing items such as garage size, permitted and special uses in the Residential and Commercial Districts over a period of 4 – 6 months.

Mayor Stewart also stated that he is continuing to work with the National Weather Service to create colored graphs showing the Village's flood stages as minor, moderate and major.

A brief discussion was then held regarding the use and placement of speed bumps in the Village. A speed bump was placed on Burgess Dr. to slow traffic as it travels down the street in the residential neighborhood and past Burgess Park. The Board decided to table the discussion until the June 13th Board meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee M. Pawlak to table the discussion.

5 Yes

Motion Carried

Committee / Trustee Reports: NONE

Public Comment: Ms. Linda Moyer-Halm, Utica, asked if the Village was still working on the Flood Plan. Village Clerk Gbur answered that the Village is continuing to gather data and work on the Flood Plan that will be included in the Village's Emergency Plan Update.

With no additional business, it was motioned by Trustee Schweickert, seconded by Trustee M. Pawlak to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Gbur
Village Clerk