

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 27, 2017 @ 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, Paramore, Winslow and Cooke. Willis was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Lynn Phillips, Don Patton, Joe Thomas and John Chapin.

John Martin then stated if there were no objections, he would like to amend the agenda to add a fire report.

Hearing no objections, 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 February 13, 2017 were then presented for approval. Paramore 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. There were none.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Plant Improvement Project – Plans have been submitted to the OEPA for a PTI approval. A nomination has been submitted to WSRLA/Harmful Algal Bloom (Water Supply Revolving Loan Account) through the OEPA. This is for potential funding @ 0% interest for up to 20 years.
- John Chapin and Don Patton met with a representative from Bonded Chemical about the addition of phosphate to Plant 2.
- Attached are 2 water rate increase scenarios along with comparison with other communities and the RCAP funding scenario. John Chapin and I have been working on this for weeks trying to work in Rural Lorain Water and Northern Ohio Water rates and total dollar amounts. I would like to present Council with an Ordinance for the increases the first meeting in March. Would Council want to hold a workshop beforehand to discuss?
- We would also like to review and discuss possible changes to the Ordinances for billing/collecting utilities. They are in need of updating, and this is a good time to do this before we update our software.

- Water Department has submitted the first round of mapping for Lead & Copper to the OEPA for their review and instructions on what comes next. Crew is still working on the detailed map for each property within the water system and will submit once completed.
- Reservoir is full. Crews will reevaluate later this spring to see when additional pumping will be needed to top off for the year.
- Algaecide Application – the village has been granted a permit to apply algaecide to the reservoir for harmful algal blooms. John is working with other communities to find out what we can expect for cost.

Wastewater

- Crews repaired 2 valves at the Sewer Treatment Plant.
- Working on the installation of a bulk tank for ferric.
- Crews have been busy draining and cleaning tanks.
- Smoke Testing – crews will begin smoke testing sanitary sewers in areas that the SSO project did not cover looking for direct connections from storm sewers.

Sanitation

- Don Patton, Lucinda Biddinger, Ted Williams and I met to discuss our policies/rules and practices for our garbage pickups, extra pickups, dumpster rentals, budget. We will come to Council with recommendations in the near future if any changes are warranted.
- We are in the process of relocating our dumpster storage over to the new lot. Crew has been busy preparing the new lot. (This is where we had all the dirt, stones and concrete moved out west of the village garage.)

Street

- Crews have been patching potholes.

Parks

- Busy cutting dead trees at the reservoir.
- New cement pad for new cabin has been poured. Cabin is ready for delivery.
- Working on new sites, where the 4 old small cabins were and to finish the seven that were added last year with the electrical upgrade.
- Forced Main/Lift Station Project – as of last Friday 8 contractors have pulled bid docs for this project. Bid opening will be on March 7, 2017 @ 11:00 am in Council Chambers.

- With the nice temps, Joe has been asked a number of times about opening the restrooms in the Parks. It is February, we will not be opening any restrooms until around the 1st of April and that is if the weather at that time permits.
- Attached is a proposal for discounted rates for the Hileman Building. If Council agrees with this proposal we will need a motion to adopt.

Other

- Surveys for Lead and Copper and the new billing software Muni Link are being mailed to all customers. We are hoping for a good response if anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office. I would like to thank everyone who has helped out with this.
- Handbook review – Mayor has been working hard on this. We have met with Mr. Bond, different department heads and employees for input on this process. We plan on meeting with department heads this week to review the handbook.
- Weather Sirens – we have a few that are not working. John Chapin is working on getting these fixed. A siren test will happen on Wednesday, March 1st @ noon.
- A closing date of March 15 is set for the purchase of the strip of land needed to build the police garage. If the paper work is done before we will move the date up.
- Zoning Map - met with Paul Tecpanecati from Poggemeyer Design Group about updating our zoning map. Paul took all the information back to the firm to begin the process. This has to be done. We need a zoning map that matches our zoning codes. There will be future zoning and planning commission meetings, public hearing and a recommendation to council for the adoption of a new map.
- CRA – an application for the CRA has been turned in by Firelands Electric. The Mayor and I met with Carol Knapp, Executive Director of Huron County Development Council to review the next steps of the process. A CRA Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 6:00 pm in Council Chambers and a recommendation will be presented to Council at the March 13th Council meeting.

There was a discussion about the proposed discounted rates for the Hileman Building. Mr. Bond stated that the list needed to have certain objective criteria and not specific organization names. Joe Thomas and Shawn Pickworth agreed to go back over the proposed list and make the necessary changes and then present the list again at the March 13, 2017 council meeting.

Myers questioned whether Carol Knapp would be attending the CRA meeting on March 6. Shawn Pickworth stated that yes she would be at the meeting.

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 Fire Chief. Fire Chief, John Chapin, asked for permission to advertise for additional Volunteer Fire Fighters. Currently, he only has 24 Volunteer Fire Fighters and he likes to have around 30.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis had nothing to report.

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

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-06 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 17-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-07 An Ordinance Amending the 2017 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Paramore made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 17-07 to be passed on an emergency measure. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Paramore, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business. There was a discussion on the vacant house sitting next to the village office. Bill Curtis stated that he noticed there are a lot of back taxes owed on that property and was worried about the village trying to acquire that property. Shawn Pickworth stated they were aware of the taxes and they are working with Mr. Bond to acquire the property for the smallest cost possible.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Curtis made a motion to allow Fire Chief, John Chapin to advertise for Volunteer Fire Fighters. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

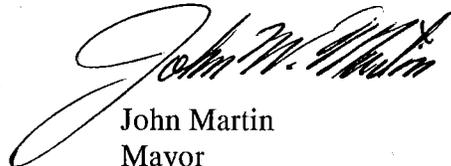
Council then scheduled a workshop to go over the proposed water rate increases. A workshop will be held in council chambers at 6 p.m. on March 13, 2017 before the regular council meeting

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor