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Agenda

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, The Orange County Industrial Development Agency will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on June 9, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Orange County Business Accelerator, 4 Crotty Lane, Suite 100, New Windsor, New York, to consider and/or act upon the following:

Order of Business

- **Roll Call**
- **Approval of the minutes from May 12, 2016 meeting**
- **Financial Reports and/or Requests for Payments**
- **New and Unfinished Business**
 - Chairman's Report
 - Executive Director's Report
 - Chief Operating Officer Report
 - The Accelerator Report
 - OCP Report
 - Discussions
- **Resolutions**
 - None
- **Such other and further business as may be presented**
- **Public Comments**
- **Executive Session**
- **Adjournment**

Dated: June 2, 2016

Stephen Brescia, Secretary

By: James R. Petro, Jr., Executive Director

ORANGE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES

May 12, 2016

A regular meeting of the Orange County Industrial Development Agency was convened in public session on May 12, 2016 at 2:12P.M. at the Orange County Business Accelerator in New Windsor, New York.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Robert Armistead, and upon roll being called, the following were:

PRESENT: Robert Armistead, Stephen Brescia, Robert Schreibeis, John Steinberg, Edward Diana, Mary Ellen Rogulski, Henry VanLeeuwen

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: James Petro – Executive Director
Laurie Villasuso – Chief Operating Officer
Joel Kleiman – Chief Financial Officer
Kevin Dowd – IDA Attorney
Russell Gaenzle – Harris Beach
Bill Fioravanti – Orange County Partnership
Maureen Halahan– Orange County Partnership
Melanie Schouten – Galileo Technology Group
Vincent Cozzolino – Galileo Technology Group
Brian Gates – HVEDC
Chris Harris - ATC
Barry Cheney – Orange County Legislature
John Jordan – Construction News
Steve Neuhaus – Orange County Executive
Todd Diorio – HVBCTC
Tom Gandolfini – Local 373 Plumbers & Steam Fitters
Bob Ambrosetti - Local 373 Plumbers & Steam Fitters
Michael Gaydos – Local 417 Iron workers
James Walsh – Times Herald Record
Gil Piaquadio – Town Supervisor
Josh Sommers – Focus Media

Robert Armistead calls to order the regular meeting of the Orange County IDA, May 12, 2016 (Pledge of Allegiance is recited). Board consists of seven members. There is a quorum.

Minutes

Review of the prior April 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes is made by Mrs. Rogulski seconded by Mr. Vanleeuwen. Motion carries with all in favor.

Mrs. Rogulski comments on changes that need to be made on the IDA minutes. Noted by the minute taker.

Review of the April 21, 2016 Special Board meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes is made by Mr. Schreibeis seconded by Mrs. Mrs. Rogulski. Motion carries with all in favor.

Financial Reports and/or Requests for Payment

Mr. Kleiman reviews the summary of IDA bank accounts, certificate of deposits, and money market accounts that reflect a total of \$10,172,171, as of April 30, 2016. The next maturing CD is August of this year.

Mr. Kleiman reviews the income and expense summary, noting that YTD balance is \$28,536, and YTD expenses are \$130,515, with expenses exceeding revenues by \$101,979.

Mr. Kleiman reviews the income and expense summary for the Business Accelerator, noting that revenue balance is \$72,386, expenses are \$292,063. Expenses, as anticipated, exceed revenues by \$219,677.

Lastly, Mr. Kleiman reviews receipts and vouchers for the month. There is a total of \$32,929.01 to be approved by the board.

Chairman Armistead asks for a motion to approve the vouchers and payments in the amount of \$32,929.01. Motion made by Mr. VanLeeuwen, seconded by Mr. Schreiber, that the Board accepts the financial reports and authorize IDA payments and vouchers. Open for discussion. Affirmative votes of all members present resulted in motion carried.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Armistead stated that the IDA solicited proposals for the monitoring labor policy compliance auditing firm. They have received five responses. They are organizing a committee to interview all the candidates. It is their intent to award the position during the next meeting. It will take a good deal of vetting out on what each firm will have to offer. There will be a press release going out covering this topic.

