

Town of Merrillville
Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2026, 6:00 pm
Merrillville Municipal Complex

Call to Order

Mr. Pettit called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Roll Call

Ms. Chilcott took roll call. The following members were present: Mr. Pettit, Ms. Chandler-Felton, and Ms. Uzelac. The following members were absent: Ms. Hardaway and Ms. Haynes-Edwards. There were 3 members present; there was a quorum.

Mr. Pettit welcomed advisor Mr. Dunlap of the Merrillville School Corporation to the meeting. Mr. Griffin stated that Mr. Dunlap will serve as the non-voting advisor to the Redevelopment Commission.

Mr. Pettit explained that the Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. He noted that there may be occasions when the Commission will need to address items such as resolutions related to allocation areas. One of the larger projects currently underway is located on the west side of town in Ms. Uzelac's ward, Liberty Estates. This project may require resolutions and could necessitate special meetings or workshops.

Mr. Pettit further explained that the Commission monitors and approves activities within its allocation areas, which are Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts. These districts include Merrillville Road, Mississippi Street, Broadway, and Ameriplex at the Crossroads.

Additionally, the Commission has issued developer-backed bonds through the Redevelopment Commission. In these cases, the developer purchases the bond, and the Town receives a portion of the proceeds, with the amounts varying by project. The Commission has worked with several developers on these bonds, including Don Weis and Randy Hall for Liberty Estates East, and is currently working on Liberty Estates West.

Mr. Pettit concluded by stating that these are some of the activities the Redevelopment Commission will be addressing in the coming months.

Consent Agenda Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for February 24th, 2026.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 10th, 2026. Ms. Uzelac made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Chandler-Felton, there was no discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes and 0 no.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

General Orders: None

Adjournment: Ms. Uzelac motions to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Chandler-Felton at 6:08 pm.

Adopted on: March 24, 2026

