

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, May 23, 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: Myers, Willis, Cooke and Winslow.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Bob James, Gayle Ashbaker, Marvin McCallister, Eric Thompson, Mickey Oros, Ann Rogers, Jim Walters and Ellen Simmons

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held on May 9, 2016 were then presented for approval. Cooke 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. Gayle Ashbaker stood and said she had several pages of notes in her back pocket but she had decided to leave them there. She addressed John Martin and said several weeks ago he asked her if he could pick her brain for ideas and she agreed with him and she thought she had given him a really good idea but it's not such a good idea any more. Don't use it. Then she addressed Stuart Cooke and said he told her a couple weeks ago she needed to get involved – run for council, run for mayor. She said she can't do that. She stated she wouldn't compromise what she thinks public service should be to watch what is going on. She said she was sorry. She would like to but she is not going to give up her reputation. She then said thank you. Stuart Cooke said he would like to respond. He said if you don't get involved and you leave the decisions to somebody else and then a group of six people - they come up with a group decision they feel is the best for the community and that is how they come up with these decisions. If she thinks that is lowering her reputation then he is sorry. Gayle stated it wasn't lowering her reputation. She didn't mean it quite like that. She stated that she and he were so far apart on what she thinks public servants should be and she had national recognition for leadership and she won't change her story for anything or anybody. There is no way that she would do that. Stuart then asked Gayle if she expected them to do that for a handful of people. Gayle stated no she didn't expect them to do anything. Just do what you are doing but I'm not going to help you. John Martin thanked Gayle as she left.

John Martin then asked if there were any more public questions or statements. He said since there were none they would move forward.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Water John Chapin & Don Patton

- Attached is a copy of the ad that will be in the papers on June 1st and June 8th for engineering firms to submit qualifications for the water plant improvements. Also attached is a copy of the requirements, scope of work, projected schedule & scoring criteria that we will use in selecting an engineer.

Wastewater John Chapin & Don Patton

- SSO Elimination Project – UUI is expected to be here this week to begin driveway restoration and trench repairs.

Sanitation Don Patton

- Red Garbage Truck – center of a rim broke out on a rear inside tire.

Street Don Patton

- Birch Park Drive Project – Materials & Equipment arrived on site today. Contractor will begin replacing catch basins this week along with tearing out old curbs in preparation of installing storm tile along the edges of the street.

Parks Joe Thomas

Other

- **LMI Survey (Low to Moderate Income Survey)** – In order to finish up this survey we will need to go door to door. Hopefully this will happen next week.
- Last Council meeting I presented council with information and options on replacing the A/C here in Council Chambers/Community Building. I would like council's approval to move forward with this project.
- Mowing – We currently have 20 plus properties that the Village has or will have to mow this summer. I would like to hire a part-time summer help person to do this. We are falling behind with this type of work load and do not have the manpower to pull someone off their regular job on a daily basis to address this and we could also use this person to fill in when needed.
- We have received a few calls regarding the community garage sale next month and the use of Village property?
- Nancy Howell has completed the probationary period required by the Village; I would like to recommend to Council that Nancy be taken off probation and to hire her fulltime at the salary of \$37,500.00 per year.

Ellen Simmons stated she would like to let everyone know the date for the community garage sales is wrong on the card. The correct date is Saturday, June 25.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Water/Sewer Dept. There was none.

John Martin then asked for a report from Street/Sanitation. Don Patton absent.

John Martin then called for a report from the Recreation Department. Joe Thomas was absent but submitted a report on the following. There will be a pancake breakfast at the New London Reservoir from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 29. Charley and Al continue mowing. All the equipment is running well. The campgrounds water and electric sites and cabins are all booked for Memorial Day weekend. They did advertise to hire a part time employee at the reservoir and Joe would like to recommend Jeanette Davidson for the job. Her wage would be \$9 per hour. At the park, they hosted their first ATV/MOTOCROSS race of the year. Joe wanted to thank Brad, John, Mark and Ben from the park board for coming out and helping run the event. The race went very smooth. He also wanted to thank Scott Shockley for all of his help with the event. There will be a softball tournament at the park on May 28. Currently, there are 12 teams. Rockin' the Rez will be July 9 and they have started distributing flyers for the event.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he wanted to tip the appreciation cap to Lucinda Biddinger, Michelle Popa and Nancy Howell for all they do for the police department.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis absent.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he would like to defer to new business.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 16-05 – An Ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the New London Codified Ordinances. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Resolution 2016-03 authorizing participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (018-17) for road salt and declaring an emergency. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes. No one opposed.

