# Town of Merrillville
# Redevelopment Commission Special Meeting Minutes
# April 7, 2026, 6:15 pm
# Merrillville Municipal Complex

**Call to Order**
Mr. Pettit called the meeting to order at 6:21 pm.

**Roll Call**
Ms. Hardaway took roll call. The following members were present: Mr. Pettit, Ms. Uzelac, Ms. Hardaway, and Ms. Haynes-Edwards. The following members were absent: Ms. Chandler-Felton. There were 4 members present; there was a quorum.

**Consent Agenda None.**

**Old Business: None.**

**New Business:**

Mr. Pettit read aloud the following item:

- Roundabout at the intersection of Mississippi Street and 69th Avenue.
  Intraseries transfer Mississippi Street allocation area.

Mr. Pettit stated that there was a memorandum included in the packets from Ms. Hudson of Cender & Cender regarding the interseries transfer, which he read aloud. He then asked Ms. Hudson if she had any additional comments. Ms. Hudson responded that she had no further comments unless the Commission had questions, noting that the memorandum was self-explanatory.

Mr. Pettit explained that the matter was fairly straightforward, referencing the southeast corner of 69th Avenue and Mississippi Street. He noted that an existing house on the Hobart side is being relocated as part of the roundabout design. He added that attempts were made to negotiate a local agreement with the City of Hobart, but the Town has decided to proceed independently. He further stated that the project involves an 80/20 cost share with the Town's Redevelopment Commission to be reimbursed, and deferred to Mr. Griffin, Town Manager, for additional comments.

Mr. Griffin stated that there is a local cooperation agreement with the City of Hobart, not for monetary value but to allow the Town to negotiate within Hobart's jurisdiction for a temporary easement. He noted that while he does not currently have a recorded copy, the agreement has been approved and is operational. He added that the project is proceeding accordingly. Mr. Pettit clarified that the funding is split 80/20, which Mr. Griffin confirmed, along with Ms. Uzelac. Mr. Griffin further explained that the memorandum pertains to reallocating previously approved funds into a different account to better document their intended purpose.

Mr. Pettit thanked Mr. Griffin and asked if there were any further questions. Ms. Uzelac made a motion to approve the item, which was seconded by Ms. Haynes-Edwards. There was further discussion. The motion passed by a roll-call vote 4-0

Mr. Pettit said there is a memo in our packets from Ms. Hudson, Cender & Cender, that she put together regarding the instraseries. He then read the memorandum aloud. Mr. Pettit asked Ms. Hudson if she had any further comment. Ms. Hudson said she did not really have any comments unless the commission had questions; the memo is pretty self-explanatory. Mr. Pettit said to the commission this is pretty self-explanatory if you can visualize 69$^{th}$ and Mississippi, this is the southeast corner. There is an existing house on the Hobart side that she is being relocated as part of the design for the roundabout. Mr. Pettit said they tried to negotiate a local agreement with the City of Hobart at this time, we have decided to move on our own. He said its an 80/20 match, the Town's Redevelopment Commission will get reimbursed, and deferred to Mr. Griffin, Town Manager, for comment. Mr. Griffin said we do have a local cooperation agreement with the City of Hobart of not value but for permission to be able to negotiate where their jurisdiction is over an easement that we need to get temporary so that I just don't have it recorded because I can't get a copy from the state, however you have approved it so we know that's operational to be able to do these things but its correct what you said., We've moved on, and we're doing the agreement NRPS funding 70/30, Mr. Pettit said it's 80/20, and Mr. Griffin agreed. Ms. Uzelac confirmed that it was 80/20, and Mr. Griffin agreed and said the memorandum is about moving existing permission to spend to another account to better document its purposes to make more money for the purpose of spending. Mr. Pettit thanked Mr. Griffin and asked if the commission had any further questions. Ms. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. Haynes-Edwards; there was no discussion. The motion was carried with a roll call of 4 yes and 0 no.

**General Orders: None**

**Adjournment:** Ms. Uzelac motions to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Haynes-Edwards at 6:26 pm.

*Adopted on:* *April 28, 2026*