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VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

EMERGENCY DECLARATION WATER MAIN/ FRENCH CREEK BRIDGE CROSSING

WHEREAS, The Village of Clayton owns and operates a water system providing abundant potable water to residents in the Village; and

WHEREAS, a single ten (10) inch ductile iron water main transports water across French Creek via the bridge to a large portion of the Village of Clayton (the “Water Main”); and

WHEREAS, the Water Main serves as the sole pipe serving a majority of the Village’s water supply; and

WHEREAS, during July 4, 2025 a catastrophic failure of the Water Main occurred and which disrupted the Village’s public water supply; and

WHEREAS, temporary repairs were then made to the Water Main and water service was restored; and

WHEREAS, the Village Department of Public Works, Village Engineers, and Water Systems operators (DANC) have conducted a thorough condition assessment of the Water Main and determined that the pipe is at severe risk of imminent catastrophic failure, especially given the upcoming winter season of 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, Village Board Trustees have familiarized themselves with the matter and agree with the assessment by those experts; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that the condition of the Water Main is far worse than anticipated and its likelihood of failure this winter will impact the use of public buildings and put at risk the life, health and safety of municipal residents and require immediate action that cannot wait to proceed with competitive bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is prepared to proceed as authorized by NY General Municipal Law §103(4).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board for the Village of Clayton, New York as follows:

1. The foregoing recitations are incorporated herein and made a part hereof as if set forth herein.
2. The condition assessment has revealed that the Water Main is at severe risk of imminent catastrophic failure, and the Village Board considers this to be a public emergency.
3. The Village Mayor, Village Engineers, and Village DPW are hereby authorized to forego compliance with the competitive bidding requirements under General Municipal Law §103 in order to protect Village property and the health, safety and welfare of Village residents and to use best efforts to obtain materials, construct and install such infrastructure with appropriate equipment and labor as is reasonably necessary to abate the emergency and to ensure abundant potable water will be supplied.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member Trustee Riddoch, and seconded by Board Member, Trustee McDowell, and upon roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Nancy L. Hyde, Mayor	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Robert McDowell	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Ron Duford	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Riddoch	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Kinnie	ABSENT	

Dated: November 24, 2025



Joanne Lenhard-Boye, Village Clerk