

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2026, 5:00pm

1. **Call to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Pastor Joe Mills, Jeannie Helgesen, Darlene Barber, Stacy Hawkins, Deanna Forney, Community Development Director Jim Novosel, Trustee Liaison Terrence Jones (not present)
4. **Community Development Director/ Trustee Liaison Updates:** Jim Novosel mentioned, the Business Spotlight Bow Initiative is being presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on tomorrow March, 10th; discussions are still underway for a redevelopment project for the Manheim and Roosevelt corridor with the XCEED Development Company and the family that owns the Culver's restaurant chains; the Village has acquired two properties located at 9914 Derby Lane and 10001 Derby Lane and Ordinances Deeds in lieu of Foreclosure are being addressed; also the property located at 9999 Roosevelt Road are being discussed regarding potential purchase; Steak and Hoagies and Kriser Pet Store are now open, Kriser's will have a Ribbon Cutting on March 22nd. It has also been confirmed that Papa John's Restaurant is no longer a business in Westchester.
5. **Active Agenda:** Jeannie Helgesen motion to approve meeting minutes of February 9, 2026, meeting, second by Darlene Barber; all in favor, minutes unanimously approved.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. **Business Spotlight:** Discussion were held regarding Business Spotlights for the next few months. Possible businesses to interview are underway. Deanna Forney finalized her interview and article with Owner of Young Prince Restaurant for the March Newsletter.
7. **Old Business: Discussions** were held regarding the Spotlight Bow Initiative. EDC has agreed on the cost/quantity being proposed by CAG Wholesale is reasonable; Jim Novosel made mention of it being approved at the Village Committee of the Whole meeting, next steps are in progress.

Discussions were held regarding the Educational Event; Chairman Pastor Joe Mills will contact Andy Pham at the SBC regarding presentation.

Note: Darlene Barber had to leave the meeting early.

Deanna Forney resumed recording the remaining minutes-
Will talk about next month Report from members about issues, Compliance issues, when we hear about matters of safety. Any issues need to be brought up to economic development committee; Pastor Mills to check out a business in the strip mall near old Sha Popping to see what is going on several businesses really high rate increases and issues, such as heat air conditioning; listen to residents and business not being taken care of and also responsibility of village Look at safety in businesses do we see something that can help.

8. **Public Participation:** Leanne Pettis asked about Aviator Cafe and the selling of their business. We don't know as of this time about that.
9. **New Business:** Darlene Barber proposed EDC consider starting Restaurant Week this year.
10. **Motion to adjourn:** Motion to adjourn Chairman Pastor Joe Mills, second Stacy Armstrong all in favor; meeting unanimously adjourned at 6:00pm