Mr. Dowd states that the board will have an attorney client closed door session to counsel the board about legalities on a certain matter.

Chairman Armistead entertains a motion that the committee enter into attorney client closed door session. Motion made by Mr. VanLeeuwen to enter the closed door session issued. Motion seconded by Mrs. Rogulski. All in favor.

Attorney Client Session

The members discuss the legalities on a certain matter.

Attorney Client Session

Resolutions

Mr. Dowd read aloud the Matrix Newburgh I, LLC Final Resolution. Motion is made by Mr. VanLeeuwen, seconded by Mrs. Rogulski, accepting resolution to take action on certain matters pertaining to a proposed project for the benefit of Matrix Newburgh I, LLC.

Roll call is taken.

Mrs. Rogulski votes yes.

Mr. Diana votes yes. He states that he thinks the policy has to be reviewed. He is voting in favor with the 120 jobs and the unions that could possibly work on this job in mind. This site needs to be monitored and if Matrix does not meet the needed percentage he and the board must claw back the benefits. The message needs to be put out there that the Orange County IDA is on top of this policy and all applicants must adhere to the policy.

Mr. Brescia votes no. He states everyone on the IDA board supports local labor. Mr. Epstein previously stated he likes labor harmony. Mr. Brescia hopes that he abides by this concept and the labor policy with hiring tradesmen from the approved seven counties. The board is committed to the claw backs but there needs to be good dialogue to hire these men. It's a tough decision because the board doesn't want to lose construction nor permanent jobs.

Mr. Steinberg votes yes, but thinks the board needs to do a better job with Request for Proposal (RFP) monitoring.

Mr. VanLeeuwen votes yes.

Mr. Schreiber votes yes, with the understanding that if the applicant does not proceed appropriately the claw backs will need to take place.

Mr. Armistead votes yes.

The motion carries with 6 ayes and 1 nay.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Petro states he met with two large companies. It is being circulated that the property at the airport, owned by the Town of New Windsor, can be purchased. That has encouraged interest. There is water, sewer, and gas. The infrastructure is in, and the environmental is complete. It's not shovel ready, but is as close as possible. Those two companies are seeking IDA benefits and if they do take advantage of the opportunity it would be great for Orange County. Things are happening at the airport.

Chief Operating Officer Report

Ms. Villasuso states the RFP for the labor auditing service closed on Monday, May 9th. There are 5 applicants that are being reviewed. They would like to hire one by the June meeting. Interviews will be conducted over the next month.

On behalf of The Accelerator, she and Mr. Cozzolino met with Mr. Kaplan, at the Newburgh Armory and discussed reopening the training center that exists on site. Previously, it was a very successful endeavor that created a lot of jobs. Currently, they are working with the armory and several other entities around the City of Newburgh and surrounding areas to develop a training program.

This morning, May 12th, Ms. Villasuso attended the Orange County Chamber Breakfast. The Accelerator was represented there. They received acknowledgement by the Commissioner of Economic Development in New York State.

Earlier in the month, The Accelerator was featured on a radio station with Orange County Legislature, Mr. Cheney. It was a 45-minute time slot in which they were able to discuss the IDA, its benefits, and The Accelerator.

The Governance Committee reviewed the new Orange County IDA application, which is being revised for compliance purposes. The regulations in the State of New York have changed and as of June, the IDA will be required to have more information disclosed on its applications. It will have more details on the expected savings, the jobs, the kinds of jobs, and the salaries of those jobs. There will also be an acknowledgement of the labor policy at the time of application.

Mr. Brescia recommends the approval of the revised application on behalf of the Governance Committee.

Motion is made by Mr. Brescia, seconded by Mr. Vanleeuwen, approving the new IDA Application. Affirmative votes of all members present resulted in motion carried.

Ms. Villasuso informs the board that the County Executive, the Orange County Partnership, and she have scheduled monthly meetings so that the 3 organizations are on the same page. These meetings have helped to open up the lines of communications.

