

Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency
Special Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2009

The special meeting of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Eastside Business Center, 1201 East Fayette Street, Syracuse, New York.

Chairperson Robert Baldwin called the meeting to order at 8:01a.m. with the following:

PRESENT:

Robert Baldwin
Russell Andrews
William Towsley
David Knapp
Dale Sweetland
Karen Kitney

ABSENT:

Donna DeSiato

ALSO PRESENT:

Mark Arbon, Agency Counsel, Gilberti Law Firm
Mary Beth Primo, Executive Director, Agency
Gregory Hitchin, Business Development Manager, Office of Economic Development
Kim Hall, Management Analyst, Office of Economic Development
Deanna Hornyak, Administrative Intern, Office of Economic Dev
Karen Doster, Recording Secretary
Ed Petruniak, Tessy Plastics

TESSY PLASTICS – PROJECT INDUCEMENT AND SEQRA DETERMINATION

Kim Hall stated that there were comments at the public hearing in favor of the project.

(Russ Andrews arrived at meeting.)

Mark Arbon stated that the long EAF was circulated with the agenda and the Town had already performed its SEQRA review as an unlisted action, uncoordinated review. He stated that they issued a negative declaration. He stated that this is also the same footprint of the building several years ago of an application from Tessy Medical Products that the Agency also looked at. He stated that based on the long form EAF, they recommend the Agency recommend a negative declaration. He stated that it is an unlisted action and uncoordinated review is permissible.

David Knapp asked if there were any comments with concerns about the project. Kim Hall stated that there were no comments with concerns about the project.

Upon a motion by David Knapp, seconded by Dale Sweetland, the OCIDA Board approved a resolution adopting a negative declaration for the Tessy Plastics Corporation project located in the Town of Elbridge as an unlisted action with no significant impact on the environment. Motion was carried.

William Towsley inquired about the construction schedule. Ed Petruniak stated that they are ready to go. He stated that things can happen in the next 30 days.

William Towsley stated that if the project is ready to go then they have contractors and subcontractors under contract but there is nothing listed on the contract access agreement. Ed Petruniak stated that they have been working with VIP and will get more information and provide it. He stated that he is aware of OCIDA's local labor policy.

Mark Arbon stated that he will make sure the completed contract status report is received before a tax exempt certificate is issued.

Upon a motion by Karen Kitney, seconded by David Knapp, the OCIDA board approved an inducement resolution for straight lease transaction for the Tessy Plastics Corporation project consisting of the construction of an approximately 90,000 square foot stand-alone building to be located on the existing Tessy Campus on Route 5 West, in the Town of Elbridge. Motion was carried.

Ed Petruniak thanked the Board for the special session and all the support over the years.

Dale Sweetland stated that he missed the last meeting but after reading a newspaper article he would like to be brought up to speed about the \$20,000 that was requested. A discussion then ensued with Robert Baldwin explaining that at times the Agency has been asked to provide technical assistance to potential attraction projects that are considering a local site. Often, as in this case, the project developer requires confidentiality while they are in the site selection process. In this instance the funds would be used for engineering work.

Upon a motion by Dale Sweetland, seconded by David Knapp, the OCIDA Board adjourned the special Agency meeting at 8:12 am. Motion was carried.

Mary Beth Primo, Executive Director