

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

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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, Myers, Willis, Cooke and Winslow.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Marvin McCallister, John Chapin, Bob James and Kenny Fannin.

John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Curtis 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 June 27, 2016 were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. Ellen Simmons announced that the Rotary Club had chosen Bob Wilson as Citizen of the Year. Part of the reason was for his work at the parks. The Rotary Club honored him with a plaque and he will be in the Labor Day parade.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Plant Improvement Proposals- we are in the process of scoring the 5 proposals that were received. Firms that submitted proposals are: Jones & Henry Engineering, K.E. McCartney & Associates, ADR & Associates, GGJ Consulting Engineers and Poggemeyer Design Group.

Wastewater

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Birch Park Drive Project – a walk thru was performed by the contractor, engineer & me on Saturday, July 15, 2016. A hit list was made on work that still needs to be done before a substantial completion certificate can be issued.

Parks Joe Thomas

- New Sites – electrical is almost complete, next is the water and possibly sewer.
  
- Rockin the Rez – we had a great event with no major issues. I would like to thank the park board and all the volunteers who help with this event. We would also like to thank all our sponsors that help make this event possible.

## Other

- Muni Link Software – last meeting I gave Council some information about this. I would like Councils approval to move forward with this?
- Constellation is ready to sign a contract for natural gas. Right now the best price is a 12 month variable rate plan for \$1.319 mcf and customers can convert to a fixed plan if they want. 24 month variable is 1.389 mcf. Right now the current Columbia Gas of Ohio Standard Choice offer is \$1.43 mcf. All customers would be automatically enrolled and would have to opt. out if they wanted to stay with their current plan.
- Compost Facility – had David Price Metals come in to grind & haul away brush. Around 70 ton of mulch was removed.

Myers asked if all customers in New London will need to sign the contract with Constellation. Pickworth stated that everyone in the village will be enrolled automatically. If they do not want to be a part of it they will need to sign the letter and send it back to Constellation saying they are opting out. Cooke stated there will be people who won't look at it and will be automatically enrolled and then some people may be upset. There was a discussion as to whether the village could offer an opt in program rather than an opt out program. Pickworth replied that he would go back to Constellation and see what they have to offer.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Water/Sewer Dept. John Chapin had nothing to report.

John Martin then asked for a report from Street/Sanitation. Don Patton had nothing to report.

John Martin then called for a report from the Recreation Department. Joe Thomas was absent but submitted a report on the following. The annual Farm and Tractor Show is July 16-17 at the recreation park. Even though Tee Ball, Coach Pitch and other teams have ended their seasons, the park is still full of activities most nights. The New London Little League is hosting the 9 and 10 baseball tournament this year and softball leagues are still playing on Friday nights. Joe wanted to thank the Dairy Bar at the park for being open all summer and serving great food and also for hosting movie nights. They just received a load of mulch for the playgrounds. Joe ordered extra mulch this year because there is a new swing set going up. Mowing at the park has slowed a bit due to the lack of rain. All equipment is running well at this time. At the reservoir, Joe reported, July 9 was the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Rockin' the Rez. What a great day! From the music to the weather to the fireworks to the audience, everything made for a perfect day. Joe would like to thank all of the sponsors because if it was not for them events like this would not be possible. The sponsors included; New London Lanes, American Legion Post 292, RWW Masonry, Thomas Tech, Bo Lacey Construction, Millers Market, Firelands Electric, The Dairy Bar, Grandma's Place, Sutton Bank, Blake Sanitation and Marathon/Subway. Joe also gave a special thank you to the park board, especially Mark Roeder and Steve Roeder. The park board makes hosting an event like Rockin' the Rez so much easier. Joe's last and most important thank you went to the New London Police Department. They are at all of the events and help with any situation that comes up. Joe appreciates everything they do for the park and the village. On July 10, the New London Fire Department hosted its first Spill on the Hill at the reservoir. This was an awesome event as well. Camping at the reservoir has been booked with no major problems. The water toys have been in the water for a couple weeks and the kids love them. Charlie and Al continue to keep mowing and maintaining the equipment. All equipment is running well. The next Park Board meeting is Aug 1 at 6:30 p.m.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko wanted to give a tip of the appreciation cap to the village employees, all of their Facebook friends, numerous people in town and a lot

of people at Rockin' the Rez for supporting them with what is going on throughout the United States. It goes a long way and they really appreciate the support that they receive.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported in June the ambulance had 55 runs – 27 were in the village, four in New London Township, five in Ruggles Township, four in Troy, 14 in Fitchville Township and one mutual aid in Ripley Township. There were two motor vehicle accidents in Fitchville and two fire stand-bys in Fitchville.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James reported that they had a public hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission. James would like a new zoning code put in place. Currently in certain sections of the code listed as residential/trailer, there isn't anything about manufactured homes. James requested council schedule a public hearing before the first council meeting in August. James also stated there were a lot of openings on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals and it is hard to get members to attend meetings. James wondered if the two boards could be combined into one. That way it would be easier to fill vacancies. Mr. Bond said it was possible. James requested Mr. Bond write a new ordinance so that the two boards could be combined.

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

John Martin then called for New Business. John Martin read the following statement:

I would like to take this time to acknowledge and thank Tom Neel for his help in bringing attention to New London. With his help and lead, the New London Historical Society took on the sole task in acquiring a historical marker placed on the south entrance to New London. It states "Settled in 1816 by John Corey. Once known as the Ferret Capital of the World". One person cannot do it all but when the community comes together in a positive manner, many good deeds may be done. Again, many thanks to Tom Neel for taking up this endeavor on his own.

John Martin then requested a motion to schedule a public hearing before the August 8, 2016 council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers to discuss amending Section 1108.03 and 1108.05 of the New London Codified Ordinances to allow manufactured homes in districts zoned residential/mobile home on the zoning map. Curtis made a motion to schedule the public hearing. 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. Winslow 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. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call: Paramore – absent; Winslow – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule C. Myers made a motion to approve Schedule C. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin then requested a motion to enter into executive session to consider the compensation of a Village employee or official. Myers made the motion to enter into executive session. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call: Cooke – yes; Winslow – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Myers – yes; Paramore – absent.

Myers made a motion for council to return to regular session. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call: Cooke – yes; Winslow – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Myers – yes; Paramore – absent.

Myers then made a motion to give hourly pay increases to the following Village employees to go into effect starting July 17, 2016.

Cole Risner - \$1.00  
Brian Cucco - \$1.00  
Don Patton - \$1.00  
Gabe Heileman - \$1.00  
Mike Witmer - \$1.00  
Ed Schoville - \$1.00  
Ted Williams - \$1.31  
Tim Brown - \$1.75  
Charles Tetrick - \$1.82  
Steven Kwiatkowski - \$1.50  
Brittney Bracken - \$1.00  
Joe Thomas - \$1.30  
Michelle Popa - \$1.64  
Lucinda Biddinger - \$1.12  
John Chapin - \$1.00  
Shawn Pickworth - \$2.00  
Wendy Kidd - \$1.00

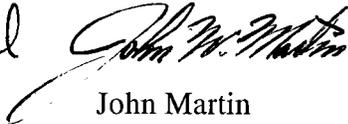
Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; no one opposed.

After a discussion on the benefits of converting to the new Muni-Link system, Cooke made a motion to authorize the Administrator to enter into a contract with Muni-Link making them our new water billing system. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; no one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer



John Martin  
Mayor