

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, September 26, 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, Cooke, Paramore and Winslow.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Gayle Ashbaker, Kathy Fuller and Nicole Sklenicka.

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held on September 12, 2016 were then presented for approval. Paramore 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. Ellen Simmons stated the Rotary Club has started the annual United Fund Campaign. Information has gone out in the mail to everyone. If you did not receive something there are copies in the Village Office, Gilbert Hardware, the café and other businesses around town.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

Water

- New hire- we interviewed 10 applicants over the last 2 weeks. Copies of the interview schedule and the top 3 candidates are attached. I would like Council's permission to make an offer to the #1 candidate and if for some reason he should refuse offer #2 and #3. Have resumes upon request.

Wastewater

- Small storm water project to be done this week on East Street between New London Ave. and Birch Park Drive.

Sanitation

- White (New) garbage truck – repairs made and back in service.

Street

- Duro Patch demo – tonight before council. Some information attached to your packets.
- Bridge Inspection legislation before council tonight that would enroll the Village's bridges in the ODOT program again for 2017, 2018 & 2019.

Parks

- 2016 Gun Raffle will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 @ the Hileman Building. Tickets on sale now. This is our 2nd biggest fund raiser for our Parks.

Other

- Hail Damaged Buildings- 2nd revision received last week, adjuster will be back in town Wednesday morning to re- inspect 4 buildings at the sewer plant and meet with me to review claim. Attached is a summary of the buildings and the amount of claim per building.
- Vicky Missler was here this morning and met with village employees about our health insurance and the changes for next year.
- Audit Review Meeting – a state rep. from the auditor’s office will be here Wednesday, September 28, 2016 @ 11:30 am to review our 2015 audit. Council welcome to attend.
- The girl scouts would like to use Council Chambers from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month as long as it isn’t already rented out.

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

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 the mayor read the following report submitted by Joe: I would like to thank everyone that came out to the reservoir for the end of the year cookout. I would like to thank Shawn, Dick Sutherland, Steve Roeder and Bob Deppen for helping cook. We are now selling gun raffle tickets for \$10 a ticket or six for \$50. Tickets are on sale at the Marathon Station, Gilbert Hardware, the Village Office and any park board member. I am taking teams for my corn hole league. If any teams are interested please call me. The league will start Monday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. If anyone is interested in setting up a Christmas display for Christmas Lane at the park, please contact me. I would like to have all the lights up before Thanksgiving. Any individual, business or family can set up a display.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko reported the entire police department participated in training held in the Community Center. Chief also reported they had received the o.k. from the courts to forfeit the money they had confiscated during their first raid. There will be a check coming to the village for that. This money will go into the Drug Law Enforcement Fund. They are also going to request a forfeiture on the money they confiscated during their second raid.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported that their new ambulance should be coming in a couple weeks.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 16-13 An Ordinance Setting the Rental Fees for the Use of Public Buildings. Third and Final Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the third reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 16-15 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with Aetna Insurance Company for Health Insurance. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 16-15 to be passed on an emergency measure. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Abstain; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Curtis made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 16-16 An Ordinance Establishing the Recreation Improvement Fund. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 16-16 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis 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 presented Ordinance 16-17 An Ordinance Establishing the Fire Fighting Facilities Fund. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 16-17 to be passed on an emergency measure. Paramore 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 presented Ordinance 16-18 An Ordinance allowing ODOT to perform Bridge Inspections in 2017, 2018, 2019. Emergency Reading. Paramore made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 16-18 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Paramore made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 16-19 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 15-19 Relative to the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. 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 2016-07 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 16-07 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. Paramore made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business. Stuart Cooke asked Shawn about city tax for contractors in New London. Shawn stated that the employees don't have to pay city tax until they have been working in the Village of New London for 20 days. The companies themselves do have to on their first job but they don't have to actually pay it until the end of the year. The village needs to make sure a list of all contractors is obtained and if they don't pay we can go after them. Stuart inquired if the 20 day period was set by a Village Ordinance. Shawn stated that it was found in the Ohio Revised Code. Chief Marko would have a list of contractors because he gives solicitor's permits but Shawn still wants to drive around and make sure there aren't any additional companies working that have not received a solicitor's permit. Stuart wondered if the village handed out anything to contractors when they received their solicitor's permit. Shawn stated the village did not hand out anything additional to the companies. Chief Marko stated they receive their solicitor's permit on official police letterhead and it is signed by Chief Marko. It was stressed that all homeowners should check with all companies they might talk to verifying they have received a solicitor's permit before allowing them to do any work.

Stuart Cooke asked if the Gazebo at Triangle Park was on the list of buildings qualified for repairs from the hail storm. Shawn stated it did not make the list. Shawn said the insurance adjuster was coming back to town. Shawn said he would have him take another look at it. Shawn said the list is up to 38 buildings in the Village that qualify for an insurance claim. He is hoping that number will increase by four because they had missed the sewer treatment plant. They are coming back to reevaluate those buildings because Shawn feels they have damage also. Shawn gave council members a list of buildings and amounts from the insurance company.

John Martin then called for New Business.

John Martin stated he had received a letter from concerned residents on East Main Street. The letter stated that they were opposed to the rezoning of Dar Anderson's parcel to commercial and they also requested that the damaged sidewalk be marked in red or flagged until it is repaired. John Martin stated the zoning was not changed to commercial. The resident was just granted a conditional use permit. If the resident ends up moving, the conditional use permit would no longer be valid. Anyone new moving in would have to request a conditional use permit also. As for the sidewalk, John Martin stated that was a valid request and he said he would make sure it was taken care of. Gayle Ashbaker stated three people fell at that location last week. She asked if they could at least spray red spray paint on the edge to mark it so people will realize it is a hazard. Kathy Fuller also reported that a child had fallen and her husband had witnessed someone else fall too. Kathy Fuller also wanted to verify that the new owner of Dar Anderson's property on East Main Street could only put in a beauty shop. Steve Bond stated that she was approved for what she asked for and that is all she is allowed. Gayle Ashbaker asked if they decided to put something on the vacant part of the lot up front, would they have to come and request an additional permit. Mr. Bond stated yes they would. The residents stated they weren't opposed to the beauty shop. They just do not want any other commercial businesses there. They just want the property cleaned up. John Martin said he thinks they are in the process of doing that. Ellen Simmons then inquired about the public hearing that Bob James had talked about at a prior meeting concerning the conditional use permit at this location. Steve Bond stated that under the new code, once the conditional use permit is approved that is all that is needed. There was then a discussion about junk cars and the procedure to enforce the ordinance. John Martin stated he would get with the police chief and they would see which vehicles need to be addressed.

Curtis made a motion to allow Shawn Pickworth to make a job offer to one of the top three candidates for the new water/wastewater position. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Paramore then made a motion to allow the Girl Scouts to use the Community Center from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month for meetings as long as the building is not rented out. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor