

TOWN OF CLARENCE, ERIE COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

January 15th, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Chris Kempton called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Present were Chris Kempton, Clayt Ertel, Elaine Wolfe, Peter DiBiase. Also present were Larry Meckler, Jennifer Strong, Paul Leone, Jennifer D’Andrea, Peter DiCostanzo. Robert Dixon, Lauren Fix and Mary Powell were absent.

Public Hearing – Dynabrade, Inc.

There was a motion to open the public hearing at 8:18 a.m. by Chris Kempton with a second by Elaine Wolfe. Jennifer Strong read the official Public Hearing Notice. Colin Brogan of Dynabrade, Inc was present to discuss the project, answer questions, etc ... There being no further discussion, a motion to close the public hearing was made at 8:24 a.m.

Vote: Ayes: Kempton, Ertel, Wolfe, DiBiase
Recuse: None. Absent: Dixon, Fix, Powell Noes: None
Motion carried.

Minutes of December 18th, 2026

There was a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 18th, 2026 with a second by Elaine Wolfe. The vote was as follows:

Vote: Ayes: Kempton, Ertel, Wolfe, DiBiase
Recuse: None. Absent: Dixon, Fix, Powell Noes: None
Motion carried.

2026 CIDA Nominations and Election of Officers:

After discussions, all board members were willing to continue to serve in their current positions with no new candidates having applied. Elaine Wolfe nominated a slate to re-elect all and the motion was seconded by Clayt Ertel. The vote was as follows:

Vote: Ayes: Kempton, Ertel, Wolfe, DiBiase
Recuse: None. Absent: Dixon, Fix, Powell Noes: None
Motion carried.

2026 CIDA Appointments for Consideration for 2026

After discussions, board members asked appointed members if they were willing to continue to serve in their current positions with no new candidates having applied. Elaine Wolfe nominated a slate to re-elect all and the motion was seconded by Clayt Ertel. The vote was as follows:

Vote: Ayes: Kempton, Ertel, Wolfe, DiBiase
Recuse: None.

Absent: Dixon, Fix, Powell

Noes: None
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report for this meeting.

New Business

Dynabrade, Inc.: The completed application was submitted, requesting sales tax and ten-year pilot; not asking for mortgage tax. This is a 40,000 square foot addition, retaining 35 employees and adding 5 more employees. It is a 6.9-million-dollar project and the Clarence IDA Agency Fee is 1% ... IMPLN Study will be done and a public hearing is to be scheduled for the January 15, 2026 Clarence IDA Meeting.

There are several other project inquiries, and discussion on each, however, completed applications have not been submitted for any of them.

Correspondence

Town of Clarence Town Clerk mailed Annual Disclosure Statement and Ethics Packet to all members and Jennifer D'Andrea requested they bring to next IDA meeting as they need to be submitted within a specific time frame.

Drescher & Malecki Audit Statement was signed by Chris Kempton and letter to be signed by Larry Meckler

Paul Leone provided a bill from the Amherst IDA IMPLN Study for \$250.00

EDC (Economic Development Council) of New York State Membership Renewal Invoice for \$1,000.00

Old Business

N/A

Items Not on The Agenda

Presented Paul Leone the consultant contract Jennifer Strong drafted for renewal.

Discussed a refresh on the website. The Board concluded that they would reconsider perhaps another time. No vote was required.

Public Comments

N/A

Executive Session – Personnel Matters

There was a motion to go into executive session at 8:47 a.m. by Chris Kempton with a second by Elaine Wolfe. The vote was as follows:

Vote: Ayes: Kempton, Ertel, Wolfe, DiBiase	Absent: Dixon, Fix, Powell	Noes: None
Recuse: None.		Motion carried.

There was a motion to end executive session at 9:07 a.m. by Chris Kempton with a second by Elaine Wolfe. The vote was as follows:

Vote: Ayes: Kempton, Ertel, Wolfe, DiBiase	Absent: Dixon, Fix, Powell	Noes: None
Recuse: None.		Motion carried.

A motion to approve a stipend for the Counsel, Assistant Secretary Lawrence M. Meckler in the amount of \$4,800.00 per year was made by Chris Kempton with a second by Elaine Wolfe. The vote was as follows:

Vote: Ayes: Kempton, Ertel, Wolfe, DiBiase	Absent: Dixon, Fix, Powell	Noes: None
Recuse: None.		Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the board meeting at 9:18 a.m. by Chris Kempton with a second by Elaine Wolfe. The vote was as follows:

Vote: Ayes: Kempton, Ertel, Wolfe, DiBiase	Absent: Dixon, Fix, Powell	Noes: None
Recuse: None.		Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer O. D’Andrea