



Clayton Local Development Corporation
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Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2026

Chair Jamie Ganter called the September meeting of the Clayton Local Development Corporation to order at 4:00 p.m. Also in attendance were Secretary Christine Powers, Asst. Secretary Chris Bogenschutz, Treasurer John Cooper, Town Board Member Steve Door (representing Tim Doney), Mayor Nancy Hyde, Doug Rogers, and Tim LaLonde. The following members were excused: Vice Chair Bobby Cantwell, Mike Hazlewood, and Jack Stopper. The following members were absent: TISC Superintendent Lisa Ingerson and Norma Zimmer. Executive Director, Kristi Dippel was also in attendance.

On a motion by Tim LaLonde, second by Nancy Hyde, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of August 6, 2026, with no further discussion.

Chair Ganter stated that Executive Director Kristi Dippel's performance evaluation is complete, and the Board should consider an Executive Session to discuss the evaluation.

Treasurer John Cooper presented the Treasurer's report. A check to the North Jefferson Improvement Assoc. for \$3,041.67 ED hours for August was presented. After this transaction the balance of \$6,378.58 remains in the General Account. With no activity in the Reserve Account, the balance remains at \$1,777.18. On a motion by Christine Powers, second by Nancy Hyde, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's report and the payment of the bill, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Executive Director Kristi Dippel updated the Board on the following:

- The grant application for the Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan was submitted in August on behalf of the Village of Clayton.
- The DEC Tree Grant application has been submitted, and it is based on inventory and management of trees. This is currently available to municipal property only however it may open up to residential at a later date.
- LWRP – The process continues and status updates can be found at www.claytonlwrp.com. The joint Town and Village Waterfront Advisory Committee is working on potential future projects over the next 8-10 years. The projects will be broad for variations as ideas arise. Nancy Hyde stated there will be an open house on September 24, 2026, from 4-6 pm in the Municipal building. There will be several additional meetings for public input. The updated LWRP will provide opportunities for grant funding.



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Committee Updates:

Essential Housing Committee: Chair Ganter and Tim LaLonde

- A group travelled to Syracuse to meet with an American Homes representative to learn more about the types of homes that may be considered. Information received was very beneficial.
- Work on site estimates is ongoing with Bill Grater and Ben Barton being very helpful.
- Environmental research continues to include NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act).
- Additional home builders will be reviewed to determine the most cost-effective homes to purchase.
- Doug Rogers asked if zoning changes may be required and that is yet to be determined.

Audit Committee: Chair Chris Powers

- The Town finance department representative, Savarah Wright, was contacted to inquire about the CLDC audit being completed with the Town audit. More information to follow.

Under Municipal Updates:

Planning Board – Doug Rogers – no specific report.

- No meeting today as there are no current applications to be presented.
- A general discussion ensued regarding some development along Rt. 12 appearing to be residential.

Town of Clayton – Steve Dorr - No specific report at this time; working on the annual budget.

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

- The Public Hearing for the possible directional changes to some village streets will be held on September 14, 2026. Positive feedback to date.
- Replacing of village water lines is nearing completion with sidewalks and landscaping to be completed in September/October.
- The 1000 Islands Charity Poker Run in July was very successful with funds being distributed to local organizations such as River Hospital, TIERS, Food Pantries, Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce, and others.
- The BassMaster Tournament was very successful with anglers enjoying the 1000 Islands and Clayton.



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New Business:

Executive Director Kristi Dippel presented a tentative budget for discussion. After comments, a final version will be emailed to Board members for approval.

Executive Session: On a motion by Doug Rogers, second by Nancy Hyde, the Board moved into Executive Session for a personnel matter at 5:00 pm.

The Board returned to the Regular meeting at 5:14 pm on a motion by Tim LaLonde, second by Nancy Hyde.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be on October 1, 2026. On a motion by Nancy Hyde, second by John Cooper, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Powers
Secretary