



MANTENO COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Mayor Annette LaMore
98 East Third Street
Manteno, IL 60950

Dear Mayor LaMore:

This letter is to inform the Village of the status of the fire brigade for Gotion. Since the beginning of this process, and through the decision to approve the tax abatement, the Fire District's main goal has been, and continues to be, to assure the safety of our community, fire personnel, and Gotion employees. The Fire District has said, and continues to reiterate, that Gotion cannot cause an operational or financial impact on the Fire District.

The Fire District has made numerous attempts to provide a comparable plan to assist Gotion with meeting the requirements for putting in place the required fire brigade, in accordance with the codes, laws, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the hazards that exist at the facility. These negotiations have been ongoing for several months, with no comparable solution that would avoid an operational or financial impact on the Fire District while assuring the safety of our community, fire personnel, and Gotion employees.

In an email from Gotion to Chief Petersen on June 17th, responding to the final proposal from the Fire District, Gotion stated that it could not agree to the terms of the proposal and intended to move forward with putting in place its own internal fire brigade to meet the Village requirements. (See attached document.)

The Fire District, once again, cannot accept the proposal because it would cause a financial impact to the Fire District, including a deficit resulting from the increased staffing levels that would be required by assisting Gotion in meeting the requirements of a fire brigade. It would also create an operational impact on the District. These issues could cause the District to seek other sources of income, such as raising the cost of services to our District residents or increasing tax revenue. The Fire District is obligated to all District residents to provide the highest level of service while remaining financially responsible to the residents.



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To that end, the Fire District will continue to work with the Village and Gotion to assure that the community, fire personnel, and Gotion employees remain safe. At this time, it is the Fire District's recommendation that Gotion establish its own fire brigade that meets all codes, laws, regulations, and ordinances required by the hazard classification for its facility. This should be done immediately and would require Gotion's fire brigade to be on site and operational at all times. The Fire District will continue to work with the Village and Gotion; however, these measures need to be enforced immediately because the hazards at the facility currently exist, and we must assure that our community, fire personnel, and Gotion employees remain safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

William Perkins

Trustee President

Manteno Community Fire Protection District