

**Village of Cambridge
Economic Development Committee
Amundson Community Center- Senior Room
200 Spring St. Cambridge, WI 53523
Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Proof of Posting
3. Public Appearances/Citizen Input
4. Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2025
5. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:
 - a. Data Centers
6. Old Business: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:
 - a. Discuss Future Initiatives
 - i. Engagement opportunities for community and committee
 - b. Welcome to Cambridge Sign
7. Setting of next meeting date
8. Questions, Referrals to Staff or Future Agenda Items
9. Adjournment

NOTE:

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Lucy Peterson Administrator/Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

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Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Brian Kreklau called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
Members present: Chris Kreuger, Kayla Sipple, John Scott, and Brian Kreklau.
Others present: Lucy Peterson, Administrator/Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, and Charles Fiesel. Matt McFalls was absent.
2. Proof of Posting: The agenda was posted in the upper and lower levels of the Amundson Community Center, Badger Bank, Cambridge Post office and the Village Website.
3. Public Appearances/Citizen Input: Charles Fiesel, owner of The Plow restaurant stated the small park area next to his business needs to be mowed and cleaned up. He also stated the fountain hasn't been turned on for the summer. Lucy Peterson will reach out to public works staff to make sure the grass and weeds are taken care of and clarify who needs to be contacted for the fountain maintenance.
4. Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2025
Kayla Sipple made a motion to approve the minutes from May 20th, 2025, as presented, seconded by John Scott, Motion carried.
5. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:
 - a. Connect Communities End of Year Survey
We missed the deadline for this survey, but Lucy Peterson will reach out to let them know we are interested in participating next year.
 - b. WEDC Network Wisconsin
Committed discussed opportunities with WEDC Network Wisconsin. We will continue to stay updated on this and look for opportunities that would benefit Economic Development in Cambridge.
 - c. Bylaws for EDC
Lucy Peterson drafted Bylaws for the committee. These were reviewed and will be edited per the committee's feedback. We will review the updated version at the next meeting.
 - d. Mission Statement for EDC

Lucy Peterson drafted a Mission Statement for the committee. The draft was reviewed and will be edited per the committee's feedback. We will review the updated version at the next meeting.

6. Old Business: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:

a. Discuss Future Initiatives

i. Engagement opportunities for community and committee
Trustee Kreklau attended a Jefferson County Economic Development meeting and stated that a lot of good information, and ideas were shared. He is going to continue to attend these meetings and share opportunities with the EDC committee that will be beneficial to the Village of Cambridge's economic development.

b. Review workflow/application of Room Tax Ordinance

Room Tax Ordinance Application, and Room Tax Return Form were created by Lucy Peterson and reviewed by the committee. The Marketplace Provider Municipal Room Tax Return Form (e.g., VRBO) from the Department of Revenue was shared with the committee. Lucy will complete the final document which will be for non-profits to apply for funds collected from the room tax.

c. Welcome to Cambridge Sign

Survey is currently being completed by Combs. Once we have completed the survey it will be sent to Village Attorney Jane Landretti so that she can draft the easement.

d. Cambridge Storefront Competition

Kayla Sipple shared that Deborah Brown - Cambridge & Co Confectionary won the competition. Deborah's chocolate and sweet confections shop opened this month inside the Galleria 214 building on Main Street. She wins one year's rent plus ongoing mentorship and support from Collaborative 523 Inc. Kayla also shared that a Cathy Yerges opened Mustard Seed Books which is located on the second floor of Cambridge Market Café. Lenny's Lab Café will be opening soon, and we are still waiting for more details.

7. Setting of next meeting date: Tuesday July 22nd, 2025, at 5pm in the Amundson Community Center-Senior Room.

8. Questions, Referrals to Staff or Future Agenda Items

a. Review and finalize committee documents.

b. Promote sign-up for agenda/minute notifications via the website.

c. Clarify fountain maintenance responsibilities with interim public works director.

- d. Determine availability of an additional liquor license.
 - e. Post completed room tax forms online and mail to businesses.
9. Adjournment: John Scott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Krueger. Motion carried. Brian Kreklau adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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Data Centers

This is happening across the US given the negative impact Data Centers have on the ecosystem, water source and quality of life around a data center:

- Villages and other communities may choose to implement a moratorium to address concerns related to:
 - **High Energy Consumption:** Data centers are known for their significant energy requirements, which can strain local power grids and increase electricity rates for residents.
 - **Water Usage:** Many data centers rely on large amounts of water for cooling, raising concerns about potential impacts on local water supplies, especially in areas facing water scarcity.
 - **Environmental Impact:** Data centers can contribute to air and noise pollution, primarily through backup diesel generators and cooling systems.
 - **Traffic and Infrastructure Demands:** Large-scale data center development can increase traffic and strain local infrastructure, such as roads and utilities.
 - **Lack of Preparedness:** Some villages may find that their existing zoning regulations and infrastructure are not adequately equipped to manage the specific challenges posed by data center development.
- **Examples:** Numerous instances show local governments enacting moratoriums to temporarily halt data center development, such as DeKalb County, Georgia. These moratoria allow time for officials to study the impacts, gather community input, and potentially update zoning ordinances or develop new regulations tailored to data centers.