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Minutes of Meeting of January 8, 2015

Chair Mike Geiss called the Regular Meeting of the Clayton Local Development Corporation to order at 4:00 p.m. in the joint CLDC/Clayton Improvement Association Board Room on Strawberry Lane in Clayton. Also in attendance were Bud Baril, Vice Chair; Justin Taylor, Treasurer; Chris Bogenschutz, Assistant Secretary; and John Slattery, Secretary; along with Board Members Larry Aubertine, Michael Docteur, Rebecca Hopfinger, Frank House, Dennis Weller, and Norma Zimmer. Cary Brick, Lori Durand, John Kehoe, and Kathy LaClair were excused. Executive Director Kristi Dippel was also present.

On motion by Bud Baril, second by Norma Zimmer, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting of December 4, 2014. On motion by Justin Taylor, second by Bud Baril, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2014.

Chair Geiss welcomed Dennis Weller, the newest member of this Board. He reviewed proposed goals for 2015: 1. Develop a regional economic development plan with Cape Vincent, Orleans, Alexandria, and Clayton subject to Joe Russell's declaration that it would be legal to involve proximate municipalities, 2. Work on placing utilities underground in the business district, 3. Complete Riverwalk drawings for Phase 3, 4. Complete wave attenuator and floating dock system for the 2015 boating season, 5. Work with team on updating the Clayton Master Plan, and 6. Seek another grant to make all of downtown accessible. He mentioned 2014 accomplishments which included opening the Thousand Islands Harbor Hotel, securing a downtown anchor grant for the Thousand Islands Inn, getting the Golden Anchor project underway, rebidding the transient dock facility, and, thanks to Norma, extending the Riverwalk to the monument.

Treasurer Taylor presented two bills for approval in the amount of \$2,538.99 which, when paid, will leave a balance of \$10,691.69 in the CLDC checking account. The CLDC Rural Business Enterprise Grant balance is \$100. The CLDC Northern Border Regional Commission Account was zeroed out 12/31/14 with check 1010 in the amount of \$45,875.02 paid to the Village of Clayton. The Town's Frink Capital Checking Account and Frink Capital Money Market Account have been closed and transferred to the Frink Redevelopment Checking Account which now has a balance of \$143,137.75. On motion

by Frank House, second by Larry Aubertine, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report and payment of the bills, copies of which are attached to these minutes. On motion by Frank House, second by Bud Baril, the Board unanimously approved the opening of a Watertown Savings Bank account for the Downtown Anchor Grant.

Executive Director Kristi Dippel distributed her monthly Administrative Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Kristi distributed a list of CLDC Committees for 2015, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. On motion by Justin Taylor, second by Norma Zimmer, the Board unanimously approved the CLDC making a regional application for Craft Beverage Promotion Opportunity funds.

Justin Taylor reported that Tioga continues to be a pleasure to work with on the Dock Project.

Under New Business, Justin again noted that the State's current approach to Economic Development is regionally based. He suggested that the CLDC agree to be the coordinating agency for Clayton, Cape Vincent, Alexandria Bay, and Orleans. He introduced Dave Moser who described his role as a consultant to the four municipalities in promoting economic development.

The next CLDC Board Meeting will be held February 5, 2015.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m. on motion by Frank House, second by Mike Docteur.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Slattery, Secretary