OCP Report

Ms. Halahan states that the OCP has been doing some research. Since few shovel ready sites are available, they've had to be creative. Research was done on coders. These are IT Tech based jobs such as web designers, search engine optimizers, consulting firms, and web developers. There about 55,000 in the NY Metro area. 1500-1700 are in the Hudson Valley. They work out of their garages, in their bedrooms, and generally their homes. These coders are typically young millennials. There is a company called WeWork. It is one of the fastest growing companies building communal work spaces that are being taken advantage of by these millennials. There is also WeLive, a community with smaller living quarters and shared communal spaces. OCP is researching the available industrial buildings in Newburgh, Middletown, and Port Jervis to develop this concept locally. This concept will attract real jobs to the area. These coders could be the next inventors of Etsy, Uber, or Airbnb. The ultimate goal being the creation of a code

school. This demographic rarely goes to college full-time and instead learn from other coders. This would create a community to help the area grow.

Ms. Halahan reviewed the business expansions and retention in Orange. There are two closed projects. The first, Project Greece, has closed on a building in the town of Newburgh. The second is FedEx Ground, they have closed on their property and are currently going through the planning phases. This project will create 50 new jobs.

The Castle Fun Center is expanding about 16,000 sq ft to add new attractions and upgrade existing ones. Project Pulp, an expansion from a town of Wallkill Manufacturer. RAD Distribution is expanding into manufacturing and distribution. They are looking for foreign trade zone benefits. Project Blanket has come to an agreement with the county for water and sewer. Project Big door and Project Cargo, both airport projects. They've been working with Project Locker for a couple of weeks now. Project Nutra, this is a 20,000 sq ft project in the town of Goshen. This is a Nutraceutical Manufacturer. Project M&M, medical expansion working on a CFA Grant and in the near future IDA benefits. PrimoSports, expansion project is moving forward.

Mr. Fioravanti reviews the attraction report. Amy's Kitchen is happening. The final environmental impact statement will be submitted in June. Project Prosciutto is happening. Project Carton, bids are going in for this project. Project Lift, a new crane company. Project Semolina, a business located in NYC have been looking at some sites. There is also a recycling company looking to locate in Maybrook and Montgomery area. Creo Dental, dental implant manufacturers have purchased space in Newburgh. A cidery, originally based in Maryland is looking to relocate to Newburgh.

The Accelerator Report

Mr. Cozzolino states 4 hires are being brought on by Incubator companies. 1 is an application programmer for about \$85,000, 1 is project manager for about \$50,000, and 2 will be bottlers for about \$15 an hour. The Accelerator Without Walls has helped create about 150 new jobs spread out over the 30 companies involved with that program. 50 of those jobs are for Creo Dental.

Creo Dental came to The Accelerator and OCP with a breakdown of projected jobs. It was originally projected at more than 50 jobs. The type and quality of job was evaluated with the consideration of how possibly fewer but better jobs could be created for the company.

The Bottling POD is opening nearby and is filled to capacity with potential bottling clients.

80% of the Incubator companies are minority and women owned businesses. Attracting those companies has been done without any additional effort.

One of the goals of the Accelerator is leverage the investment the IDA is making with other money. In this case, The Accelerator is using money TSEC has acquired through a CFA grant for rehabilitate the Bottling POD Building. It should be up and running by September 1st.

Currently, they are researching additional annex and POD locations. One possibly being located in Middletown. They are not rushing to judgement on this expansion.

Two new PODs are under development. Artisan Food Manufacturing POD is one of them. There is a huge Orange County food cluster. These companies need access to a food processing line, as typically these local business have no additional room in their facilities. The Accelerator needs to have the ability to offer a food pilot line to new and existing companies so they can develop new product and not lose their edge. There are major food safety changes and the intention is to put in a food safety lab at the Pod so that companies don't have to send the food away to be tested. The second POD is the computer science and application POD. It would supplement this bigger vision that OCP is working on with coders. The Accelerator brought together tech industry specialist and asked what can be done to strengthen this sector. After analysis it was found where this industry is growing the most is the health sector. A main frame or super computer would be needed to support this effort.

One of the challenges of the manufacturing community is finding employees. This is for a number of reasons. There is lower unemployment rate. The Montreign Casino is about to staff its facility and they will typically pay well, attracting people away from manufacturing jobs. It needs to be figured out how we can raise the wages in the manufacturing sector and how to raise that awareness. They are working to leverage all systems the county has to find people who

want to go to work. They are also working with Mr. Kaplan to find groups of people who come from families that don't stayed employed generationally, but need solid jobs.

Another goal is to raise the manufacturing sector. This will be accomplished by raising wages without compromising companies' budgets. This might result in fewer available positions at that company but the Accelerator staff is established enough to reposition those workers to new companies in need of additional staff.

The whole goal is to leverage the funds CFA, Grant, IDA, and Accelerator dollars. The Accelerator's appeal to the IDA is when as they give money to agencies that work with them to challenge and encourage these agencies to see if they can work with The Accelerator in an attempt to help the mission move forward.

Ms. Villasuso tells the board in their packets can be found the TSEC equipment license agreement. Currently, there is a lot of equipment at The Accelerator and there will be more once the new Bottling POD building opens. TSEC owns this equipment and The Accelerator houses and maintains it. A formal agreement had to be structured between TSEC and IDA to protect both parties. A \$50,000-line item needs added to the budget of The Accelerator to cover the maintenance of the equipment. The Galileo Technology Group agreement will be updated next month to cover the training for the equipment.

Motion is made by Mrs. Rogulski, seconded by Mr. Brescia, approving the addition of \$50,000 to The Accelerator budget. Affirmative votes of all members present resulted in motion carried.

Ms. Villasuso requests a motion to approve the signing of the equipment license agreement with TSEC.

Motion is made by Mr. Diana, seconded by Mrs. Rogulski, approving the signing of the equipment license agreement. Affirmative votes of all members present resulted in motion carried.

Mr. Armistead states that he and Mrs. Rogulski, with the assistance of Mr. Brescia, have been the HR committee for the IDA. In the upcoming months they will be discussing The Accelerator staffing needs.

Such other and further business as may be presented

No such other and further business was presented.

Public Comments

Mr. Diorio expresses his concern on the vote of the Matrix Project. He feels the local laborers will have no leverage and will miss out on job opportunities. Currently, it appears as if most of the jobs will be going to out of state tradesmen. He is concerned that project will be out of compliance without repercussions.

Executive Session

Chairman Armistead states with no further comments the board will move into Executive Session.

Chairman Armistead entertains a motion that the committee enter into executive session pursuant to section 105(1)(h) of the open meetings law to discuss the purchase of real property or the purchase of an interest in real property. Motion made by Mr. VanLeeuwen to enter executive session issued. Motion seconded by Mr. Steinberg. All in favor.

Executive Session

The members discuss the purchase of property or the interest of real property.

End of Executive Session

The board discusses the process for reviewing the labor policy audit proposals.

With no further business, meeting called for adjournment by Chairman Armistead, motion made by Mr. VanLeeuwen, seconded by Mrs. Rogulski, the time being 3:50 p.m.

Orange County IDA

June 2016

Funds Received

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| Leentjes Amusement Corp (Closing Fee) | 23,750.00 |
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| Total | 23,750.00 |

Vouchers & Payments

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| The Rochester Group (2nd half of CRM) | 7,375.00 |
| Kevin T. Dowd, Esq. (Legal 05/01/16 through 05/31/16) | 7,067.00 |
| Laurie Villasuso (2nd Quarter Phone) | 254.97 |
| The Accelerator (1st Quarte Voucher) | 215,625.00 |
| Orange County Partnership (MVP Breakfast) | 105.00 |
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Total **230,426.97**

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 18, 2016

Introduced by Sen. MARTINS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law and the criminal procedure law, in relation to hours, wages and supplements in contracts for public work

