

Tax Incentive Committee
May 18, 2026

Call to Order

This is a regular meeting of the Tax Incentive Committee held at 21 S. Elm Street, Zeeland, MI 49464 on Monday, May 18, 2026. Committee member VanDorp called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

Present: Committee members – VanDorp, Gruppen, Lam, Langeland

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Tim Klunder, City Attorney Jim Donkersloot, ACM/Finance Director Kevin Plockmeyer, Community Development Director Tim Maday, and City Clerk Kristi DeVerney

AGENDA

Review of Act 198 – Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate
Application for 800 E Riley St – JR Automation Technologies, LLC

Community Development Director Tim Maday stated JR Automation Technologies, LLC began construction of their new corporate headquarters and production facility at 800 E Riley St.

The company is now seeking an Act 198 - Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for the project. An Act 198 tax abatement reduces the property tax burden on new/renovated/expanded industrial facilities by nearly 50% for a period of up to 12 years. Over the past several decades, the City of Zeeland has supported many projects in the industrial park with Act 198 tax abatements.

In September of 2025, an Act 198 - Industrial Development District was established at the 800 E Riley St site. The prior establishment of the district allows the applicant to apply directly for an Act 198 exemption certificate. Their certificate application was filed in April of 2026. Maday stated that if the request is approved by the Tax Incentive Committee, this application will come before City Council for a public hearing and consideration in June of 2026.

Staff believe that the application documents are in order, and it is appropriate for the Committee to forward the application to City Council and schedule a public hearing for the requested exemption certificate, and staff recommend such action be taken.

Motion was made by Gruppen and Supported by Lam to schedule a City Council public hearing for the 2026 Act 198 Exemption Certificate Application for JR Automation Technologies, LLC for the development of 800 E Riley St.

Ayes: VanDorp, Gruppen, Lam, Langeland

No Votes: None

Absent: None

Approval of March 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Lam and supported by Gruppen to approve the March 16, 2026, meeting minutes. All voted in favor, minutes approved.

Other Items

None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 P.M.

Kristi DeVerney, Zeeland City Clerk