

**TOWN OF MUNSTER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JANUARY 5, 2026**

A meeting of the Munster Redevelopment Commission convened at 6:53 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2026. Ordinance 1830 is the basis for holding electronic meetings. The announced meeting location was Munster Town Hall. Councilors, Staff, and the public had the option to participate via Zoom meeting technology.

Commissioners George Shinkan, Joseph G. Hofferth, David B. Nellans, and Jonathan Petersen were physically present in Town Hall. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Mis, Town Manager Jim Marino, Controller Patricia Abbott, Director of Operations Bob Valois, Police Chief Stephen Scheckel, Fire Chief Mark Hajduk, Town Attorney Dave Westland, and School Town of Munster Representative John Castro. Commission Chuck Gardiner was present virtually. The news media was represented.

Clerk-Treasurer Mis presided as the Commission had not yet elected officers.

REORGANIZATION OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Commissioner Petersen moved, with a second by Commissioner Shinkan to nominate Commissioner Hofferth to serve as President for a term to end December 31, 2026. Commissioners Shinkan, Gardiner, Nellans, Petersen, and Hofferth voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

Commissioner Shinkan moved, with a second by Commissioner Petersen, to nominate Commissioner Gardiner to serve as Vice-President for a term to end December 31, 2026. Commissioners Shinkan, Gardiner, Nellans, Petersen, and Hofferth voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Mis surrendered the gavel and President Hofferth presided for the remainder of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

All public comments are limited to two minutes with a total of twenty minutes allotted for the public comment section. All speakers must sign the Public Speaker Sign-in Form prior to speaking. Please keep all comments civil, constructive, and related to public policy issues. The Town of Munster accepts public comments submitted electronically. The public was informed, via the agenda posted at munster.org, that questions or comments about an item on the agenda were to be emailed to wmis@munster.org.

Ms. Nancy Harrigan, 1547 Ridge Road, asked what the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) is and what role does it serve. Controller Abbott explained that the RDC is responsible for the Town's development efforts, including development agreements, larger development projects in Munster, and the financing of those projects.

No one else rose to claim the floor.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting on December 15, 2025

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTERS

Approval of Voucher Register #R25-11H dated 11/30/25 in the amount of \$81,410.51
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R25-12E dated 12/18/25 in the amount of \$5,025.00
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R25-12F dated 12/26/25 in the amount of \$4,718.21
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R25-12G dated 12/30/25 in the amount of \$50,000.00
Approval of Voucher Register #R26-1A dated 01/05/26 in the amount of \$1,616.66

Commissioner Shinkan moved, with a second by Commissioner Nellans, to suspend the rules, waive the readings, and adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioners Shinkan, Gardiner, Nellans, Petersen, and Hofferth voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, and upon motion by Commissioner Nellans with a second by Commissioner Shinkan adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Joseph Hofferth, President

ATTEST:

Wendy Mis, Executive Secretary