

**COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**September 8, 2020
CCIDA Offices
Ellicottville, New York
11:15 a.m.**

*** Please note this Board Meeting was conducted via Teleconference due to the Covid-19 Restrictions placed by N.Y.S. ***

Roll Call: -Taken-

Members

Present:

Mr. Thomas Buffamante - Chairman
Mr. Joseph Higgins
Mr. James Snyder
Mr. Brent Driscoll
Mr. Michael Wimer
Ms. Ginger Schroder

Excused:

Mr. John Stahley

CCIDA Staff/Counsel:

Mr. Corey R. Wiktor, Executive Director CCIDA

Mr. George Cregg, Jr. – Legal Counsel, Hodgson Russ
Mr. Christopher Canada – Legal Counsel, Hodgson Russ
Ms. Nadene Zeiger, Esq. - Legal Counsel, Hodgson Russ

Presenters/Guests (Teleconference):

Ms. Crystal Abers – *Catt. County Economic Dev. Planning & Tourism*

Mr. John Thomas – *The Villager Newspaper*
Ms. Corina McCandless - *Omni Navitas Holdings LLC*
Mr. Dan Csapler – *Lead Project Manager – Otto, NY – Omni Navitas Holdings LLC*

Chairman, Thomas Buffamante called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m.

Mr. Wiktor stated that because of the COVID19 Pandemic we are holding the CCIDA Board Meeting via conference call.

A roll call of the Board of Directors of the CCIDA was taken Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Wimer and Ms. Schroder were present. Mr. John Stahley was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A **Motion** was made by James Snyder with a second by Brent Driscoll to accept the July 28, 2020 CCIDA Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried**

New Applications/Projects

(#1.) Omni Navitas Renewables LLC – 8613 Dake Hill Rd. Parcel A

Omni Navitas Renewables LLC is seeking the IDA’s assistance pertaining to the proposed construction of a Community based commercial Solar Installation in the Town of Otto, NY. The proposed solar installation will be a 5.0 MW fixed tilt ground mounted solar photovoltaic project.

-The Total project cost/investment of \$8,680,000

RESOLUTIONS:

A **Motion** was made by James Snyder, seconded by Thomas Buffamante, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF OMNI NAVITAS RENEWABLES, LLC OBO AN ENTITY TO BE FORMED.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried.**

A **Motion** was made by James Snyder, seconded by Joseph Higgins, **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF OMNI NAVITAS RENEWABLES, LLC OBO AN ENTITY TO BE FORMED.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried.**

(#2.) OMNI NAVITAS RENEWABLES LLC: 8609 Rear Dake Hill Rd. Parcel B

Omni Navitas Renewables LLC is seeking the IDA’s assistance pertaining to the proposed construction of a Community based commercial Solar Installation in the Town of Otto, NY. The proposed solar installation will be a 5.0 MW fixed tilt ground mounted solar photovoltaic project. This propose solar installation is a community based solar program.

-Total project cost/investment of: \$8,680,000 (+,-).

A Motion was made by James Snyder seconded by Thomas Buffamante, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF OMNI NAVITAS RENEWABLES, LLC O/B/O AN ENTITY TO BE FORMED.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Wimer, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried.**

A Motion was made by James Snyder, seconded by Joseph Higgins, **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF OMNI NAVITAS RENEWABLES, LLC O/B/O AN ENTITY TO BE FORMED.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused **Motion Carried.**

(#3.) OMNI NAVITAS RENEWABLES LLC: 8609 Rear Dake Hill Rd. Parcel C

Omni Navitas Renewables LLC is seeking the IDA's assistance pertaining to the proposed construction of a Community based commercial Solar Installation in the Town of Otto, NY. The proposed solar installation will be a 5.0 MW fixed tilt ground mounted solar photovoltaic project. This propose solar installation is a community based solar program.

-Total project cost/investment of: \$8,680,000 (+,-).

A Motion was made by James Snyder seconded by Thomas Buffamante, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF OMNI NAVITAS RENEWABLES, LLC O/B/O AN ENTITY TO BE FORMED.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Wimer, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried.**

A Motion was made by James Snyder, seconded by Joseph Higgins, **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF OMNI NAVITAS RENEWABLES, LLC O/B/O AN ENTITY TO BE FORMED.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused **Motion Carried.**

(4.) Omni Navitas Renewables LLC: - 4578 Felton Hill Road, West-

Omni Navitas Renewables LLC is seeking the IDA's assistance pertaining to the proposed construction of a Community based commercial Solar Installation in the Town of Machias, NY. The proposed solar installation will be a 5.0 MW fixed tilt ground mounted solar photovoltaic project. This propose solar installation is a community based solar program.

-Total project cost/investment of: \$8,496,232 (+,-).

Resolutions:

A **Motion** was made by James Snyder, seconded by Thomas Buffamante, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF GSPP 4578 FELTON HILL ROAD WEST, LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried**

A **Motion** was made by James Snyder, seconded by Joseph Higgins, **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF GSPP 4578 FELTON HILL ROAD WEST, LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried**

(5.) Omni Navitas Renewables LLC: - 4578 Felton Hill Road, East-

Omni Navitas Renewables LLC is seeking the IDA's assistance pertaining to the proposed construction of a Community based commercial Solar Installation in the Town of Machias, NY. The proposed solar installation will be a 5.0 MW fixed tilt ground mounted solar photovoltaic project. This proposed solar installation is a community based solar program.

-Total project cost/investment of: \$8,780,000 (+,-).

Resolutions:

A **Motion** was made by James Snyder, seconded by Thomas Buffamante, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF GSPP 4578 FELTON HILL ROAD EAST, LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried**

A **Motion** was made by James Snyder, seconded by Joseph Higgins, **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF GSPP 4578 FELTON HILL ROAD EAST, LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried**

Resolutions from a Prior Application/Project that is in Process

(1.) Machias PV, LLC/RIC:

Machias PV, LLC had submitted an application to the CCIDA at the July 28, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting regarding their proposed project in Machias, NY. A Public Hearing was held Machias Town Office and also via conference call on **August 25, 2020 at 10:00 AM**. Minutes were included in the Board of Directors packets for Board Members review.

Mr. Buffamante asked Mr. Wiktor if he had the support letter from the Town of Machias in regards to this particular project. Mr. Snyder suggested securing two (2) letters from the Towns, one to have the CCIDA start their process and that the Town is aware of the Project being proposed in their Town. The second letter would be secured prior to the CCIDA the Final SEQR and Approving Resolutions or a PILOT being issued.

Ms. Schroder stated that the CCIDA is in the planning stages in regards to the Solar Projects and stated that we need to be consistent with how we treat each project. The CCIDA Board has had an onslaught of Solar Projects and are experiencing growing pains as we make our way through the process.

It was decided after discussion to hold the Approving Resolution for Machias PV, LLC until the October 20, 2020 CCIDA Board meeting so that a letter of support can be secured from the Town Board of Machias.

Resolution:

A Motion was made by Joseph Higgins, seconded by Michael Wimer, **RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A PROPOSED PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF MACHIAS PV, LLC WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried**

(2.) Omni Navitas Renewables LLC formally GSPP 4474 – Birch Run Road, LLC.:

Omni Navitas Renewables LLC which was formally GSPP 4474 – Birch Run Road LLC. had submitted an application to the CCIDA at the June 9, 2020, Board of Directors Meeting regarding their proposed project in Allegany, NY. A Public Hearing was held at the CCIDA Offices in Ellicottville via conference call **on May 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM**. Cory McCandless the Developer was on the conference call to answer any questions. For the record there were no other people on the call in regards to this proposed project. Minutes were included in the Board of Directors packets for Board Members review.

Mr. Wiktor stated that the Negative Declaration SEQR was issued by the Town of Allegany in January 2020 in regards to this project.

Mr. Buffamante asked Cory McCandless how it would affect Omni if this project was not given the Final Approval until the October meeting. Cory stated that it would be very detrimental to Omni as they have been working on this since January and are looking to get the PILOT completed.

Mr. Driscoll suggested that Corey get a letter from the Town prior to closing in respect to this project only because this was in process prior to the requirement of the two (2) letters.

Mr. Chris Canada stated that the revised UTEP that was done has new wording included that states a letter from the taxing jurisdiction will be obtained. The requirement of obtaining the letter is not time specific meaning at the start of the process or prior to benefits being issued.

Ms. Schroder stated that she thought she remembered a Resolution from a past meeting in regards to getting the Town's support of each Solar Project prior to the CCIDA taking any action.

Mr. Buffamante stated that he would like to have a written process in regards to accepting Solar Project applications. Mr. Wiktor stated that he will have the written procedure for accepting Solar Projects by the October 20, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Chris Canada asked if the Board is asking for two (2) letters from each project or just Solar Projects prior to starting the IDA process or issuing benefits?

Mr. Snyder stated that he feels having the Town involved in the process, providing letters to the CCIDA gives the Towns awareness of where we are in the process. Many of the Towns and also the County are not educated on what the CCIDA does and how the CCIDA can assist with projects.

Mr. Brent Driscoll asked if George Cregg, Jr. would state how the Resolution should be worded in regards to this particular projects approval at this time, due to the fact that this application was originally submitted in January 2020 prior to when our general rule went into effect.

Mr. George Cregg, Jr. stated that the Resolution would be granting an exception on this particular project from our general rule that we require a letter before adoption of approval resolution. This exception has been based on the fact this project applied in January before the general rule was applied by the CCIDA Board to all solar projects.

Resolutions:

A Motion was made by Brent Driscoll, seconded by Joseph Higgins, **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DETERMINATION BY THE ALLEGANY TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE OMNI NAVITAS RENEWABLES, LLC PROJECT AND ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION ISSUED WITH RESPECT THERETO.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Wimer, Mr. Snyder, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried.**

A Motion was made by James Snyder, seconded by Brent Driscoll, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR THE PROJECT FOR OMNI NAVITAS RENEWABLES, LLC (THE "COMPANY")** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried.**

(3.) Essential American Products, Inc.:

Essential American Projects, Inc. had submitted an application to the CCIDA at the July 28, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting regarding their proposed project in Ellicottville, NY. A Public Hearing was held at the CCIDA Offices in Ellicottville **on September 2, 2020 at 9:30 AM.** Minutes were included in the Board of Directors packets for Board Members review.

Mr. Wiktor stated that this project has nothing to do with SteelBound Brewery, it involves four (4) partners

constructing an addition to manufacture approved FDA – currently have their application in to produce/manufacture PPE products here in Ellicottville, NY. Some of the products they plan to produce will be hand antiseptic, hand sanitizer, lotions, wipes.

Resolutions:

A Motion was made by James Snyder, seconded by Joseph Higgins, **RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A PROPOSED PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ESSENTIAL AMERICAN PRODUCTS INC. WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused, Mr. Wimer abstained. **Motion Carried** (Mr. Wimer stated that CCB does business with SteelBound Brewery LLC, however he does not have any financial interest in the Company or this particular project.)

A Motion was made by James Snyder, seconded by Ginger Schroder, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR THE PROJECT FOR ESSENTIAL AMERICAN PRODUCTS INC. (THE “COMPANY”)** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused, Mr. Wimer abstained. **Motion Carried** (Mr. Wimer stated that CCB does business with SteelBound Brewery LLC, however he does not have any financial interest in the Company or this particular project.)

(4.) West Valley Solar, LLC.:

West Valley Solar has asked for the CCIDA to extend their construction period and completion date due to wetlands issues and the Covid 19 pandemic which has heavily delayed construction. This Resolution if the CCIDA Board agrees, would extend West Valley Solar construction period and final completion date to June 30, 2022. This project did “close” with the IDA in January of 2020.

Resolution:

A Motion was made by Brent Driscoll, seconded by James Snyder, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF A CERTAIN MOFIFICATION AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE WEST VALLEY SOLAR LLC PROJECT.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The IDA had income in the month of **July 2020 of \$750.00** which was the application fee from RIC Energy. **August** income was **\$4,994.00** from sales tax letter for Win Sum Ski Crop.

A Motion was made by Brent Driscoll, seconded by Joseph Higgins to approve the Financial Reports for **July and August 2020** as prepared. ALL in Favor **Motion Carried**

We are working on closing documents for the purposes of closing & issuing project benefits thirteen (13) projects at this time. We hope to have these closed within the 4th Quarter of 2020.

Mr. Snyder asked if Corey Wiktor would generate a letter to all City's, Towns, Villages in regards to asking if they had a listing of any property available that would be feasible for a Solar array or installation. This could possibly be beneficial to the taxing jurisdictions and also the County. Mr. Wiktor said he thought that was an excellent idea and would look into getting a letter drafted and the mailing list ready. The Towns would be eligible for building permit fees, host community agreements, lease payments (currently approx. \$1,500/acre).

***Executive Directors Reports:**

Due to time constraints with conducting the meeting via Conference Call, if anyone has any questions on the items listed in the Executive Directors Report please contact Corey Wiktor via e-mail or cell phone.

-Internal (IDA Meetings/Discussions):

- ✓ **COVID 19 Virus Update:** Corey will give an update on the Coronavirus that has been impacting the day to day operations with many businesses/firms in Cattaraugus County.

We still have been in weekly contact with our State and Federal elected Leaders and also with Empire State Development on fielding questions, concerns and issues that some Companies are facing during this crisis.

We have conveyed various new loan programs from the SBA to our business contacts within the County, and have kept in touch with the County economic development, STW, WIB, multiple Loan Boards, etc. We will continue to stay on top of this and keep our business apprised of any and all programs that may be eligible for during these very trying, challenging and ever-changing times.

- ✓ ***Weekly CCIDA Stakeholder Updates and email blasts, special Covid-19 Tab on our website.***
- ✓ Corey has been added to Congressman Reed's "*Regional Economic Recovery Team*". Various meetings have been conducted to date.
- ✓ Corey was also added to the WNY Regional Council Work Group for Advanced Manufacturing. Multiple meetings have been conducted to date with a plan to be assist our manufacturing base in the Covid 19 Pandemic rears back up.
- ✓ Weekly conference calls with NYS & Federal Officials along with our County and local economic development partners.
- ✓ Started back with in person meetings with businesses in the County/Region. It's a nice change from calls and Zoom meetings. We have reached out to over 130+ businesses directly since this pandemic started some 5 months ago.
- ✓ Property tours and Cattaraugus County Development story for Business First with Jim Fink. All day event planned for September 10th on recent projects, highlights, etc.
- ✓ OGH Conference calls for updates on Covid-19 and various sectors within the County.

- ✓ Attended the monthly OBDC Board Meetings.
- ✓ Railroad meeting and various property inspections with Bob Dingman. We may be looking to sell a parcel of land to an immediate neighbor that has sat idle for decades and is considered “excess property”. More to come on this proposal.
- ✓ Met with Bill Heim from House of Steel regarding a small project that he is considering for his business. This would be the second phase of his original project in 2019.
- ✓ Had a conference call with the Angel Fund for an update. A follow up call is planned for September. The Fund is operational to date.
- ✓ Attended a second WRC Loan Meeting. We in fact passed a loan for a recent IDA referred customer and project. An adaptive Reuse Project in Olean will be underway very shortly.
- ✓ Attended another Ellicottville Town Board meeting to review the IDA’s PILOT and the various past solar projects that we have been party to.
- ✓ Zoom meeting with ESD regarding a business proposed in Olean.
- ✓ Had a meeting with a local developer in regards to a proposed Adaptive Reuse project that they are considering in the Village of Ellicottville.
- ✓ Had a dinner meeting with Richard Schechter regarding the proposed Amazon project. We have submitted various properties and have a few follow up meetings with respect to this proposed project.
- ✓ Did an interview with Channel 2 and Time Warner Cable regarding the proposed Amazon project. More to come on this. We’ve had many discussions on this proposed project.
- ✓ Met with Greg Sehr and Chris Dirr regarding a possible “Workforce Housing Project”. More to come on this. We are looking at a parcel in Ellicottville with a local developer. This is much needed within the County!
- ✓ Met with Earl Wells from E3 Communications.
- ✓ Met with a local commercial realtor and toured a few available buildings in the County. The realtor has a client looking for available warehousing space. More to come.
- ✓ We had a Zoom meeting between Chautauqua Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties to discuss updates and programs relating to how well businesses are doing throughout this pandemic that is affecting us all.
- ✓ Continued discussion about a proposed project in the City of Olean, that would be unique to the Region. More to come on this.
- ✓ I was on a webinar relating to various new loans and incentives that ESD has released. We are working on a proposed Covid-19 project that may receive additional benefit from the State.
- ✓ Had a Zoom meeting with a financial analyst who has been hired by a local company and is putting together numbers on a proposed expansion project. More to come on this.

