

1 PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO

2 SECTION 859-a OF

3 THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW

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6 Allegany County Industrial Development Agency

7 Bright Field Solar, LLC

8 Town of Burns, Allegany, New York
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10 HELD ON: June 9, 2020

11 TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

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16 BEFORE: TONIA L. TINKER
17 Court Reporter

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20 APPEARANCES:

21 CRAIG CLARK, Executive Director

22 CHAD GROFF, Canaseraga Central School Superintendent

23 SCOTT JOHNSON, Invenergy Representative

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1 MR. CLARK: Now that it is 10:30 we
2 will opening the meeting.

3 The Allegany County Industrial
4 Development Agency is, basically, having
5 a public hearing on the Bright Field
6 Solar, LLC project in the Town of Burns,
7 Allegany County, New York, June 9, 2020
8 at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

21 The proposed project consists of
22 the following: The acquisition of an
23 interest in a portion of an
24 approximately 17.2-acre parcel of land,

1 tax map number 35-1-44.13, located at
2 246 New York State Road 70 in the Town
3 of Burns, Allegany County, New York.
4 The construction on the land of an
5 approximately 5 megawatt AC solar energy
6 generating facility, including panels,
7 racking, inverters, electrical cables,
8 battery storage, grid interconnection,
9 site preparation, access roads and any
10 other required improvements for the
11 project.

12 I intend to provide some general
13 information, which includes the
14 estimated costs of the proposed project
15 are equal to approximately \$4.9 million
16 and the estimated benefits being
17 considered by the agency are described
18 briefly as follows: Sales tax exemption
19 of \$269,506; mortgage recording tax
20 exemption \$32,074; real property tax
21 exemption \$1.1 million.

22 The provisions of Chapter 1030 of
23 Laws of 1969 of New York, constituting
24 Title I of Article 18-A of the General

1 Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the
2 Consolidated Laws of New York as
3 amended, and Chapter 99 of the 1973 Laws
4 of the State of New York, as amended,
5 codified as Section 906-a of said
6 General Municipal Law, authorize the
7 Agency to promote, develop, encourage
8 and assist in the acquiring,
9 constructing, reconstructing, improving,
10 maintaining and equipping and furnishing
11 of manufacturing, warehousing, research,
12 commercial and industrial facilities,
13 among others.

14 This public hearing is being held
15 because proposed project exceeds
16 \$100,000 in potential benefits. After
17 this public hearing, which was,
18 basically, adopted as a resolution on
19 May 14, 2020, authorizing the executive
20 director of the agency to conduct the
21 public hearing with respect to the
22 proposed project, the public hearing and
23 all minutes therein will be utilized
24 when the board meets at their next

1 meeting to consider this project.

2 If there are any written comments
3 or public comments, we would appreciate
4 them now so we can have those for the
5 new meeting.

6 I will now open this public hearing
7 for public comment at 10:33 and if
8 anyone wants to make a comment, please
9 recognize who you are when you make the
10 comment and we will record those and
11 pass them onto the board.

12 With that, the public hearing is
13 open for comments. Are there any
14 comments from the public or questions?

15 MR. GROFF: This is Chad Groff,
16 Superintendent of Schools at Canaseraga.
17 I received previous communication that
18 indicates the project timeline
19 completion is anticipated as December
20 31st of 2020.

21 MR. CLARK: Right.

22 MR. GROFF: Just from a school
23 district perspective, I also see number
24 12, anticipated tax revenues would be

1 shared over a 15-year period.

2 MR. CLARK: Correct.

3 MR. GROFF: Can you just remind me
4 when payments would begin hitting the
5 municipalities and, I guess, more
6 specifically to the school district just
7 for us for planning?

8 MR. CLARK: Typically these would
9 be hitting once they, obviously, begin
10 operation, is the typical agreements; so
11 it wouldn't be until the next
12 academic -- basically, it would be next
13 year.

14 MR. GROFF: Okay. So it's going to
15 be completed at the end of '20?

16 MR. CLARK: Right.

17 MR. GROFF: But not operational
18 until '21?

19 MR. CLARK: Right. '21 is when
20 they would probably start. That's when
21 I would anticipate it would. It's
22 fairly unlikely it would be this year,
23 but it could be at the very end of the
24 year, but it would be pretty close to

1 the beginning of next year.

2 MR. GROFF: Okay. And I think the
3 way our current pilots run, we actually
4 get payments, kind of, like it's almost
5 on a lag beyond September when our tax
6 -- I guess, we might be expecting that
7 in '22 or '23.

8 MR. CLARK: I will confirm that and
9 get back to you on the exact date. I
10 will ask the lawyer and verify that
11 because you want to plan for that, I
12 understand.

13 MR. GROFF: Yeah, that's something
14 that's going to hit our tax cap
15 calculation. I mean, depending upon
16 what the -- if I recall correctly, we
17 are at about -- we're going to share
18 probably half of that amount.

19 MR. CLARK: Right. That's probably
20 about right.

21 MR. GROFF: So for us to hit
22 \$100,000 on that tax cap calculation,
23 you know, at least for the first year,
24 is going to have an impact on us.

1 MR. CLARK: Okay. I will talk to
2 our lawyer and get back to you with an
3 email, okay, Chad?

4 MR. GROFF: Okay. I appreciate it.

5 MR. CLARK: Are there any other
6 comments?

7 We will continue to hold the line
8 open until 10:45 just to make sure if
9 anybody comes on late. Other than that,
10 we will just wait to see if there are
11 any other comments for the next eight
12 minutes.

13 (Brief recess was taken.)

14 MR. CLARK: It is now 10:45 and we
15 are going to go ahead and close the
16 public hearing because there are no
17 comments. We are closing the publishing
18 hearing, as I mentioned at 10:45. Thank
19 you for those who attended. I
20 appreciate it.

21 (Proceedings concluded.)

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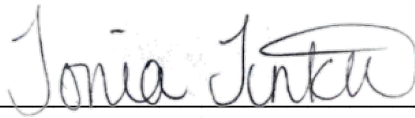
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I hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence are contained fully and accurately in the notes taken by me on the above cause and that this is a correct transcript of the same to the best of my ability.



TONIA L. TINKER