

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, May 22, 2017 @ 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, Paramore, and Winslow. Cooke was absent.

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

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 May 8, 2017 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Winslow made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements.

Ellen Simmons stated that the flowers down town had come from the Community Club and she wanted to thank the Village of New London for placing them.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water leak at 105 Park Ave. was repaired.
  
- Crew has begun a small waterline replacement project that will involve the following streets; Blake Street, White Street, Prospect Street.
  
- John, Don met with a company rep. on repairs needed on a platform in the water tower.

Wastewater

- No major issues.

Sanitation

- Old garbage truck is back in the shop getting a new steering box installed.
  
- Mowing abandoned properties. Many have been mowed and more letters have been sent out.

Street

- Brush pile has been ground up and hauled away. This cost us \$4900.00 to have this done and we receive no funds for this.

- Added a handicap spot on Railroad Street. There has been a request to add a handicap spot near the Wildcat Café. I would want Council thoughts and approval on this. It would reduce the parking on the north side of St. Rt. 162 by one spot.
- More potholes to patch.

### Parks

- Asking Council permission to sell beer at Rockin the Rez event in July.
- Construction of the new pavilion at the reservoir will be starting May 23.
- The batting cages at the park are up and running.
- Charley and Frank are doing a great job keeping up with the mowing so far this year.
- Rockin the Rez is July 8 and the bands start at 2 p.m. with fireworks to follow at the conclusion of the concert.
- There will be a pancake breakfast at the New London Reservoir from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday, May 28, 2017.

### Other

- New roof on Fire Department has been completed.
- Asking Council permission to take equipment that is no longer needed to the county auction that will be held June 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a good opportunity to clean up equipment that hasn't been used in years.

Steve Bond asked if any of the items in the auction would be worth over \$1,000.00. Shawn Pickworth stated that there may be some. Mr. Bond replied that anything being sold for over \$1,000 would need an ordinance. Shawn said he would get a list together so they could determine which items would need to be included in the ordinance.

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 absent.

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 2017-15 An Ordinance Amending Section 131.11 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Fire Department Fees. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Resolution 2017-04 A Resolution Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. First Reading. Paramore made a motion to approve the first reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

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John Martin stated he would like to have the pine tree removed that is located by the Veteran's Memorial. The reason he would like this tree removed is because a lot of sap accumulates on the monument stones in addition to a huge amount of pine cones and pine needles that are in constant need of cleanup. The Mayor reported that he had received some notices from people in support of letting the tree stay. One reason some residents do not want it to be removed is because they think it may be one of 30 original pine trees planted at the time the old school building was built. The school building has since been torn down. Other residents simply think it is a beautiful tree and don't want to see it taken down.

Janice Myers asked if the tree was structurally safe. The Mayor replied that it hasn't been checked for that but the Village would get a reduced price on removing the tree because there are other trees that need to be taken down so they would remove it at the same time they are removing the others.

Marion Paramore asked how the village could determine if the pine tree was one of the 30 original pine trees that were planted. The Mayor was not sure how that could be determined. Paramore stated he did not want to see it be removed.

Ellen Simmons then spoke and said the pine tree had been there since she was just a little girl and she couldn't see removing a perfectly healthy tree.

Janice Myers stated she would like to go see the tree first before she could make a decision on whether it should go or stay. John Martin stated the tree was not on library property. It is on Village property so whatever council decides will be fine. The library does not care if the tree is removed. Marion Paramore requested the tree be examined to see if it is a safety hazard or not.

Council members determined they would meet at the Veteran's Memorial Park at the conclusion of the council meeting to examine the pine tree. John Martin ended the conversation by thanking the Girl Scouts for all their hard work at the Memorial Park.

Mayor John Martin then reminded council members they were invited to the Welcome Luncheon for Father Kishore from the Catholic Church. He stated the luncheon was being held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the Community Center.

Curtis made a motion to allow the Eagles to sell beer at Rockin the Rez on July 8, 2017. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to sell various items worth under \$1,000 at the County Auction that is being held on June 10, 2017. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Paramore made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to add one handicap parking spot near the Wildcat Café. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Shawn Pickworth reminded council about the Public Hearing being held on June 12, 2017 at 6 p.m. in council chambers before the regular council meeting that evening. The hearing is being held to discuss the new zoning map.

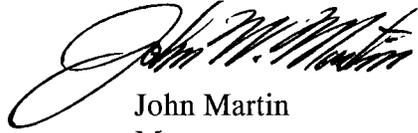
John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Myers made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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



Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer



John Martin  
Mayor