

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, July 24, 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, Winslow and Cooke. Willis and Paramore were absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Lynn Phillips, John Chapin, Joe Thomas, John Longbrake, Bob James and Marvin McCallister.

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held on July 10, 2017 were then presented for approval. Myers 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. There were none.

John Martin then called for a report from John Chapin in the absence of Village Administrator, Shawn Pickworth.

John reported the following.

John stated they had put in two new catch basins, one on Akron Street and one on Walnut and South Railroad. They hired Bob Wilson to rebuild the sludge pits at the waste water treatment plant. He did a really nice job and John wanted to thank him for that. John then reported that they are in the season to start monitoring for algae. They have been testing all winter long. Recently they did experience a small algae bloom. The reservoir was treated at the east end and everything is now fine. John also reported the Village had been approved for a loan for the Water Treatment Plant expansion which is really good news. John stated he would let Shawn Pickworth share more information at the next council meeting. They are working with the engineers but they still do not have a Permit to Install from the EPA. Lastly, John explained they would be striping the uptown area parking spaces. There will be cones set up there and John apologized for any inconvenience to village residents.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko posted his personal cell phone number on the white board at the front of the room. He stated if something happens or anyone has a question, someone isn't happy after they have called the police department or they don't understand what is going on to please call him. He carries it with him at all times and it is always on.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin stated they had some good training out at the reservoir

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis had nothing to report other than the ambulance is now certified to do training in house and they are working on getting all their structures up to date so they can do all their training in house.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James reported that he had sent letters to five residents giving them 30 days to come into compliance with the property maintenance ordinance. If the property owners do not come into compliance, he will turn them over to the police department to issue citations.

Mayor John Martin asked what day the letters had been sent out. Bob James stated he had sent the letters out on June 30.

Bill Curtis asked whose responsibility it was to mow the alley behind the downtown businesses. Bob James stated it is the property owner's responsibility. Curtis noticed the weeds are getting really high. Bob said he would talk to the owners about it.

John Martin then called for Old Business.

Curtis asked Mayor John Martin if he had heard anything from the railroad. John Martin stated he had met with ODOT and they talked about getting the curb line on West Main Street striped and they will go up to but not over the tracks on both sides. They also stated they were going to talk to CSX concerning possibly building up the ground next to Firelands Electric to bring it up to a more level area. That way there will not be a drop off. He stated he is waiting to see where that goes. He has not received anything yet. He is waiting for a little more input. He believes they are moving in a positive direction.

John Martin then asked Joe if he would share a report on the parks.

- Joe Thomas stated they had over 1100 people attend the Rockin the Rez concert on July 8. It was a beautiful day full of great music, food and fireworks. The next concert is scheduled for September 30. The Country Roads Music Fest will start with the first band at 2 p.m. and will end at 10 p.m. He is hoping for another great show.
- The farm show was July 22-23. Paul Lorcher, the president of the club, said it was a good weekend. The rain on Saturday hurt them a little bit but it was still a good weekend.
- Joe stated labor Day will be here before we know it. Weekend passes are on sale at the Village Office and the hardware store. All Labor Day camping needs to be paid for by August 1.
- There were a couple trees down at the parks from a storm over the weekend. Joe and Charlie worked most of Monday morning picking up downed branches.
- If anyone is interested, gun raffle tickets are available. The gun raffle is scheduled for November 4 at the Hileman Building. Tickets are \$10 per ticket or 6 for \$50.

Myers asked how much money did Rockin the Rez bring in after all the bills were paid. Joe stated that not counting the camping, he thinks they were at about a \$4,000 profit. He said not having to rent the stage this year helped a lot. Cooke asked how it compared to past years. Joe stated they basically just broke even on past years but he thinks they had about 300 or 400 more people there this year and previous years they had a stage rental. Camping was way up this year too. Joe stated it is one of his favorite events to put on.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Winslow asked if there was any new status on the CIC loan on the observation deck. Mayor John Martin stated he had not heard anything new at this time. He said it was still where it was since the last time they talked.

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

John Martin asked if there was anything else to be brought before council before he asked for an adjournment.

John Longbrake stood and said he had submitted paperwork to the village for the American Legion to do the beer tent for the Labor Day Festival. He was told it would have to be approved by council. He stated he had turned the paperwork in to the police chief who filled out his part. Chief gave the paperwork to Shawn Pickworth who filled out his part. He stated he needed to turn the paperwork in because it needs to be turned in 30 days prior to the event.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow the American Legion to serve beer at the park at the Labor Day Festival. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

~~John Martin~~ Stuart Cooke
~~Mayor~~ Council President
Mayor absent

