

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING**

January 15, 2026 at 5:30 pm

LOCATION: Village Hall, 130 N. Chestnut St. Lower level board room (East rear entrance)

Committee Members present: Chairperson Neeley, Sobottka, Birkel, T. Hines (in place of Bench), and Schutz.

Village Board Members present:

Staff Present: Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Roy

Others Present: Raynee Farrell and Kim Beebe

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Neeley.
2. Discuss/Possible Action on 312 W. Main St. (Old Village Library) desired uses and development objectives.

The previously determined desired uses and development objectives were presented to determine if any changes or updates are necessary. The CDA did not change the priorities for the future use of the site - maintaining architectural quality, compatibility with surrounding businesses, ensuring guaranteed value added to the tax roll, and encouraging a use that attracts a high volume of people. **No formal action taken.**

3. Discuss/Possible Action on Façade Improvement Program.

The draft Façade Improvement Program was presented and reviewed. Project costs and whether the interior improvements should be considered was discussed. The CDA directed staff to lower the minimum total project cost to \$2,500 with program funding to be dependent on the annual Program funding by the Village Board or other funding sources. The CDA also directed staff to keep the program funding to be limited to exterior improvements. **No formal action taken.**

4. Discuss future CDA projects, priorities, and goals

Possible strategies and actions for the CDA were presented regarding Business Recruitment, Park and Trail Enhancement, and East End Redevelopment Plan Implementation. **MSC Sobottka/Bikel** to approve the strategies and actions as presented. No further discussion. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

5. **MSC Sobottka/Hines** to adjourn. No further discussion. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Brad Roy, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer