

Utica Nebraska

Village Board of Trustees

August 3, 2026 Regular Meeting

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Utica Auditorium. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by posting in three designated places and advance notification of the trustees by delivery. Chairperson Swanson called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by Trustees Jim Swanson, Sharon Powell, Joshua Ramsey, McKenzie Parr, and Nick Bloebaum. A quorum was determined to be present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chairperson stated that the Open Meetings Act is located on the back wall for review.

Moved by Powell, seconded by Ramsey to approve consent agenda (includes agenda, minutes, Treasurer's report, Sheriff's log, and payment of claims). RCV: Ayes: Powell, Ramsey, Parr, Bloebaum & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.

Public Comments: None

Danielle Baack read a statement. Attached and made a part hereof. The Chairperson stated that what was stated at the Park Board meeting, cannot be redacted.

Fire Dept. Report: Chief Deremer reports the new rescue squad should be done mid-October. The cot has been delivered. Centennial district fire depts will be grilling hamburgers & hotdogs at the Centennial football game on 9-11-26 in observation of the 25th anniversary of 9/11

Sheriff Report: Was examined by the board.

Zoning Inspector Report: Attached and made a part hereof.

Maintenance Report: Attached and made a part hereof.

Chair Report: Reports that 110 2nd street has had 1 dumpster filled and it planning to get another to finish the cleanup.

275 D street resident has passed away. The family is not responding to calls from the Village. The Maintenance dept. has mowed it and will continue to mow.

303/321 B street is working on getting dirt removed and will be working on siding.

Chair complemented the Utica Days committee for their work towards a successful weekend. Motion Ramsey, second Powell to send Thank you notes to those involved. RCV: Ayes: Ramsey, Powell, Bloebaum, Parr & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.

Park Report: Attached and made a part hereof.

Senior Center: Attached and made a part hereof.

Clerk Report: Attached and made a part hereof.

Treasurer's Report: Attached and made a part hereof.

Trustees: Powell, Parr and clerk have drilled down on the budget. Powell & Parr attended the Rural Fire District meeting to discuss interlocal agreement.

Motion Powell, second by Parr, to approve Park Board minutes without request for redaction of June 15 minutes Item 4 C Public comments. Minutes will remain as stated according to established minute rules.

Motion Powell, seconded by Parr to accept remaining reports. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Bloebaum, Ramsey & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Motion Parr, second Powell to introduce Ordinance 801 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF UTICA, SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO REGULATE THE PLACEMENT AND DISPLAY OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Powell, Ramsey, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried. Motion Powell, second Parr to suspend 3 readings. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Bloebaum, Ramsey & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.
- 2) Motion Powell, second Parr to suspend 3 reading of Ordinance 802, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF UTICA, SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND PARKING TIME LIMITS FOR PUBLIC STREET PARKING; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE, approved July 6, 2026. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.

New Business:

- 1) Motion Powell, second Parr to override the 3.5% raise voted on last month and go to 4% for the 3 full time employees. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.
- 2) Discussed budget and decided on projects to fund.
- 3) Discussed about survey markers north of tracks. More information needed.
- 4) Discussed property at 275 D. Street. The Village will continue to mow and then file a lien.
- 5) Motion Parr, second Powell to assist SENDD with their survey and put it in the next water bills. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Powell, Bloebaum, Ramsey & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.
- 6) Motion Powell, second Parr to move September meeting to Tuesday September 8, 2026. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.
- 7) Will discuss Johnson Service project next month.
- 8) Powell & Parr attended the Rural Fire meeting about Interlocal Agreement. Rural Fire is changing the language and will re-submit it to us for signatures.
- 9) Motion Powell, second Parr to allow Trustees to attend the League's upcoming conference. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Bloebaum, Ramsey & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.

Motion Powell, seconded by Parr to adjourn at 8:32 RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 8, at 7:00 pm at the Utica Auditorium.

Claims: AED Authority, services 980; Norris Public Power, services 5512.10; One Billing Solutions, services 675; DWEE-Operator Certification, license 150; NE Dept. of Revenue, payroll taxes 777.14, sales tax 865.03; TASC, benefits 945; Beaver Hardware, supplies 545.20; Central Valley Ag, fuel 1203.26 , supplies 233.45; Utica Parts & Service, repairs 27.77; E. Slauter, mileage 138.47; Centennial Market, supplies 741.80; Seward County Independent, service 67.95; M. Fehlhafer, services 75; Aqua-chem, supplies 3241.88; Google, services 1.99; Anniebels, meals 1398.87; Sparetime, meals 234.95; York Ace Hardware, keys 67.63; Target, supplies 72.88; HyVee, supplies 44.33; C. Deremer, training 197.19; C. Outhet, training 507.86; Lincoln Winwater Works, supplies 892.37; Quadient Finance, postage 404.97; Walmart, supplies 227.37; M. Parr, supplies 86.57; John Deere Financial, repairs 325.89; Zito, services 665.82; Crouch Recreation, repairs 388; NE Public Health, services 33; Amazon, supplies 1046.25; Eakes Office Solutions, services 193.80; Mid-American Research, supplies 481; Great Plains Pest, services 295; Kopchos, services 371; US Bank, services 149; 1 to 1 technologies, services 273.78; AT & T Mobility, services 39.29; Bel-Con Refuse, services 66; Mierau & Co., services 130; The Lincoln National Life, benefits 235.81; Verizon, services 272.82; Black Hills Energy, service 479.07; First Bank of Utica, fees 9; Solheim Law Firm, services 350; Aflac, benefits 348.84; Colonial Life, benefits 74.46; Seward County Sheriff, services 504; Empower, benefits 901; Wages, 33394.17; IRS, payroll taxes 4065.79.

Submitted by

Rita Maier

Clerk/Treasurer

Utica Parks and Recreation meeting minutes for July 20, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM

Approval of Agenda

Dylan moves, Randy seconds

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Randy moves to amend the proposed minutes, "I move to amend the proposed draft of the minutes under item 4-C by deleting, 'and why a board member is following children and counting'"

Dylan seconds motion to amend,

Mat Volzke- Yes

Randy Steinhausen-Yes

Dylan Weimer-Yes

Derek Dubas – Yes

Roll call to approve minutes as amended

Mat Volzke-Yes

Randy Steinhausen-Yes

Derek Dubas-Yes

Dylan Weimer- Yes

No public comments

Old Business

1. By laws- village board sent to the lawyer to look over and waiting to be approved
2. Ball Fields and Park- Batting cages (will address at next meeting)
3. Bike Rally/Safety training- Mat has reached out to the extension office several times and waiting to hear back. Mat will also reach out to see if 4 corners can assist.
4. Pool
 - a. Water Meter Readings- New meter is reading more accurate than any other meter that has previously been used. Jake said the amount of fill time is about half as much as last year. The pool is still losing a lot of water so will need to be addressed again on future agenda.
 - b. Advertising for Lifeguards- need to get early start beginning of the year advertising for new lifeguards that will be needed

Mat requests a village board report

New Business

1. UBO Updates/ Info
 - a. Finishing up for summer and will be transitioning to the school for softball season keep on agenda for next meeting. Brief discussion, no action taken.

2. Grants
 - a. Legacy Funds for Seward County up to \$5,000/6 months brief discussion, no action taken due to not having enough data needing for submittal.
 - b. Nebraska Game and Parks email- brief discussion no action taken will look into more projects for future.
 - i. Derek Dubas will look into time cycle for this
3. What can we do with our budget
 - a. Areas of need in our parks- Mat Volzke suggests a "mommy and me" swing set for future grants.
 - i. Discussed options for baseball fields' updates
 - b. Updates and upgrades to equipment, facilities and landscape drainage for baseball field dugout needs to be looked at
 - i. Dylan Weimer will talk to village office about adding trees in park for memorials, added to village board meeting.
 - c. Add plan to make updates/improvements to tower park to next agenda
4. Goals
 - a. Goals for the remainder of 2026
 - b. Goals for 2027
 - i. Ball field concession stands and ADA Restrooms and work with UBO to meet priority needs.
 - ii. Try to come up with a plan for the tower park
 - iii. Randy is going to ask FFA if they would be interested in a community garden idea
5. Cancellation of August Meeting
 - a. Dylan Weimer motions to have next meeting September 21st, 2026
 - i. Randy Steinhausen seconds this motion

Mat Volzke-Yes

Randy Steinhausen-Yes

Derek Dubas-Yes

Dylan Wiemer- Yes

Dylan Weimer motions to adjourn Randy Steinhausen seconds this motion

Meeting adjourned at 9:01PM

minutes June 15, 2026 referred to at beginning of July 20, 26

C. Review pool documents

- Sign in sheet/Master list with emergency contact info
- Public comments:** Could pose an issue with HIPPA if obtaining too much information. Why is board looking into this when information is already at the pool in a binder that only the manager has access to? Prairie Roots and other individuals that are present would like answers to this question and why a board member is following children and counting? Board member Randy Steinhausen spent about an hour trying to explain his position on the matter. He was merely trying to gain information and see if rules of pool were being followed. Board members decided that this was unnecessary. Result is the board will not be seeking more information than what is already collected at the pool. Randy will not be pursuing this any longer.

