



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ramanujam Ramanujam, Chair
Matthew Heron, Vice Chair
Jim Petrie, Secretary

Frank Abkenar
Angela Jaafar
Carol Poenisch

Chris Roosen
Aric Tosqui
Janice Wilkiemeyer

Economic Development Corporation Regular Meeting

Date: September 22, 2025
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Northville Township Assembly Room
44405 6 Mile Road

Call To Order:

Roll Call: Frank Abkenar , Matthew Heron, Angela Jaafar, Jim Petrie, Carol Poenisch,
Ramanujam Ramanujam, Chris Roosen, Aric Tosqui, Janice Wilkiemeyer

Approval of Minutes: March 10, 2025

Presentation: Wayne County EDC Informational Presentation

Brief Public Comments: (Anyone wishing to comment on an agenda item, or any other matter, may do so at this time. Citizen Comments are requested to be limited to two minutes.)

New Business: None

Upcoming Meeting Dates: March 23, 2026 and September 28, 2026

Discussion

Adjournment



**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES**

Date: March 10, 2025
Time: 8:00 P.M. (following BRA meeting)
Place: Northville Township Hall
44405 Six Mile Road

Call to Order: Chair Ramanujam called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present: Frank Abkenar, William Bufe, Matthew Heron, Jim Petrie, Carol Poenisch,
Ramanujam Ramanujam, Chris Roosen, Aric Tosqui

Absent: Janice Wilkiemeyer

Also present: Heidi LaFever, Township Assistant Finance Director
Mark Abbo, Township Supervisor
Samantha Mariuz, Consultant, Fleis & VandenBrink

Approval of Minutes: September 23, 2024

MOTION by Tosqui, support by Bufe, to approve the September 23, 2024 minutes as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Presentation: None

Brief Public Comments: None

New Business:

1. Charter Township of Northville Board Elections - Chair

Representative: Mark Abbo, Township Supervisor

Request: To formally reappoint Mr. Ramanujam Ramanujam as the Chair of the Authority.

Action: Motion to Approve: To approve the reappointment of Mr. Ramanujam Ramanujam as Chair of the Authority.

MOTION by Tosqui, support by Petrie, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Ramanujam Ramanujam as the Chair of the Authority.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. Charter Township of Northville Board Elections – Vice-Chair

Representative: Mark Abbo, Township Supervisor

Request: To formally reappoint Matthew Heron as the Vice-Chair of the Authority.

Action: Motion to Approve: To approve the reappointment of Matthew Heron as Vice-Chair of the Authority.

MOTION by Tosqui, support by Petrie, to approve the reappointment of Matthew Heron as Vice-Chair of the Authority.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Charter Township of Northville Board Elections – Secretary

Representative: Mark Abbo, Township Supervisor

Request: To formally reappoint Mr. Jim Petrie as the Secretary of the Authority.

Action: Motion to Approve: To approve the reappointment of Mr. Jim Petrie as Secretary of the Authority.

MOTION by Tosqui, support by Bufe, to approve the reappointment of Mr. Jim Petrie as Secretary of the Authority.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: September 22, 2025

Discussion:

Board members discussed ways to make the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) more active in supporting economic initiatives within the township. It was noted that much of the EDC's recent activity has been procedural, such as officer elections, and members considered whether there were specific initiatives to pursue before the September meeting.

The discussion highlighted the importance of developing a budget to quantify and support potential economic development activities. Some members suggested that even small steps, such as connecting with economic development organizations to explore available resources and funding opportunities, could be beneficial.

However, it was emphasized that a true commitment to economic development would require financial backing.

To further explore these opportunities, members agreed to form a subcommittee to focus on business engagement, workforce development, and attracting investment. It was shared that outreach had already begun with organizations such as the Detroit Regional Partnership (DRP), Wayne County EDC, MMTC, and Northville Township consultants, but additional study sessions or subcommittee meetings would help refine priorities.

The discussion concluded with consensus to organize a study session before the next EDC meeting to identify specific initiatives, determine funding needs, and develop a strategy for supporting economic growth in Northville Township.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Petrie, support by Roosen, to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.