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Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2025

Chair Jamie Ganter called the January meeting of the Clayton Local Development Corporation to order at 4:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Secretary Christine Powers, Town Supervisor Tim Doney, Mike Hazlewood (arriving at 4:07pm), Doug Rogers, Jack Stopper, Norma Zimmer, Mayor Nancy Hyde, and Tim LaLonde. Excused from the meeting were Bobby Cantwell, Chris Bogenschutz, John Cooper, and Mike Bashaw. Executive Director, Kristi Dippel was also excused.

On a motion by Nancy Hyde, second by Jack Stopper, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 5, 2024, with no further discussion. On a motion by Tim LaLonde, second by Nancy Hyde, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Annual meeting on December 5, 2024, with no further discussion.

Chair Jamie Ganter discussed potential hacking attempts to the CLDC website and stated that it has been recommended that the organization purchase anti-virus software. Further review will take place.

Chair Ganter also discussed the annual Self-evaluation of the Executive Director, Kristi Dippel. This will be presented at the February board meeting for review.

Chair Ganter also notified the Board that Kristi had a conversation with Laurie of the NY Rural Housing Coalition regarding the Essential Housing Committee research and opportunities. The committee will continue to seek input/advice from local developers and contractors.

Furthermore, Chair Ganter discussed the 2025 organization's annual goals. The current goals were reviewed with various revisions/additions and the final report will be presented at the February meeting.

Mayor Hyde mentioned that a meeting with Cory Fram, of the Thousand Islands Tourism Council, was held to discuss the possibility of creating a "branding" for the region to make us more identifiable to the public in attracting tourists. This is in the very early stages of development, if possible. Jack Stopper commented that the communities should band together for greater visibility.

An aforementioned "bus route" by the County was brought up and it has been approved and is in development by Jefferson County, in conjunction with the Volunteer Transportation Center.

Chair Ganter updated the Board on the pending receipt of \$900 from Asterhill with a disappointing report that it has not been received after the delivery of a legal letter to Mr. Asterhill.



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Mayor Hyde and Kristi Dippel have been meeting on the LWRP and will be getting information to the committee for approval.

In the absence of Treasurer John Cooper, Chair Ganter presented the Treasurer's Report. One check in the amount of \$3,041.67, #1347, to the Clayton Improvement Association for ED hours for December was presented leaving a balance of \$15,225.98 in the General Account. With only interest activity in the Reserve Account, the balance is now at \$1,775.38. On a motion by Chris Powers, second by Nancy Hyde, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's report and the payment of the bill, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Committee Updates: No reports

Under Municipal Updates:

Planning Board – Doug Rogers shared the following:

- The Planning Board has received additional interest for another Horse Farm, in the Zenda Farms area.
- There will be changes to the Planning Board members after Ron Duford left for the Village Board.

Town of Clayton – Supervisor Tim Doney stated the following:

- Grant funding is available for the Depauville Sewer project, and the Town has been approved for approximately \$1.5M. The project will soon go out to bid.
- There are also additional REDI funds available from the County, which will be used for the marina project for brush cutting – waiting for permits to begin.

Doug Rogers inquired about the Short-Term Rental law recently adopted by NYS – the law covers “registration” requirements, and the balance of any law will fall to the local municipalities.

Village of Clayton – Mayor Nancy Hyde stated the Village is quiet at this time of year but stated that the budget is underway, and the TI Museum project continues to move forward with continuous meetings occurring with contractor, Black Horse.

Norma Zimmer inquired about the level of vacant storefronts in the Village – all agreed this is a concern.

There was a discussion regarding a call from the realtor for the TI Inn inquiring about the ability to modify the structure – research is underway.

TICS District – No report.



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The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on February 6, 2025. On a motion by Norma Zimmer, second by Nancy Hyde, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Powers
Secretary

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