

August 21, 2024

Hon. Randall Hoak, Supervisor Town of Hamburg 6100 South Park Ave Hamburg, New York 14075

Re: Camp Road Interchange District

Dear Supervisor Hoak:

The Hamburg IDA unanimously passed a resolution on August 14, 2024 regarding recommendations on the proposed zoning for the Camp Road Interchange District.

We feel that the zoning should include hotels as a permitted use. If it is the Town's desire to create a district for entertainment, destination attractions or retail outlets, hotels are an important component of this plan. Without the incorporation of lodging into the zoning, the development investment, taxable value and job creation may be to a less extent or may not happen at all.

Additionally, the Town of Hamburg is lacking in comfortable accommodations for travelers as they seek to visit our area for sporting events, family gatherings, fishing contests, etcetera. We feel that this area would be a viable location to site such amenities.

Please contact me directly at (716) 648-4145 if you have any questions or if you require any additional information. Thank you for your partnership and efforts to increase the tax base and employment opportunities in the Town of Hamburg through sustainable development.

Regards,

Robert Hutchison

Board Chairperson, Hamburg Industrial Development Agency

enc. – August 2024 Hamburg Industrial Development Agency Board of Director Meeting minutes

# HAMBURG Development Companies Partnership and Business Growth

### UNAPPROVED/DRAFT

(BOD motion for approval at 9/11/2024 meeting)

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# Hamburg Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors Meeting August 14, 2024, 7:30am Blasdell Village Hall, 121 Miriam Avenue

Present

Janet Plarr Davis Podkulski Bob Reynolds Bob Hutchison Cam Hall Tom Moses **Excused** 

Jamel Perkins Wence Valentin Andy Palmer Guests

Jennifer Strong, Neill & Strong Mary Doran, HIDA Caitlyn Stair, SUN NEWS, via Zoom

**Executive Director** 

Sean Doyle

### Pledge of Allegiance

-Roll Call

-Motion to open the board meeting at 7:34am

Moved: Tom Moses

Seconded: Bob Hutchison

Ayes: Podkulski, Plarr, Hutchison, Moses, Hall, Reynolds

Nays: none Carried

-Motion to approve the July 2024 board meeting minutes

Moved: Davis Podkulski

Seconded: Janet Plarr

Ayes: Podkulski, Plarr, Hutchison, Moses, Hall, Reynolds

Nays: Carried

Treasurer, Bob Reynolds, gave an update on the financials. July had income of \$4,385.31 and expenses included \$219.76 for mileage/meeting, \$18,965.33 payroll and \$126.38 in general office costs. The balance on the accounts is \$766,541.58. Bob noted expenses for the year are currently at a negative \$167,000 however that number should get back in line with budget projections and change to positive after several projects close this month.

-Motion to approve the July 2024 Treasurer Report

Moved: Davis Podkulski

Seconded: Cam Hall

Ayes: Podkulski, Plarr, Hutchison, Moses, Hall, Reynolds

Nays: none Carried

## **Executive Director Update:**

- -K&H and Staub closed last week. Mission Hills will close after the board meeting today generating \$210,000 in receivables.
- -There has been limited commercial real estate activity due to the economy and interest rates, optimistic for movement.
- -Crossroads site waiting to hear on submitted grant application.
- -HDC closed two loans approximately 6 jobs were created.
- -Doyle attended information session on Lakeshore Road project, not a lot of feedback from the public.
- -Save the Date August 21st, Code Review Meeting (Camp Road interchange).
- -Doyle met with Liberatore management on 39 Buffalo Street as well as a landowner of property near the new Bills Stadium regarding future development.

The board further discussed the Camp Road interchange/entertainment district plan. Doyle stated the current plan did not include hotels. The board discussed at length and agreed as an "entertainment" district hotel(s) should be a component. Reynolds suggested the board take an active approach and write a letter supporting the development with a hotel(s) component. Retail projects are not eligible for IDA incentives hotels are if it promotes tourism from out of the county. The board was in agreement the IDA would help make the entertainment district succeed if there is a hotel component.

-Motion by Janet Plarr to send a letter supporting the entertainment district with a hotel component

**Moved**: Janet Plarr **Seconded**: Bob Reynolds **Ayes**: Podkulski, Plarr, Hutchison, Moses, Hall, Reynolds

Nays: none Carried

Additionally, the board agreed to send a copy of the certified unanimous resolution supporting the hotel component along with the letter.

### - New Business:

-Old Business - none

-Privilege of the Floor – no comments

-Motion to adjourn at 7:59am

**Moved**: Davis Podkulski Seconded: Janet Plarr **Ayes**: Podkulski, Plarr, Hutchison, Moses, Hall, Reynolds

Nays: none *Carried* 

Sincerely

ean Doyle, Executive Director

Next meeting: September 11, 2024 7:30am Blasdell Village Hall, 121 Miriam Avenue