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## Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2026

Vice Chair, Bobby Cantwell called the March meeting of the Clayton Local Development Corporation to order at 4:07 p.m. Also in attendance were Chair Jamie Ganter (Zoom), Secretary Christine Powers, TICS Superintendent Lisa Ingerson, Town Supervisor Tim Doney, Mayor Nancy Hyde, Mike Hazlewood, Jack Stopper, and Tim LaLonde (Zoom). The following members were excused: Asst. Secretary Chris Bogenschutz, Treasurer John Cooper, Doug Rogers, and Norma Zimmer. Executive Director, Kristi Dippel was also in attendance.

On a motion by Jack Stopper, second by Lisa Ingerson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2026, with no further discussion. There was no January meeting.

Chair Ganter presented the 2026 Goals for final approval. On a motion by Nancy Hyde, second by Christine Powers, the Board unanimously approved the 2026 Goals. The Board Evaluations have been received and are on record.

On behalf of Treasurer John Cooper, Kristi Dippel presented the Treasurer's report. A check (#1366) to the North Jefferson Improvement Assoc. for \$3,041.67 ED hours for February was presented. A deposit of \$15,000.00 was received from the Town of Clayton. After these transactions, the balance of \$14,628.60 remains in the General Account. With no activity in the Reserve Account, the balance remains at \$1,777.18. On a motion by Nancy Hyde, second by Jack Stopper, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's report and the payment of the bills, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Executive Director Kristi Dippel updated the Board on the following:

- LWRP – The Village and MJ Engineering held an open house on March 4<sup>th</sup> to share results of the online survey with the public. The survey will remain available to the public to gather additional input. One area of discussion will be the “working waterfront” parcels where businesses have access to the shoreline for commercial use.
- The required ABO reporting is on target for submission by the March 31, 2026 date.
- The annual audit will be completed by the end of March for submission. Chair Christine Powers will contact the auditors and schedule a meeting with the Audit Committee to discuss the results.



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## **Committee Updates:**

### **Essential Housing Committee:**

- The “Move in NY” grant application was submitted with a few questions being received for clarification. It is unknown when the results will be delivered.
- The Village has submitted a “pre-application” under NBRC (Northern Border Regional Commission) for grant infrastructure assistance in conjunction with the Move in NY program. Local resident Bill Grater will review information as a courtesy to the Village.
- There will be a contractor meeting next week with two (2) local contractors looking for additional information.
- Action items for the Housing Needs Assessment are in the follow-up stage and include rental registry, zoning, developers, and infrastructure, to name a few.

Tim LaLonde asked if there is consideration for the establishment of a joint committee between the Town and Village for infrastructure discussions and Mayor Nancy Hyde stated yes.

### **Under Municipal Updates:**

#### **Planning Board – In Doug Rogers’ absence, Kristi Dippel reported the following:**

- Mark Morgia is proposing to erect a new storage building on East Line Rd. He is seeking a variance for coverage and distance from power lines.
- Michael Puckett inquired about constructing a gym facility on Rt. 12 next to the distillery.

#### **Town of Clayton – Town Supervisor Tim Doney provided the following:**

- The ice at Cerow Recreation Park Arena was out as of March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The Irish Festival will be held for the second year at the Cerow Recreation Park arena with the flag raising ceremony to be held on Friday, March 13, 2026.
- Due to the hard winter conditions, Town sand supply is running low.

#### **Village of Clayton – Mayor Nancy Hyde updated the Board on the following:**

- The Irish Festival parade will be held on March 14, 2026.
- There will be an Open House on March 11, 2026, regarding the Washington Island bridge project. It is anticipated to begin in the Fall of 2027 and be closed for approximately 10-14 days.
- The Food Pantry at St. Mary’s Church is now operating under the new hours.



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- **There is a concern that certain properties along Riverside Dr. are in disrepair and the owners are unresponsive to Village questions. Officials continue to work on resolving the matter.**
- **A general discussion ensued regarding parking violations, snow removal, and dog walking issues within the Village limits and Mayor Hyde stated that discussions are taking place on how to improve the situation.**

**TICS District – Superintendent Lisa Ingerson updated the Board on the following:**

- **The Capital Project is nearly complete, however, there is an issue with the pool. This is in the process of being resolved. Lisa offered a tour of the building to Board members with a date TBD.**
- **The musical, Frozen, will be performed on March 27 & 28.**
- **The school budget is in draft form and currently indicates a potential tax increase.**

**There will be no April meeting resulting in the next scheduled Board meeting being May 7, 2026. On a motion by Jack Stopper, second by Nancy Hyde, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Christine A. Powers*  
**Secretary**