



## **NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
THAT A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING**

**WILL BE HELD ON**

**April 1, 2026**

**6:00 PM**

**Location: Village Hall located at 100 Parkers Mill, Oswego Illinois**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

B.1 Approval of the February 11, 2026 Special Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes

[Special EDC Meeting Minutes - February 2026.pdf](#)

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

C.1 Financial Incentive Request(s)

C.2 2026 Connect Industrial Midwest Show Recap

C.3 Industrial Development Opportunities

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

D.1 2026 Business Retention & Expansion Survey

D.2 Business Retention & Expansion Visits

D.3 2026 Business of the Month Award Nominations

[Business of the Month Nomination Matrix\\_updated March 2026.pdf](#)

**E. REPORTS**

E.1 Economic Development Director

E.2 EDC Members

**F. PUBLIC FORUM**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

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Tina Touchette  
Village Clerk

## Special Economic Development Commission meeting minutes

February 11, 2026

**Call to order and roll call:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Behrens.  
Present: Dave Behrens, Raphael Obafemi, Terry Anderson, Carrie Hansen, Laura Witt, Ken Holmstrom, Andy Clements, Brady Travis, Kushan Bonela, Kevin Leighty

Absent: Bill Helgeson, Angie Hibben

**Approval of October 1, 2025 EDC Commission Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Ken, Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Commissioner Hansen abstained.

### New Business

**2026 EDC Initiatives** - Kevin stated one of the main goals for 2026 is launching a comprehensive BRE survey to the business community. Additional goals are focusing on small business development, expanding the business concierge program, downtown development and overall business attraction with economic diversification (i.e. industrial development).

**Financial Incentive Requests** – Sales tax sharing agreement has been requested by the owner of the Prairie Market East shopping center to build a 25,000 square foot retail space. Kevin confirmed that previous businesses have been approved for sales tax sharing agreements to attract new businesses.

**EDC Open House Recap** – The November 5<sup>th</sup> Open House was hugely successful, and the EDC has been asked to organize another one with a theme of small business growth.

**Illinois RE Journal Chicago Forecast Recap** – Commissioner Anderson, Brady Travis and Kevin Leighty attended the event in January and Kevin presented at the event.

### Old Business

**2026 Business Retention & Expansion Survey** – Kevin reviewed the survey that will be sent to businesses and the BRE meeting interviews that will be setup and asked the Commission if they have any questions or comments. Commissioner Hansen asked about the survey questions relating to COVID. Kevin advised the survey is a rough draft guideline and the COVID related questions are not used. Commissioner Obafemi stated adding section for open-ended questions for the business to ask should be added to the survey.

**Business Retention & Expansion Visits** – Kevin advised there have not been any meetings in the past couple of months due to the holiday season, etc. He expects more businesses will be more open to meeting with the Commission this spring.

**2026 Business of the Month Award Nominations** - Kevin stated the February Business of the Month will be on the first March Village Board meeting and a March and April BOTM need to be selected. The two that are approved are Alpha Cleaners and ServBank. Commissioner Hansen suggested 113 Main, LPS Paving, DeMont Guitars, Raising Canes. Kevin will look into the business opening dates as the criteria states a business must be open 5 years. Commissioner Clements suggested Beery Heating & Cooling and Air Dynamics. The Commission decided on ServBank for February and Alpha Cleaners for March BOTM. Commissioner Obafemi suggested ServPro and Brady Travis suggested Yo's Barber Shop for future Business of the Month businesses.

Motion to nominate all businesses suggested pending eligibility Commissioner Hansen and Commissioner Clements 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

## Reports


**Economic Development Director** – There is a nomination for a 9th and final commissioner to join the EDC. Dunkin on Rt 71 is now open as a drive-thru only shop. Travel Bug travel agency is going in on Main Street where Denny's Trains used to be. Businesses coming soon: Benderson grocery store project is on schedule to be completed later this year. Home Goods is scheduled to begin construction this year and Dutch Bros Coffee drive-thru only shop will be going to Village Board for final approval on Rt 30 and Rt 34 intersection. Cold Stone Creamery will be re-joining the Village and have applied for a build-out permit, Bay 54 is under construction and are targeting an opening this spring and Harrison Street Square is in the midst of their build-out. The Reserve at Hudson Crossing building #2 should be completed this spring.

