

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, June 12, 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 Winslow. Cooke was absent.

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

John Martin asked council's approval to amend the agenda to include an executive session to consider the investigation of complaints against a Village employee. Myers made a motion to amend the agenda to include the executive session. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

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

The minutes from the May 22, 2017 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the minutes. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the June 5, 2017 special meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting. Curtis 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 – John Chapin met with representatives from the OEPA Friday, June 9, 2017 in Columbus to discuss information about the PTI.

- HABS Sonde Equipment Training – the water department held an in house training for the new Sonde Equipment. This equipment was purchased with a grant from the OEPA and is used to detect HABS in our reservoir.

- New water service was installed on Chenango Rd.

- Water Tower Repairs – we are going to have a platform rebuilt inside the water tower that is presently a safety issue and repairs made to the cement base of the tower. Repairs are expected to cost around \$10,000.00 - \$12,000.00.

Wastewater

- A storm sewer was repaired on New London Ave.

- We will be ordering materials for the forced main project. I would like Councils approval to be able to use the CSX fund for purchasing the materials then replace it with the OWDA funds for the project. All money will returned to the CSX fund.

Sanitation

- Old Garbage – 2 new steering boxes have been installed. It now has new steering boxes on both sides. Truck is back in service.

Street

- Nothing major to report.

Parks

- New pavilion is looking really good. Ceiling is scheduled to be installed this week. What a great addition to our parks and recreation! Thank You to all who donated that allowed this project to happen. Special thanks to New State Roofing and BCU Electric.
- Reservoir Park and Campground has been busy. A lot of beach goers this past weekend.
- Frank & Charlie are doing a great job keeping up with the mowing.
- Putt Putt Course – concrete for the new putt putt course has been poured. Thank You RWW Masonry, Bob & Bobby Wilson for donating the labor for this project. Hopefully the course will be complete in the next couple of weeks.
- “Rockin the Rez Concert” is coming up July 8th. \$10.00 all day! Bands start at 2 PM, Fireworks at 10:00 PM. Reservoir is full but there is camping available at our Recreation Park. Call 419-929-8609 to make your reservations.
- Batting Cages – repairs have been made to both batting cages. Up and running.
- Recreation Park – has been very busy with Little League, Girls Softball games. Please slow down when driving through our parks.
- Motocross Race – July 25th will be our first race of the season.
- Next Park Board Meeting will be on June 26, 2017 @ 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Other

- Compost Facility – OEPA annual inspection was done on Thursday, June 8, 2017. We have some standing water issues that need to be addressed at the facility. Anyone who would like finished compost for gardens, flower beds, farm fields please call and make arrangements for pickup. We also have woodchips that can be used as mulch in your flower beds or gardens.

- Mosquito spraying – crews sprayed for the first time this season last week. We would like to spray again this week weather providing. If there is above a 50% chance of rain in the forecast within the following 24 hours of spraying, spraying will be cancelled. The cost of the spray is too high to waste.
- Items were taken to auction at the Huron County Fairgrounds this past weekend. I have not heard how much things sold for or our total amount.
- Crews continue to mow properties around town.

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 reported to council that he had received a grant from the State Fire Marshall's Office for gear in the amount of \$7,450.00. The fire department is currently in the process of replacing all their protective equipment. Gear is only good for 10 years and then it is required to be replaced. He told council they would be voting on an ordinance later in the council meeting that would allow the village to obtain financing to update the rest of the protective equipment that the grant does not cover. John also informed council that the fire fighters had participated in extrication training and he requested permission to hire two more volunteer fire fighters. He would like to hire Alex Fannin and Ashley Anderson. Ashley has attended EHOVE and has all of her certifications but she won't be 18 until July. John asked council to approve her with an effective date in July. Lastly, John asked permission to allow the mayor to enter into a dispatching contract with the Huron County Sheriff's Office for police and fire. Bill Curtis asked if we would need an ordinance for that. Mr. Bond stated yes there should be an ordinance allowing the dispatching contract.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported there were 44 runs for May. There were 21 in the Village of New London; four in New London Township; two in Ruggles Township; nine in Troy Township; five in Fitchville Township. There were three Mutual Aids; one in Wakeman and two in Greenwich. There were five motor vehicle crashes: one in Ruggles, two in Troy and two in Fitchville. There were 14 Negative Transports and three runs to the Laurels.

