

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 23, 2015 @ 7 p.m.

John Martin, Council President called the meeting to order. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Cooke, Curtis, Martin, Winslow, Paramore, and Myers.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Lynn Phillips, Don Patton, Chief Marko, John Chapin, Jason Roblin, Steve Bond, and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the workshop and regular meeting held on November 9, 2015 were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. Ellen Simmons took the floor and wanted to present the Village with a donation from the NL Rotary Club in the amount of \$946.80 to go towards the Terry Wilson Memorial. Ellen also wanted to let council know that the Terry Wilson Observation Deck is now finished and they will be having a dedication ceremony for the deck on April 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following:

Joe is busy getting Christmas lights and displays set-up in the Park. Anyone wanting to put a display can contact Joe. He also reported that the Terry Wilson Memorial Deck is finished. He is still waiting on a final inspection and occupancy permit from Richland County Building Inspection. He stated that Richland County has kicked back the set of plans for the parking lot and wanting numerous changes that will be very costly. Shawn was hoping that the Village would be able to install the parking lot, themselves to help save on the cost. He is going to contact Richland County and try to work something out.

Shawn went over the USI Property and Liability Insurance renewal proposal. The cost went up \$812 from last year. He stated that we did make some changes to the policy this year that could have made the cost go up slightly.

Shawn wanted council to be aware that North Central Ag has purchased the Napa Auto Parts business. They will be relocating Napa to their building at 100 Industrial Drive. This switch over can happen as soon as Dec. 1st. The problem is they want to move the Napa sign from its current location to their location. Our zoning code prohibits a business having two business signs on one property. Shawn met with a North Central Ag. Rep. and explained that the Village is all about keeping business here, but unfortunately they will still have to apply for a zoning variance to allow them to have multiple signs on their property.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Water/Sewer Dept. Don Patton, Utilities Foreman then reported the following:

- The Water Dept. received its Hydro Excavator (valve exerciser). They had one training class on it already and will be having another one. Don feels this piece of equipment will be very beneficial to the Village.
- The raw water intake was plugged with sea weed at the water plant. They had to train the water holding tanks, but they got the problem fixed.
- The ad for employment for water/wastewater operator has been placed and we will be taking resumes up to Dec. 18th
- The trickling has been taken out of service. They want to see what it does to the numbers at the plant with it not being in service, before they disassemble and send it out to be repaired.

Don reported the following on the Street/Sanitation Dept.:

- He wanted to thank the NL Garden Club for the donation of funds to be able to purchase new lights and wire for the snowflakes that are hung downtown during Christmas time. He also wanted to thank Village employee Chuck Tetric for doing all the work on the snowflakes, they really look great!
- They installed new lights in the Morton Bldg., the lights were taken out of another Village Bldg. and they were able to reuse them in the Morton Bldg. so it didn't cost the Village anything.
- This Wednesday will be trash pick-up for Thursday trash route.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief had nothing to report.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated FAS announced at its meeting last Monday that they are way over the number of runs from last year. They have had a lot of runs within the Village recently.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-18 – An ordinance to change the Income Tax Codified Ordinance due to the state mandated changes implemented by House Bill 5 on third and final reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-19 – An ordinance authorizing the appointment of Village Solicitor, Stephen Bond of Brouse McDowell for the 2016 calendar year on second reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the second reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-20 – An ordinance entering into an agreement with USI Insurance Services for Property and Liability Insurance Emergency Reading. . Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 15-20 to be passed on Emergency Measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Martin, Yes; Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Paramore, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes. Paramore made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-21 – An ordinance amending section 111.02 of the Codified Ordinances relative to creating the Audit Committee on first reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-22 – An ordinance amending the employee handbook and personnel policies relative to sick leave redemption on first reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the first reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes. No one opposed.

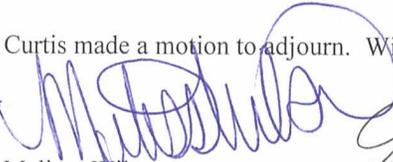
John Martin then called for Old Business – There was none.

John Martin then called for New Business –

Jason Roblin, HC EMA Director, just wanted the Village to know where the county was at with the 911 system moving to a centralized system. He stated that current system was put in place in 1989. The county has been saving the money they receive from cell phone bills, which is roughly \$.25 per phone line, to be able to upgrade the system at no cost to the county. They will have some money left over after the upgrade is complete. He explained the benefits of the centralized system and was just looking for support from the Village and just wanted council to know what was going on. He thanked council for allowing him to speak briefly and would be around after the meeting to answer any questions.

John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval. Cooke made a motion to approve the bills. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

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


Melissa Wilson
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Council President