

Report of the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency d/b/a Genesee County Economic Development Center, Public Hearing for Ken Wendt's Propane Gas Service, Inc. held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, 4:00 PM – LeRoy Town Hall – 48 Main Street, LeRoy, NY

I. ATTENDANCE

Mark Masse, Sr. VP of Operations, Genesee County EDC
Betsy Richardson, Staff Accountant, Genesee County EDC
Bruno DeFazio, Town of LeRoy
Jerry Diskin, LeRoy Fire Department
John Johnson, LeRoy Fire Department
Eileen Dries, LeRoy Resident
Paul Wendt, Ken Wendt's Propane
Steve Barbeau, Town of LeRoy

II. CALL TO ORDER

The public hearing for the proposed incentives for Ken Wendt's Propane Gas Service, Inc. was called to order at 4:00 pm at the LeRoy Town Hall.

A notice of this public hearing describing the project was published in the Batavia Daily News, a copy of which is attached and is an official part of this transcript.

III. PROJECT SUMMARY

The company is building a 9,600 sq. ft. facility at the corner of Route 19 and North Road in the Town of LeRoy. The company will be expanding its propane service to local residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers. The company plans to invest approx. \$1,300,000 and create 4 new jobs. The company is seeking assistance from the GCEDC with a sales tax exemption valued at approx. \$51,200, a mortgage tax exemption valued at approx. \$9,000 and a property tax exemption, based on the incremental increase in assessed value, valued at approx. \$65,767.

IV. COMMENTS

John Johnson, with the LeRoy Fire District, shared that he had some concerns for public safety with the new facility. The amount of traffic coming in and out of the new facility could be a cause for concern.

M. Masse responded that Route 19 is NYSDOT's jurisdiction. The Town of LeRoy had previously petitioned NYSDOT to lower the speed limit there and was told "no".

Eileen Dries, a LeRoy resident, shared that given the project will be receiving a property tax abatement, wondered if fire district fees be reduced.

M. Masse responded that special districts, including fire district fees, cannot be abated, so this project will be paying 100% for their fire district fees.

Jerry Diskin, with the LeRoy Fire District, shared that although he is in favor of this project, it would be helpful for the fire district to have an opportunity to look at the site plans for this project and work with the business owner on plans for access points and water supply in case of an emergency.

Paul Wendt shared that they would be more than willing to sit down with the fire district and discuss any changes or suggestions to make the site safer. Paul also offered to give the fire district personnel a tour of their current Sanborn, NY facility.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing was closed at 4:20 PM.