**EDC Members** – Chairman Beherns stated the Village hosted a Legislative Breakfast in January that was well attended by State Representatives and local governing bodies. Commissioner Obafemi attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Kendall County offices in Yorkville. Commissioner Clements suggested to reach out to recently opened businesses to see if there is anything the Commission/Village can do to help their businesses.

No public forum.

**Adjournment** - Commissioner Holmstrom motioned to adjourn at 6:55pm. Commissioner Hansen 2nd. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of two distinct, stylized initials or names, positioned above a horizontal line.

**NOMINATED**

<b>Business</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Area</b>
Alpha Cleaners	Dry cleaner	Retail	Route 34
113 Main	Full service restaurant	Retail	Downtown
LPS Pavement Co	Paving contractor	Industrial	Stonehill
DeMont Guitars	Guitar repair/store	Industrial	Stonehill
Raising Cane's	QSR	Retail	Route 34
Beery Heating & Cooling	HVAC contractor	Industrial	Kendall Point
Air Dynamics Heating & Cooling	HVAC contractor	Industrial	Stonehill
SERVPRO of Kendall County	Restoration services	Industrial	Stonehill
Yo's Barber Shop	Haircuttery	Retail	Orchard

**2026**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Area</b>
January	Hudson Design House	Home goods store	Retail	Downtown
February	Servbank	Banking/finance	Office	Orchard
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				

**2025**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Area</b>
January	Fox River Academy	Music school	Office	Downtown
February	Meijer	Grocery	Retail	Route 34
March	Fox Valley Winery	Winery	Retail	Downtown
April	Pam's Boutique	Salon	Retail	Downtown
May	Old Second Bank	Banking/finance	Office	Route 34
June	Prairie Pals	Place of worship/school	Non-profit	Stonehill
July	Imagination Print & Design	Apparel/promo products	Office	Downtown
August	Hometown Insurance	Insurance	Office	Route 71
September	Westphal Chevy	Automobile sales	Retail	Route 34
October	Ace Hardware	Hardware store	Retail	Route 71
November	Church of the Good Shepherd	Place of worship	Non-profit	Downtown
December	Floral Expressions	Flower shop	Retail	Downtown

## 2024

<b>Month</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Area</b>
January	My Sister's Lil Donut Shoppe	Coffee shop	Retail	Downtown
February	Chick-Fil-A	QSR	Retail	Route 34
March	Culver's	QSR	Retail	Route 34
April	Oswego Vision	Eye doctor	Office	Stonehill
May	Oswego Area Chamber	Business organization	Non-profit	Downtown
June	Schoppe Design	Landscape design	Office	Downtown
July	River View Ford	Automobile sales	Retail	Route 30
August	Tripp Insurance	Insurance agent	Office	Downtown
September	Scott Eye Care	Eye doctor	Office	Kendall Point
October	Keith's Car Care	Auto repair	Industrial	Stonehill
November	American Legion	Veterans organization	Non-profit	Downtown
December	Hett's Auto	Automobile sales	Retail	Downtown

**2023**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Area</b>
July	Property Concepts, Inc.	Real estate	Office	Route 34
August	HQC, Inc.	Plastic fabricator	Industrial	Kendall Point
September	Bella Gia/Prom Shoppe	Boutique shop	Retail	Downtown
October	RJ Kuhn Plumbing	Plumber	Industrial	Route 31
November	Locked In Photography	Photo studio	Retail	Downtown
December	The Village Grind	Coffee shop	Retail	Downtown

**DECLINED**

<b>Business</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Area</b>
Weblinx	IT/web design	Office	Kendall Point
John Green Realtor	Real estate	Office	Route 34