CITY OF FERRYSBURG

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Reifel at 5:30 p.m.

2. Members present: Jonas, Reifel, Hopp, Blease, Andrews, Butler, Magaluk
   Members absent: Cate

3. Chairman Reifel requested approval of the agenda and approval of the July 14, 2021, minutes be added to the August agenda.

4. Moved by Jonas, seconded by Hopp, to approve the August 18, 2021, agenda as amended, adding approval of the August 18, 2021, agenda and adding the approval of the July 14, 2021, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Moved by Blease, seconded by Hopp, to approve the July 14, 2021, minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public comments: None.

7. Members discussed economic goals. Comments given:
   - Work should be consistent with the City’s Master Plan.
   - Need a Statement of Purpose.
   - What the Task Force does should not upset current businesses within the City.
   - Discussion was held on how Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement works.
   - Discussed how a Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Authorities have the ability to capture taxes.
   - Allow residential on second floors of retail businesses.
   - The consensus of Members was to not pursue changing the Zip Code for all of Ferrysburg.
   - Should focus be on certain areas of the City?
   - Zoning can be changed to permit certain uses.
   - Should have a sunset date for the Task Force.

8. The next meeting was scheduled for September 15, at 5:30 p.m.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Craig Bessinger
Acting Secretary