

**SIGN IN SHEET
PUBLIC HEARING**

November 2, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.
at the Town of Evans Town Hall, 8787 Erie Road (Court Room), Angola, New York 14006
regarding:

**Flexovit USA, Inc. and/or Individual(s) or Affiliate(s),
Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies) formed or to be formed on its behalf**

Project Location: 1305 Eden Evans Center Road, Angola, New York 14006

Name	Company and/or Address	X box to speak/ comment
✓ KEITH DASH	T. OF EVANS	X
✓ SANDY BRANT	T. OF EVANS	X
✓ DANIEL PACOS	LAKE SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOLS	X
✓ JOHN WILSON	LAKE SHORE CENTRAL - Villages of Angola	X
✓ Lori Szeuczuk	Town of Evans Community Development	X
✓ Robert Riche	Director of MFG. & HR Flexovit USA Inc.	X
PIERRE HAWKINS	DIRECTOR OF ADMIN. SERVICES FLEXOVIT USA, INC.	

PUBLIC HEARING SCRIPT

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ATTENDANCE

Hon. Keith Dash – Supervisor, Town of Evans
Sandy Brant - Director of Planning, Town of Evans
Daniel Pacos – Assistant Superintendent for Administrator at Lakeshore Central Schools
John Wilson – Director of Facilities, Lakeshore Central Schools
Lori Szewczyk – Director of Community Development, Town of Evans
Robert Riehle, Director of Manufacturing and Human Resources, Flexovit USA, Inc.

1. WELCOME: Call to Order and Identity of Hearing Officer.

Hearing Officer: *Welcome. This public hearing is now open; it is 9:00 a.m. My name is John Cappellino I am the Executive Vice President of the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, and I have been designated by the Agency to be the hearing officer to conduct this public hearing.*

2. PURPOSE: Purpose of the Hearing.

Hearing Officer: *We are here to hold the public hearing on the Flexovit USA, Inc. and/or Individual(s) or Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies) formed or to be formed on its behalf project. The transcript of this hearing will be reviewed and considered by the Agency in determination of this project. Notice of this hearing appeared in The Buffalo News on Thursday, October 22, 2015.*

3. PROJECT SUMMARY: Description of Project and Contemplated Agency Benefits.

Hearing Officer: *The proposed project (the "Project") consists of: (i) the leasehold interest in a 7.25+/- acre parcel of land located at 1305 Eden-Evans Center Road, Town of Evans, Erie County, New York (the "Land") to be improved thereon with a 62,000+/- SF building (the "Improvements") to be utilized as manufacturing, distribution, warehouse and office space, and (ii) the*

acquisition and installation by the Company of certain items of machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (the "Equipment," and collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility").

The proposed financial assistance contemplated by the Agency includes New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits and real property tax abatement benefits (in compliance with Agency's uniform tax exemption policy).

4. FORMAT OF HEARING: Review rules and manner in which the hearing will proceed.

Hearing Officer: *All those in attendance are required to register by signing the sign-in sheet at the front of the room; you will not be permitted to speak unless you have registered. If you have a written comment to submit for the record, you may do so. Written comments may also be delivered to the Agency at 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, New York 14203 until the comment period closes on November 17, 2015. There are no limitations on written comments.*

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Hearing Officer gives the Public an opportunity to speak.

Hearing Officer: *If anyone is interested in making a comment, please raise your hand, state your name and address; if you are representing a company, please identify the company. I request that speakers keep comments to 5 minutes, and if possible, 3 minutes.*

The Hearing Officer calls on those who raise their hand.

Keith Dash, Town of Evans Supervisor. 8787 Erie Road, Angola, NY 14006. I am here representing the Evans Town Board with the comment that whatever it takes to keep Flexovit as a valuable resource for the employment of the residents of our Town, the Town of Evans will indeed support.

Robert Riehle, Director of Manufacturing & Human Resources - Flexovit USA, Inc. 1305 Erie-Evans Road, Angola, NY 14006. Comments I would like to make for this project. Flexovit has a choice to make at this point. Staying here in Angola, we have been here for 38 years as a significant employer and economic contributor to the area. Our desire is for us to stay located in the Town of Evans in our current location. We have a lot of good people that were employed and we would like to get them back. Currently we are at 50% of our size. So from an economic standpoint we have to look at what is best for the business.

We have an opportunity in Kentucky where there is a building available to us with some people with industry knowledge there. There are some synergies that we could take advantage of. But again, from an emotional standpoint we are tied to this area and would like to stay here. So we are looking for whatever economic help we can get from the County, State and the Town to help facilitate that.

Sandy Brant - Director of Planning, Town of Evans - 8787 Erie Road, Angola, NY 14006. I am just here to express my support for this project and for any assistance that can be given to Flexovit. Their work and business in our Town is extremely important to us.

Daniel Pacos, Assistant Superintendent for Administration & Finance for Lakeshore Central School District, 959 Beach Road, Angola, New York 14006. I am here on behalf of the school to show our support for the proposed project. We would like to thank Flexovit for being here, for being a responsible employer in the district and we would like to say that we will work with all parties to do whatever we can to help keep them here. We would also like to thank the ECIDA as well and local officials for considering the project and doing what they can and I would also like to give you a letter of support.

John Wilson, Director of Facilities - Lakeshore Central School District, 959 Beach Road, Angola, New York 14006. I also have the benefit of being the trustee of the Village of Angola. In both dynamics we fully support Flexovit being here; their project and their employees are a good part of our area. I hope that the ECIDA seriously considers the project and I hope Flexovit seriously considers the number of very qualified people they have here. We truly support all of it.

Lori Szewczyk, Director of Community Development - Town of Evans, 8787 Erie Road, Angola, New York 14006. I would like to speak in favor of the project. Flexovit, prior to the collapse, was one of the Town's largest employers and we are looking forward to adding 61 jobs for both skilled and unskilled labor. We are hoping that many of our local residents will get those jobs. Flexovit is critical to the Town's goal to establish Eden/Evans Center as an industrial corridor and we would not want to see that go vacant.

Flexovit also contributes to the local economy by utilizing local vendors and businesses. Flexovit has been a good corporate neighbor for 38 years and the project has the ability to generate long term positive tax revenue for the Town, County and State. So for all those reasons and many more, I am enthusiastically in favor of the project.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

As there were no further comments, the Hearing Officer closed the public hearing at 9:15 a.m.

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John Wilson	Director of Facilities Lakeshore CSD 959 Beach Road Angola, New York 14006	X
Lori Szewczyk	Director of Community Development Town of Evans 8787 Erie Road Angola, New York 14006	X
Robert Riehle	Director of Manufacturing & Human Resources Flexovit USA, Inc. 1305 Eden-Evans Center Road Angola, New York 14006	X
Pierre Hawkins	Director OF Admin Services Flexovit USA 1305 Eden-Evans Center Road Angola, New York 14006	

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Erie County Industrial Development Agency
95 Perry Street, Suite 403
Buffalo, NY 14203

Re: Flexovit USA, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

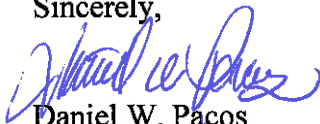
We are writing to provide a letter of support for the proposed Flexovit USA, Inc. plant expansion to be located at 1305 Eden-Evans Center Road Angola, NY 14006.

Flexovit USA, Inc. has been an employer and a taxpayer in our school district for many years. The company has experienced several setbacks in operations in recent years. Erie County, the Town of Evans and the Lake Shore Central School District have worked together with the Company to insure that Flexovit would continue their operations here locally. The Company has been a good, responsible employer and we have been fortunate to have them in our community.

As we all work to maintain the local job market, tax base, population and overall fiscal stability of our region we try to remember that jobs are the first part of the equation. Manufacturing jobs help provide our local economy with the resources to maintain property values and our tax base, the population levels which is an important factor to the school district, and retail businesses to serve the population. With this in mind, the Lake Shore Central School District wholeheartedly supports the Company's efforts to rebuild/expand it's operations here in Angola, NY.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thanks you in advance for continuing to work with this employer.

Sincerely,



Daniel W. Pacos
Assistant Superintendent for Administration & Finance

XC: James E, Przepanskiak, Superintendent
Lake Shore CSD Board of Education