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 220 of the labor law, as amended
2 by chapter 678 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:
3 2. [Each] Every contract [to which the state or a public benefit
4 corporation or a municipal corporation or a commission appointed pursu-
5 ant to law is a party, and any contract for public work entered into by
6 a third party acting in place of, on behalf of and for the benefit of
7 such public entity pursuant to any lease, permit or other agreement
8 between such third party and the public entity, and which may involve
9 the employment of laborers, workers or mechanics] for public work shall
10 contain a stipulation that no laborer, worker or mechanic in the employ
11 of the contractor, subcontractor or other person doing or contracting to
12 do the whole or a part of the work contemplated by the contract shall be
13 permitted or required to work more than eight hours in any one calendar
14 day or more than five days in any one week except in cases of extraor-
15 dinary emergency including fire, flood or danger to life or property. No
16 such person shall be so employed more than eight hours in any day or
17 more than five days in any one week except in such emergency. Extraor-
18 dinary emergency within the meaning of this section shall be deemed to
19 include situations in which sufficient laborers, workers and mechanics
20 cannot be employed to carry on public work expeditiously as a result of
21 such restrictions upon the number of hours and days of labor and the
22 immediate commencement or prosecution or completion without undue delay
23 of the public work is necessary in the judgment of the commissioner for
24 the preservation of the contract site and for the protection of the life
25 and limb of the persons using the same. Upon the application of any
26 person interested, the commissioner shall make a determination as to
27 whether or not on any public project or on all public projects in any
28 area of this state, sufficient laborers, workers and mechanics of any or

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 all classifications can be employed to carry on work expeditiously if
2 their labor is restricted to eight hours per day and five days per week,
3 and in the event that the commissioner determines that there are not
4 sufficient workers, laborers and mechanics of any or all classifications
5 which may be employed to carry on such work expeditiously if their labor
6 is restricted to eight hours per day and five days per week, and the
7 immediate commencement or prosecution or completion without undue delay
8 of the public work is necessary in the judgment of the commissioner for
9 the preservation of the contract site and for the protection of the life
10 and limb of the persons using the same, the commissioner shall grant a
11 dispensation permitting all laborers, workers and mechanics, or any
12 classification of such laborers, workers and mechanics, to work such
13 additional hours or days per week on such public project or in such
14 areas the commissioner shall determine. Whenever such a dispensation is
15 granted, all work in excess of eight hours per day and five days per
16 week shall be considered overtime work, and the laborers, workers and
17 mechanics performing such work shall be paid a premium wage commensurate
18 with the premium wages prevailing in the area in which the work is
19 performed. No such dispensation shall be effective with respect to any
20 public work unless and until the department of jurisdiction, as defined
21 in this section, certifies to the commissioner that such public work is
22 of an important nature and that a delay in carrying it to completion
23 would result in serious disadvantage to the public. Time lost in any
24 week because of inclement weather by employees engaged in the
25 construction, reconstruction and maintenance of highways outside of the
26 limits of cities and villages may be made up during that week and/or the
27 succeeding three weeks.

28 § 2. Subdivision 5 of section 220 of the labor law is amended by
29 adding four new paragraphs m, n, o and p to read as follows:

30 m. For the purposes of this article, "public work" means any of the
31 following:

32 (i) Construction paid for in whole or in part out of public funds;

33 (ii) Construction work done under private contract when all of the
34 following conditions exist:

35 (A) The construction contract is between private parties;

36 (B) The property subject to the construction contract is privately
37 owned, but upon completion of the construction work, any portion of the
38 property is leased or will be leased to the state or any public entity,
39 and one of the following conditions exist:

40 (1) The public entity entered into or bargained for the lease agree-
41 ment prior to the construction contract; or

42 (2) The construction work is performed according to plans, specifica-
43 tions, or criteria furnished by the public entity, and the lease agree-
44 ment between the lessor and public entity, as lessee, is entered into
45 during, or upon completion of, the construction work, or within six
46 months following completion of the construction work; or

47 (iii) Construction on a public work of improvement which is inci-
48 dentally related to an otherwise private development project but which
49 the state or public entity requires to be performed as a condition of
50 regulatory approval. Only the public improvement work shall be subject
51 to this article provided (A) the state or public entity contributes no
52 money or the equivalent of public funds as defined in paragraph n of
53 this subdivision to the overall project other than is required to
54 perform this public improvement work, and (B) the state or public entity
55 maintains no proprietary interest in the overall project.



