

**Regular Village Meeting
Village of Clayton Board of Trustees
February 26th, 2024**

There was a Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clayton on Monday February 26th, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Nancy L. Hyde, Mayor
Robert McDowell, Deputy Mayor
Allen Heberling, Trustee
Robert Riddoch, Trustee
Robert Wierzba, Trustee
Terry Jones, DPW Superintendent
Joanne Lenhard-Boye, Village Clerk

ABSENT:

Pledge of Allegiance/Call to Order:

Mayor Hyde led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the regular board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA:

Holly Thomas Village Resident –

1. **Discuss the new Thousand Islands Arts Center** – Holly Thomas spoke for her father Roland Thomas. She read a list of reasons they are against the new Arts Center. This list will be attached to the approved minutes.

POLICE:

Kevin Patenaude, Chief of Police

1. **Activity Report** - was submitted to Board. This report is filed at the Village Clerks office.

DPW:

Terry Jones, DPW Supervisor

1. **Activity Report** – was presented to the Board. This report is filed at the Village Clerk’s Office.

WATER/WASTEWATER:

Jeffrey Mosher, WWTP Supervisor, DANC

1. **Monthly Report** – Jeff reviewed his monthly report with the Board. This report is filed at the Village Clerks office. Jeff also briefly discussed the Annual EDU’s for Water/Sewer and the Board will officially approve at the next meeting.

2. **Dustin Orvis education classes** - Jeff asked the Board to send Dustin Orvis to a class at SUNY Morrisville in November of 2024 to continue his education in Water/Sewer. The Board all approved that this would be a good thing to do.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1.	DRAFT Meeting Minutes January 12 th , 2024	
2.	Payroll (P/R #19) 02/01/2024 to 02/14/2024	\$ 36,915.36
3.	Prepay Abstract – 2/20/2024	\$ 1,032.53
4.	Abstract -02/26/2024	
	General Fund	\$ 37,865.03
	Water Fund	\$ 14,269.27
	Sewer Fund	\$ 22,339.02
	Total	\$ 74,473.32

Trustee Heberling made a **MOTION** to approve consent agenda items #1-4; Deputy Mayor McDowell seconded all in favor motion carried.

Trustee Riddoch made **MOTION** to enter into the Joint Village/Town meeting at 5:30pm; Trustee McDowell seconded motion carried.

Trustee Wierzba made **MOTION** to enter back into Village Regular meeting at 6:25pm; Trustee Riddoch seconded motion carried.

MAYOR:

1. **Survey - Village right of way on Union Street** – Mayor Hyde informed the Board that she thought it would be good to have the end of Union Street surveyed to state exactly where the village right of way is located. The Board all agreed that this should be done.

2. **Resolution for more AIM funding**

**Resolution 2024-04
Calling for an Increase in AIM Funding**

The foregoing Resolution no. 2024-04 was offered by Trustee Heberling, and seconded by Trustee McDowell.

Whereas, the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program plays a critical role in funding essential municipal services for cities and villages across New York State; and

Whereas, city and village officials share the same priorities as our state leaders which is to make New York safer and more affordable; and

Whereas, New York’s local governments, who are on the frontlines of controlling property tax affordability and ensuring public safety, are integral to achieving those goals; and

Whereas, the State has not increased AIM funding in 15 years and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has increased by nearly 45% during that same period; and

Whereas, this neglect from the State has led to rising municipal tax burdens and harmful disinvestment in essential municipal services and staff; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the services their residents need; and

Whereas, the challenges of rising inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid, only accentuate the need for an increase in AIM funding; and

Whereas, the Governor’s 2024-25 Executive Budget proposes to keep AIM funding flat; and

Whereas, an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village of Clayton urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2024-25 adopted State Budget.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Mark Walczyk, Assemblymember Scott Gray and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Nancy Hyde, Mayor	x___	___
Robert McDowell, Deputy Mayor	x___	___
Allen Heberling, Trustee	x___	___
Robert Riddoch, Trustee	x___	___
Robert Wierzba, Trustee	x___	___

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Deputy Mayor McDowell presented a **MOTION** to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:45p.m. Trustee Heberling seconded; all in favor motion was carried.

Respectfully,

Joanne Lenhard-Boye, Village Clerk