

**PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE HALL
172 Central Avenue
Silver Creek, NY 14136
February 5, 2013
9:00 a.m.**

S. HOWES, INC.

Attendance:

Kristine Morabito, CCIDA Project Manager and Hearing Officer

Kurt Lindstrom, Mayor, Village of Silver Creek

Tom Gould, Town of Hanover Code Enforcement Officer

Nick Piccolo, Village Trustee, Village of Silver Creek

Written comments were provided to the Hearing Officer by Mayor Kurt Lindstrom prior to the Public Hearing.

HEARING OFFICER: Good morning. My name is Kristine Morabito, and I am the Project Manager for the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (hereafter, the "Agency") and I have been directed by the members of the Agency to hold a public hearing. Today is February 5, 2013 and the time is now 9:00 a.m. We are at the Courtroom at Silver Creek Village Hall, 172 Central Avenue, Silver Creek, New York, County of Chautauqua, 14136.

This is a public hearing pursuant to section 859-a of the New York General Municipal Law, as amended. The Agency has received an application for financial assistance in connection with the following matter:

S. Howes, Inc., a corporation existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Applicant"), presented an application (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in an approximately 1.7 acre parcel of land located at 25 Howard Street, Silver Creek, County of Chautauqua, New York (collectively, the "Land"), (2) an approximately 8,100 square foot expansion and facade renovation of an existing approximately 20,000 square foot building located on the Land (collectively, the "Building"), and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "Equipment"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant as a manufacturing facility (collectively, the "Project Facility"); (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions or partial exemptions from sales and use taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes (but not including special assessments and ad valorem levies) (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency.

Notice of this public hearing was published in *The Observer* on January 26, 2013 and provided to the Chief Executive Officer of each affected tax jurisdiction.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to present their views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the Project.

Is there anyone wishing to be heard with respect to the Project?

(Inaudible conversation in background)

HEARING OFFICER: I'll keep the meeting open for 15 minutes for anyone that wishes to make comments.

TOM GOULD: I went over the project a little bit with them. Do they have a final plan of what they want to do?

HEARING OFFICER: I do not have a copy of it.

TOM GOULD: Ok

HEARING OFFICER: I don't, I don't require it at this point in time.

KURT LINDSTROM: But you were explaining that it is tying to all three buildings?

HEARING OFFICER: At least one, possibly two or three, and I again haven't

KURT LINDSTROM: Right

HEARING OFFICER: heard the final plan.

TOM GOULD: That's the way I understood it. Going across, you know, taking up some of the parking, closing it in, (inaudible), expanding. Any expanding in Silver Creek is good.

KURT LINDSTROM: It is.

TOM GOULD: Except when we (inaudible) tops, right?

Laughter, whistle

NICK PICCOLO: Their office building that's currently in existence, all right, that is going to be totally renovated?

HEARING OFFICER: I guess I want to preface my comment by saying it's not really a question and answer session.

NICK PICCOLO: Oh.

HEARING OFFICER: This is an opportunity, if you have comments that you'd like to make, for me to provide to our Board of Directors, before our Board of Directors takes action on the project. I can take your comments and share them with the Board.

NICK PICCOLO: Well I agree that anything

HEARING OFFICER: Ok

NICK PICCOLO: that is an improvement and an addition in the Village is a plus

HEARING OFFICER: And I guess to more specifically answer your question, I don't have a final scope of the project from them.

(Inaudible conversation in background)

HEARING OFFICER: I'm sorry?

KURT LINDSTROM: I can shut that so it doesn't record him. (referring to a gentlemen on a telephone in an adjacent room)

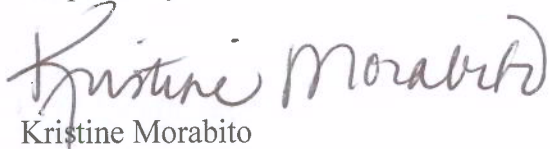
HEARING OFFICER: Yeah, thank you.

(Inaudible conversation in background)

HEARING OFFICER: I'm going to go ahead and close the meeting. It is now 9:15 a.m. Let the record show that there were three members of the public in attendance. No one has indicated a desire to comment beyond the comments that were previously made. I'd like to thank the members of the public for attending this public hearing and I now call this hearing to a close.

(TIME NOTED: 9:15 A.M.)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristine Morabito". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kristine Morabito

CCIDA Project Manager

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Dear Mrs. Morabito,

The Village Board of Silver Creek whole heartedly support S. Howes in their expansion and renovations. S. Howes has been the mainstay industry in the Village of Silver Creek for over 150 years and consider them a strong community partner and Village Asset!

As Mayor I would like to thank the Ida for working with the S. Howes Corporation and helping build a continued future in the community for them!

Respectfully,



Kurt G. Lindstrom

Sign In

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S. Howes Public Hearing

2/5/2013

9:00 am

Courtroom, Silver Creek Village Hall

172 Cerkas Avenue, Silver Creek, NY 14136

Please Sign In:

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Comptroller	Code Enforcement Officer
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