



Minutes of Meeting of June 1, 2017

Chair Mike Geiss called the Regular Meeting of the Clayton Local Development Corporation to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Clayton Improvement Association/CLDC Board Room on Strawberry Lane in Clayton. Also in attendance were Vice Chair Dennis Weller, Treasurer David Storandt, Secretary John Slattery, Mike Bashaw, John Cooper, Jamie Ganter, Rebecca Hopfinger, Doug Rogers, and Norma Zimmer. Assistant Secretary Chris Bogenschutz, Michael Docteur, and Christine Powers, were excused. Executive Director Kristi Dippel was also in attendance.

On motion by Dennis Weller, second by Rebecca Hopfinger, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of May 4, 2017.

Chair Geiss announced that work on Riverwalk 3 has still not begun because of high water conditions. He also pointed out that the Strategic Plan Committee had met.

Treasurer Storandt presented three bills for approval in the amount of \$2,714.23 which, when paid, will leave a balance of \$6,095.88 in the General Checking Account. On motion by Norma Zimmer, second by Mike Bashaw, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report and the payment of the bills, copies of which are attached to these minutes.

Kristi's Executive Director's Report is attached to these minutes. She announced that the final ESD payment of \$83,836 for the Craft Beverage Promotion grant has been received and subsequently transmitted to the TI Tourism Council in full payment of the funds which it advanced to us. Justin Taylor represented the CLDC well at the May 22 presentation in Washington, for the Aspen Institute's dialogue centered around advancing a rural opportunity agenda. The Village's Historic District Infrastructure Improvement Project's NYS DOS contract revisions have been updated, finalized, and approved.

Doug Rogers, Chair of the Strategic Plan Committee, announced that the Committee had met and will continue to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Norma Zimmer noted that the Historic District Infrastructure Improvement Project is moving forward. The Design Team met again and the State has gone back to work on the design. She also expressed her concern about the Town hiring a grant writer to work on a Recreation Park Project without consulting the Village or the CLDC, pointing out that the Village and the CLDC both use the excellent grant writing services of Kristi Dippel. Mike Geiss echoed Norma's concern on behalf of the Strategic Plan Committee. Supervisor Storandt responded that the Town Board appears to be losing interest in this project.

Chair Geiss reminded the Board that he had set up a tour of the operations at the Wood Boat Brewery with Mike Hazlewood immediately following this meeting. Some Board members were also planning to attend the Ribbon Cutting and Open House later this afternoon at the new Watertown Savings Bank building on James Street.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on July 6, 2017. On motion by Dennis Weller, second by Jamie Gantner, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Slattery, Secretary