

Minutes of Meeting of July 11, 2013

Chair Larry Aubertine called the Regular Meeting of the Clayton Local Development Corporation to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Town of Clayton Board Room on Riverside Drive in Clayton. Also in attendance were Justin Taylor, Treasurer; and John Slattery, Secretary; along with Board Members Cary Brick, Walt Christensen, Mike Geiss, Kathy LaClair, and Norma Zimmer. Bud Baril, Vice Chair; Chris Bogenschutz, Michael Docteur, Lori Durand, Rebecca Hopfinger, Frank House, and John Kehoe were excused. Executive Director Kristi Dippel and guests Mike Bristol and Paul Heckmann were also present.

On motion by Walt Christensen, second by Mike Geiss, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2013.

Chair Aubertine remarked that the steel was going up on the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel and that Jim Cummings was starting to take action on the Golden Anchor property. He announced his plans to step down as chair and referred the task of naming his replacement to the Nominating Committee which consists of Chris Bogenschutz, Walt Christensen, and Kathy LaClair.

Treasurer Taylor presented an Abstract dated July 11 detailing the General Checking Account, the CLDC Frink Account, and the Town of Clayton Accounts. One bill was listed for approval in the amount of \$3955.00 which, when paid, will leave a balance of \$10,474.75 in the CLDC checking account. The CLDC Frink Account shows a balance of \$486,104.55 after receiving a check from Krog for \$210,150 and making a bond payment of \$113,841 to the Town of Clayton. On motion by Kathy LaClair, second by Norma Zimmer, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report and payment of the bill, copies of which are attached to these minutes.

Executive Director Kristi Dippel distributed her monthly Administrative Report which included a summary of potential projects. She is working with the Village on Riverwalk 3, which will go from the monument to Bella's. On motion by Cary Brick, second by John Slattery, the Board unanimously approved a resolution supporting the Village of Clayton as it applies to the NYS DOT Transportation Enhancement Program for funding for the construction of Riverwalk 3. Kristi reported that she had received 26 letters of

interest in the next phase of the Main Street Program. On motion by Justin Taylor, second by Mike Geiss, the Board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to the NYS Main Street 2013 program. Kristi asked for the Board's support of the Village in its effort to reconstruct the wooden park. On motion by Justin Taylor, second by Cary Brick, the Board unanimously approved a resolution supporting the Village's application for NYS Park EPF funds to rehabilitate the wooden park. A copy of her report is enclosed with these minutes.

For the Redevelopment Committee, Paul Heckmann noted that 23 contractors have requested plans for the Transient Dock Project and that the bid deadline has been moved to July 26 at 1 p.m. The final recommendation for the plans for the Boater Services Building will come to the Committee for approval.

For the Governance Committee, Mike Geiss announced that the employment status of the Executive Director has been resolved. He explained that the Board of the Clayton Improvement Association has appointed Kristi Dippel as its Executive Director as of July 1, 2013, at a salary of \$60,000 per year and will contract with the CLDC to share her services with an approximate 50-50 split of her time and salary per a legal agreement to be drawn up by the CIA attorney. On motion by John Slattery, second by Mike Geiss, the Board unanimously approved this arrangement in principle, pending the drafting of the legal agreement.

Norma Zimmer announced that National Grid was exploring the possibility of burying power lines as part of the Village's infrastructure project. DANC will likely assist with the inclusion of fiber optic lines. Justin Taylor expressed optimism for the possibility of the extension of a natural gas line to Clayton.

The Chair declared that the next meeting of the CLDC Board will be held August 1, 2013, in the Town of Clayton Board Room beginning at 4:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m. on motion by Kathy LaClair, second by Mike Geiss.

**Respectfully submitted,** 

John E. Slattery, Secretary