



# TOWN of RIDGEWAY

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TOWN OF RIDGEWAY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2015  
10A.M. 410 WEST AVE.

SPECIAL EVENT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC  
HEARING-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Those Present:

Brian Napoli  
Paul Blajszczak  
Mary Woodruff

Supervisor  
Councilman  
Councilwoman

Others:

Gabrielle Barone  
Karen Kaiser

Vice President EDA  
Deputy Town Clerk

The Special Meeting was called to order at 10:00A.M. by Supervisor Napoli

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of the Agenda:

Supervisor Napoli called for a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman Paul Blajszczak approved the motion it was seconded by Mary Woodruff and the Motion was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2/26/2015

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 16, 2015 AT 7:00P.M TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY AND THE TOWNS POTENTIAL SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW VEGETABLE PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITY AT 1 BERNZOMATIC DRIVE IN THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA AND THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROJECT WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE HEARING FACILITIES ARE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE. WRITTEN COMMENTS ARE INVITED AND WILL BE ACCEPTED UPON DELIVERY TO THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

Offered by Councilwoman Mary Woodruff, who moved its adoption.  
Seconded by Councilman Blajszczak.

**ORDER CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING -  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Ridgeway Town Board wishes to assess the advisability of submitting a Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the "OCR") for funding to support the establishment of a new vegetable processing and distribution facility at 1 Bernzomatic Drive in the Village of Medina and Town of Ridgeway (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is required to hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider citizen comments regarding the CDBG program and the Project prior to submitting an application for CDBG funding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Ridgeway Town Board hereby calls for a Public Hearing whereat all interested parties shall be heard; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Public Hearing shall be held at the Town Hall, 410 West Avenue, Medina, NY 14103 at 7 PM on the 16 of March, 2015; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Deputy Town Clerk is hereby directed to have published at least once in the "Batavia Daily News" at least seven (7) days before the date scheduled for the Public Hearing, the Public Hearing Notice that is attached hereto.

Offered by: Mary Woodruff  
Second by: Paul Blajszczak  
Ayes: 3

Comments Public Hearing RE: Pride Pak – Gabrielle Barone

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Thank you to both the Town of Ridgeway Board and the Ridgeway staff members for their assistance in scheduling this public hearing.

As organizations evaluate various site criteria we have begun to experience that when multiple sites are being evaluated for suitability and related costs of doing business over a period of time, there is a rigorous due diligence process regarding properties, incentives and overall economic conditions in an area being considered. With respect to the company and location we are here to discuss this evening, it should be understood:

1. The company principals are considering two sites, one in Medina and another site in a neighboring state.
2. The company has requested confirmation of available state and local incentives for comparison purposes. As part of that process, and before a commitment is made, at the local level those incentives that emanate through our initiation are going through the public purview and application process. There are applications for this project pending with other state agencies.

So while we are cautiously optimistic, we also need to be realistic – the project principals are weighing options being presented by New York State and Pennsylvania.

Now to the scope of the project:

Pride Pak Canada Ltd. (Pride Pak) formed in 1983 In Ontario Canada proposes to establish a new vegetable processing, packaging and distribution facility in the former BernzOmatic property located at 1 BernzOmatic Drive , Medina. This is an expansion of the company's operations and not relocation. Pride Pak is Ontario's largest fruit and vegetable processing company and currently exports approximately 50% of its product to the US market. Pride Pak anticipates substantial new business with a large northeastern US grocery chain.

Pride Pak proposes to acquire the BernzOmatic property, consisting of a 180,000 square foot facility and 30 plus acres of land. PP will undertake substantial renovations to the existing plan and purchase new machinery equipment at a total initial project cost of \$9.6M. Additional capital expenditures are planned for future phases of the project in years 2-5.

Pride Pak expects to create up to 80 new permanent full-time employment positions by the end of year one along, with at least 60 of those positions being made available to low-moderate income persons. The OCR grant of \$750,000 will be a grant or deferred loan in the amount of \$734,000 to the Pride Pak US affiliate to assist in the acquisition and funding and installation of new machinery and equipment.

By year 5, the company projects employment of over 200.

Supervisor Napoli asked if there was any further business as there was none. He called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 A.M. Councilman Blajszczak approved seconded by Councilwoman Woodruff.

Town of Ridgeway  
Karen L. Kaiser  
Deputy Town Clerk