

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, June 26, 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, Cooke, Paramore, and Winslow. Willis was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Lynn Phillips, Bob James, Marvin McCallister, Mike Crabbs, Brad Booth, Joe Thomas and Don Patton.

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

The minutes from the June 12, 2017 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – Paramore – yes; Winslow – yes; Willis – absent; Curtis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – yes.

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 – no word yet from the OEPA on either funding or PTI.
- Water Line Project – working on connecting the waterlines from White Ave. to Prospect Street. Line is completed to the intersection of Prospect Street & Blake Street. The crew plans on crossing Prospect sometime this week and we must close the road for the day to do this.
- New water services installed on Chenango Rd. and Townline 187.

Wastewater

- New pump to be installed at the EQ basin.
- Clarifier Issues – new parts on order needed to repair.
- Working on catch basins.

Sanitation

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday – **Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.** All others will remain the same.
- White Garbage Truck – repairs made to hydraulic lines.

Street

- Nothing major to report.

## Parks

- **“Rockin the Rez”** – July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. First band on at 2:00 PM. Fireworks at 10:00 PM. Band Line up – KK Farnsworth, 1990 Something, Roxy Mae, Dirty Deeds AC/DC Tribute Band. \$10.00 per person all day. Park Board met tonight to discuss final preparations for this event.
- Concert Pavilion is complete.
- Continue to work on the new Putt – Putt course.
- Beach has been busy with the hot temp. Kids are loving the water toys. Adults are liking the new pavilion to be able to sit in the shade.
- ATV Motocross Race – the race was canceled due to low numbers; a practice was held instead. The practice brought in \$390.00 and \$45.00 on shirt sales.
- The Dr. Bobs Campout was this past weekend. The numbers were a little low but everything went well.
- Reservoir Camping has been steady. The cabins are rented out every weekend and we have some reserved during the week.
- We would like Councils approval to hold another concert on September 30, 2017. This will be a country concert and Joe has already gotten 4 bands to play. This would be run the same as Rockin the Rez, \$10.00 admission, food, vendors and beer tent. We do not plan on having fireworks unless we could find a sponsor/sponsors. Bands would be USA COUNTRY, MATT GOODRICH, THE DEVAULT RIDGE BAND, MONICA ROBINS.

## Other

- Police Garage – found out today that prints are ready to be picked up at Richland County Building Department.
- Employee Evaluations- evaluations will be done by next council meeting. I will email the results and ask council to consider raises for village employees.
- Computer Upgrades – almost complete. Phone system to be installed next.
- CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant – we have been working on a possible project that would involve new sidewalks and lighting in our downtown area. I was notified last week that we cannot do both per grant application. We must choose between sidewalks or lighting. Right now, I have asked Poggemeyer Design Group to separate the work and give me an estimate total for each one of these. This is a non-competitive grant that can be submitted anytime but are only reviewed once a quarter. This grant is for a maximum of \$300,000.00 with a 10% match and up to \$20,000.00 administrative fees. Once we get the total estimates we will need to decide on what to do first.

- Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. The Village Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ellen Simmons asked if the country concert had a name. Joe Thomas stated it would be called Country Roads Music Fest.

Stuart Cooke asked how much a sponsorship would cost to cover the fireworks for the Country Roads Music Fest. Joe Thomas replied that he felt \$2,000 would be enough to provide a nice fireworks display.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko reported they had a drug overdose/death which is now under criminal investigation. They want to find out who the supplier is. Chief has contacted the people he knows. He wants to charge the supplier. Chief stated that he wanted to get to the bottom of this because no parent should ever have to bury a child. He wants to stop this. Chief urged people that if they see something say something. If the police department can't handle something, they have resources available to help them and they would make sure that no one would ever be put in harm's way by reporting anything. Chief also reported the Columbus police department notified him of some cases of marijuana laced with Fentanyl and chief wanted to let everyone know it would absolutely be making its way up here. They had not seen any cases yet, but chief wanted to make everyone aware because he believes they will.

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 but said he would have a report for the next meeting.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he had a couple things. The first one was on a property on First Street. He has been trying to work with them for a couple of years. He has turned it over to the police department and there were a couple citations issued. He also has a property on West Washburn that he has turned over to the police. Bob also reported that the Zoning and Planning Commission had voted to pass the zoning map with the changes with the exception of the Sword property on Park Avenue and the White property on Grove Street.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-19 An Ordinance Amending the 2017 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Paramore made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2017-19 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 2017-20 An Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of the Contracts with the County Sheriff to Conduct Dispatching Services for the Village Police Department and Fire Department and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2017-20 to be passed on an emergency measure. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; 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 presented Resolution 2017-04 A Resolution Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Third Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the third reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business.

Bill Curtis asked if the mayor had heard anything from the railroad about the West Main Street crossing. John Martin stated he had not heard anything and he was going to take it to the next step and he would be getting with Mr. Bond to see how they should proceed.

John Martin then called for New Business.

John Martin stated when the employee handbook had recently been revised, he had forgotten an ordinance about the employee clothing allowance. He asked for council to amend the employee handbook to allow the clothing allowance to be included. Myers made a motion to amend the employee handbook. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Myers made a motion to allow Joe Thomas to hold the Country Roads Music Fest on September 30, 2017. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Joe Thomas invited everyone to come to the reservoir at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, 2017 for the dedication of the new pavilion and the presentation of the memorial bench for Dale Grospitch and Al Young. (The time was later changed to 2 p.m. for the ceremony.)

A Public Hearing was scheduled to take place on August 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to consider revisions to the zoning map. Curtis made a motion to accept the date for the Public Hearing. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

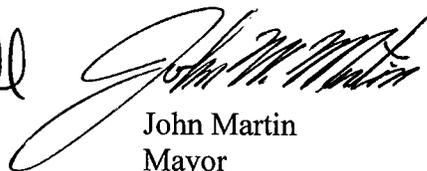
Myers asked if council should set up a workshop to learn how to use their new tablets. Shawn Pickworth stated he would like to check on a few things and make sure everything is set up first before they schedule a workshop.

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

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



Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer



John Martin  
Mayor