

1 2/14/2023 - Milk Factory, LLC - Public Hearing
2 STATE OF NEW YORK

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4 In the Matter of MILK FACTORY, LLC
5 Application to the Montgomery I.D.A.

6
7 PUBLIC HEARING

8 DATE: February 14, 2023
9 TIME: 1:04 p.m. to 1:09 p.m.
10 LOCATION: Montgomery Town Hall
11 Industrial Development Agency
12 110 Bracken Road
13 Montgomery, New York

14 BEFORE: CHAIRMAN JEFFREY D. CRIST

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16 ALSO PRESENT:

17 JOHN DICKSON, Vice Chair
18 ROBERT SANTO, Board Member
19 FELICIA KALAN, Board Member/Director
20 J. THOMAS JONES, Board Member
21 GEORGE DECLUE, Board Member
22 MATTHEW P. STODDARD, Board Member/ Treasurer
23 MIKE CARELLA, Key Capture
24 ASHLEY W. TORRE, Agency Counsel

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2 MR. JONES: -- did you hear any
3 changes on the schedule of the project?

4 MS. KALAN: For --

5 MR. JONES: It's approximate
6 completion.

7 MS. KALAN: I haven't, but I know that
8 they might be a little behind because of the process
9 with the Planning Board. I know that there are --
10 there's kind of certain requirements they have to do,
11 approvals before they can move forward with something
12 because I do know that from our tour, they are using
13 that facility for some storage and things like that.
14 But I think some of the construction is -- is a -- is
15 a bit stalled at the moment.

16 CHAIRMAN CRIST: Any other comments
17 from the Board? Maybe I missed it, Felicia, but I
18 think they're working with Shippo?

19 MS. KALAN: Yes. So there's some
20 issues with Shippo requirements, they want to make
21 changes to the -- to the design of the project,
22 specifically the roof and there's some solar panels.
23 So anyway, we -- we are waiting for them to respond
24 to Shippo so that the process can move forward and
25 there are kind of in -- internal discussion for that.

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2 So hopefully that will move forward and we can close
3 on that project soon or vote on the project.

4 CHAIRMAN CRIST: Yeah, well close the
5 public hearing first and then --

6 MS. KALAN: Yes, exactly.

7 CHAIRMAN CRIST: -- consider the
8 project for approval. And it's my understanding from
9 Felicia's discussion with the Applicant, specifically
10 Noah, they probably won't be ready to continue the
11 public hearing process until May 9th. Does that make
12 sense or should we schedule --

13 MS. KALAN: Right, or --

14 CHAIRMAN CRIST: -- for April?

15 MS. KALAN: I think April with the
16 hopes that --

17 CHAIRMAN CRIST: Okay.

18 MS. KALAN: -- everything would be
19 done with the Planning Board at the end of April. So
20 if that's a good timeline for you to close up the
21 public hearing, you know, if there's no other large
22 changes to the project or other issues that come up.

23 MS. TORRE: Would that be in May,
24 because you said they'll likely or they're
25 anticipating being done at the Planning Board the end

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2 of April?

3 MS. KALAN: Right, right. So our
4 public hearing can still stay open and then we can
5 close it after that, correct?

6 CHAIRMAN CRIST: Yeah.

7 MS. KALAN: Or we have to wait for
8 Planning Board --

9 CHAIRMAN CRIST: The --

10 MS. KALAN: -- to close --

11 MS. TORRE: So the Planning Board's
12 the -- the lead agency, so you certainly have to wait
13 for them to complete the SEQAR process before you
14 could vote on anything --

15 MS. KALAN: Right.

16 MS. TORRE: -- that you've been -- I
17 think in the past you usually keep your public
18 hearings open until there's a resolution at the
19 Planning Board level --

20 MS. KALAN: Got it.

21 MS. TORRE: -- because there are
22 changes to the project or --

23 MS. KALAN: Okay.

24 MS. TORRE: -- or things like that.

25 MS. KALAN: Got it. May might be a

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2 little safer, but I don't want to delay --

3 CHAIRMAN CRIST: I don't think there's
4 any harm done to reconvene the public hearing on
5 April 11th --

6 MS. TORRE: And then you could always
7 --

8 CHAIRMAN CRIST: -- recognizing we
9 might very well need to continue it again to our May
10 9th meeting. So I would ask for a vote to adjourn
11 the public hearing for Milk Factory today and
12 reconvene on the 11th of April, did I work that well
13 enough?

14 MS. TORRE: Perfect.

15 CHAIRMAN CRIST: Okay. Would anyone
16 care --

17 MR. STODDARD: Motion.

18 CHAIRMAN CRIST: Motion by Matt
19 Stoddard, second to that motion, John Dickson. Other
20 discussion? Being none, all in favor please say aye.

21 ALL: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN CRIST: Opposed, the same.
23 We have five in favor and nobody opposed.

24 (The hearing concluded at 1:09 p.m.)

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12 DANIELLE CHRISTIAN, reporter

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