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

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-17 An Ordinance Amending the 2017 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2017-17 to be passed on an emergency measure. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; 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 2017-18 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into Contracts for the Acquisition of Firefighter Turnout Gear, and for Financing to Fund this Purchase, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2017-18 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis 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. 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 called for Old Business.

John Martin stated there was no word at this time on a resolution on the sidewalks or railroad crossing on West Main Street.

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Myers made a motion to allow the village administrator to use CSX money to be able to purchase materials for the Force Main Project at the reservoir in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. This money will be paid back to the CSX fund with OWDA funds received for the project. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Curtis made a motion to hire Alex Fannin effective immediately and Ashley Anderson effective July 7, 2017 as volunteer fire fighters. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The mayor gave the following State of the Village address

State of the Village 2017

Introduction

I. Fiscal Report

1. 2016 Total Revenues: \$5,239,632.04
2. 2016 Total Expenses: \$5,153,450.16
3. 2016 Reserve: \$86,181.88

II. Departments

A. Water Department

1. 1 million gallons are treated daily
 - 550,000 gallons to Lorain Rural Water
 - 120,000 gallons to Northern Ohio Rural Water
 - 330,000 gallons to the Village and township
2. Hired Poggemeyer Design Group for engineering of the Water Plant Improvement Project. At present, the Village has secured \$599,372 in OPWC funding. The total project is estimated at \$2,100,000. This project has been split up to allow us to rebuild the filters ahead of the main project.
3. Radio-read water meters are 98% installed with approximately 10 more (mostly larger) meters to be installed.
4. On a lighter note, the water department is making billing and bill paying easier by bringing electronic availability (on-line/internet) into play for those who would like to sign up for it. This new process should be in place by June 1, 2017. Any questions should be directed to the Village Offices.

B. Sewer Department

1. SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow) on High Street and Birch Park Drive Storm Sewer Projects were completed.
2. Sewer Plant
 - Repaired 2 valves located 22 feet underground.
 - Began the process of installing bulk ferric.
 - Built a cover over the UV tank.
3. Storm Sewers
 - Replaced a section of storm sewer line on East Street between New London Avenue and Birch Park Drive
 - Storm sewer replaced through Eastman's Funeral Home property
 - Section of storm sewer replaced on Euclid Road

Street/Sanitation Departments

1. Looking into funding to repave a couple streets as funds are limited. We cannot take from other departmental budgets as those budgets are earmarked for those departments only. The Village is thinking about asking for a street levy being put on the November 2017 ballot. The following streets needing done are as follows, but not in any specific order to be completed:
 - a. Pearl Street
 - b. Johnson Drive
 - c. Newkirk Street
 - d. South Railroad Street
 - e. North Railroad Street
 - f. Birch Park Drive extension
 - g. New London Ave and extension
 - h. West Washburn Street
2. Recycling – still working to get funding and grant for recycling trailer
2. Salt on hand is better as the Village is purchasing road salt through ODOT for on-hand availability.
3. 4 new 6-yard dumpsters purchased
4. Lot west of the Village garage finished and sanitation operation moved to it
5. New doors installed with new floor poured at the City Garage

C. Recreation/Reservoir Parks

The Parks Department operates without any operating funds and relies on monies received from various festivities hosted by the parks, camping and recreational use of the recreation park and reservoir

1. Forced Main Sewer Project
OWDA funding received to install a lift station at the reservoir with a forced main back to the recreation park which will run next to the water main from rec park to the reservoir
2. All 4 of the smaller cabins were sold at bid and the monies received from the sale allowed us to purchase an additional large cabin on the water and freed-up 4 seasonal campground sites along with 7 additional new sites with electric and water. At this time, there are 89 seasonal sites, 27 primitive sites and 3 cabins.
3. The follow events are slated for the Parks:
 - a. Fishing Derby
 - b. F.A.R.M. Tractor Show
 - c. Rockin' the Res concert - bands and fireworks are scheduled
 - d. Float Fly-In is set
 - e. Labor Day Festival is in the planning stage
 - f. Recreation Park Gun Raffle planned for November
 - g. Christmas Lane in the Park

D. Fire Department

At present, the New London Fire Department has 27 volunteer firefighters with 2 additional firefighters to be added by July 2017 and they are as follows:

1 chief, 1 assistant chief, 3 captains, 3 lieutenants and 19 firefighters with an average of 9 firefighters responding per fire

1. In 2016, 84 calls were made which included mutual aid calls and assist calls with Firelands Ambulance
2. For 2017 the fire department would like to purchase a medium duty rescue vehicle

F. Police Department

The New London Police Department has 16 officers on staff and they are as follows:

1 Chief of Police, 1 lieutenant and 3 other full time officers, 3 part-time officers and 8 reserve officers

1. The Police Department has answered 3,420 calls in 2016 averaging 10 calls daily which is 2,824 service calls including executing 3 search warrants for drug-related incidents, 340 traffic stops, 195 assisting Firelands Ambulance and 61 assists to other police/sheriffs' departments
2. All officers have 1,000 hours of continued professional training
3. 3,730 hours were donated by NLPD reserve officers
4. Most importantly, all NLPD officers wear body cameras and activate them during all interactions with the public, be it a traffic stop, family disturbance, school issue, dog dispute. This has been proven to show the police officers of New London have been courteous, thorough and helpful and without forceful tactics unless provoked.
5. The NLPD has a popular Facebook page with over 3,500 friends (New London PD) and urges everyone to become friends and read the daily "Police Blotter".
6. Village Council has approved purchasing a garage for the Police department which will be located on the landscaped area east of the Village parking lot. The garage will support the Police vehicles, 2 dog kennels and additional room for evidence and property.

The Village of New London had received much damage to various, village owned roofs resulting from a hail storm in June of 2016. The hail storm damaged 17 roofs at a cost of \$128,000, in which the insurance paid 100%. All buildings have been repaired.

IV. In conclusion:

In closing, I would just like to say the Village is doing good as a whole. To keep New London prosperous, we need to remain as a town that supports all community activities, festivals and other interests.

With that being said, here is a little history of New London.

Last year, the Village celebrated its 200th year of the first cabin built by John Corey settling here in 1816.

The New London Public Library celebrated its first 100 years July 15, 1916 to July 15, 2016.

The Terry Wilson Observation Deck, at the New London Reservoir, was dedicated April 21, 2016.

The upgraded Veterans Memorial was dedicated Veteran's Day, November 11, 2016.

Join with me this year to help make this another memorable year for New London.

Thank you!

John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Myers made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Winslow 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. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Paramore – yes; Winslow – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – absent; Myers – disqualify herself.

Paramore made a motion that council go into Executive Session to consider the investigation of complaints against a Village employee. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – Paramore – yes; Winslow – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – absent; Myers – yes.

Curtis made a motion that council go back into regular session. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – Paramore – yes; Winslow – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – absent; Myers – yes.

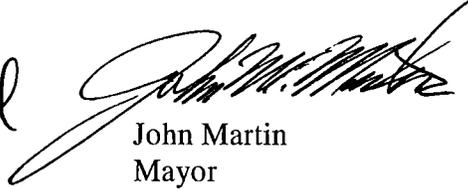
Mayor John Martin stated before council adjourns he would like to let council know he would be going to a Mayors Conference June 14-16. All attendees were asked to bring a door prize to the conference. The mayor

had a homemade wooden gavel and a \$200 gift certificate to the New London Reservoir Campgrounds that he wanted to give as door prizes but he wanted council's thoughts. Council agreed both items were very nice door prizes.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor

