

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

October 17, 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 6:12 pm

Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

Roll call: Present: Barb Cray, Terry Foust, Patty Lindley, Wes Wells
Absent: Barb Cartwright, Ron Jacobs

Gallery- Questions and Comments

None

Administrative:

- A. Approve meeting minutes from 09/11/17 meeting
 - Motion made by Terry Foust and seconded by Patty Lindley to approve September Minutes
- All "Ayes" – Minutes approved

Old business

- A. 2017 Christmas Walk December 1st
 - 1. Patty L spoke at length to explain the Library's Christmas plans for 12/1/17
 - a. They plan to have a Santa and a person doing Laura Ingalls Wilder, and ongoing craft projects, as well as a tractor, weather permitting
 - 2. There was also discussion of perhaps getting the Fire Department involved?
 - 3. Village portion of Walk will be 5-8 PM, with music, cider & cookies
 - a. Hope to have 3 gift baskets to raffle off for Fire Department
 - b. Want to have decorated golf cart driving around
 - c. Also will be live music at Village Hall
 - d. Wes will ask Kristie to get letters out to Village businesses about decorating before that
- B. Ice skate rink
 - 1. IML Representative came and inspected the site
 - 2. Said it should work fine, at no extra cost to Village
 - 3. Will need to have signage, etc. and he will notify us what is needed
- C. Halloween movie
 - 1. Will be Friday October 27th at dusk in Blackhawk Bank parking lot
 - 2. Costume contest at 6; 30 will precede movie
 - 3. There will be popcorn and cider, and porta-potties will be set up as well
- D. Potential Partnership opportunity with Augustana
 - 1. Committee reviewed their response to our suggestions
 - 2. Could we add a marketing survey to the possibilities?
 - 3. Mayor wants a water taxi

New business

- A. Economic Development discussion with Hampton
 - 1. Steffanie Adams, Trustee from Hampton, is heading up a focus on Economic Development for Village of Hampton
 - 2. Attended meeting, looking for ideas and feedback
 - 3. Much discussion as to what that might entail

- B. Academy property realtor recommendation(s)
 - 1. John Corelis, Realtor, has been representing the old Academy property for 2 years
 - 2. Contract expires 11/9/17 – should we extend? Extend for just 6 months?
 - 3. Mayor Peterson would like for J Corelis to continue marketing the site
 - 4. There was a long discussion as to the feasibility of using the site for Village use versus marketing it to outsider
 - 5. Wes was going to check with other potential realtors as to whether they would accept it for only 6 months

Gallery - Questions and Comments

- Old gazebo – there will be a “work day” on November 4th to begin replacing the roof, then we will work on rehabbing the remainder of gazebo in the Spring
- Lou Dilauro inquired as to place of residential development and incentives in the work of this committee; general consensus was that we are focused on business development not residential

Adjourn

- Moved by Terry F and seconded by Patty L to adjourn – all “Ayes”
- Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cray