NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 13, 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, Willis, Paramore, and Cooke. Winslow was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Bob James, Lynn Phillips, Lisa Love, Kathleen Overy and Bonnie Meyers.

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held on February 27, 2017 were then presented for approval. Paramore 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.

Bonnie Meyers stood and stated she had recently gone to a community informational meeting in Vermilion on Heroin overdose awareness. She would like to bring something similar to New London. This issue has become a huge problem and she would like to eventually hold a rally. Her goal is to get as many people involved as possible and raise drug awareness in New London. She asked council if they would provide a place to hold a meeting and what the cost would be.

Kathleen Overy then stood and asked for council's permission to put a blessing box in her front yard. This would be a permanent structure that would hold items of need for members of the community. These boxes are designed for people living paycheck to paycheck that don't qualify for other programs that give assistance. She has several residents willing to help keep the box filled with items that will be beneficial to the needs of others.

There was discussion on the legal issues of installing the box. The box cannot be placed in the tree lawn and it was determined it would have to meet zoning specifications. Council members and zoning inspector Bob James encouraged Overy to apply for a zoning permit.

Cooke asked if anyone would be able to donate items to the box. Overy stated that anyone could donate items and anyone can take items as well.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

<u>Water</u>

- Water Plant Improvement Project – Rebuilding of the filters has begun. Crews unloaded multiple semi-trucks of media last week and worked Sunday draining a set of filters preparing for crews today to begin the process of the rebuild.

- Lead & Copper Mapping – first round was submitted last week. Waiting on EPA reply.

- We would like Councils approval to purchase a truck. The new truck would replace the on call truck which has over 140,000 miles on it and that truck could then be used by Don.

Wastewater

- Crew is working on the plumbing and installation of a bulk tank for ferric.

- Don, John and Wendy attended a 6 hour class in Columbus last Thursday. The 6 hours are used toward their license renewal.

Sanitation

- Morton Building – we would like to move forward with adding 3 overhead doors to this building. This will allow us to utilize the space in the building so much better.

Street

Parks

- Forced Main/Lift Station Project – bid opening for this project was last Tuesday at 11am. Attached is a list of the bid results. We believe this project can be done at a lower cost and I am asking Council not to award a contract until we make sure we are getting the best deal we can for our Parks and Village.

- Attached is a proposal for discounted rates for the Hileman Building. If Council agrees with this proposal we will need a motion to adopt.

- Brittney Roeder is not returning to the Reservoir this year as our Campground Manager. We are in the process of accepting applications and resumes to fill this position.

- New Cabin has been delivered. Joe and Charlie are in the process of finishing the inside.

- Additional Sites – work continues to finish the 7 additional sites.

- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is April 9th from 8am – 11am @ the Hileman Building. Coloring contest & Egg coloring during the breakfast.

- 2017 Fishing Tournament will be May 13th, at the New London Reservoir. $60.00 per team. Registration is 6-7:30 am; Fishing Hours are from 7:30 am – 2:30 pm.

- No wind damage at either park from last week's wind storm.

- All the new roofs have been completed at both parks.

- We would like to ask Council permission to hire Frank Murr as a seasonal employee to mow this year. Frank has mowed for the water & sewer department for years and will continue to do so. Frank makes $10 per/hours and that is what we recommend. We would also like to recommend that Charlie Crawford be paid the same.

Other

- John, Nancy, Lucinda & Michelle had around a 3 hour conference call with Muni-Link preparing for the new billing software.

- Power Outage – all our generators worked well keeping us in business during the power outage last week. Crews had to work late because of this.

- Handbook review – Council has copies of the proposed handbook for review. A first reading is on the agenda tonight.

- Weather Sirens – John is working with Vasu to get these repaired.

- Zoning Map – Paul Tecpanecati will be here Thursday, March 16, 2017 to meet with us about the zoning map update. You have before you a copy of the contract between Poggemeyer and the Village to get this done.

- CRA – The Village of New London's CRA Housing Committee met on Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 6:00 pm in Council Chambers. (Minutes of meeting are attached) The committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Village Council to approve a 100% property tax credit for 15 years to Firelands Electric. Legislation before you tonight along with a proposed agreement between the Village and Firelands.

- Asking Councils approval to move forward with the construction of a Police Garage with a budget not to exceed $50,000.00. Attached is some information. We should close this week sometime on the land purchased for this.

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. Chief John Chapin stated there would be a statewide tornado drill on March 22, 2017 at 9:50 a.m.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported it was a slow month with only 35 runs for February. There were 25 in the Village of New London; three in New London Township; two in Ruggles Township; one in Troy Township; four in Fitchville Township. There were no Mutual Aids in February. There were five motor vehicle crashes: one in Troy, Fitchville and Ruggles Townships; and two in New London Township. There were eight Negative Transports and seven runs to the Laurels. Curtis also reported they would be hiring several new drivers and EMTs.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James had nothing to report.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-08 An Ordinance Amending the 2017 Annual Appropriation Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 17-08 to be passed on an emergency measure. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Absent; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Paramore made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-09 An Ordinance Amending and Adopting the Village's Restated Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies. First Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-10 An Ordinance Amending Section 921-10 of the Codified Ordinance, Relative to Water Rates. 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 2017-01 A Resolution Approving the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Village of New London, Ohio and Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Agreement, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 17-01to be passed on an emergency measure. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Absent; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Paramore 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.

Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to move forward with the construction of a Police Garage with a budget not to exceed $50,000.00. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for New Business.

The mayor asked if council had any questions or comments for Bonnie Meyers about drug awareness.

Curtis suggested Bonnie Meyers contact Mike DeWine's office and the Huron County Health Commissioner. He stated they would have a vast amount of information for her and they would be great to talk to.

Cooke stated council would be able to come up with a place for her to hold a meeting. They would make either the Hileman Building or Community Center available to her at no cost.

Curtis made a motion to hire Frank Murr at $10 per hour as a seasonal employee to mow for the Parks and Recreation department and to increase Charlie Crawford's pay to $10 per hour. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to move forward with adding three overhead doors to the Morton Building. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Cooke made a motion to approve the following Hileman Building Donation/Discounted Rates

Inside Village Residents or Organizations/Clubs:

Rental = $300.00 per day + $100.00 deposit = $400.00
$100 security deposit will be returned within 30 days after rental. Building must pass inspection.

Non-Profit (501C3) – Rental waived 1 time per calendar year any additional rentals are at full price.

- Donations to cover the cost of utilities appreciated.

Funerals - $150.00

Funeral Dinners - $100.00

Benefits (Terminal Illness or Accident) - $100.00

New London Local Schools – Rental waived for school functions.

Outside Village Residents or Organizations/Clubs:

Rental = $300.00 per day + 100 deposit = $400.00
$100 security deposit will be returned within 30 days after rental. Building must pass inspection.

Non-Profit (5013C) – Full price of building rental.

Funerals - $200.00

Funeral Dinners - $150.00

Benefits (Terminal Illness or Accident) - $150.00

**Organizations/Clubs that Camp or utilize park grounds = Building Rentals + $16 per campsite. (Any damage done to park by equipment/vehicles and will be charged $25.00 per hour + materials for repairs.)

**Auctions that utilize park grounds = Building Rentals + $250.00 (Auctions are liable for any damage done to park by equipment/vehicles and will be charged $25.00 per hour + materials for repairs.)

****Special Events****

Rec. Park & Reservoir

- $250/day for park rental on top of the Hileman Building rental. Camping is not included. The event holder must still let the public into the park free of charge to use park facilities.
- Setup fees – a $20.00 per hour per employee and $25.00 hour for equipment will be charged. (For setting up tents, fences, etc.)
- Amphitheater Rental - $200/day.
- If the Reservoir has to be closed down for an event there will be a $100/day fee.

Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Curtis made a motion to approve the purchase of a new on-call truck to be paid out of the Water and Sewer Funds. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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. Paramore made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Paramore – yes; Winslow – absent; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

John Martin then presented the Then and Now monthly bills for approval under Schedule C. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule C. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

John Martin
Mayor