

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, August 8, 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, Myers, Willis, and Winslow.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, John Chapin, Bob James, Brian Cucco and Joe Thomas.

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.

Shawn Pickworth stated there were some emergency readings on the agenda but due to the absence of two council members they would just be doing first readings on them.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on July 25, 2016 were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. Bob James stated the Annual Float Fly is August 13 & 14 at the reservoir. The reservoir will be closed during the event until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Plant Improvement – we will be meeting with Poggemeyer Design Group on Thursday, August 11, 2016 to discuss the project.
- Two employees are in Port Clinton for 2 day HABS training.

Wastewater

- Broken Valve
- Reservoir Forced Main Project – engineering is complete, project expected to be done this fall.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Chuck & Ed have been busy painting traffic lines, crosswalks, parking etc.
- Tree Trimming, a lot of trees has been trimmed around town.

Parks Joe Thomas

- Busy getting ready for Labor Day. Next Park Board Meeting will be Monday, August 15, 2016 @ 6:30 PM in the Hileman Building.

Other

- Insurance adjuster has been in town inspecting our buildings for hail damage. We should hear something by the end of next week on the results.
- CSX Railroad Crossing St. Rt. 162, railroad is investigating this crossing due to the number of accidents.
- Attached is the Housing Survey that was prepared by HCDC for the Community Reinvestment Act, you have legislation before you tonight.
- Met with Vicky Missler about shopping for insurance plans for the Village. She should be able to present something at the August 22, 2016 Council Meeting.

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 first requested that everyone keep Al Young in their prayers. He had been rushed to the hospital the previous Saturday. Joe then reported that the new electric spots at the reservoir were inspected and things are moving along. He is hoping the new sites will be up and running before Labor Day. There were some plumbing problems at the reservoir shower house. Blake's Sanitation came and everything was fixed. The beach has still been busy with the high temperatures. At the recreation park, Joe reported that the softball leagues had ended. The league was fun and competitive this year. Joe presented council with a proposal concerning rental of the Hileman Building and Council Chambers. The proposal states whoever pays in full for the date they would like to reserve will get the building. The proposal also requested a change in the price for renting council chambers. The price would increase to a \$100 rental charge but the rental deposit would decrease to \$100. Currently the rental fee is \$75 and the deposit is \$150. All the buildings at the park and the reservoir were inspected from the hail damage. Numerous buildings will be getting new roofs. Preparations for Labor Day are underway. Anyone wishing to volunteer to work a gate shift for the festival can contact Janice Myers at the hardware store. Presale tickets for the festival are on sale now at the village office and the hardware store. The tickets are \$15 for the weekend pass and \$10 for senior citizens. Joe also thanked Michelle and Nancy for all their help with the circus and Labor Day preparation. Joe stated the circus went very well. There were no animals injured. The workers worked very hard and no one mistreated any of the animals. Joe thanked Chief Marko. There had been some negative publicity on social media about the circus and he stepped right up and made sure the circus would be patrolled. Joe said the police in New London do a great job. Joe requested permission for the Sons of the American Legion to sell beer at the Poker Run being held at the park on August 27. Fifty percent of the proceeds go to the Wounded Warrior Project. Twenty five percent go to the Sons of the American Legion and twenty five percent goes to the park. This will be the third Poker Run they have hosted at the park. Joe announced there would be a chili cook off in the Hileman Building over Labor Day. Instead of cookies or pies, they will be doing chili. John Martin stated he didn't think the rules stated how much chili participants should bring. Joe commented that the printouts did not state it but online they added participants should bring a 6 or 7 quart crook pot. There will be a five judge panel that will pick the winner. In addition, the public will have the opportunity to judge the chili and a "People's Choice" award will also be given.

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 was really busy in July. There was an all-time high for runs with 61. Forty four were in the Village of New London, 4 in New London Township, 5 in Ruggles Township, 2 in Troy and 3 in Fitchville. They had three mutual aids – 2 in Greenwich Village and one in Clarksfield Township. There were three motor vehicle accidents – 1 in the village, 1 in New London Township and 1 in Fitchville Township. There was one fire stand-by in New London Township. There was one law enforcement stand-by in Clarksfield.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James reported that he is scheduling a Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing before the council meeting on September 12 at 6 p.m. This is to consider a Conditional Use Permit that was filed by the new owners of the apartments on East Main Street. She would like to put in a beauty salon. Also there is a Village Council public hearing before the next council meeting to consider allowing a mobile home to be put on Maple Street. Currently, there are some discrepancies between the new zoning code and the zoning map. Amending the zoning code would get rid of those discrepancies.

John Martin reported to Bob James that he had received a complaint about a house on North Main Street owned by Jason Hales. Apparently there are possible rats and squirrels living in the house. James stated that is out of his jurisdiction. He recommended calling the health department. There is nothing in the zoning code about animal infestations. Lastly, Bob stated he had been working on a complaint about a residence on Grove Street. He was not getting anywhere with it so it is going to be turned over to the police department.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 16-08 An Ordinance Transferring the Duties of the Board of Zoning Appeals to the Zoning Commission. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 16-09 An Ordinance Amending Sections 1108.03 and 1108.05 (G) of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Manufactured Homes. Second Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 16-10 An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Funds. Motion to table. Myers made a motion to table the ordinance. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 16-11 an Ordinance Advancing Funds for Operations at the Annual Labor Day Festival. First Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the first reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 16-12 An Ordinance Implementing Section 3735.65 Through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, Establishing and Describing the Boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area in the Village of New London, Ohio, Designating a Housing Officer to Administer the Program, and Creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Resolution 2016-05 Approving of the Issuance of Cash Payouts in Connection with the Annual Labor Day Festival. First reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the first reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

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

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John Martin stated there would be national awareness on August 11 for Nationwide 811. This is for the Ohio Underground Protection Service for utilities. It is stressed that all residents and village employees contact 811 giving the address and location of the area where you would like to dig. You need to give them 48 hours' notice before digging can begin. If you are going to dig, you need to call them. Otherwise, you will be held liable.

Brian Cucco then reported on August 3 there was a cemetery board meeting. The first item was to remove Melissa Wilson's name from the cemetery board. She is no longer employed with the Village of New London. The board voted to replace her with Gabe Heileman. Brian requested council's approval to allow his request. Brian then stated he and Shawn had met with a company that is handling a donation from an estate. A person gives their money or estate to this company, then this company manages the money and then they contact the village when the funds are available. The village then is able to apply for the funds. The only issue is this company wants a 501 (c). The cemetery board does not have this. They carry an umbrella under the village. This company doesn't want to deal with that step. Brian said the cemetery would like to start the process of getting the 501 (c). Two of them from the cemetery board will be on the 501 (c). One will be the signer and one will be the backup. Another issue that was discussed is there is approximately \$12,000 in an account within the village called the Friends of the Cemetery Account. The cemetery board discussed taking that money out and moving it into its own account. This account would be under the 501 (c) which would allow the cemetery to apply for the money that will be in the special trust fund. The people in charge of the money do not want it to go toward maintenance of the cemetery. It should be used for bigger projects and land purchases. The funds come from the interest earned from the money placed in the trust so these funds will be available forever. We will never know who left the money or how much there is. They want to remain anonymous. They just want to keep their money in the community. Brian also stated the cemetery proposed a rate increase effective September 1. They would like a \$25 increase on everything. There has not been a rate increase since 2011. Approximately 30 spaces are sold a year. Janice Myers inquired whether the village would need to adopt an ordinance to increase the prices. Mr. Bond stated that there did not need to be one. They would be noted in the cemetery board meeting minutes. Brian also stated they are starting a fence project. Some of the board members may be going around looking for donations.

Curtis made a motion for Gabe Heileman to become a member of the Cemetery Board. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Shawn Pickworth added that they are going to have to bring a crane in and remove the big tree that sits right beside the Dairy Bar in the park. It looks beautiful but when you walk around the back side there are holes. The tree is becoming a threat and it has to come down. This will cost approximately \$1400 which is lower than expected. Once the tree comes down, they would like to plant something in the circle because there is cement around it. They are hoping the tree is down before Labor Day because it is a danger.

Curtis made a motion to permit the Sons of the American Legion to sell beer at the Poker Run on August 27, 2016. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Joe Thomas commented that there would be an ATV and Motocross practice on August 14. This is just a practice.

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.

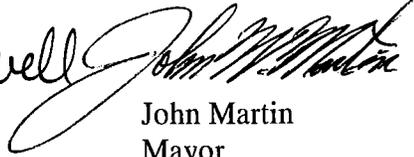
John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Paramore – absent; Winslow – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – absent; Myers – disqualify herself.

John Martin then requested a motion to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment of a Village employee and potential litigation. Curtis made the motion to enter into executive session. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – absent; Myers – yes; Willis – yes; Paramore – absent.

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

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor

