

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2016 @ 7 p.m.

Mayor John Martin 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: Curtis, Paramore, Myers, Willis, Cooke and Winslow.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Lynn Phillips, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Mindy Bucher, John Chapin, Dennis Marugg, Bob James, Fred Hartman, Chris Rowland, Philip Pickering, Rob Swiger, Evan Clemons, Zach Collins, Dylan Eastman, Dave Sumpter and Don Englet.

Bill Curtis made a motion to amend the agenda to move the National Lineman Appreciation Proclamation to be presented as 6a, right after the approval of the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Curtis made a motion to approve the agenda. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on March 28, 2016 were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin presented Mindy Bucher with the National Lineman Appreciation Proclamation for April 18, 2016. Several linemen from Firelands Electric were in attendance.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. Bob James presented two proposals on a backup server for the reservoir. The first proposal was to create VPN to backup the reservoir computer to the village server. The second proposal was to set up the reservoir computer on the village's existing Carbonite account for nightly backup and use Go To My PC for access to records. James stated he did not recommend the first option due to security risks and possible corruption in addition to a higher cost. James felt that his second proposal was a better option. Council agreed with James and thought option two was the better choice.

John Martin asked if anyone else had any questions or statements. Ellen Simmons wanted to invite everyone to the Terry Wilson Memorial Deck dedication on April 22 at 4:30 p.m. Terry's mother and possibly his sister will be in attendance. This will also be the time the winners for the meat raffle will be drawn. There will be three winners. Tickets are still available at Village Hall, Gilbert Hardware, Frombaugh Law and Real Estate Connections.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water John Chapin & Don Patton

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- SSO Elimination Project (High Street) – a progress meeting was held today here in council chambers. Attending was Jones & Henry Engineering, Underground Utilities, Layne Inliner, USDA-RD and the Village. Items discussed; Restoration & Cleanup, Paving and Deficiency List of issues that needed to be repaired under warranty. It is everyone's intent to have everything completed by June 1st weather permitting.

Sanitation Don Patton

- **Spring Clean Up-** will be the last week in April for Village residents. **Tuesday's route will be Monday, April 25th & Tuesday, April 26th. Thursday's route will be Thursday, April 28th & Friday April 29th. During the month of April the Village will provide dumpsters at the Village Garage for Village Residents who would like to haul their spring cleaning trash.** Crews will empty the dumpsters daily. We did this last year and it seemed to go over very well. Please do not dump anything that cannot be landfilled. **Rules will be posted on the Village website www.newlondonohio.com** . If you have any question on what can & cannot be picked up call the office at 419-929-4091.

Street Don Patton

- Crews did a great job Saturday, April 9th cleaning up the snow. 2 were called in at 2:30 AM and another 2 later in the morning. Roads were clear by 9:30 AM.
- Birch Park Drive Project – a preconstruction meeting will be held here in council chambers on April 14, 2016 @ 2:00 pm. A construction review open house will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 from 6:00-7:00 PM here in council chambers. Project is expected to begin in May. A letter was sent to all residents within the project zone encouraging resident to attend. Attached is a copy of the letter sent.

Parks Joe Thomas

- Forced Sewer Main Project – waiting on OWDA's decision on funding. Because of camping season starting in a few weeks along with growing season we probably will not start this project until fall.
- Picnic Tables – The insurance company did cover the picnic tables that were damaged by fire and 24 new picnic tables are being built.
- Campground Fee's – received fee invoices from Huron County Health. Rec. Park was \$394.00 and the Rez was \$1,104.00.
- A letter of intent has been turned in for consideration for Park Board from Benjamin Demos. If council accepts his letter I will need a motion to add him under new business.

Other

- **LMI Survey (Low to Moderate Income Survey)** – Letter and forms have been mailed to every address in the Village. **It is very important that residents fill out and return the forms.** The form will consist of 3 questions: 1. Your Address. 2.) Household size. 3.) Household income range. **The survey is completely confidential, and it is not necessary to put your name anywhere on the form.** By doing this survey will give the Village better opportunities to secure funding through grants and loans. The results of the survey will be good for 5 years. If anyone has any question please fill free to call the office at 419-929-4091. Copy of the letter being sent is attached.
- Tax Season- Only a few days left to file taxes; remember taxes must be filed by April 15, 2016. If you have any questions please call the office between 8 AM – 4 PM at 419-929-4091.

- Memorial Park – work has begun then stalled due to the weather conditions, hopefully it will dry out this week.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Water/Sewer Dept. John Chapin reported that they rebuilt a backwash pump and saved the village approximately \$2000 by doing the work themselves. They also had to relocate a backflow device to satisfy the EPA inspection and they put in a new chlorine analyzer. John also stated they inspected every manhole and found three issues that they are working on and hope to have resolved shortly. He also stated they were flushing hydrants. John also encouraged anyone with any issues to please call the office.

John Martin then asked for a report from Street/Sanitation. Don Patton stated Spring Cleanup will be the last week in April. Tuesday's route will be April 25 & 26 and Thursday's route will be April 28 & 29. There are also dumpsters on Fir Street by the Village Garage the month of April. Residents can bring their items to the dumpsters at any time. Don also commended workers for the great job they did clearing the roads on Saturday, April 9. Workers were called out at 2:30 a.m. and were done by 9:30 a.m.

John Martin then called for a report from the Recreation Department. Joe Thomas absent.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief reported that they executed two search warrants. Items were forwarded to the lab and they should get their reports back within a week and a half. Chief will then take the reports to the prosecutor who will probably send them to the grand jury. Chief stated they are definitely looking at charges.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported they had 46 runs for the month of March – 24 in the village, 4 in New London Township, 5 in Ruggles Township, 6 in Troy Township, 4 in Fitchville Township and 3 Mutual Aids. Four of the runs were for vehicle crashes and out of the 24 runs in the village, thirteen of them were to the Laurels.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated that he and Mayor John Martin drove around town and selected several houses that are violating zoning laws. Letters were sent out requesting cleanup of the properties. In addition, James reported that a business on Walnut Street is going to convert its generator to a hydrogen based fuel cell. They claim this is safer than what they are currently using.

John Martin then presented Resolution 2016-02 Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. First Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call-all ayes. No one opposed.

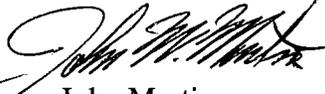
John Martin then called for Old Business. The 2016 Village Committees were updated. John Martin wanted to confirm Marion Paramore was the new member of the Zoning and Planning Committee. Paramore confirmed. Nancy Howell was confirmed as the village representative for the Records Commission and the Audit Committee. The Cemetery Board will be submitting a name for their representative by the next council meeting. John Martin requested council to appoint two members to the Income Tax Board. April Maple, Linda Roeder and Steve Fawcett all submitted their names for this board. Mayor Martin requested Council appoint two members and he would appoint the third. Paramore made a motion to appoint April Maple and Linda Roeder to the Income Tax Board. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call-all ayes. No one opposed. Mayor Martin then appointed Steven Fawcett as the third new member to the Income Tax Board.

John Martin then called for New Business. Bill Curtis made a motion to appoint Benjamin Dennis to the Park Board. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call-all ayes. No one opposed.

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

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

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

	
Nancy Howell Fiscal Officer	John Martin Mayor