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# Amazon debate heats up

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Tempers rose between Robert Taylor, a Packard Road resident, and Supervisor Lee Wallace. Taylor and Wallace butted heads after Taylor asked Wallace questions. Wallace attempted to respond but was cut off by an argumentative Taylor.

Their back-and-forth came to an end with Taylor wondering – as many others did Tuesday – “Who’s going to want to live on that street?”

Residents also voiced concerns over health issues the trucks could contribute to, like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or asthma.

**Not All Negative Views**

While residents around the proposed site were negative toward Amazon coming to their neighborhood, several others from around Niagara County offered more positive takes.

Including the one two council members cited: financial.

The Amazon warehouse would have a major impact on the town’s – and Niagara County’s – taxbase, which proponents said would be a windfall for a town struggling to

keep its tax increases below New York state’s tax cap.

Councilman Richard A. Sirianni said he spent hours crunching numbers and ballparked the Amazon warehouse would more than double the town’s highway department budget immediately, providing more funding for a department looking to maintain streets and repave the ones that are falling apart.

Sirianni guessed the Amazon facility would be valued at between \$300 million and \$400 million upon its completion when estimating the impact. Even if there are tax breaks provided by entities beyond the Town of Niagara’s control, that value would mean a significant windfall in places the town is desperate to fund.

“The bottom line is that the town is in a bad (financial) position,” Sirianni said. “We can either drop services or pay increased taxes. Or we bring in development and they pay with their taxes so we can provide services.”

Wallace, the town’s supervisor, said Niagara is one of only two towns in Niagara County without

a general fund tax to help pay for general town services.

Bringing Amazon to the town would allow such a practice to continue.

“It doesn’t matter if you get five new board members up here,” Wallace said of the town’s financial state. “They’re going to face the same issues.”

Michael A. Casale, commissioner for the Niagara County Center for Economic Development, said the project needs to move forward not just for financial impacts from Amazon, but from a general position, too.

Niagara County deemed the lot where Amazon is looking to build as “shovel ready” in 2012. Backing out of this massive development deal would hurt the entire county’s ability to recruit major development in the future.

“No serious site selector would ever give Niagara County a second look again if we do not stand behind the shovel ready certification,” Casale told the council Tuesday.

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The Niagara County Youth Bureau is sponsoring the summer food service program (SFSP) and announcing the open program site locations. This program ensures all children continue to receive nutritious meals during summer vacation. Meals are comparable to the national school breakfast and national school lunch programs throughout the school year.

Free meals will be served weekdays at the following locations, with most sites beginning June 27 (Meals not served July 4):

- Niagara Falls: Niagara Falls Public Library, Packard Court Community Center, Pioneer Memorial Church, The Salvation Army – Buffalo Avenue

- North Tonawanda: Payne Park
- Kenmore/Tonawanda: Sheridan Parkside Community Center, Lincoln Park

Want to find the closest site? Text “Food” to 716-304-304 to find out.

Contact Benjamin Bunker or Rodney Alaimo for further information, including specific dates

and times of site operation, at 716-278-6873.

The summer food service program is a federally funded program that provides free meals to all children at approved SFSP sites. Meals are provided to children ages 18 and under. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service.

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