Rebecca Wandel

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Importance: High

On behalf of FAGE, HDR is submitting a new/updated application for a new anaerobic digestion facility to treat acid whey generated from their main dairy production facility. The application that was submitted in May 2025 has been updated with new dates. Also included is a reference sheet checklist to identify various site plan requirements and the location within the drawings where they are located. Project drawings that were submitted in May 2025 are still applicable and it is requested that these be used in this submittal. I've included a One-Drive link (at end of email) where PDF versions of these documents can be downloaded for your convenience.

We formally request to be included on the planning board meeting agenda for October 6 to present this project and address initial questions and concerns. It is understood that the Planning Board permitting/approval process may take several months to complete. The following items are currently being updated and will be provided to the Planning Board:

1) Updated bidding documents with engineer seals.
2) The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process has been restarted, and the current status will be updated at the meeting.
3) Other documentation or activities that may be required by Johnstown Planning Board or the Fulton County Planning Department.

We request that confirmation of this email and inclusion on the Planning Board agenda for project presentation. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

FAGE-JohnstownPlanning

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BUILDING PERMIT

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT & CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

APPLICATION is hereby made to the Code Enforcement Officer for a Building Permit pursuant to the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code for construction of buildings, additions, alterations, removal or demolition as herein described. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations, etc. as follows:

A. The applicant shall notify the Code Enforcement Office of any changes in the information contained in the application during the period for which the permit is in effect. **A permit will be issued when the application has been determined to be complete and when the proposed work is determined to conform to the requirements of the Uniform Code.** The authority conferred by such a permit may be limited by conditions.

B. A building permit may be suspended or revoked if it is determined that the work for which it pertains is not proceeding in conformance with the Uniform Code or with any condition attached to such permit, or if there has been a misrepresentation or falsification of a of a material fact in connection with the application for permit.

C. A building permit shall expire **one (1) year from the date of issuance** or upon the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (other than a temporary certificate of occupancy), whichever comes first. The permit may, upon written request, be renewed for successive one-year periods provided that **(1.)** the permit has not been revoked or suspended at the time the application for renewal has been made; **(2.)** the relevant information in the application is up to date; and **(3.)** the renewal fee is paid (half cost of original permit).

D.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I have read the instructions and examined this application and known the same to be true and correct. All provisions of Laws and Ordinances covering this type of work will be completed with whether specified herein or not. The granting of a permit does not presume to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of any other State or Local Law regulating construction or the performance of construction.

Owner/Authorized Agent Brian C. Mulinix **Date:** 5/14/2025

Brian Mulinix, HDR Engineering, Inc.
brian.mulinix@hdrinc.com

Referred to Planning Board for Approval: _____ **Date:** _____

CITY OF JOHNSTOWN
Code Enforcement Office
PO Box 160, 244 North Perry Street
Johnstown, New York 12095
(518) 736-4076

- OFFICE USE ONLY -	
Approved: ____/____/____	Receipt #_____
Permit #: _____, 20___	Fee Paid: _____
Signature: _____	

BUILDING / DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant shall notify this Office of any changes in the information contained in the application during the period for which the permit is in effect. **A permit will be issued when: a) application has been determined to be complete, b) fee has been paid and 3) when proposed work is determined to conform to the requirements of the Uniform Code.** The authority conferred by such a permit may be limited by conditions.

Permit may be suspended or revoked if it's determined that work is not proceeding in conformance with the Uniform Code, with any conditions attached to such permit, or if there has been misrepresentation or falsification of a material fact in connection with the application for permit.

Demolition Permit will expire **six (6) months** from date of issuance / Building permit will expire **one (1) year** from the date of issuance or upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy (other than a temporary Certificate of Occupancy), whichever comes first. Permit may, upon written request, be renewed for successive one-year periods provided that a) permit has not been revoked or suspended at the time the application for renewal has been made; b) relevant information in the application is up to date; and c) renewal fee is paid (half cost of original permit).

Additional terms of permit can be found on Schedule of Permit Fees.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name / Company FAGE USA Dairy Industry, Inc.	Phone: 518-762-5912
Contact Person Ioannis Ravanis	Email Ioannis.Ravanis@mail.fage
Address 1 Opportunity Drive, Johnstown Industrial Park	State Johnstown, NY Zip 12095

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION, IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT

Name same as applicant	Phone
Address	State Zip

SUBCONSTRACTOR INFORMATION (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Name of Company To be determined	Phone

PROJECT INFORMATION

Location The northwest corner of Opportunity Drive and Venture Drive in the City of Johnstown, in Fulton County, New York (Lot 9, Block 1, Section 174.17)		Renewal Application: YES ☐ NO ☒
Estimated Cost of Project: $38MM	Work will begin: 1/4/2027	for a period of _____ day(s) 78 week(s)

DEMOLITION GENERAL COMMENTS

Environmental Survey – n/a

Asbestos Abatement w/ Way Bill – n/a

Where is Debris going? – n/a

ADDRESS

NAME

TYPE

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT w/ DETAILS. IF NEEDED, ATTACH DRAWING OF PLOT PLAN / CONSTRUCTION PLAN.

The proposed action involves constructing an anaerobic digestion facility to treat acid whey from the main dairy production facility, where biogas will be produced and treated for boiler reuse. The anaerobic treatment process consist of two 40 ft diameter and 25 ft height equalization tanks for flow control and pH recycle and neutralization, a 90 ft diameter and 44 ft height anaerobic digester tank for organics treatment with a dual membrane cover mounted on top of the digester tank for biogas collection, a 36 ft by 25 ft and 16.5 ft height biogas building for biogas conditioning w/emergency flare, a 110 ft by 60 ft by 32 ft height Operations/Dewatering Building, and a 40 ft diameter and 25 ft height reaeration tank for re-oxygenation before being discharged to City of Johnstown sewer. The Operations/Dewatering Building will house the dissolved nitrogen flotation unit (DNF) for solids and liquid separation, sludge storage tanks for sludge storage, centrifuge for sludge thickening, operation staff and lab areas, and truck bays for chemical delivery and sludge cake loadout.

Biogas will be routed through an H_2S scrubber adjacent to the 35 ft by 26 ft by 21 ft height Biogas Building. During periods when this biogas utilization process is not in operation, the biogas will be directed to an enclosed waste gas burner adjacent to this building for flaring.

This project will reduce the number of trucks that are currently required to remove 30 mgal/yr of acid whey waste each year.

The project design package including construction drawings and specifications are attached for reference. Key references include: 00D601 Process Flow Diagram, 01C101-103 Site Plans, 01D101-601 Site Piping Plans, 06A101 Operations/Dewatering Building Plan, and 07A101 Biogas Building Plan.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

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- Brian C. [signature] Date: 9/27/2206

PERMIT APPROVAL - CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE (CEO) USE ONLY

BUILDING
- ☐ General alterations / renovations - $35.00
- ☐ Fence - $25.00
- ☐ Swimming pool - $35.00
- ☐ Garage - $50.00
- ☐ Shed / Carport / Deck - $35.00
- ☐ Siding / Roofing/ Windows - $35.00
- ☐ Mobile home sitting - $75.00
- ☐ Signs / Awnings / Canopies - $35.00

ALTERATIONS & RENOVATIONS
- ☐ 1 & 2 family - $100.00
- ☐ Multiple dwelling - $200.00

MISCELLANEOUS
- ☐ Certificate of Occupancy - $75.00
- ☐ Bank letter - $35.00
- ☐ Operating Permit - $35.00

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING & EXCAVATION
- ☐ 1 & 2 family under 1500 sq. ft. - $200.00
- ☐ Each add't. 1000 sq. ft. or part thereof - $100.00
- ☐ Multiple dwelling each 1000 sq. ft. - $200.00
- ☐ Manufactured home installation - $125.00
- ☐ Add't. units or sleeping room - $50.00
- ☐ Additions; each 1000 sq. ft. - $125.00
- ☐ Multiple dwelling; each 1000 sq. ft. $200.00

INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL SITE REVIEW
- ☐ 1 – 5 lots - $100.00
- ☐ 6 or more lots - $100.00
- ☐ Plus, for each add't. - $25.00

☐ DEMOLITION - $75.00

NON RESIDENTIAL BUILDING & EXCAVATION
- ☐ Roofing - $75.00
- ☐ New Construction 1st 1000 sq. ft. - $200.00
- ☐ Each add't. 1000 sq. ft. or part thereof - $125.00
- ☐ General construction- additions- alterations-renovations $150
- ☐ Alterations / Renovations to building system - $250.00 (electrical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing or any combination)

S.E.Q.R. REQUIREMENTS
- ☐ Lead Agency Coordination - $50.00
- ☐ Long Form EAF & Determination of Significance - $100.00
- ☐ Draft EIS Review - $150.00
- ☐ Final EIS Review - $200.00

Permit Issued? YES ☐ NO ☐ Fee charged: _____

Planning Board: Approved ☐ Not Required ☐

Code Permit #: _____ Tax Map #: _____

Zoning Variance: Approved ☐ Not Required ☐

Insurance provided? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CEO Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/_____

INSPECTIONS:

Date: ___/___/_____ Type: _____ Approved: YES ☐ NO ☐ CEO Initials: _____

Date: ___/___/_____ Type: _____ Approved: YES ☐ NO ☐ CEO Initials: _____

Date: ___/___/_____ Type: _____ Approved: YES ☐ NO ☐ CEO Initials: _____

Date: ___/___/_____ Type: _____ Approved: YES ☐ NO ☐ CEO Initials: _____

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