

**FINAL RESOLUTION**  
*(Genesee & Mohawk Valley Railroad Co., Inc. Project)*

A regular meeting of the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency d/b/a Genesee County Economic Development Center was convened on Thursday, May 4, 2017.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 05/2017 - 01

RESOLUTION OF THE GENESEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY D/B/A GENESEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (i) MAKING A DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO THE GENESEE & MOHAWK VALLEY RAILROAD CO., INC. PROJECT (THE "COMPANY") PROJECT PURSUANT TO SEQRA (AS HEREINAFTER DEFINED), (ii) AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGENT AGREEMENT, LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASEBACK AGREEMENT, TAX AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS; (iii) AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY IN THE FORM OF (A) A SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR PURCHASES AND RENTALS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPPING OF THE PROJECT, AND (B) A REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT STRUCTURED THROUGH A TAX AGREEMENT; AND (iv) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 565 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York, as amended (hereinafter collectively called the "Act"), the **GENESEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY d/b/a GENESEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to own, lease and sell property for the purpose of, among other things, acquiring, constructing and equipping industrial, manufacturing and commercial facilities as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, **GENESEE & MOHAWK VALLEY RAILROAD CO., INC.**, for itself or on behalf of an entity formed or to be formed (the "Company"), previously submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (A) the acquisition or retention by the Agency of a leasehold interest in certain land located at 100 Evans Street, City of Batavia, Genesee County, New York (the "Land") and the exiting improvements located thereon, consisting principally of the Company's existing rail and truck served warehouse offering transloading (rail to truck, truck to rail), warehousing and distribution of certain products (the "Existing Improvements"), (B) the construction and equipping of an approximately 12,000 square-foot addition to the Existing Improvements to accommodate additional workload capacity (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, the Existing Improvements and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the Financial Assistance (as defined below) that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Agency will (i) designate the Company as agent of the Agency for the purpose of undertaking the Project pursuant to an agent, financial assistance and project agreement (the "Agent Agreement"), (ii) negotiate and enter into a lease agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), a leaseback agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"), a tax agreement (the "Tax Agreement") and related documents with the Company, (iii) take title to or a leasehold interest in the Land, Improvements, Equipment and personal property constituting the Project (once the Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement and Tax Agreement have been negotiated), and (iv) provide Financial Assistance to the Company in the form of (a) a sales and use tax exemption for purchases and rentals related to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the Project, and (b) a real property tax abatement through the Tax Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2017, the Agency adopted a resolution (the "Initial Resolution") accepting the Company's Application and directing that a public hearing be held; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., local time, at Batavia City Hall, City Council Board Room, One Batavia City Centre, Batavia New York 14020, the Agency held a public hearing with respect to the Project and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency (the "Public Hearing"), whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto at 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617, as amended (collectively referred to as "SEQRA"), the Agency must satisfy the applicable requirements set forth in SEQRA, as necessary, prior to making a final determination whether to undertake the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement and Tax Agreement, and related documents have been negotiated and are presented to this meeting for approval and execution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GENESEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY D/B/A GENESEE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Company has presented an Application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's Application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:

(A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and

(B) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to appoint the Company as its agent for purposes of acquiring, constructing and equipping the Project; and

(C) The Agency has the authority to take the actions contemplated herein under the Act; and

(D) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to develop the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in Genesee County and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and

(E) The Project will not result in the removal of a facility or commercial, industrial, or manufacturing plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's Application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries; and

(F) The Project involves an Unlisted Action under SEQRA as that term is defined by 6 NYCRR §617.2(ak). The Agency is acting as Lead Agency pursuant to SEQRA and conducting an Uncoordinated Review pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6 Based upon a thorough and comprehensive review by the Agency of the Application, the Short Environmental Assessment Form and related documents delivered by the Company to the Agency, as well as other representations made by the Company to the Agency in connection with the Project, the Agency hereby finds that the Project will result in no potential significant adverse environmental impacts requiring the preparation of an environmental impact statement for the action. Thus, the Agency issues a Negative Declaration for the action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.7 of the SEQRA findings.

Section 2. Based upon representations and warranties made by the Company in the Application, the Agency hereby authorizes and approves the Company, as its agent, to make purchases of goods and services relating to the Project, that would otherwise be subject to New York State and local sales and use tax in an amount up to **\$536,400.00**, which result in New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits ("sales and use tax exemption benefits") not to exceed **\$42,912.00**. The Agency agrees to consider any requests by the Company for increase to the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized by the Agency upon being provided with appropriate documentation detailing the additional purchases of property or services. Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Agency may recover or recapture from the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any sales and use tax exemption benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that:

(i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; or (iv) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are taken in cases where the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project. As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, shall (i) cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands.

Section 3. Subject to the Company executing the Agent Agreement and the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) to acquire, reconstruct, renovate and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; *provided, however*, the Agent Agreement shall expire on **December 31, 2017** (*unless extended for good cause by the President/CEO of the Agency*) if the Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement and Tax Agreement contemplated have not been executed and delivered

Section 4. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or President/CEO the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to negotiate and enter into (A) the Agent Agreement, (B) the Lease Agreement, pursuant to which the Company leases the Project to the Agency, (C) the related Leaseback Agreement, pursuant to which the Agency leases its interest in the Project back to the Company, and (C) the Tax Agreement; *provided, that*, (i) the rental payments under the Leaseback Agreement include payments of all costs incurred by the Agency arising out of or related to the Project and indemnification of the Agency by the Company for actions taken by the Company and/or claims arising out of or related to the Project; and (ii) the terms of the Tax Agreement are consistent with the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy or the procedures for deviation have been complied with.

Section 5. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing

resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 6. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Paul Battaglia	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Mary Ann E. Wiater	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
John L. Rizzo	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Michael Davis	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Peter Zelif	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Craig Yunker	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Matthew Gray	[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

**SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION**  
*(Genesee & Mohawk Valley Railroad Co., Inc. Project)*

STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
COUNTY OF GENESEE                ) ss.:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency d/b/a Genesee County Economic Development Center, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

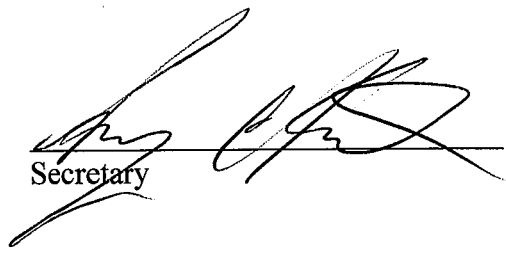
That I have compared the annexed extract of minutes of the meeting of the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency d/b/a Genesee County Economic Development Center (the "Agency"), including the resolution contained therein, held on May 4, 2017, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Agency this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

  
Secretary