



Minutes of Meeting of June 5, 2014

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, Walt Christensen, Lori Durand, Rebecca Hopfinger, Frank House, John Kehoe, Kathy LaClair, and Norma Zimmer. Cary Brick and Michael Docteur were excused. Executive Director Kristi Dippel was also present.

On motion by Norma Zimmer, second by Chris Bogenschutz, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of April 3, 2014.

Treasurer Taylor presented two bills for approval in the amount of \$4,968.46 which, when paid, will leave a balance of \$19,132.54 in the CLDC checking account. The CLDC Northern Border Regional Commission Account is now \$22,951.26 after issuance of two checks to the Village of Clayton totaling \$164,793.89. The Town's Frink Capital Checking Account shows a balance of \$78,027.30. There is \$0 in the Riverwalk II/Frink Redevelopment Savings account and \$454,951.8106 in the Riverwalk II/Frink Redevelopment Checking Account. On motion by Bud Baril, second by Walt Christensen, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report, Kristi's Profit and Loss Statement, and payment of the bills, copies of which are attached to these minutes.

Justin Taylor gave a progress report on the construction of the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, with the work remaining on schedule. Paving of the parking lot will begin on June 9. A soft opening is possible in early July. A Grand Opening Celebration is still planned for September 4, 2014.

Justin Taylor reported that the bids for the floating docks were re-awarded to Chippewa Marine. The first section of the docks should be delivered July 15. Design work continues on the wave attenuator. Justin Taylor absent.

Executive Director Kristi Dippel distributed her monthly Administrative Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. For Riverwalk 3 (from Frink Park to the monument), one property owner continues to withhold support. This phase must be completed by May 15. Frank House absent. At its most recent meeting, the Clayton Village Board did not pass a resolution supporting the application of the TI Inn for funding under the New York Main Street Downtown Anchor Project. Norma Zimmer indicated that the Village Board will reconsider the CLDC request for approval of such a resolution on June 9. On motion by Bud Baril, second by Mike Geiss, the CLDC Board unanimously approved the following resolution: "The CLDC continues to welcome opportunities to work with any local business to further economic development. Because the TI Inn uniquely fits the criteria established in the New York Main Street Downtown Anchor funding program, the CLDC Board unanimously supports the application of the TI Inn for the NYMS Downtown Anchor funding program and requests a resolution of support from the Clayton Village Board."

For the Governance Committee, Mike Geiss presented a proposed change to the Bylaws regarding the establishment of term limits for Board members. After spirited discussion, the Board tabled action on this change on motion by Bud Baril, second by Larry Aubertine.

Volunteers from Fort Drum and the Clayton community have completed work on the replacement of the wooden playground in the center of the village. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held June 12 at 1 p.m.

The Board offered congratulations to Bud Baril on his selection as Clayton's 2014 Citizen of the Year.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. on motion by Kathy LaClair, second by Larry Aubertine.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Slattery, Secretary