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Minutes of Meeting of March 5, 2020

Vice Chair Jamie Ganter called the Regular Meeting of the Clayton Local Development Corporation to order at 3:58 p.m. at the Clayton Improvement Association/CLDC Board Room on Strawberry Lane in Clayton. Also in attendance were Assistant Secretary Chris Bogenschutz, Mike Bashaw, Bobby Cantwell, Kylie Peck, Lance Peterson, Christine Powers, Doug Rogers, Dennis Weller (phone) and Norma Zimmer. Chair Jack Stopper, Secretary John Slattery, and Treasurer John were excused. Executive Director Kristi Dippel was also in attendance.

On motion by Chris Powers, second by Bobby Cantwell, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2020.

Executive Director Kristi Dippel noted the CLDC received the annual Town funding in the amount of \$15,000, and presented one bill for approval in the amount of \$2.584.23 which, when paid, will leave a balance of \$15,616.97 in the General Checking Account. On motion by Doug Rogers, second by Norma Zimmer, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report and the payment of the bills, copies of which are attached to these minutes. In the Reserve Account, two deposits were made in the amount of \$315.14, which leaves an ending balance of \$1,668.21.

For the Chairman's report, Vice Chair Jamie Ganter reported that he had made presentations to the Town and Village on the DRI. Next, Jamie reminded the Board there are still several members who need PAAA training for compliance. Finally, it was noted that the master book of all policies, procedure and minutes was complete along with a new annual calendar developed by Kristi.

Executive Director Kristi Dippel reported that Judy Fulmer of Alexandria Bay had been out of town and will back in touch about about a meeting to discuss possible collaboration. Additionally, Cape Vincent has reached out to Kristi about establishing a CLDC for their community. Next, Kristi reported that a local Clayton business was looking to expand. Kristi met with Juan23, who produces microgreen vegetables, and has been supplying them to local restaurants. Kristi reached out to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County who was excited to hear of the microfarm, and encouraged Juan23 to apply for available grants. Next, Kristi reported that a routine USDA RD inspection had taken place. Finally, Kristi presented the Annual Report, Measurement Report, Investment Report and Procurement Report. On motion by Chris Bogenschutz, second by Chris Powers, all reports were approved for submittal to NY State. The 2019 audited financial statements are being finalized and they will be emailed to the Board for review and approval before submitting to NY State.



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Under Old Business, Jamie presented the 2020 CLDC goals. Number 9 was amended to read: Support the Village of Clayton in the implementation of the Resiliency Economic Development Initiative (REDI) program, and FEMA as it impacts the shoreline. On motion by Chris Powers, second by Kylie Peck, the Board unanimously approved the 2020 goals. Next, Jamie brought up the JCLDC loan funding for downtown businesses affected by the road construction. It was decided that the loan program will start accepting applications in April, and Chris Bogenschutz will email the flyer out to the downtown Chamber members. Finally, the DRI Committee reported that they have a meeting scheduled for March 9th. The committee hopes to have a report compiled by April and then host several community meetings for feedback.

Under New Business, Mike Bashaw and Bobby Cantwell reported that there is a company, All American Enterprises, who is contacting local businesses for sponsorship of Thousand Islands Central School sports programs. This is solicitation is a scam. Locally, OVIA and Gray's Wholesale had been contacted for sponsorship.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on April 2, 2020. On motion by Norma Zimmer, second by Chris Bogenschutz, the Vice-Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Bogenschutz, Assistant Secretary