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**Hamburg New York Land Development Corporation
PUBLIC HEARING, Feedmore WNY Foundation, Inc.
March 6, 2024 – 8:30am
Hamburg Town Hall & via Zoom Teleconferencing**

Present

Jamel Perkins
Andy Palmer
Bob Reynolds
Bob Hutchison

Excused

Cam Hall
Janet Plarr
Davis Podkulski
Tom Moses
Wence Valentin

Guests

Jennifer Strong, Neill & Strong - Zoom
Mary Doran, HIDA
Tara Ellis, Feedmore
Rachael Adams, Feedmore
Lisa Woodring, Feedmore
Kim Peck, Senator Gallvin's Office
Robert Romeo, Feedmore - Zoom
Dominic Eusano, Feedmore – Zoom

Executive Director

Sean Doyle

A RECORDING OF THE FULL PUBLIC HEARING MAY BE VIEWED ON YOUTUBE, Channel - Hamburg IDA

Director Doyle read the attached public hearing notice that was printed in the February 23rd edition of *The Hamburg Sun*.

Doyle opened the hearing to the public at 8:38am.

Bob Hutchison, HNYLDC Board Chairman, stated he is looking forward to working with Feedmore. He said it is a great project and thanked them for bringing this 100 million dollar project to the Town of Hamburg.

Bob Reynolds, HNYLDC Financial Secretary, said it is great to help out a non-profit organization like theirs and noted they are also bringing jobs to the Town of Hamburg.

Kim Peck, was in attendance representing Senator Gallivan's Office.

Tom Moses, HNYLDC Board member asked if transportation has been considered moving employees to the new site.

Tara Ellis, stated the vast majority of Feedmore's employees have their own vehicles. Tara Ellis with Feedmore has been in contact with Kim Minkel at the NFTA about transportation to the new site. They are continuing to monitor since the new build is two years out. Also, with the Hamburg Amazon Facility they are watching to see if transportation will be added for that site.

Tara Ellis, spoke on Feedmore, she explained what they do and talked about a number of programs they run and are planning to run in Erie and Niagara County once in the new facility;

Meals on Wheels

After School Meals for Children – future cannot do now with their limited capacity

School Pantry Programs

School Backpack Programs

Job Training Program – for individuals with the highest barriers to obtaining employment

Culinary Program

Diaper Program

They currently employ 225 people and are in a hiring freeze because they are at full capacity in their current location. Once in the new building they expect to hire an additional 25 people as instructors, dietitians, social workers etc.

She was asked about possibility of out-growing the new space. She stated it is a 74 acre parcel, they will be utilizing about 30 acres and have room to grow/move into the future. It was designed to be expanded in modules and looks to future growth. Their current operation is fragmented (2 locations) and outdated with aging buildings the project will definitely streamline efficiencies.

Doyle asked 3 times for any further comments from the public, none were stated and no comments were received.

Public hearing was tabled at 8:51am and will be resumed at the HNYLDC Board meeting on March 13, 2024 at 7:30am, Blasdell Village Hall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sean Doyle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sean Doyle, Executive Director