- ✓ Met with Joanne Campanga and The Vistage Group to discuss Cattaraugus County projects and recent investments.
- ✓ Met with a local real estate investor who is considering purchasing a few existing buildings in the North part of the County. The investor is mulling the offers over and will be in touch.
- ✓ Attended Town of Portville Neighbor Session on the proposed three (3) solar projects within the Town. Was 3+ hours.
- ✓ Met with Assemblyman Giglio and State Senator Borrello.
- ✓ Zoom meeting with OBDC and African American Center.

Mr. Wiktor asked the CCIDA Board to suspend this year's Annual Dinner meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions. We still plan on having our October 20, 2020 CCIDA Board Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

-External (Points of Interest relating to the CCIDA):

- ✓ **Virtual NYSEDC Annual Meeting:** I will be attending the Board meeting in person on August 31, 2020. The Annual conference has been rescheduled to September 1st and 2ⁿ in Cooperstown, N.Y. via virtual. I will also be attending the sessions on line.
- ✓ **Proposed Amazon Warehouse** – August 14, 2020 Press release by Earl Wells of e3communications in regards to the CCIDA throwing Cattaraugus County in the ring for bringing the Amazon Warehouse location to Cattaraugus County. This site location will be tricky as they are looking for 100-acre site. We will continue to work with the developer to see if Cattaraugus County can assist them in any way.
- ✓ **Buffalo Area Independent Real Estate Report:** Recent commercial real estate report noting the effects on the market due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- ✓ **WGRZ.com:** Major Investment will redevelop Manufacturers Hanover Building in Olean, NY. Recent article and news story about the project.
- ✓ **Holiday Valley:** Holiday Valley has made another substantial investment in the 2020-2021. A highlight of their \$3M+ investment that they are making to the Resort this summer!
- ✓ **Invitation to Informational Call re: Long Term direct federal lending for Covid 19 response supply and services.** Meeting to discuss newly released financing opportunities.
- ✓ **Screenshot:** August 27, 2020 Launch of Space X. Awesome news story relating to NES Bearings and their product!
- ✓ **JCC Focus Group:** JCC Holding a focus group on future Clean Energy. Asked to be part of focus group on ways JCC can assist in growing their programs with the advent of the many commercial solar farms in the region.
- ✓ **WNY REDC:** Regional Recovery Strategy Participation.
- ✓ **Zoom Call:** Zoom Call with Tom Reed participated on August 3, 2020.

- ✓ **SBDC:** Small Business Development Corp. meeting held on 8/18/20.
- ✓ **Olean Times Herald Article:** “Region’s sales taxes decreased again in July, Year to Date show only slight drop”.
- ✓ **InTandem Solutions** – Had a Zoom meeting Adam Jester to learn about ways we can connect and collaborate with area businesses and InTandem.
- ✓ **Governing.com:** America’s Moral Obligation for Universal Broadband. Urgent need especially with a lot of schools going to remote learning for school children and the internet is not readily available in the remote areas of Cattaraugus County.
- ✓ **NYCERDA Webinar:** Provided by NYSEDC, “Request for information for the Build-Ready Program.”
- ✓ **Joint AACCD and OBDC Board Meetings:** Sept. 3rd
- ✓ **Billings Sheet Metal:** Monthly Bulletins and market updates for July and August.
- ✓ **IBN & WIB Board Meetings:** Schedules for 2020-2021.
- ✓ **Upper Allegheny Health System (BGH & OGH):** Tackling Covid Together Call – Zippo Covid Plan. 30 Min. biweekly Community Partner conference calls. Workforce issues, safety, reopening, and regulations being discussed.

Adjournment in Memory of Joseph C. Bosch who passed away suddenly on August 13, 2020. Joe was a great friend to the IDA for many years and helped finance projects such as Olean General Hospital, Jamestown Community College, St. Bonaventure, Suburban Adult Services & Parent Education. The IDA Board and Staff sends our deepest condolences to Joe’s Family.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** was made by James Snyder seconded by Thomas Buffamante to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m. All in Favor – **Motion Carried.**

*** Next CCIDA Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 11:15 a.m. at the CCIDA Offices in Ellicottville, New York via conference call***