1 n. "Paid for in whole or in part out of public funds" means all of the
2 following:

3 (i) The payment of money or the equivalent of money, including the
4 issuance of bonds and grants, by the state or a public entity, or a
5 third party acting on behalf of and for the benefit of the state or
6 public entity, directly to or on behalf of the public works contractor,
7 subcontractor, or developer.

8 (ii) Performance of construction work by the state or any public enti-
9 ty in the execution of the project.

10 (iii) Transfer by the state or a public entity of an asset of value
11 for less than fair market value.

12 (iv) Fees, costs, rents, insurance or bond premiums, loans, interest
13 rates, taxes, or other obligations that would normally be required in
14 the execution of the contract, that are paid, reduced, charged at less
15 than fair market value, waived, or forgiven by the state or public enti-
16 ty.

17 (v) Money loaned by the state or public entity that is to be repaid on
18 a contingent basis.

19 (vi) Credits that are applied by the state or public entity against
20 repayment obligations to the state or public entity.

21 o. "Public entity" includes, but is not limited to, the state, a
22 public benefit corporation, industrial development agency, local devel-
23 opment corporation, municipal corporation, school district, local
24 government, job development authority, dormitory authority, correctional
25 authority, educational corporation established under article fifty-six
26 of the education law, commission appointed pursuant to law, entities
27 tasked with maintaining public property, and similar entities.

28 p. "Construction" includes, but is not limited to, demolition, recon-
29 struction, excavation, rehabilitation, repair, installation, renovation,
30 alteration, and custom fabrication. "Construction" also includes work
31 performed during the design and preconstruction phases of construction,
32 including but not limited to, inspection and land surveying work and
33 work performed during the post-construction phases of construction,
34 including, but not limited to, all cleanup work at the jobsite. For
35 purposes of this paragraph, "installation" includes, but is not limited
36 to, the assembly and disassembly of freestanding and affixed modular
37 office systems. "Custom fabrication" means the fabrication and all
38 drafting related to the fabrication of woodwork, cases, cabinets, or
39 counters, and the fabrication of plumbing, heating, cooling, venti-
40 lation, or exhaust duct systems, and mechanical insulation solely and
41 specifically designed and engineered for installation in the
42 construction, repair, or renovation of a building, regardless of where
43 the custom fabrication is preformed.

44 § 3. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 224-a to read as
45 follows:

46 § 224-a. Stop-work orders. Where a complaint is received pursuant to
47 this article or where the fiscal officer finds that any person, in
48 connection with the performance of any contract for public work, fails
49 to comply with or evades the provisions of this article, the commission-
50 er may issue a stop-work order. Such stop-work order shall be served by
51 regular mail, and a second copy may be served by telefacsimile or by
52 electronic mail, with service effective upon receipt of any of such
53 notices. The order shall remain in effect until the commissioner directs
54 that the stop-work order be removed, upon a final determination on the
55 complaint or where such failure to comply or evade has been deemed
56 corrected.



1 § 4. Section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 84 to read as follows:

3 84. Employees of the department of labor designated by the commission-
4 er of labor as peace officers and assigned by the commissioner of labor
5 to the enforcement of any provisions under article eight or article
6 twenty-five-B of the labor law.

7 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.



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Amy's Kitchen Goshen manufacturing plant starts review process

By Ryan Deffenbaugh

May 12, 2016 No Comment



Rendering of Amy's Kitchen manufacturing plant submitted to Goshen Planning Board.

A 350,000-square-foot, \$95 million dollar manufacturing facility proposed in Goshen by the natural and organic food producer Amy's Kitchen is inching forward in the approval process.

The Santa Rosa, Calif.-based company bought a 200-acre site between Echo Lake Road and Route 17M for the project in March 2014. Maureen Halahan, the president of the Orange County Partnership, called the selection of Goshen by Amy's Kitchen a "major coup for Orange County" at the announcement.

Two years later, the Goshen Planning Board will begin holding public hearings on the project at the end of May. Amy's Kitchen submitted its draft environmental impact statement to the board at the end of April.

The project is expected to create close to 700 permanent jobs and hundreds of construction jobs.

Amy's Kitchen was founded 25 years ago by Andy and Rachel Berliner, who named the company after their daughter. The company produces a popular International line of frozen organic burritos, pizzas, wraps and other vegetarian and vegan entrees. The manufacturing facility would help the company meet demand on the East Coast.

The project cleared a major hurdle in March, when the city of Middletown agreed to supply the plant with water. Amy's Kitchen planning consultant, Graham Trelstad, director of Hudson Valley planning for AKRF, told the Goshen Town Board in March that the company wants to have the plant running by 2018, according to the Middletown Times Herald-Record.

The DEIS submitted to Goshen by Amy's Kitchen includes plans for a separate facility, which will house a conference center for Science of the Soul, a non-denominational spiritual society.

The manufacturing plant would be constructed on a 60-acre property on Hartley Road in Goshen. The conference center would go on a 195-acre adjacent property on Route 17M and Echo Lake Road. The conference center would feature a 200,000-square-foot open air pavilion, 80,000 square-foot multi-purpose building, a 38,000-square-foot central building and a few smaller restroom and maintenance buildings.

The two properties agreed to collaborate on the environmental review process and will share water supply

SPOTLIGHT

Column: Buying a building? Think future as well as present

May 12, 2016

We'd like to buy a building. We also want to invest in developing more sales. Unfortunately we have limited funds to work with and we're thinking this

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Boehringer Ingelheim and FDA ramp up anti-counterfeit medicine efforts

May 12, 2016

"Internet pharmacy. Cheap generic medications online." "Eating this KILLS diabetes!" And of course the eternally popular "Try Viagra for Free"

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Small business attitude is negative in New York

May 12, 2016

Small business owners in New York state say they are less likely to grow in the coming months compared to their counterparts in the rest of the country. They

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What are the hot jobs in Connecticut?

May 6, 2016

The Connecticut Department of Labor (DOL) has a mildly optimistic outlook for the state's future, predicting an average annual growth rate in employment of

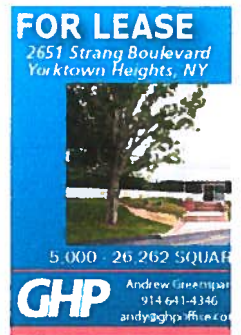
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Health insurance exchange refocuses efforts on outreach, education

May 5, 2016

"Fine, you're enrolled. Now what?" That is the question that Andrea Ravitz, director of marketing at the state's health insurance

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The conference center would be used for a yearly three-day conference that would bring 12,000 people to the town. Amy's Kitchen CFO Mark Rudolph told the Goshen Town Board in July 2015 that there could be potential economic value from visitors at the conference searching for local hotels, The Chronicle newspaper in Chester reported.

The Amy's Kitchen project is expected to receive a mix of state and local funds, including a \$4.5 million property tax abatement over 15 years. The project stands to receive \$6.8 million from the Empire State Development Corp. in the form of a capital grant and tax credits tied to the company's commitment to create 681 jobs. The county IDA will throw in \$500,000 for infrastructure improvements and an additional \$800,000 would come from Empire Development to aid in constructing an access road.

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., stopped in to Goshen at the end of March to stump for the project. He called on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to expedite a federal wetlands that Amy's Kitchen will need before starting construction.

Halahan told the Business Journal that while she doesn't anticipate any issues with the wetlands review, it's "great to know that Senator Schumer is on board to assist throughout the process."

The project is looking to start construction in November, Halahan said. A tree-cutting ban that runs from April to November, enforced for the first time in 2016 to protect the endangered northern long-eared bat, would prevent the project from starting sooner, according to Halahan.

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