

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 14, 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, and Winslow. Paramore was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Bob James, Jill Mitchell, Eric Mitchell, Joe Thomas, Sarah Thomas, Josh Wilson, Pailee Wilson, Paige Wilson, Don Patton, John Chapin, Raeann Mitchell, Olivia Yetter, Valery Henry, Gracie Thomas, Kelsey Pauley, Hunter Chandley, Allison Yetter, Patty Morrow-Henry, Dawn Pauly, Alyssa Henry, Ella Yetter and Lynn Phillips.

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 October 24, 2016 were then presented for approval. Winslow made a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the Recreation Budget Meeting held on October 24, 2016 were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. Ellen Simmons reported the CIC/Rotary Fun Night raised \$700 for the Terry Wilson Memorial Deck. She also thanked Joe Thomas and the park for help with setup and the use of the Hileman Building.

Jill Thomas and several members of her 3rd grade class at New London Elementary gave a slide show and presentation on recycling and reducing trash. The class gave many examples of why recycling is beneficial and gave suggestions on how to reduce the amount of trash families put in the garbage. The 3rd graders are trying to push for a recycling program in New London.

Mayor John Martin thanked the students for their presentation and set up a meeting with them to further discuss recycling.

John Chapin expressed how good the Veteran's Memorial Dedication was on November 11.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Shawn went over the Property/Liability Insurance policy with council. He stated anything not listed individually on the policy would be covered under the blanket policy.

Shawn then stated he had received roof estimates. There were four companies who had placed bids. The village makes out well based on the insurance money being received compared to the price of the bids placed except for the fire station. Shawn has requested more money since the estimates for the fire station came in so high. Shawn stated the village will be able to fix all the roofs that need fixed and come in under budget.

Lastly, Shawn told council the village had received the insurance money for the mower and damaged buildings and tanks from the fire in October. He also stated they would be relocating the tanks to make is safer in case anything like that happens again.

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 thanked the 3rd graders for their presentation and had nothing else to report.

John Martin then called for a report from the Recreation Department. Joe Thomas reported that the gun raffle went very well. He thanked Marathon and Gilbert Hardware for selling tickets. He also thanked B & L firearms for all their help and everyone who bought a ticket and came for the event. The water at both parks has been shut off for the winter. Christmas Tree Lane flyers are being passed out. If anyone would like a spot to set up some sort of display they should contact Joe. He would like to encourage people to set up a display. He would like Christmas Tree Lane to be bigger than ever before. Corn hole leagues start on December 5 at 6:30 p.m. The four old cabins at the reservoir are being sold with the intent to build another new cabin by the water.

Ellen Simmons asked Joe if he knew how much money the parks had made on the gun raffle. Joe stated that there were still some invoices coming in but he thought they made between \$13,000 and \$15,000.

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 stated he would have a report for the next council meeting.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James reported he was contacted about an upgrade to the Verizon tower. He also noted that he would be sending out letters to all members of the Zoning and Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals about combining the two boards.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2016-20 An Ordinance Establishing the Veterans Memorial Fund. 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 2016-21 An Ordinance Establishing the Income Tax-Police & Fire Operating Fund. Second Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the second reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2016-22 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. First Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the first reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2016-23 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Dispose of Four Cabins No Longer Needed for Public Purposes, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 16-23 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Absent. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business.

Curtis asked if there was any news from the railroad on fixing the sidewalk by the tracks. Winslow and Curtis both observed citizens in wheelchairs having a difficult time. John Martin stated he has contacted CSX but has not heard anything yet.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Cooke made a motion to appoint Janice Myers and Bill Curtis to the 2017 Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependent Fund Board. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin asked if anyone had any thoughts on the 3rd grade presentation on recycling. Curtis said that it needs to start at the county level and suggested the students send letters to the Huron County Commissioner. Huron County does not offer many opportunities for recycling. Shawn Pickworth stated he had contacted Gateway Recycling and they would give the village containers but it would cost the village money and storage would be an issue. Storage, manpower and money are the biggest obstacles the village faces in putting together a recycling program. Ohio is behind many other states as far as recycling goes.

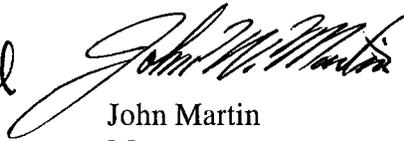
Ellen Simmons stated that the CIC would be having their annual banquet at the bowling alley and they would be presenting the award for Business of the Year.

John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Myers made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Cooke 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.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor

