

Utica Nebraska

Village Board of Trustees

July 6, 2026 Regular Meeting

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 6, 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 Parr to approve consent agenda (includes agenda, minutes, Treasurer's report, Sheriff's log, and payment of claims). RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Bloebaum, Ramsey & Swanson.

Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried.

Public Comments: Rex Heiden, Waco Ne, as a surveyor spoke that there should be survey stones at the center line of streets A, B, & C for blocks 11, 12, 13. He believes it is the Village's responsibility to replace these markers.

Fire Dept. Report: It was reported that the Utica Rescue was in Seward July 4 to help cover any calls, Beaver Crossing is borrowing dept.'s 2nd rescue squad, there will be a last call for honorary member, they are planning their annual banquet September 19, and they are planning some kind of event at the September 11th Centennial Football game in remembrance of 25th anniversary of 9/11. Motion Powell, second Parr to allow Fire Dept to use auditorium September 19 for banquet if available. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr Ramsey, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried

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: Reported that the property at 501 E will be removing the remaining car and they are to keep it mowed. The property at 303/321 B street will be getting rid of the weeds, dirt and debris immediately and then will be working on the siding of the house.

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 reports she is still waiting to hear about funds from Safe Streets for All, and the Congressional Funds. Leadership Certified Community renewal will be submitted this week. NIMS training is now open, so she'll send email with information. She mentioned Village's 150th anniversary, and Parr stated that the Utica Days Committee is planning to add the 150th in with their plans. Ramsey asked for some direction for the right-of-way ordinance he is to work on. He has contact with the USDA about market study. He feels it is probably time for a hearing/town hall meeting to discuss a new Fire Hall and Senior Care Center.

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

New Business:

- 1) Discussed the Village having some equipment in the Utica Days parade.
It was discussed that they could use the dump truck and Trustees and staff can ride in the back to throw out candy.
Several Trustees volunteered to provide candy.
- 2) Discussed Ordinance 801 about campaign signs. Decided to table until next meeting.
- 3) Motion Ramsey, second Parr to introduce Ordinance 802, an ordinance to amend parking time limits. RCV: Ayes: Ramsey, Parr, Powell, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None.
Carried
- 4) Motion Ramsey, second Parr to approve resolution 2026-5 with a 3 year commitment and 5% discount from LARM. RCV: Ayes: Ramsey, Parr, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: Powell Carried
- 5) Employee evaluations were handed out to employees to review. Motion Powell, second Bloebaum to increase full time employees' wages 3.5%. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Bloebaum, Parr, Ramsey, & Swanson. Nays: None; Abstain: None. Carried Motion Parr, second Powell to raise custodian to \$16 per hour. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Powell, Bloebaum, Ramsey, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried. Motion Parr, second Bloebaum to give part-time permanent employees 3.5% raise. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Bloebaum, Powell, Ramsey, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried
- 6) Motion Parr, second Bloebaum to allow a resident 60 days to park a shipping container on his property to unload as long as all other ordinances are followed and he signs an agreement to have it removed or the Village can remove it. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Bloebaum, Ramsey, Powell, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried
- 7) Motion Parr, second Ramsey to close F street between Iowa & Kansas on Saturday August 1, 2026 for Utica Days activities. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Ramsey, Powell, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried
- 8) Due to a hospital stay, Motion Powell, second Parr to allow 110 2nd street until July 30 to clean up the property. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Bloebaum, Ramsey, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried. A letter will be sent to convey this.
- 9) Ramsey states he is still getting information on companies to do a market/feasibility study.
- 10) The Trustees discussed the by-laws sent to the board from the Park Board. Motion Ramsey, second Powell to send them to the attorney for a more concise document, not repetitive of the Open Meeting Act or State Statutes. RCV: Ayes: Ramsey, Powell, Parr, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried
- 11) Motion Powell, second Parr to authorize chairperson and clerk to pay any normal claims that come in for the month of July after this meeting. RCV: Ayes: Powell, Parr, Ramsey, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried

Motion Parr, seconded by Powell to adjourn at 8:23pm. RCV: Ayes: Parr, Powell, Ramsey, Bloebaum, & Swanson. Nays: None Abstain: None. Carried

Next meeting will be August 3, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Utica Auditorium.

Claims: Google, services 1.99, Marriott, education 134.50; Starbucks, meals 14.05; US Postal, postage 20.75; American Legion, meals 26; Annibel's, meals 915; Sparetime, meals 275.31; Canva, computer 144; Humanities Nebraska, activities 75; One Billing, services 344.66; Aqua-Chem, supplies 10249.47; Great Plains Pest, services 295; Kopchos, services 406; US Bank, service 149; 1 to 1 Technologies, services 273.78; Mierau & Co., services 130; Solheim Law Firm, services 369.50, TASC, benefits 531; The Lincoln National Life, benefits 235.81; Quadient finance, postage 300; Central Valley Ag, fuel 327.94, supplies 1247.23; Centennial Market, supplies 259.12; Seward County Independent, services 30.34; Utica Parts & Service, repairs 159.95; Zito, services 665.61; Walmart, supplies 313.12; D. Wiemer, mileage 66.70; R. Maier, mileage 55.83; J. Fehlhafer, mileage 111.65; First Bank of Utica, fee 9; Seward County Sheriff, services 504; CLIA Laboratory Program, fees 248; Pizza Kitchen, meals 967.50; Culligan of Crete, services 19.20; Colonial Life, benefits 49.64; Verizon, services 272.76; Amazon, supplies 497.10; Black Hills Energy, service 508.97; Kansas City Life, insurance 2277.60; Centennial Public Schools, fees 40; AT & T, services 39.29; Bel-Con Refuse, services 66; C. Williams, mileage 53.65; Beaver Hardware, supplies 683.22; M. Fehlhafer, services 75; Peeks Construction, repairs 10327.56; Interstate Welding, services 250; NE Generator, services 1200; Tri-City Sign, banners 2000; Aflac, benefits 232.56; Olsson, services 450.93; NE Public Health, services 33; Mid-American Research, supplies 3437.25; Midwest Laboratories, services 881.56; One Call Concepts, services 38.54; Vesperis, supplies 714.36; Fyr-Tek, repairs 1823.14; Southeast NE Development, services 1827; Stryker, equipment 72426.28; NE Statewide EMS Conference, education 275; IRS, taxes 3778.67; Empower, benefits 869.16; Wages 17078.24.

Submitted by
Rita Maier
Clerk/Treasurer

UTICA AGING SERVICES COMMISSON

June 9, 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 and Diane Steinhausen.

ABSENT: Karen Dvorak, Bob Brauer

GUESTs: Lyle Lurz, Randy Steinhausen

Pat opened the meeting at 12:34 pm.

The minutes from the May 13, 2026 meeting were discussed. A change was made to the Manager's Report to separate the USDA Reimbursement of \$183.40 and the State & Federal \$1,500.00. This replaces what was stated as "USDA Reimbursement of \$1,683.40." Ron moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Sandi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The May Manager's Report was given by Cortney:

- The Center was open 16 days in May. (80 hours)
- 264 congregate approved meals were served.
- 15 home delivered meals that qualified as home-delivered congregate meals were served.
- 20 to-go meals that qualified as congregate meals were served.
- 7 meals that were non-approved as a congregate meal was served (eat-in guests under age 60).
- 2 to-go meals were non-approved as congregate (under age 60)
- 308 total senior meals were served. (299 of these are reimbursable meals)
- The reimbursement changed from 70 cents per meal to 50 cents per meal.
- 189 exercise units represented 25 people doing exercises. Exercise room use was 134 units and chair yoga had 58 units.
- 10 blood pressure checks were done
- 261 social units represent 38 people participating in games & activities.
- 150 or more newsletters with monthly menus & programs were distributed.
- 116 volunteer hours were provided at the Senior Center during regular meal days (an average of 10 volunteers per meal day).
- May activities were: Decorating Memorial Crosses, Tai Chi with Kathy R., Music from the south with Donna Martin & Gerry Merck, Healthy Brain 101, and BINGO with Kinship

- The nutrition lesson was about Cooking Oils on May 10.
- Chair Yoga classes were held on Wednesday and Friday afternoons beginning at 12:15.
- Rentals Scheduled: July 12, possible rental July 31 pm & Aug. 1, Aug. 2, Nov. 21, and May 15 & 16, 2027
- Fundraisers Scheduled: July 19 Potato Bake
- Memorial Crosses brought in \$631. Plans are being made for holiday crosses in December.
- Tai Chi has not been successful with our guests. We will not continue this.
- Jennifer Hartman 402-441-6136 was substituting for Alison Rook. She informed Cortney that the County Aging Partners have decided to award our Senior Center with an additional \$200 per year.
- More people are picking up their newsletters which saves postage expenses.

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Income:</u>	Meal donations	\$ 1,826.00
	Fund-raising (Memorial Crosses)	455.00
	Rental income	600.00
	CD/Savings interest	0.00
	Bank Account Interest	13.09
	USDA Reimbursement	362.60
	State/Federal Payment	1,500.00
	Memorials	<u>.00</u>
	May income	<u>\$ 4,756.69</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	Meals Purchased	\$2254.88
	Fundraiser Expenses	0.00
	Raw Food	239.38
	Supplies-office/printer ink	184.25
	Supplies-kitchen	198.86
	Postage	0.00
	Miscellaneous (Fraud. Charge)	55.01
	Office Equipment Expense (Kiosk)	675.00
	Activities	77.51
	Mileage, pickup/deliver meals	131.95
	Payroll wages (cleaning/maint.)	165.00
	Payroll taxes (cleaning/maint.)	12.63
	Repairs & Maintenance (Culligan)	258.80

Utilities:

Electric	168.00	
Phone	103.87	
Trash	66.00	
Natural Gas	<u>182.10</u>	
Total Utilities		519.97

May expenses **\$ 4,773.24**
Resulting in a Net Loss of **\$16.55**

Rita reported the ending balance in the Village's Account as of 5-31-2026:

\$ 27,656.76	Village's Revolving Fund
841.18	Debit card account
<u>4,911.38</u>	Gift Trust/Aging Services account
\$ 33,409.32	
<u>75,035.95</u>	CD's
\$108,445.27	TOTAL ASSETS

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. July 19 Potato Bake

Cortney had sign up sheets for salads, desserts, and workers.
It was decided to make more chili due to running out early in March.
Lyn suggested we create a Facebook post giving people a chance to donate salads or desserts.

2. Possible donation of Go Go Mobility Scooter

Following discussion, Ron made a motion to turn down Randy's generous offer. Sandi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-NEW BUSINESS

1. "Pork Burgers and Sundaes" Report

89 (or more) guests attended. We had plenty of help.
\$911 profit.

We went through 100 pork burgers, 5 gallons ice cream, more onions were requested for next time. We need to get 5 party size bags of chips next time.

Byron Wiemer donated the Thrivent card which paid for the pork burgers, buns, ketchup, mustard & pickles.

2. Update on Aging Commission Funds

Cortney informed us that we will receive an additional \$200 this year from the Seward County Aging Commission. They have redirected funding to Seward County Senior Centers.

3. Rental Fee for Multiple Successive Days

Cortney has been approached by someone wishing to rent the Senior Center on a Friday afternoon and Saturday for a garage sale. Following discussion, Diane made a motion that the rental rate stays the same no matter how many successive days it is rented. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Possibility of having only 2 potato bakes per year and increasing the number of Sunday Night Pork Burgers and Sundaes.

Lyn brought this up as something to think about. The potato bakes are big projects. No changes were made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Randy mentioned that the Milford Senior Center is planning to change to a Potato Bar the second Wednesday of the month. He is interested in seeing how this change works for them.
2. Randy mentioned that the Seward County Commissioners reduced the Aging Commission budget by \$1,000. The fact that they chose to increase what is given to the Utica Senior Center by \$200 per year, deserves recognition for supporting our outstanding facility. Randy also thanked Jim Swanson and the Village Board for all they do to support our Senior Center. Others suggested thanking the board members and also Lyle for keeping our facility in perfect condition.
3. Pat announced that the FOOD TRUCK will be across from the fire station on Thursday June 18th from 2:00-3:00.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 8th at 12:30 at the Utica Senior Center.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Sandi and seconded by Diane. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jody Wiemer (secretary)

**Utica Nebraska – Parks and Recreation
Board Meeting Agenda
June 15, 2026 @ 7:00 PM at the Utica Senior Center
520 D St, Utica, NE 68456**

Call to order

- This is an open meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board of the Village of Utica, NE
- A copy of the open meeting act is available for review by anyone present at the meeting
- Public notice for this meeting has been performed and documented
- An attendance sign in sheet is available for public visitors
- The board chairman/president reserves the right to adjust the order of agenda items
- The board may vote to enter into closed session on any agenda item as allowed by Nebraska State law, including the protection of the public interest or to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

Roll Call:

- Matt Volzke - Here
- Randy Steinhausen - Here
- Mithch Peeks - Here
- Derek Dubas- Here
- Dylan Weimer - Here
- John Javorsky - Here
- Board of Trustees liaison – McKenzie Parr – Here

Determination of a quorum

Approval of Agenda-

Motion to approve Agenda made by Randy Steinhausen, seconded by Dylan Weimer.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Second	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RCV	Volzke	Steinhausen	Peeks	Dubas	Weimer	Javorsky
Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Approval of Minutes from 5/18/26 Parks/Rec meeting-

Motion to approve minutes from 5/18/26 made by Mitch Peeks, seconded by Derek Dubas.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Second	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PCV	Volzke	Steinhaus	Peeks	Dubas	Wiener	Javorsky
Y/N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Public comments on all non-agenda items should be presented at this time, then at the beginning of the discussion of the individual agenda items.

Attendees must sign in and identify themselves in order to comment

The Chair reserves the right to set a time limit on public comments – 3 minutes

Old Business

1. Bylaws – Discussion/Possible Action

Randy Steinhausen made a comment that he would like to move forward with adopting said bylaws. John Javorsky made a motion to adopt the bylaws. Matt Volzke wished to discuss a couple of items before proceeding. Made changes to maximum allowed members from open ended to 7. Currently the Parks & Rec board has 6 members. Chairman will be responsible or will designate another board member to send out monthly agenda.

Motion to approve Bylaws made by John Javorsky, seconded by Mitch Peeks. Motion passed unanimously.

✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volzke	Steinhaus	Peeks	Dubas	Wiener	Javorsky
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

2. Ball fields and Park – Discussion/possible action

A. Batting cage – John Javorsky and Mitch Peeks have not been able to meet to go and get dimensions for batting cage. Will try and have done by next months meeting.

3. Bike Rally/ Safety training

A. Possible action – Matt Volzke sent an email to Seward County Extension office week of 5/8/26 and has not heard back yet.

4. Pool – Discussion/possible action

- A. Pool awnings – More pool awnings by the baby pool for next season
- B. Review pool rental agreement details – Did not move forward with raising prices and are asking the Board of Trustees to waive the deposit fee of \$100.

Motion to approve existing pool agreement without the \$100.00 deposit and the stipulation that there will be (3) guards on duty. Motion to approve made by Randy Steinhausen, seconded by John Javorsky. Motion passed unanimously.

✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volzke	Steinhaus	Peaks	Dubas	Wiemer	Javorsky
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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.

D. Pool rules – Update on action of changes made at May meeting

- Clarify details of motion regarding age requirements
- Daycare 2 children/ 1 adult ratio

Public comments: Prairie roots follow DHHS rules of 6 kids/1 Adult ratio, why does this not suffice for the pool? **Many other public comments were heard at this time**, all in disagreement with changing the current ration that DHHS follows. Board will not seek to change ratio rule.

E. E-water meter readings

- Update/explanations from Pool manager or other responsible party
- Dylan Wiemer (Maintenance) commented that the new water meter has been installed. No info yet as it hasn't been quite a week since the install.

New Business

A. UBO update/information

John Javvorsky (UBO president) commented that the 8U tournament was successful, no other updates at this time.

B. Village Board Report

1. Report on results of agenda items/Parks and Rec. Board requests from June 1 Trustees meeting. Update given by Kenzie Parr
2. Explain Budget process. Include budgeted vs. actual figures (Income/Expense) for 2024.
3. Explain Parks and Rec. Board role and expectations.
 - o Items 2 & 3 tabled until next meeting

C. Revisit consideration to have pool manager or qualified staff members attend parks and rec. meetings. Kenzie Parr made mention that Jake (current pool manager) would like to have his evenings to himself, therefore he will not be attending any Parks & Rec. meetings.

Next meeting: July 20, 2026

Motion to adjourn meeting – Motion made by Dylan Weimer, seconded by Derek Dubas.
Motion passed unanimously.

✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volzke	Steinhaus	Peels	Dubas	Wiener	Javorsky
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Meeting adjourned @ 9:09 PM

July 6, 2026 Board Meeting Maintenance Report

- We are working on cleaning and vaccing out storm drainage catch basins, starting with the worst ones first.
- Working with Blue water on the time line for scoping the aqua duct line, we will continue to monitor conditions and work with them when everything is dried up.
- Entry double door at the well house was replaced as part of the security grant we were awarded.
- Weed spraying is on-going.
- Fogging is on-going ,we will need to order more ULV fogging spray again.
- Park restroom floor was repainted after vandalism.
- America 250 banners and brackets were put up. We also have the banners for Utica's 150th anniversary next year. Ideas for other banners????
- We have been working with our community service kids on completing their hours.
- Dead and diseased tree was removed by ball field.
- Been working with Rita and Sharon on Budget items.
- The continuing Ed. class we attended was beneficial, received good updates on the drinking water programs.

Zoning

- 1425 E St. Patio/ Proceed
- 200 Montana Circle Storage Shed/ Proceed
- 855 5th Street Fence/Proceed (Easement Disclaimer form)
- 580 E St. Garage/Shop addition/proceed (With East wall height being less than 10Ft.)

CLERK'S REPORT

July 6, 2026

25 disconnect letters sent. 16 Owners & 9 renters.
7 Door hangers, 0 Disconnects

- 1) Incumbents must register by July 15
- 2) Working on Leadership Certified Community
- 3) Working on Budget
- 4) Free Aflac benefits-