

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 9, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

Mayor John Martin called the meeting to order. He then gave the invocation followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Curtis, Myers, Willis, Ball and Paramore. Cooke was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Bob James, Jayne Carroll, Scott Carroll, Toby Thomas, Steve Ball, Wendy Kidd, Don Patton and Megan Sherlund.

John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Paramore made a motion to approve the agenda. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 25, 2019 All Other Budget Meeting were presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 25, 2019 regular council meeting were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. He asked anyone with questions to rise, state their name and present their question or concern to council. They would be allotted three minutes to speak.

Ellen Simmons stood and stated that anyone who was involved with Hometown Holidays knows that it was successful. She hadn't asked all the vendors so she couldn't speak for them but she could speak for the venues where the community club had various activities going on and as far as she knew everything went fine. She hadn't heard anything bad yet. Ellen Simmons asked for everyone to bear with her because she wanted to thank some specific parts of the community. First of all, she thanked the fire department. They are always so good about giving rides and putting on the breakfast. Secondly she thanked Firelands Ambulance Service. If they couldn't use their facility they wouldn't have a place to hold the event. The ambulance building is their central location. Ellen Simmons continued by thanking the police department for escorting the parade. She thanked Megan Sherlund for all her help and the members of the Recreation Committee who helped put up the bouncy houses. Ellen wasn't specifically sure what Shawn Pickworth had done but she was sure he had done a lot so she wanted to thank him. She also thanked the village office staff. They are always there when the Community Club needs something. They are nice and helpful and they couldn't hold the event without them. The daycare helped monitor the children and all the activity in the bouncy house areas. The village let the club use the Community Building and the Grange let them use their hall. She also wanted to mention Fisher Titus because they fund a lot of what the Community Club does and she wanted to thank the school and Dan for providing the bus so they had transportation around town. She thought the bus had worked out very well and she really appreciated it. Ellen Simmons continued by saying the Community Club would not be meeting in December. Their next meeting would be on Tuesday, January 14th at 9 a.m. at the Wildcat Café. They would be happy to have anybody who is interested in helping. It takes the club a year to get everything organized for Hometown Holidays. They meet at least once every month. She encouraged everyone to please consider coming. It doesn't cost anything. They don't charge dues but they could use as much help as possible. Ellen Simmons concluded by telling everyone thank you so much.

Mayor John Martin thanked Ellen Simmons and asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Ellen Simmons stated that she wanted to thank the mayor too.

John Martin thanked Ellen Simmons and added that it had been kind of tough getting around but he had some good transportation. He didn't make the school bus but the fire department accommodated him by taking him out to the Grange so he could see the characters out there. They were a great group of characters. It was great. It was a fun day and he couldn't say enough about what the Community Club has done for the village. They are a big asset and he would like to see a better turnout in support of the Community Club. He goes to as many meetings as he can and there are usually only about four or five people. They need the help and any volunteer would be greatly appreciated by the club.

John Martin asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Tower Communication – Project continues. Equipment is being installed.
- Plant 1 – crews have begun decommissioning the Plant by removing the sand from the filters.
- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – working with GLCAP on submitting the Critical Infrastructure Funding application to the State. This is due by Friday, December 13, 2019.
- GIS Project – project continues. Project is close to being completed.
- Asset Management – GLCAP (RCAP) Rep. would like to present to Council in a workshop on December 9, 2019 @ 6:00 PM. This is a requirement to the program.
- Tower Improvement Project – Council needs to pass a resolution allowing us to use RLF for this project. This application is also due Friday, December 13, 2019.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – engineering is working on plans to submit to the USDA-RD.

Storm Sewers

- Crews continue to work on the storm sewers on New London Ave.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- Christmas Week – Tuesdays and Thursdays routes will be normal. Wednesday's route will be done Tuesday, December 24, 2019.

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

- Crews have all the winter equipment ready to roll.

Other

- Terry Wilson Memorial Deck – we should be receiving the insurance money later this week.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he didn't have anything unless someone had something for him.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin absent.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated there were 44 runs in the village in November. Of those runs, 29 were Basic Life Support and 15 were Advanced Life Support. There were no overdoses in November but they had just had two in the last 45 minutes. One was in town and one was out of town. The ambulance has been busy and it looks like they could break some records this year.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James had nothing to report

John Martin then asked for a report from the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund started by saying that Christmas Lane decorations had started. She wanted to thank several businesses for participating and there were still more to come. She thanked Gilbert Hardware, the girl scouts of New London, Suvar Auctions, Real Estate Connections, Carl's Complete Car Care, Shears to You II, Blake Sanitation, CLI, cub scouts, Horses to Hooves 4H club, New London Administration Department and the Wildcat Diner. All of those organizations have set up displays beyond what the recreation park normally displays. She knows there are more displays coming during the week and through the following weekend so it will be filling up. Megan Sherlund also wanted to thank the Recreation Committee for coming out the week before and helping her get the decorating done. Sunday, December 15th would be Breakfast with Santa at the Hileman Building from 8 a.m. to noon. She is hoping to have a camera there so that they can post pictures of the children on the parks Facebook page if the parents will allow it. For those not wishing to have their child's picture posted, she is hoping to have electronic copies to give parents as well. In conclusion, Megan announced that the Super Raffle was coming up on February 22nd.

John Martin asked if there were any questions for Megan Sherlund. There were none.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-29 An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-29 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-30 An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Willis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-30 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Paramore made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-31 An Ordinance Adopting the 2020 Temporary Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-31 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes;

Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Curtis made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-32 An Ordinance Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds from the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Fund and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Willis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-32 to be passed on an emergency measure. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-33 An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operation, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-33 to be passed on an emergency measure. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-34 An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Bike Path Fund and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

A short discussion about which fund council would like to put the Bike Path money into ensued. It had been brought up at a prior council meeting that the money could go into the General Fund but Mayor John Martin asked if council would mind if the money was transferred into the Veteran's Memorial Fund to allow for future upkeep of the memorial. Council agreed with John Martin.

Bill Curtis made a motion to amend Ordinance 2019-34 to read as a Transfer of Funds to the Veterans Memorial Fund. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No on opposed.

Marion Paramore made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-34 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin thanked council for allowing the money to go into the Veteran's Memorial Fund.

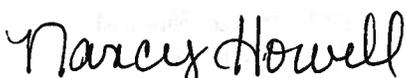
John Martin then called for Old Business. There was none.

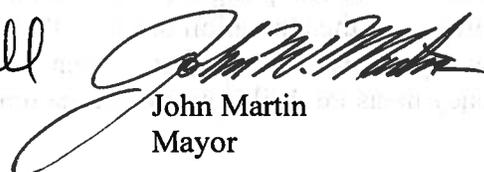
John Martin then called for New Business. There was none.

John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Myers made a motion to approve Schedule A. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball – yes; Paramore – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – absent; Myers – disqualify herself.

Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor