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PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO
SECTION 859-a OF
THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW

Allegany County Industrial Development Agency
New York Rushford I, LLC
Town of Rushford, Allegany County, New York

HELD ON: June 9, 2020

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

HELD: Via conference call, (888) 850-7158

BEFORE: TONIA L. TINKER
Court Reporter

APPEARANCES:

CRAIG CLARK, Executive Director
CAL CHAMPLIN, Rushford Town Supervisor

1 MR. CLARK: We will call the public
2 hearing open. It's 10:00. This is for
3 the Allegany County Industrial
4 Development Agency for the New York
5 Rushford I, LLC Company in the Town of
6 Rushford, Allegany County, New York,
7 June 9, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

8 My name is Craig Clark and I'm the
9 executive director of the Allegany
10 County Industrial Development Agency in
11 connection with the project which is the
12 subject of this public hearing.

13 Today I'm holding a public hearing
14 to allow citizens to make a statement,
15 for the record, relating to the
16 involvement of the agency with a project
17 for the benefit of New York Rushford I,
18 LLC, a New York State limited liability
19 company.

20 The proposed project consists of
21 the following: The acquisition of an
22 interest in a portion of an
23 approximately 169-acre parcel of land,
24 tax map number 63-1-8.2, located at 9475

1 Podunque Road in the Town of Rushford,
2 Allegany County, New York. The
3 construction on the land of an
4 approximately 5 megawatt AC solar energy
5 generating facility, including panels,
6 racking, inverters, electrical cables,
7 battery storage, grid interconnection,
8 site preparation, access roads and any
9 other required improvements. All said
10 improvements being collectively referred
11 to as the "facility."

12 I intend to provide some general
13 information which includes the sales tax
14 exemption benefit, which will be about
15 \$405,000; the mortgage recording tax
16 exemption is \$61,492; the real property
17 tax exemption is \$806,760; and the
18 estimated cost of the project is
19 \$9,302,000.

20 The provisions of Chapter 1030 of
21 Laws of 1969 of New York, constituting
22 Title I of Article 18-A of the General
23 Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the
24 Consolidated Laws of New York as

1 amended, and Chapter 99 of the 1973 Laws
2 of the State of New York, as amended,
3 codified as Section 906-a of said
4 General Municipal Law, authorize the
5 Agency to promote, develop, encourage
6 and assist in the acquiring,
7 constructing, reconstructing, improving,
8 maintaining and equipping and furnishing
9 of manufacturing, warehousing, research,
10 commercial and industrial facilities,
11 among others.

12 This public hearing is held because
13 financial assistance is in excess of
14 \$100,000. After consideration of the
15 application received by the company, the
16 members of the agency adopted a
17 resolution on May 14, 2020 authorizing
18 the executive director of the agency to
19 conduct the public hearing with respect
20 to the proposed project pursuant to
21 Section 859-a(2) of the act.

22 And so with that said, we are open
23 for any public questions or comments
24 from the public and we will run this for

1 a minimum of 15 minutes to be in
2 compliance. So are there any questions
3 or comments from any of the citizens on
4 the line?

5 Since, Cal, you're the only one on
6 the line, are there any comments?

7 MR. CHAMPLIN: I'm the only one on
8 the line?

9 MR. CLARK: Yeah.

10 MR. CHAMPLIN: I'm just curious,
11 any numbers on job creations?

12 MR. CLARK: The job creations were,
13 basically, primarily construction jobs
14 and I don't have that open right now. I
15 know most of them, I think, were in the
16 neighborhood of 30 to 40 potential
17 construction jobs.

18 And then, most of them, I would
19 say, there's going to be possibly up to
20 one full-time equivalent is the most
21 that any of the projects are being
22 considered, something like that. So
23 it's not a lot of jobs.

24 The benefits are the fact that the

1 local community will get 10 percent off
2 on their electricity bills, obviously,
3 the landowner benefits and then, as you
4 know, the full taxing on the land is
5 still in place. We are actually getting
6 extra pilot considerations for the
7 equipment being placed on the land; so
8 no, there are minimum on the job site.

9 MR. CHAMPLIN: The only thing I can
10 add is I attended the hearings that were
11 held by our town planning board and the
12 zoning court of appeals who issued the
13 special-use permit for the project and
14 there was no -- other than the immediate
15 neighboring property, there was no
16 public opposition to it.

17 MR. CLARK: Okay. Well, as you
18 know, that's what the board likes to
19 hear because we only want to support
20 projects that the community, you know,
21 supports.

22 MR. CHAMPLIN: Right.

23 MR. CLARK: And these clean energy
24 projects seem to be pretty good for the

1 community.

2 MR. CHAMPLIN: Well, solar may be
3 more than others.

4 MR. CLARK: I meant solar. I said
5 solar.

6 MR. CHAMPLIN: Yeah, that's another
7 -- we could debate the governor's
8 policy.

9 MR. CLARK: Right. No, I know. I
10 was talking about the solar.

11 MR. CHAMPLIN: Well, would you mind
12 then if I leave this phone call since I
13 have said my piece?

14 MR. CLARK: You are more than
15 welcome to leave the phone call. I
16 wanted to thank you for calling in
17 because I was hoping at least all of the
18 town supervisors would participate to
19 let me know for sure, you know, the
20 support of the project.

21 MR. CHAMPLIN: Okay. Well, thank
22 you very much.

23 (Brief recess was taken.)

24 THE COURT: Since there are no more

1 comments, we will go ahead and close the
2 public hearing. And if there's any
3 other written comments, please send them
4 to me, but, after that, we are going to
5 close the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Thank
6 you.

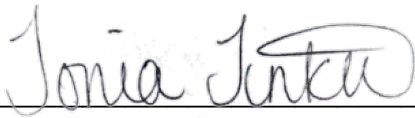
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CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes taken by me on the above cause and that this is a correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.



TONIA L. TINKER