UTICA AGING SERVICES COMMISSON

July 8, 2026

Notice of this meeting was given in advance by the Village Clerk's posting in three designated places, and advance notification of the committee by email. The Open Meetings Act is posted on the bulletin board in the Senior Center.

PRESENT: Pat Koch (Chairperson), Cortney Williams (Manager), Jim Swanson, Lyn Hemphill, Sandi Swanson, Jody Wiemer, Ron Erks, Ken Baack, Karen Dvorak, Bob Brauer and Diane Steinhausen.

GUESTs: Lyle Lurz, Randy Steinhausen

Pat opened the meeting at 12:30 pm.

The minutes from the June 9, 2026 meeting were discussed. Ron moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The June Manager's Report was given by Cortney:

- The Center was open 17 days in May. (82 hours)
- 240 congregate approved meals were served.
- 10 home delivered meals that qualified as home-delivered congregate meals were served.
- 10 to-go meals that qualified as congregate meals were served.
- 15 meals that were non-approved as a congregate meal was served (eat-in guests under age 60).
- 1 to-go meal was non-approved as congregate (under age 60)
- 276 total senior meals were served. (260 of these are reimbursable meals)
- 190 exercise units represented 24 people doing exercises. Exercise room use was 138 units and chair yoga had 52 units.
- 12 blood pressure checks were done
- 207 social units represent 36 people participating in games & activities.
- 200 or more newsletters with monthly menus & programs were distributed.
- 97 volunteer hours were provided at the Senior Center during regular meal days (an average of 8 volunteers per meal day).
- June activities were: Custom Knives with Craig, Healthy Brain 101, Family Feud, and BINGO with Kinship
- No nutrition lesson due to the Sub from Aging Partners did not send one for us.
- Chair Yoga classes were held on Wednesday and Friday afternoons beginning at 12:15.
- Rentals Scheduled: July 12, Aug. 1, Aug. 2, Nov. 21, May 15 & 16, 2027
- Fundraisers Scheduled: July 19 Potato Bake

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Income:</u>	Meal donations	\$ 2,400.00
	Fund-raising (Sunday Night Sundaes)	911.00
	Rental income	0.00
	CD/Savings interest	728.22
	Bank Account Interest	12.44
	USDA Reimbursement	187.60
	Memorials	<u>250.00</u>

June income **\$ 4,489.26**

<u>Expenses:</u>	Meals Purchased	\$1,672.14
	Fundraiser Expenses	0.00
	Raw Food	415.44
	Supplies-office/printer ink	200.89
	Supplies-kitchen	22.46
	Postage	0.00
	Activities	145.63
	Mileage, pickup/deliver meals	102.95
	Payroll wages (cleaning/maint.)	330.00
	Payroll taxes (cleaning/maint.)	25.24
	Repairs & Maintenance (Culligan)	79.22

Utilities:

Electric	204.00
Phone	103.87
Trash	66.00
Natural Gas	<u>122.63</u>
Total Utilities	496.50

May expenses **\$ 3,490.47**

Resulting in a Net gain of **\$998.79**

Rita reported the ending balance in the Village's Account as of 6-30-2026:

\$ 27,731.76	Village's Revolving Fund
786.75	Debit card account
<u>5,166.09</u>	Gift Trust/Aging Services account
\$ 33,684.60	
<u>75,759.46</u>	CD's
\$109,444.06	TOTAL ASSETS

Lyn made a motion to accept the Manager's Report. Karen seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. July 19 Potato Bake
 - Neal Koch has donated a \$250 Thrivent Action Team grant to be used for the Potato Bake.
 - Kim Payne will help us.
 - Groceries will come in on July 16th.
 - Plans are made for browning the hamburger.
2. Front Door Repair

For years we have only been able to use one of the front doors. Dylan will look into seeing what it takes to fix it.

-NEW BUSINESS

1. Memorial Designation -Iva Lou Wellmann

Iva Lou Wellmann's family has donated \$5,000 as a memorial gift to the Utica Senior Center.

Following discussion, Diane made a motion to "Form an ad hoc committee to gather information to use as guidelines for memorial donations to the Senior Center. This committee would bring information to the August Aging Commission meeting."

Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Volunteering for this ad hoc committee were Bob, Diane, and Karen.
2. Humanities Changes

Cortney shared changes in the Humanities program. We are now allowed to sign up for one program per year, due to funding cuts. August 19th at 12:30 is the date for the Joan Wells cowboy songs presentation.
3. Janitor Wage

Jim stated that the Village of Utica upped the janitor wage from \$15 per hour to \$16 per hour.

Bob made a motion to up the janitor wage for Lyle to \$16 per hour. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Senior Center closed on election days

Following a discussion regarding the possibility of moving the polling location to the auditorium, it was decided that the polling location would remain at the Senior Center. There will be no political signage located inside the Senior Center on the election days. The exercise room will be closed on election days. The office can be utilized, but only with the door closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Randy wondered if moving the polling place might be able to be done with County Clerk permission.
Jim responded that the decision had been made to shut down the Senior Center on election days.
2. Randy wanted to know who sets up and cleans up on election days.
Lyle said he volunteers his services.
Thanks were given to Lyle.
Jim suggested that Lyle submit a bill to the village for his services.
3. Pat announced that the FOOD TRUCK will be across from the fire station on Thursday July 16th from 2:00-3:00.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, August 12th at 12:30 at the Utica Senior Center.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen and seconded by Bob. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Wiemer (secretary)

August 3, 2026 Board Meeting Maintenance Report

- Street parking lines and parking lot lines were repainted and readied prior to heritage days.
- Blue water along with Ace pipe cleaning was out to do the initial camera/scoping/cleaning of the Aqueduct line... Discuss
- We had an issue with a water corporation stop rusting and blowing out of the water main causing a break and home owner to have no water pressure, an 8-inch main valve had to be cut in to isolate the leak to make repairs and avoid disruptions to the entire community.
- Iowa pump was out to do annual flow and accuracy checks on the lift station pumps. One pump is showing signs of wear and will likely need rebuilt during our next annual PM. We do have a rebuilt pump to take its place while that is happening.
- We had to mow 2 properties that were well out of compliance with the vegetation height ordinance.
- Basketball goals were replaced due to vandalism, signs to not hang on the rims were installed to help prevent this in the future.
- Chemical injector saddle needed to be replaced at the water treatment facility due to corrosion.
- New signage was install fencing per regs.
- Waiting on quotes for door repairs at senior center.
- New gate latch was installed on pool gate between wading and main pool.
- Discuss pool end of season and repairs.
- Discuss shipping/storage containers

Zoning

- 600 Indiana Shed/Okay
- 585 7th/Addition/ Okay with variance that was granted
- 155 Ohio Street/Sprinklers/Okay

CLERK'S REPORT

August 3, 2026

29 disconnect letters sent. 22 Owners & 7 renters.
4 Door hangers, 0 Disconnects

- 1) Office closed mornings of August 12, 18, & 20
- 2) Office closed all day August 14
- 3) LB 840 Committee will meet August 11
- 4) Emails sent about various meetings
 - a) Aug 5 SCCD Nebraska Chamber Roadshow at Seward Civic Center
 - b) Aug 26, 6 regions, one Nebraska: Infrastructure to support growth.
Held in Lincoln from Zane Francescato
 - c) Sept 23-25 League of NE. Municipalities conference in Lincoln

Village of Utica
Profit & Loss
July 2026

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	Jul 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
General Income	
Compost Sales	425.75
Bank Interest	1,696.52
County Treasurer	5,831.22
County Treasurer-Bond	1,376.93
Labor income	150.00
Licenses- other, dog	5.00
Rent-Zito	150.00
Sales Tax revenue	11,254.85
Zoning Permits	140.00
Auditorium Income	
Rent	-75.00
Total Auditorium Income	-75.00
Total General Income	20,955.27
Rural Fire District Income	
Bank Interest	82.84
Total Rural Fire District Income	82.84
Rural Fire Rescue	
Transport	1,852.00
Bank Interest	37.55
Transfer In	72,426.28
Total Rural Fire Rescue	74,315.83
Park Income-City	
RV camp fee	580.00
Total Park Income-City	580.00
Pool Income-City	
Admissions	700.03
Lessons	210.00
Lessons-Private	1,170.00
Private Parties	150.00
Total Pool Income-City	2,230.03
Senior Center Income	
Bank Interest	12.94
Fundraising - donations	2,979.13
Meal Contributions	2,570.00
Memorials	5,000.00
Rental fees	150.00
Total Senior Center Income	10,712.07
Sewer Income	
Late Fee	360.00
Sewer Sales	8,939.00
Total Sewer Income	9,299.00
Water Income	
Late Fee	360.00
Start up	100.00
Water-Commercial	1,225.92
Water Sales	22,382.56
Total Water Income	24,068.48
Streets Income	
County Motor Vehicle tax	2,446.29
Sales Tax revenue	2,408.51

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Cash Basis

**Village of Utica
Profit & Loss
July 2026**

	Jul 26
State Highway Allocation	12,652.37
Total Streets Income	17,507.17
Total Income	159,750.69
Gross Profit	159,750.69
Expense	
General	
Bank & CC fees	9.00
Centennial Public Pass-through	40.00
Computer software & fees	259.77
Dues & Fees	1,827.00
Education	55.83
Equipment	245.00
Law Enforcement	504.00
Office Supplies	105.14
Postage	60.00
Professional Services	648.50
Publishing / Printing	30.34
Repairs & Maintenance	293.96
Utilities & Services	333.57
Auditorium	
Supplies	0.00
Utilities	73.15
Total Auditorium	73.15
Library	
Payroll Wages	30.00
Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
Utilities & Services	149.07
Total Library	179.07
Senior Center-City paid	
Payroll	3,113.00
Payroll taxes	151.47
Repairs & Maint.	39.95
Utilities & Services	55.00
Total Senior Center-City paid	3,359.42
Total General	8,023.75
Payroll-city paid	
457 matching Benefit	851.23
Employee Benefits	973.81
Payroll Federal Taxes	2,974.54
Payroll Wages	26,091.97
Total Payroll-city paid	30,891.55
City Fire Dept	
Janitor wages	22.50
Insurance-Life	2,277.60
Repairs & Maintenance	240.00
Utilities & Services	506.37
Total City Fire Dept	3,046.47
Rural Fire District	
Equipment Purchase	1,823.14
Fuel	55.43
Total Rural Fire District	1,878.57
Rural Rescue	
Equipment	72,426.28

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Cash Basis

Village of Utica

Profit & Loss

July 2026

	Jul 26
Fees	923.96
Education-Training	275.00
Hotspot	39.29
Total Rural Rescue	73,664.53
Park-City	
Equipment	245.00
Chemicals	0.00
Fuel	359.03
Payroll wages	831.25
Repairs and Maintenance	422.27
Supplies	0.00
Utilities & Services	1,384.00
Work by others	75.00
Total Park-City	3,316.55
Pool-City paid	
Equipment	245.00
Chemicals	2,781.60
Payroll Wages	20,436.82
Supplies	288.79
Repairs & Maintenance	516.87
Utilities & Services	1,077.78
Total Pool-City paid	25,346.86
Pool-Board paid	
Supplies	0.00
Total Pool-Board paid	0.00
Senior Center	
Activities	199.23
Fundraiser expenses	25.24
General Supplies/Printing	493.99
Hospitality Supplies	55.53
Meals purchased	2,601.32
Mileage	53.65
Payroll Wages	262.50
Payroll Tax	20.08
Supplies/Kitchen	205.22
Raw Food	353.47
Repairs and maintenance	317.85
Utilities	
Electric	250.00
Trash	66.00
Phone	103.87
Natural Gas	94.50
Total Utilities	514.37
Total Senior Center	5,102.45
Sewer Dept	
Chemicals	1,842.25
Education & Licenses	150.00
Postage	120.00
Professional Services	881.56
Repairs and Maintenance	240.00
Utilities & Services	217.74
Total Sewer Dept	3,451.55
Street Dept	
Aqueduct	3,500.00
Automobile Expense	46.94
Equipment repair	159.95

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Cash Basis

Village of Utica
Profit & Loss
July 2026

	Jul 26
Fuel	1,041.06
Maintenance wage	9,997.97
Office Supplies	26.68
Professional Services	450.93
Repairs and Maintenance	240.00
Small Tools	62.97
Street signs/markings	2,000.00
Supplies & Parts	2,348.55
Uniform-Dylan	0.00
Uniform-Rick	0.00
Utilities & Services	1,634.80
Total Street Dept	21,509.85
Water Dept	
Chemicals	438.75
Postage	120.00
Professional Services	33.00
Repairs - Maint.	10,273.40
Supplies & parts	149.70
Travel-Mileage	66.70
Utilities & Services	1,834.93
Total Water Dept	12,916.48
Total Expense	189,148.61
Net Ordinary Income	-29,397.92
Net Income	-29,397.92