PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO

SECTION 859-a OF

THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW

Allegany County Industrial Development Agency

Bright Field Solar, LLC

Town of Burns, Allegany, New York

HELD ON: June 9, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

BEFORE: TONIA L. TINKER
Court Reporter

APPEARANCES:

CRAIG CLARK, Executive Director
CHAD GROFF, Canaseraga Central School Superintendent
SCOTT JOHNSON, Invenergy Representative

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York as amended, and Chapter 99 of the 1973 Laws of the State of New York, as amended, codified as Section 906-a of said General Municipal Law, authorize the Agency to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining and equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial facilities, among others.

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

meeting to consider this project.

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

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

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

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

MR. CLARK: Right.

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

shared over a 15-year period.

MR. CLARK: Correct.

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

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

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

MR. CLARK: Right.

MR. GROFF: But not operational until '21?

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

the beginning of next year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. GROFF: Okay. I appreciate it.

MR. CLARK: Are there any other comments?

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

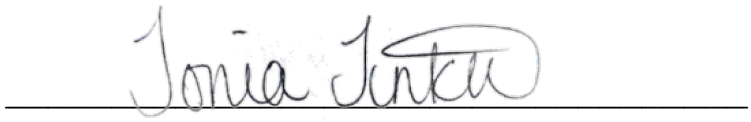
(Brief recess was taken.)

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

(Proceedings concluded.)

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.



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