

VILLAGE OF BONDUEL  
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Russ Gehm called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Gehm read the statement regarding the posting of the meeting.

PRESENT: Sean Falk, Russ Gehm, Lisa Hughes, Lissy Kastning, Caitlin Richter, and Jesse Rankin  
Absent: Brad Luepke

AGENDA: Motion by Falk, second by Hughes, to approve the agenda as presented and to deviate from the order as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: Motion by Falk, second by Richter, to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2026 RDA Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITIZENS AND OPEN FORUM: Tim Novitski, Village Resident

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DIRECTOR REPORT: Rankin reported that he is in the process of getting the TID Project Plans ready to be amended in the future. He has met with WE Energies to develop cost estimates for burying the downtown power lines. This work would involve expenses for underground installation as well as for ground-mounted transformers to supply power to buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

G1. Discussion and possible action on Downtown Business Grant Program Application for 249 S Cecil St, Bonduel Auto

Rankin presented the Downtown Business Grant Program application for 249 S. Cecil Street, submitted by Skeeter Beaulieu of Bonduel Auto. The application requests approximately \$5,550 to replace the roof on his auto repair shop. The project is expected to begin in May 2026 and be completed in June 2026. The submission included an estimate totaling \$11,000. Rankin also noted that Skeeter may submit an additional grant application for signage at a later date.

Motion by Hughes, second by Kastning, to approve the Downtown Business Grant for 249 S. Cecil Street for Bonduel Auto to replace the roof in the amount of \$5,500. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H1. Discussion and possible action on a project committee for wayfinding signs

The RDA discussed options for wayfinding signs. Rankin shared that he would work on coming up with locations and a count for signs for the next meeting. By consensus, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

H2. Discussion and possible action on potential RDA Members

Rankin reported that he spoke with Village resident John Springborn about joining the RDA and noted that he appeared interested in some of the projects the RDA is working on. Kastning added that she could speak with John's wife to gauge his interest. By consensus, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

H3. Discussion and possible action on park greenspace naming.

The RDA discussed naming the greenspace next to Village Hall. After several months of consideration, "Fireman's Park" emerged as the name that has resonated. Motion by Hughes and second by Richter to name the greenspace next to Village Hall "Fireman's Park" and forward the recommendation to the Village Board for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

H4. Discussion and possible action on next steps for downtown district and properties.

The RDA discussed several properties, including the Flowers from the Heart shop and its ongoing liquidation sale. Rankin reported that he stopped by the building and spoke with individuals organizing the sale, and no definite plans were identified for the future of the space. By consensus, the item was tabled until the next meeting.

Committee Member Comments and Agenda Items to be considered for future meeting:

Rankin shared that we have around \$40,000 left of Downtown Business Grant Funds left to assign. There are several businesses that took applications that have not yet returned them. He urged the RDA to spread the word to business owners to apply for the funds.

Motion by Falk, second by Hughes to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Falk, Deputy Clerk