



Report of the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency d/b/a Genesee County Economic Development Center Public Hearing of Freightliner & Western Star of Batavia, LLC held on Friday, July 29, 2016, 4:00 PM – Batavia Town Hall – 3833 W. Main Street Road, Batavia, NY

I. ATTENDANCE

Chris Suozzi, VP of Business Development, Genesee County EDC
Betsy Richardson, Staff Accountant, Genesee County EDC
Drew Morris
John O'Neil
James Fanara
Gregg Torrey, Genesee County

II. CALL TO ORDER

The public hearing of Freightliner & Western Star of Batavia, LLC was called to order at 4:00 pm at the Batavia 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

C. Suozzi described the project as follows:

The company is expanding from its current location in West Seneca, NY to a second location on State St. Rd. in the Town of Batavia. The facility includes new construction of a 30,000 sq. ft. parts warehouse and service center. The company is planning on hiring 30 FTE's in Batavia with a capital investment of \$4,350,000. The project will be located along the NYS Thruway and next door to Genesee Valley Educational Partnership (GVEP). The GVEP graduates are seen as "ideal" workforce for the new facility.

The company is seeking assistance from the GCEDC with a sales tax exemption valued at approx. \$280,000, a mortgage tax exemption valued at approx. \$43,750 and a property tax exemption, based on the incremental increase in assessed value, valued at approx. \$185,902.

IV. COMMENTS

Drew Morris shared that there is a fair amount of opposition to this project from the residents near where the project will be located. Some of their concerns include noise levels increasing; cutting down trees there will most likely increase the noise level from the thruway. Additional traffic to the area is also a concern. The residents have a fear of the water table changing and destruction of the natural habitat.

John O'Neil shared that he has a fear that this company will leave after receiving its 10 years of benefits. However, he felt that the company's plan to partner with Genesee Valley Educational Partnership will be a

great idea for their staffing needs.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing was closed at 4:15 PM.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law will be held by the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency d/b/a Genesee County Economic Development Center (the "Agency") on Friday, July 29, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. local time, at Batavia Town Hall, Conference Room, 3833 West Main Street Road, Batavia, New York 14020, in connection with the following matter:

Freightliner & Western Star of Batavia LLC, for itself or on behalf of an entity formed or to be formed (the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in certain land located on State Street Road in the Town of Batavia, Genesee County, New York (being more fully identified as tax map number 8-1-38) (the "Land"), (B) the construction and equipping of an approximately 30,000 square-foot building for use as service bays and warehouse space (the "Improvements"), and (C) the acquisition by the Company in and around the Improvements of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment", and collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility").

The Agency will acquire title to, or a leasehold interest in, the Facility and lease the Facility back to the Company. The Company will operate the Facility during the term of the lease. At the end of the lease term, the Company will purchase the Facility from the Agency, or if the Agency holds a leasehold interest, the leasehold interest will be terminated. The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance (the "Financial Assistance") to the Company in the form of sales and use tax exemptions and a mortgage recording tax exemption, consistent with the policies of the Agency, and a partial real property tax abatement.

A representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company's project Application and hear and accept written and oral comments from all persons with views in favor of or opposed to or otherwise relevant to the proposed Financial Assistance.

Dated: July 19, 2016

By:

GENESEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY D/B/A
GENESEE COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CENTER