

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

September 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Village Hall in Port Byron, IL

Call to order

Chair Wes Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call/ Establishment of a Quorum

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

Absent: None

Also present: Mayor Peterson

Gallery

None

Administrative:

A. Approve meeting minutes from August 13, 2018 meeting

Motion made by Barb Cartwright and seconded by Patty Lindley to approve 08/13/18
minutes

All "Ayes" – Minutes approved

Old business

A. Third Thursday update

Last one is next week, 9/20/18

Weather has not been good, unfortunately, but feel it is worth doing again

B. Solar power update

Question as to insurance for Village, will check with IML

Should we get a Mid American rep to come to our meeting? Perhaps

C. Status of Academy property

Mayor has met with four interested parties

One has dropped out

Plans to meet with all to address what can and what cannot be expected

Mayor looking at deadline of 10/1/18 for decision

D. Will to Ben information

Bikers will be here in Port Byron on October 6, will hit road on October 7

Bike Illinois is new sponsor for the ride

Expecting 18-20 bikers, who will stay at Riverdale Middle School

Duey's planning on a taco bar, maybe some live music

E. Halloween information

Will likely be indoors this year at Black Hawk Bank on 10/19/18

May have a costumed dog parade?

The Village, Foust Vet Clinic, and bank will share cost of movie screening

F. Christmas Walk 12/7/18

Plan to be similar to last year, which was quite successful

Will need a new Mr and Mrs Claus

Patty will discuss coordination with Library

New business

A. Painting murals in Port Byron

Mayor spoke with Tyson Danner of QC Arts, who are involved in murals throughout QC

They have a variety of programs, to work with adults or to work with youth

Cost may run around \$10 - \$12,000

Another individual, Sarah Robb, also has been involved, and uses volunteers

Mayor plans to meet with her to discuss possibilities

B. Mayor brought up adding 2 parking spaces across from Village Hall

C. Mayor also brought up possible building incentives, maybe rebating taxes to a builder/developer?

D. Barb Cray said that the young man handling our Village Facebook page has gone off to college, so he is "passing the baton" back to the Village

Gallery - Questions and Comments

None

Adjourn

Moved by Ron Jacobs to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Terry Foust

All "Ayes" - Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cray, Secretary