Shawn Pickworth stated he would like to schedule a special meeting. Both Ordinance 16-05 and Resolution 16-03 were to be passed on an emergency reading but due to the absence of two council members, this couldn't be done. Shawn stated he needed to have Resolution 2016-03 uploaded to the ODOT website by the end of the month. He wants to be sure they are able to stay in the program. A special meeting was set up for Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. to vote on Ordinance 16-05 and Resolution 2016-03.

John Martin then called for Old Business – None.

John Martin then called for New Business. Bob James stated over at the end of Maple Street at the railroad right of way there is a diesel generator. Century Link is upgrading all of the diesel generators to hydrogen fuel cells. He has a pending permit that needs signed off on. James then introduced Eric Thompson to give a presentation on hydrogen fuel cells. He wants to make sure everyone understands what a hydrogen fuel cell is and see if anyone has any questions. Eric Thompson is a civil engineering consultant with Allcom which is the head of the project. Mr. Thompson stated the project was very simple. There will be a large concrete pad and the hydrogen fuel cell will be placed on top of that. The hydrogen fuel cell will power a piece of equipment when electricity is out for long periods of time. The fuel cell is approximately the size of an industrial type dumpster. Mr. Thompson stated they would be placing these fuel cells at numerous sites across the country. Neil Winslow inquired about the safety of the hydrogen fuel cell. It was stated that the new technology with the hydrogen fuel cell is much safer than the diesel generator. Ellen Simmons inquired if the fuel cell was similar to a generator. Mr. Thompson replied that it was much like a generator. It will fuel a critical piece of equipment that can't go down. It's like a backup. John Chapin asked Mr. Thompson if he could describe a hydrogen fuel cell. Mickey Oros then stood. Mr. Oros is the senior vice president of Alltergy Systems. Alltergy has been around since 2001. Mr. Oros then gave a presentation on hydrogen fuel cells including how they produce zero noise, zero pollution and they are very efficient. At the end of the presentation Bob James asked if he could go ahead and sign off on the zoning permit. Council had no objections.

John Martin asked if there was any other new business and Stuart Cooke stated he would like to recommend Nancy Howell be taken off probation and hired full time at a salary of \$37,500.00 per year. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

Cooke then recommended Shawn Pickworth get prices for air conditioning in council chambers. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

Myers made a motion to hire Jeanette Davidson as a part-time seasonal employee for the reservoir at \$9 per hour. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

Council discussed hiring a part-time seasonal employee to mow properties.

John Martin then asked if there was any more new business. Bob James stood and stated there would be a meeting of the Zoning and Planning Commission on June 1 at 7 p.m. to discuss a change in part of the zoning ordinance. On June 13 at 6 p.m. there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting with a public hearing to discuss an adult care facility a resident would like to open on Daisy Drive. Letters are being mailed out to residents notifying them of the public hearing as well as notification in the newspaper.

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.

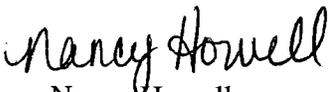
John Martin requested a motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel. Myers made the motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

Stuart Cooke made a motion for council to return to regular session. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

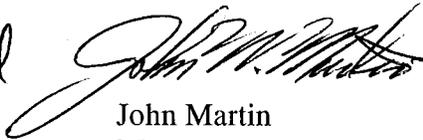
Stuart Cooke then made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an independent contract with Joe Thomas to serve as an emergency umpire at the standard rate, on occasions when specifically approved by the Mayor, Village Administrator or Fiscal Officer. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

Myers made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an independent contract with Brian Cucco to carry out his duties as cemetery caretaker. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor