

MINUTES
Economic Development Committee

October 6, 2015 at 6pm
Village Hall, Port Byron, IL

) Call to order

Chair Clinton Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm

2) Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

Roll call: Present: Steve Andry (via remote telephone feed), Barb Cartwright,
Barb Cray, Terry Foust, Ron Jacobs, Kevin Klute, Clinton Sullivan
Absent: None

3) Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

4) Administrative

A: Approve meeting minutes from September 14, 2015

Motion made by Terry Foust and seconded by Kevin Klute to approve September minutes - All "Ayes"

5) Old business:

A: Old Academy- update

1. The building has been demolished and the underground tank removed
2. Awaiting ground testing to see if any residual hazard
3. Village Board gave authority to Kevin and Clinton to hire a commercial realtor
 - a. Realtor would be adept at commercial listings/marketing
 - b. Would do market analysis
 - c. Also would recommend price based on appraised value
4. Have not completed all interviews with potential realtors yet to recommend
5. Economic Development Committee will set a special meeting on Tuesday October 27th at 6:15 to review info and decide, to be held at Safe Money Concepts office

B: Marketing pamphlets- update. Lisa Miller (Bi-State)

1. Lisa from Bi-State attended meeting and provided general information as to what info they can provide
2. Econ Dev Comm will decide as to what data, pictures, events, and so forth should be part of flyer
3. Village would sign contract with Bi-State before collection of data, which Lisa will prepare

C: Bike ride to Sparta- update

1. Bikers took off Sunday October 3 from downtown area of Village
2. Was the date and timing of the ride optimum? Terry heard that riders may have used up vacation free time to go on Ragbrai
3. Kevin feels that Ride should be handled by Econ Devel Comm in future to narrow responsibility and provide accountability
4. He plans to have discussion with the Wisconsin reps on filling "gaps" in the logistics and process

D: Dorrance Park- update.

1. Kevin seeking discussion with Rock Island County as to possible usage by the Village
2. Would like Village to develop recreational opportunities

E: Port Byron State Bank building- update.

1. Steve said that the original plan to transfer of Port Byron State Bank to First Trust was originally set for October 2015
2. However, data processing issues and shortage of number of safe deposit boxes have pushed date back to probable January 2016

F: Welcome Wagon- update.

1. Clinton is working on this and will hopefully have something to report next meeting

6) New business

A: There was some general discussion as to available commercial real estate listings within the Village

7) Gallery- Questions and Comments

Lou DiLauro – asked if anyone was saving memorabilia from the “First Will-to-Ben” Bike Ride for future interest, such as tickets, signs, posters, etc
He also asked if any realtor has asked re: TIF incentives (no)

8) Adjourn

Moved by Ron Jacobs and seconded by Kevin Klute to adjourn – all “Ayes”

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cray, Secretary

Next meeting date: Monday November 9, 2015 at 6pm.