

Community Development Authority, idle for six months, approves company's move into Progress Dr. building

The Village of Saukville Community Development Authority hadn't met for six months, but it broke out of the doldrums Monday by approving plans by Carroll Converting to move into the former headquarters of Matrix Packaging Machinery, 700 N. Progress Dr.

Matrix moved to a larger building on Dekora Woods Boulevard.

Michael Kryshak, managing member and majority stockholder of Carroll Converting, said the firm is a joint venture with the Carroll Company, which has production facilities in Maryland, Texas and California. The company develops cleaning products for Clorox, Georgia Pacific and Kimberly-Clark.

The 18,000-square-foot Saukville building will be used for training, as well as research and development.

"We won't be doing any production in this building," Kryshak said.

He told the CDA that no toxic or flammable materials will be stored in the research facility, and there will only be nominal demand for water.

"I know you might prefer that we have the (water) demand of Charter Steel, but we are very happy with \$6 million to \$7 million of business," Kryshak said.

Two or three trucks a week will deliver material to the building.

Kryshak said the company will eventually have between four and 12 employees in the facility.

The training facilities should be a boon for area businesses. Kryshak said the trainees, virtually all from out of state, will be in the area for a week at a time, seeking lodging and dining options.

Kryshak, a Mequon resident, said the Saukville location came to his attention at a fortuitous time.

"I was literally ready to sign a lease for a building in Wauwatosa when a friend suggested I look at what was available in Saukville. We actually were thinking about a different building, but found the former Matrix building met all our needs and the rent was very reasonable," he said.

Kryshak said the company has a three-year lease on the building, with an option to buy.

"We would be interested in spending more money on our lab if we are considering buying the building," he said.

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Village Administrator Dawn Wagner said the existing zoning is appropriate for the light manufacturing use, and no conditional approval is needed.

The CDA unanimously approved allowing the company at the location.

Coincidentally, that action came at the first local meeting attended by Marilyn Haroldson, with whom the village has contracted to spur economic development in the community.