

The Johnstown Planning Board held a meeting on February 2, 2016 at 4:00p.m., in the Common Council Chambers, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Fredrick Franko	: Acting Chair
Elizabeth Camarra	: Board Member
George Nicholas	: “ “
Terri Easterly	: “ “
Michael Poulin	: City Attorney
Christopher Vose	: City Engineer
Bruce Heberer	: Fire Chief
Cathy A. VanAlstyne	: City Clerk

ABSENT:

Peter K. Smith : Chairman

Mr. Franko called the meeting to order.

Mr. Nicholas made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Easterly. Motion carried.

JOHNSTOWN RENEWABLE ENERGY LLC – Eduard Zaydman, one of the partners in the company, explained to the Board the process of taking whey from FAGE and processing into several products such as ethyl alcohol and a dried yeast protein feed that can be utilized in rations for livestock, pet food and eventually human consumption. Their plan is to construct a plant adjacent to FAGE in the Industrial Park.

Mr. Franko stated that it is his understanding that they have worked out capacities with the sewer system and other construction issues. There are two other issues; one being to grant a variance to allow the height up to 69’ for the silos and the other is lead agency for the SEQR Process. A Public Hearing will be held next month to allow for public comment. Mr. Zaydman thinks the silos will be lower than 69’. There will be two 4” whey lines running from FAGE to Johnstown Renewable. Mr. Vose has a concern at what depth the pipes will be placed so not to interfere with other utilities. The lines will be of steel construction with food grade welds.

Mr. Zaydman said the silos will be lower than the FAGE silo and can store 50 thousand gallons. Mr. Franko asked about the water that would be released back into the sewer system. Mr. Zaydman said it will be below 500 BOD levels, the same as industrial levels.

Mr. Franko asked Jim Mraz, Executive Director of the Fulton County Industrial Development Agency, if he had anything to add. He said the IDA will meet next week. Johnstown Renewable Energy LLC is purchasing the property from IDA. They will also need approval from the City Council to run the line across the property. Planning Board can approve the height allowance without going to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Franko made a motion to permit the height on the silos up to 69’. Motion was seconded by Mr. Nicholas. Motion carried.

Mrs. Easterly made a motion to name the Johnstown Planning Board lead agency in the SEQR Process. Seconded by Mr. Nicholas. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing will be set for the next meeting, March 1, 2016 at 4:00p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Easterly and seconded by Mr. Franko. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. VanAlstyne
City Clerk