

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, September 12, 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, Paramore and Winslow.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Bob James and Joe Thomas.

John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Winslow 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 August 22, 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 August 31, 2016 workshop were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the September 1, 2016 special meeting were then presented for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. Ellen Simmons stated that on Saturday, November 12, the CIC and Rotary will be holding a family fun night at the Hileman Building with all the profits going toward the deck. The night will include a chicken BBQ dinner and events such as corn hole and BINGO. There will also be events for kids. The time will be from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be more information to come. If anyone is interested in helping, contact Ellen.

Ellen then stated she had two questions. Ellen's first question was how much did the parks make over Labor Day weekend and the second question was about money in an account that no one seems to know what it is for. It was determined that all money at the Village Office is accounted for and a specific account that the money is in would be given to Ellen at a later date. Joe Thomas then stated that a final profit for the Firelands Festival has not been determined yet because we are still paying bills and still receiving money in. Next council meeting a firm number will be given. Stuart Cooke then asked Joe if he knew what the revenue was that was taken in before the expenses were paid out. Joe replied that for the most part they did. We were up on everything. Stuart stated he had never seen so many cars parked out toward his shop. Joe stated he would talk more about Labor Day when he gives his report on the parks.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Council has legislation before you tonight that will allow us to enter into contract with Poggemeyer Design group for the engineering of the Water Plant Improvement Project.
  
- An OPWC funding application was submitted to the County September 2, 2015 for a portion of the Water Plant Improvement Project. I have a copy of the application if anyone would like to review it.

- New hire- we will be setting up interviews with applicants this week. We have received 35 resumes.

### Wastewater

### Sanitation

- White (New) garbage truck has been sent for repairs to the packing unit.

### Street

- I would like to schedule a demonstration with Leader Machinery Company, LTD and Council to see a Duraco Durapatcher and what it could do for the Village.

### Parks

- Labor Day – another successful weekend. Thanks to all the volunteers for their help, we could not do this without you. Also would like to thank all the sponsors that donate items/equipment which helps make this event a success. Thanks to our Park Board for their planning and hard work. Big thanks to the girls in the office Nancy Howell, Michelle Popa & Lucinda Biddinger, Janie Myers. Big thanks to Chris Rowland and crew for doing the truck & tractor pulls. And a big Thanks to Joe Thomas our Parks & Rec. Supervisor for all the countless hours and hard work he pours into Labor Day weekend.
- 2016 Gun Raffle will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 @ the Hileman Building. Tickets on sale now. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest fund raiser for our Parks.

### Other

- Still waiting on adjusters to get final numbers in for the building with hail damage. Received some information late. The damage total estimate came in at \$244,604.75. I will be reviewing this information with the insurance adjuster later this week.
- Contaminated Soil Project on North Main & Akron Street – this is not a Village project, therefore the Village has no comment. I do have a contact that can and will answer any questions that the Village might have.
- Columbia Gas will be doing a line replacement project late this fall or early next spring. Streets affected by the project area are: Grove Street, Park Ave. /South Main, New London Ave. & Fairhome. I will pass along information as I receive it.
- Reviewing property insurance- renewal is November 1, 2016.

- ODOT is going to offer bridge inspections for 2017, 2018 & 2019. I will have legislation for Councils approval at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) – working with Carol Knapp, Director of Huron County Development Council to finish up items that need to be done to finish the process.

Stuart Cooke asked about the contract with Poggemeyer. He asked Shawn if he looked at other companies too. Shawn stated he had taken proposals from five other engineer firms. Poggemeyer was by far the best. They have done exactly what the Village is requesting them to do before. None of the other contractors have done exactly what we want.

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

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John Martin then called for a report from the Recreation Department. Joe reported the new electric lots at the reservoir are done and were used this past weekend. Everything seems to be working fine. The end of the year cookout at the reservoir will be on September 24. Please RSVP to the reservoir office.

Joe then discussed Labor Day. He stated the festival was a big success. Gate money was up on Saturday and Sunday. Gate numbers were down on Monday but he determined the reason was because the presale wristband sales were up tremendously. Gates as a whole were up approximately \$11,000. This amount includes the presale wristband sales. The major events such as the tractor and truck pulls, demolition derby and atv/motocross were very popular this year. The tractors had 166 hooks, the trucks had 99 hooks, the demo had over 90 entries and the atv/motocross had 97 participants. Throughout the weekend there were very few problems. With an event this size, you are always going to have something happen but this year seemed to go very smooth. Joe stated he thought the reason was due to being very prepared, organized and having great help. Joe did not want to take any credit. He attributed the success of Labor Day to the help he had. Joe thanked the New London Park Board for everything they do. Without their help, an event like this would not be possible. None of the events would be possible without the help of the park board. Joe then thanked the police department. Chief Marko and his officers are always available for anything. Joe also wanted to thank Chris Rowland. Chris runs two of the events and charges the park nothing. He used his own truck to pick up and return equipment. Both the truck and tractor pulls seem to get bigger every year because of his hard work. Chris isn't even on the park board and the weekend takes him away from his own family. Joe stated he couldn't thank Chris and his family enough. Joe also thanked Joe Myer and his family, Terry Francis, Jim Russle, Mark Cuson, the New London Boy Scouts, Tyler Cawrse, the New London Fire Department and EMS. He also thanked everyone who worked the gates and helped at the French fry stand. It takes a community to run an event like this. If it wasn't for our great community, an event like this wouldn't be possible. Joe gave a big thank you to his wife. She works gates, the french fry stand, the church booth, helps with the volleyball tournament and watches after four kids. She sees Joe on Friday morning and then he isn't back home until Monday night. Joe's last thank you was to Michelle, Lucinda and Nancy. He really appreciated all their help in the depot over the weekend. Joe also thanked Chuckie Tetric for working with him the whole week of Labor Day. Timmy Brown worked a couple of days helping take fence down. Joe was very thankful for everyone who helped and apologized if he missed anyone.

Lastly, Joe announced the gun raffle will be held on November 5 at the Hileman Building. Tickets are available at the village office, Gilbert Hardware and Marathon. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 tickets for \$50.

Joe then went back to gate totals for Labor Day. Joe wanted to express that it sounds like a lot of money coming in but there is also a lot of money paid out. Gates were up \$1000 on Saturday. Gates were up \$3000 on Sunday but down approximately \$3000 on Monday. Presale wristbands were up about \$11,000. The

french fry stand was up around \$2,000 from last year. Joe says as a team they must be doing something right since the numbers keep increasing. He hopes it continues. The community loves Labor Day.

John Martin asked how the three new attractions turned out. Joe stated the laser tag people were happy and asked if they could come back next year. The petting zoo and pony rides seemed very busy but he did not know if she was interested in coming back. John Martin stated that he had heard that she enjoyed it and would like to come back. Joe said the Hot Air Balloon was a big topic of discussion. The guy who ran the hot air balloon was all about safety. The conditions were not right for the hot air balloon to go up. He made a good choice and when the conditions were right he took people up and down. Due to weather conditions, rides were only given for about 45 minutes. Everybody Joe talked to that got to ride loved it and he thinks if the full two hours could have been utilized the park would have made good money. Joe concluded by saying he felt the three new attractions were good for the festival. Joe is unsure if the hot air balloon will be back or not. Joe ended by giving a special thank you to Steve Roeder for his immense help over the weekend.

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 that August was another busy month with 47 runs. Twenty four were in the Village of New London, two in New London Township, 10 in Ruggles Township, five in Troy and two in Fitchville. They had four mutual aids – one in Clarksfield Township, one in Ripley Township, one in Bronson Township and one in Hartland Township. There were three motor vehicle accidents. All three were in Ruggles Township. The new ambulance should be here in about four or five weeks. They took the old ambulance they had been having a lot of motor trouble with and instead of buying everything brand new, they had the box removed and put on a new chassis. This saved about half the cost of a new ambulance.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James reported they had held a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting earlier that night for a Conditional Use Zoning Permit for the apartments across the street from the village office. The owner would like to put in a beauty salon. The only objection at the meeting was one of the neighbors requested she put up a privacy fence. Bob explained to the neighbors he could not force them to do that. The Conditional Use Permit was granted. Bob requested council make a motion and have a first reading on accepting the Conditional Use Permit and a council public meeting will need to be scheduled in 30 days.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2016-13 An Ordinance Setting the Rental Fees for the Use of Public Buildings. 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 2016-14 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with Poggemeyer Design Group for Professional Engineering Services in Connection with Development of Plans for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements, and Declaring an Emergency. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 16-14 to be passed on an emergency measure. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Paramore 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 then requested a motion to approve the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals, approving the Conditional Use Permit to Cortney Hoffer to operate a beauty salon and rental apartments. Bill Curtis made a motion to approve the decision. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then read a Resolution from Senator Gayle Manning honoring the Village of New London on its Bicentennial. The Resolution was signed by Vincent L. Keeran, Clerk of the Senate; Senator Keith Faber, President of the Senate; and Senator Gayle Manning, Senatorial District No. 13.

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 – yes; Winslow – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

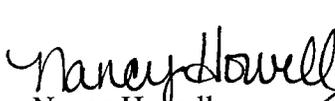
John Martin then requested a motion to enter into executive session to consider the compensation of a Village employee or official. Curtis made the motion to enter into executive session. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – yes; Myers – yes; Willis – yes; Paramore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

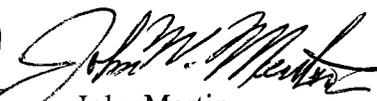
Curtis made a motion for council to return to regular session. Cooke seconded the motion. . Roll call: Winslow – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – yes; Myers – yes; Willis – yes; Paramore – yes.

Cooke made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to proceed with the application for new employee health insurance with the Aetna Alternative proposal as submitted, with the employee contribution to remain at 15%, and the HRA contributions to remain at the current levels of \$4,500/\$9,000. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke asked about the appraisal Shawn had mentioned earlier. He wondered if Shawn had signed any contracts with any contractors yet to do the work. Shawn stated that he hasn't signed anything. A discussion was held about the different appraisals that were received on all the different buildings and which buildings needed the repairs done the most. Shawn stated he would give every council member a copy of the appraisal.

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

  
Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer

  
John Martin  
Mayor

