

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

February 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Village Hall, 120 S Main, St, Port Byron, IL

Call to order

Chair Wes Wells called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

Roll call: Present: Barb Cartwright, Barb Cray, Terry Foust, Ron Jacobs,
Kevin Klute, Wes Wells

Absent: Clinton Sullivan

Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

Administrative:

A: Approve meeting minutes from January 2017

Motion made by Terry Foust and seconded by Ron Jacobs to approve 01/9/17
Minutes - All "Ayes" – Minutes approved

Old business:

A. Academy Site News

1. John Corelis, Realtor, was present at meeting
2. He said he has had some inquiries about the old Academy property
3. He asked if Village had had a survey done (no), and suggested it may be advisable in the marketing of the property

B. Dorrance Park

1. FORC has been working on laminating beams for construction of a bridge
2. Terry said a private party had volunteered to work on the bridge
3. The structure is waiting to be moved but will be logistically challenging

C. Natgeotourism <http://mississippiriver.natgeotourism.com/>

1. Wes is working on getting Port Byron info/pictures onto this site

D. Baby Blues Fest

1. Four bands have committed, one more will be added
2. Should we make up a letter for local businesses, asking for support?
3. Discussed street vendor possibilities, such as smoothies and pizza

New business

A. Fiber My City for Port Byron

1. Presentation to Village Board on this drive to obtain fiber optic internet
2. Geneseo Communications Co is seeking interest from local area communities to decide next locale for installation of the fiber optic cabling
3. Interest displayed via voting on their web site
4. All were encouraged to vote, does not require commitment to purchase if extended to this area

B. Halloween Parade Renewal

1. Should this be something we pursue?
2. Port Byron State Bank used to do it

C. Bike rides

1. Can we get something going on a weekend in June
2. Will2Ben – could we get something going same day that would be more local?
 - a. Could perhaps have an Oktoberfest event the night before

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None

Adjourn

Moved by Barb Cartwright and seconded by Kevin Klute to adjourn – all “Ayes”
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cray, Secretary