

DRASGOW, INC

BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

WCIDA Public Hearing for Drasgow, Inc.'s request for IDA incentives was held May 05, 2021 at 3 p.m. via Zoom Meetings.

In attendance: James Pierce, WCIDA Executive Director and Robin Marschilok, WCIDA Director of Operations.

1. James Pierce opened the hearing at 3:00 p.m. Pierce introduced himself and Robin Marschilok from the IDA. Pierce stated that this was a public hearing for an economic development project by Drasgow, Inc for the expansion project being considered to the existing facility located at 4150 Popular Tree Rd, Gainesville NY in the Town of Wethersfield, (the "Project"). The purpose of the Hearing is to gather public input on the proposed incentives being offered to take back to the IDA Board for approval or denial of the requests.
2. Pierce noted that the Public Hearing Notice for this project was published in the Batavia Daily, the official newspaper of the IDA. The Public Notice indicated that the meeting would be virtual and if anyone from the public wanted to comment on the project at this Public Hearing, they would need to contact the IDA. There have been no requests from the public to attend and comment on the project.
3. Pierce explained that the Company requests abatement of sales tax on construction materials and non-production equipment, mortgage recording tax exemption and a 10-year PILOT agreement for temporary abatement of property tax using the standard UTEP project schedule.
4. Drasgow, Inc. is a manufacturing machine shop, which manufactures multi-spindle screw machines, CNC milling, and CNC lathes. Drasgow produces metal parts, primarily for the automobile industry. The company has a history with the WCIDA and has received assistance the past for expansion projects. This project has plans for the construction of a 4,356 sq. ft. pole building to improve material and part flow, improve efficiencies through the plant and create room for future growth. The capital investment for this \$690,000. Drasgow, Inc. currently employs 19 people and will create 3 new jobs with this expansion over the next 3 years.

5. Pierce reviewed the incentives proposed for the project including Real Property Tax abatement of \$99,000, sales tax exemption of \$23,000 and Mortgage tax exemption of approximately \$6,000. With a 2% discount for inflation the actual incentives are estimated to be a total of \$122,000.
6. Pierce stated that at this point he usually asks the guests if they have any questions or comments. Pierce noted for the record that there were no other registered attendees to voice any public concerns and asked Marschilok to comment on the project.

R. Marschilok stated that she is happy to see Drasgow, Inc. continue to grow. In the past 15 years Karl Drasgow has had several expansions and has done a great job growing his business. We are proud to have a business like his in Wyoming County.

Pierce added that Karl has certainly worked hard over the years to grow his business that he started in his garage.

With no other questions or comments, Pierce stated that the information from this meeting will be presented at the IDA Board of Director's meeting on May 13th at 2:30 for the Board's consideration. Pierce then closed the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Minutes prepared by R. Marschilok

The public Hearing was recorded live and can be view on Youtube.com at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHcCJj8hePw>