

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, June 13, 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, Marvin McCallister, John Chapin, Bob James, Keith Landis, Tony Hamilton, Rick Cole, Stephanie Cole and Spencer Cole.

John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Myers 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 May 23, 2016 were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the special meeting held on May 25, 2016 were then presented for approval. Winslow made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. Marvin McCallister stood and spoke. He stated he had pulled another car off the West Main Street railroad crossing that had dropped over the edge. He requested the village contact the railroad to do something or somehow alert cars that there is not a road there because that is what they claim is happening. They claim that they think it is part of the road. His second comment was about the cemetery. He stated he has heard a lot of people complaining that their items at the cemetery such as flowers and solar lights are coming up missing. He wondered if there could be some kind of security out there. He also stated he noticed there are a lot of broken tombstones out there that weren't broken before and requested council look into that also.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water John Chapin & Don Patton

- Water Plant Improvement Proposals- We will be hosting a pre-proposal conference on June 16th @ 10:00 am at the water plants. This will give engineering firms a chance to tour our plants and ask questions about what we want in our engineering proposals. Proposals are due by June 29, 2016.

Wastewater John Chapin & Don Patton

- SSO Elimination Project – Sarver paving finished up paving High Street today. A progress meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16th @ 2:00 PM.

Sanitation Don Patton

- Hydraulic Cylinder on the Bailer – failed had to send out for repair.

Street Don Patton

- Birch Park Drive Project – Project is moving along well. I talked to the contractor today and he is handing out notices to close the road down starting tomorrow morning due to the road being too narrow making it a safety issues for the crews and drivers weaving in and out.

Parks Joe Thomas

- A park board meeting was held Monday, June 6th here in Council Chambers. Attached is a list of topics that were discussed during that meeting.
- We would like to add 7 new seasonal sites to our campground. The cost of this is estimated to be \$22,000.00 - \$25,000.00. We would use the money that was reimbursed to use for the engineering of the forced main. This would increase our revenue by at least \$9800.00 per year.

Other

- **LMI Survey (Low to Moderate Income Survey)** – We are in the process of finishing up the LMI survey. I met with a representative from Poggemeyer last week about what is still needed to complete this project.
- Cemetery Superintendent – please see attached proposal on what we need to change on how we pay Brian Cucco for being our Cemetery Superintendent. If Council agrees I will need a motion.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Water/Sewer Dept. John Chapin reported they would be having a meeting with prospective engineers for the water plant improvements. They had put out bids for that. Cole Risner passed his Class 1 water test. In the process of getting High Street ready, a water main broke. They scrambled and got it fixed and the road was still able to be paved. They got the reservoir topped off. They filled it up for the season. The weather reports indicate we are going to have a record number of hot days so they wanted to top it off before the hot weather hits. They also started a very expensive algae testing at the reservoir. Every week they have to run samples to Norwalk. John stated they met with Muni-Link and he will give council a proposal at the next council meeting. In the sewer plant, they are doing day to day things and making improvements slowly. The guys went out and inspected all the manholes and those that needed it were repaired. He also stated they are putting in storm tile on Minor Road to help with the flooding.

John Martin then asked for a report from Street/Sanitation. Don Patton stated he had just a few things. The Bailer that bails the cardboard had a hydraulic cylinder break. They sent it to Ashland Hydraulics to have it welded up and it was installed today and is back running. Don stated he would be sending out the guys early to pick up the trash on Birch Park Drive. They will be picking up Birch Park Drive first at approximately 6 a.m. There will probably be a week that they won't be able to pick their trash up at all. If the residents want to hold that trash until the next week they will pick it up with no extra pickup charges or if they are able to bring their trash down to the garage they will accommodate them on throwing it away and putting it in the dumpster for them. Don then stated there had been 28 letters sent out about overgrown grass in the village. The guys have mowed over 14 of them. Frank Murr will take over mowing those properties. Lastly, the guys are working on cleaning up brush under all the bridges like on East Main and Grant Street.

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 Marko had nothing to report.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported the ambulance had another busy month. They had 49 runs. There were 29 in the village, none in New London Township. Ruggles had

three, Troy had one and Fitchville had eight. There were eight mutual aids. There were three in Clarksfield, one in Fairfield, one in the City of Norwalk, one in Greenwich Village, one in Greenwich Township and one in North Fairfield. There were three vehicle accidents. One was in Ruggles, one in Fitchville and one in Clarksfield. There were two fire standbys in Ruggles Township and Fitchville.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals met before the council meeting about a Conditional Use Permit for an adult care facility at 39 Daisy Drive. After facing opposition from several residents, Mrs. Brown withdrew her application and no further action is needed.

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

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John Martin then presented the Proclamation for Boys Baseball Appreciation Day in New London to recognize the New London Varsity Baseball Team making it to Regionals in tournament play and proclaiming June 27, 2016 as Track and Field Appreciation Day in New London.

John Martin then presented the Proclamation for Track and Field Appreciation Day in New London to recognize Morgan Luedy for being the first person in New London to qualify in four individual events for the Division III State Track Meet finishing seventh in the 100m dash. The proclamation also recognized Spencer Cole for advancing to the Division III State Track Meet in the 400m dash finishing with a State Championship. John Martin proclaimed that June 27, 2016 would be Track and Field Appreciation Day in New London.

John then requested a motion to enter into a contract for dispatching services with the Huron County Sheriff's office. One contract for the New London Police Department and one contract for the New London Fire Department. The cost is \$4980.00 per year for police and \$3072.22 for fire with no increase from last year. Curtis made the motion to enter into the contract. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

Myers then made a motion to spend money for electric for seven new seasonal sites at the reservoir campground. Curtis 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. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

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

John Martin then requested a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Paramore made the motion to enter into executive session. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

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

Cooke then made a motion to raise the pay rate scales for water/wastewater only. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; no one opposed.

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

Nancy Howell
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Fiscal Officer

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