

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, April 25, 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: Lynn Phillips, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Bob James, John Longbrake, Jim Finley and Joe Thomas.

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held on April 11, 2016 were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. There were none.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following. A lot of the projects have been on hold the last couple of weeks. SSO is on hold because they are waiting on restoration. With Birch Park Drive, they are waiting to begin the project. They are going to be holding a construction revue open house on April 28 in council chambers from 6 to 7 p.m. Poggemeyer Design will be there to answer any questions. Shawn then said he would like to ask council's permission to advertise for engineers for water plant improvements and clearwells. He would like to be able to interview the applicants and pick one at a future date.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Water/Sewer Dept. John Chapin absent.

John Martin then asked for a report from Street/Sanitation. Don stated spring cleanup is this week and he wanted to remind everyone dumpsters are still located on West Fir Street this week for anyone to bring stuff in and put them in the dumpsters.

John Martin then called for a report from the Recreation Department. On the reservoir side, Joe reported they had a work day at the reservoir on April 22. He thanked all the volunteers for their help. He also stated the reservoir campground has opened and they have several campers moved in for the summer. They had a quiet weekend but they did have one water leak which was repaired. Charlie and Al have been busy mowing when the weather allows. One of the oldest Grasshopper mowers had to have the radiator fixed. It was repaired and is back up and running and cutting grass. The fishing tournament is May 7. Signups start at 6 a.m. and fishing starts at 7 a.m. There is a \$60 entry fee per team.

On the park side, Joe stated there was also a work day at the park. They worked on some of the ball fields to get them ready for the season. They have begun mowing and that is going well. They had their first ATV/MOTO CROSS over the weekend. It was the best turnout to date. They had 43 participants. There was one accident. The young man was taken to the hospital but is doing well now and is excited to come back for the next event. Joe reported he received only good feedback for this event. Softball leagues will be starting on May 6. There are seven teams this year which is the maximum he can have. May 14 is opening day for Little League. Tee ball, coach pitch, minor and major leagues will all be playing that day. There will be a

parade from the downtown area to the park prior to the opening ceremony. This is the 60th anniversary for Little League in New London. Joe will get more information on times. The Dairy Bar is open for business and the batting cages are open as well. They are running better than last year thanks to a donation for new coin boxes.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated there was nothing new to report.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated there was nothing new to report.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James urged all residents to take advantage of Spring Cleanup this week especially those that received notices to clean up their property. Those that received notices and don't clean up their property will be turned over to the police department. There will be a gentleman coming from an engineering company to attend the May 23 council meeting. CSX wants to put in a hydrogen fuel cell. He is going to come in and explain the hydrogen fuel cell to everybody. James has a couple concerns but the gentleman is going to email James the full plans so he can look them over. James also stated he would be on vacation from May 5 to May 12. On the computer side, James reported the backup and Go To My PC accounts were set up at the reservoir. The reservoir PC will back up every night to the village's Carbonite account. The extra PC in the office was set up so anyone with proper credentials can go into the reservoir's computer at any time and look up information and use the programs.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 16-04 – An Ordinance enacting a new Section 129.03 of the Codified Ordinances to create the Volunteer Peace Officers Dependents Fund Board and declaring an emergency Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 16-04 to be passed on an Emergency Measure. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes. No one opposed.

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

John Martin then called for Old Business – None.

John Martin then called for New Business. John Martin presented the Proclamation for Public Servants. He proclaimed May 1-7, 2016 to be National Public Service Recognition Week in New London.

In other New Business a discussion was had whether to allow a Wellington police officer who had been killed in the line of duty to be included on our new Veteran's Memorial Monument. The American Legion Post 292 voted not to have his name put on. The daughter would be allowed however, to purchase a brick if she so desired. After John spoke with the daughter again, the American Legion Commander came in the following day stating he would not like to be part of deciding whether the name should or should not be allowed on the monument. Therefore it was being presented to council to make the decision. The police officer's name was Edmund Smith, father of Connie Buckland and Marsha Crawford. Curtis stated that Officer Smith had been an officer for the Village of Wellington and was killed in the line of duty trying to stop a car. He has a monument outside city hall in Wellington recognizing him. There is also a second monument at the Lorain County Sheriff's Office recognizing all officers killed in the line of duty. He is also recognized at the State House in Columbus and on the Federal Monument in DC. He served well and his name deserves to be recognized but he doesn't think his name should be on our monument. Stuart Cooke stated this memorial should be specifically for people who served in our community.

Bill Curtis made a motion to not include Officer Smith on the monument but to give them the option to purchase a paver that would include his name and service dates on it. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call: Cooke, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Myers, Yes; Winslow, Yes; Paramore, Yes; Willis, Yes.

Cooke then made a motion to advertise for engineers for water plant improvements and clearwells. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

Joe Thomas inquired whether they could vote on giving the Sons of the American Legion permission to sell beer at Rockin the Rez. Shawn Pickworth stated there was plenty of time yet and they would take care of that at a future meeting.

Joe announced the next park board meeting would be on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers.

Cooke inquired why the Village of New London couldn't have one Sam's Club Membership instead of multiple. It was explained that Sam's Club requires each individual to have their own personal card with their picture on it. They don't allow people to share cards. The only way to get around it would be to have one designated person who did all the shopping at Sam's Club.

Neil Winslow commented that the trash dump used to have piles of rock and trash but it is all cleared out now and looks great. Shawn stated that it was all hauled to the reservoir. Stuart Cooke helped with it and that is where the parking lot got built out by the dock.

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

Curtis inquired about the sidewalks around the construction site by the railroad tracks. He is afraid people will get hurt if they are not repaired correctly when the work is complete. Shawn stated he would go down and talk to them about it.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor