

I am Dennis Weller, 212 Rivershore Dr. Clayton and I am also Vice – Chair of the Clayton LDC and rise in order to speak in support for the approval of this local law regulating the installation of Underground utility lines. I commend our village leaders in tackling these hard issues in order to continue the positive growth of our community. Look around at what has been accomplished within our community over the past few years, it is amazing. This has been accomplished by making the tough decisions when in many instances it was said it could not be done.

Having been fortunate enough to have traveled around the country for business and pleasure and having the ability to retire to most anywhere, I decided to moved back home knowing that Clayton was the place to be; it is progressive, has great potential and great people. I personally have invested substantial time and monies in the village and town based on this belief.

As has been presented this law would create a much needed benefit to the village and town for not only the short term but the long term. Eventually this work will need to be done, our infrastructure is outdated and in need of replacing. As an engineer and contractor I know how costly this can be. We now have the opportunity to proceed with this work at the most economical cost, failure to move forward in conjunction with NYS's roadway project would cost substantially more in the future.

As in my business's I am a strong believer in investing for the future. Failure to do so will only keep the status quo and over time moves us backwards. It is the responsibility of our generation to improve the quality of life and community for the next generation and those to come.

It is for these reasons I support approval of the local law.