

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Thursday, December 28, 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, Winslow, Cooke and Paramore.

Also present: Chief Marko, Ellen Simmons, John Chapin, and Don Patton.

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

The minutes from the December 11, 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.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements.

John Chapin wished everyone a Happy New Year.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Plant Improvement Project - we have received a PTI & Plan Approval from the OEPA. Tentative schedule moving forward with this project is as follows; Advertisement for Bids – February 15, 2018, Bid Opening - March 29, 2018, Construction to Begin – April 30, 2018.
- Water Plant was down due to frazzle ice starting Christmas night around 11:00 pm through Tuesday morning around 7:30 am. Crews had to switch over to Rural Lorain Water during this time. Both plants are back in operation.

Wastewater

- Forced Main Project – lift station and valve vault is set. Met with Firelands Electric about the electrical upgrade that they will do. Crews expected to continue installing the rest of the pipe next week. We were able to get an extension from the OWDA on our funding until April 1, 2018.
- EQ Basin – a pump & motor was removed and taken in for repair.

Sanitation

- Garbage Truck – new truck is in the shop for brake repairs. We keep losing air that supplies the brakes.

Street

- Winter is here, please be careful driving during winter events. Crews will do their best to keep intersections clear of snow and ice. Remember when it snows two inches or more, please remove your vehicles from the streets. We need to be able to plow. Cars on the streets make that very hard to do.

Parks

- Lots of dead trees being removed by crews. This was the number 1 concern from seasonal campers this past year.
- Council has information before them on the parks and the rates that are being proposed for reservoir camping rates.

Other

- GIS (Geographical Information System) – project expected to begin by mid-January.
- Asset Management – the OEPA is requiring all municipalities to have a “Asset Management” program for our water and sewer departments in place by October 1, 2018.
- Farming Contract – We are taking bids for our farm ground. This will be a 5-year contract for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022. Bids must be received by 12:00 Noon on January 19, 2018. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
- Passports – we would like Councils permission to discontinue this. All we need to do is send a letter stating that the Village no longer wishes to do this and send our supplies back.
- 2017 was another busy year here in the Village and 2018 is already shaping up to be even busier, especially in the Water & Sewer Departments. We have 4 major projects that will be happening all at once in these departments. GIS, Asset Management, Back Flow & the Water Plant Improvement Project and this all being done on top of our daily activities. Our Sanitation Department continues to grow with new customers every year and there is always a demand on dumpster rentals. The Street Department is hoping to get some funding that will allow us to pave a street or two during the summer. Our parks and recreation will start gearing up for another year of fun at both our Reservoir Park & Campgrounds and our Recreation Park. We will continue to pursue funding for our downtown lighting and sidewalks.
- I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I would like to wish everyone a Very Happy New Year.

Bill Curtis asked if the village would be getting a few more dumpsters.

Shawn Pickworth answered that they would like to. We bought three last year. We would like to buy, depending on funds, a few more this year and put wheels on them. As fast as we get them in, they are getting rented out. There is always somebody waiting to get a dumpster.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he had nothing to report except he will have some figures from 2017 for council at the next council meeting.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin stated he will have figures for council as well. Last year the fire department got called out 84 times and that was a record. This year we are at 92 with a couple days left to go. Also, I received a letter of resignation from one of our fire fighters, Ashley Anderson. She moved out of the jurisdiction. He asked council to accept her resignation.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported that at the next meeting he would have a full report and year-end report for council.

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

John Martin inquired whether council wanted to cover the parks now or wait for old business. They decided to wait until Old Business.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-32 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of New London to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Paramore made a motion to approve the second reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-33 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Fitchville to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the second reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-34 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Clarksfield to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-35 An Ordinance Amending the 2017 Annual Appropriation Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Paramore made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2017-35 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-36 An Ordinance Amending the 2017 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2017-36 to be passed on an emergency measure. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Paramore made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2017-37 An Ordinance Adopting the 2018 Temporary Annual Appropriation for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Paramore made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2017-37 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; 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 called for Old Business.

Bill Curtis stated they needed to discuss the rates for the reservoir campground.

Shawn Pickworth stated that everyone got a handout. What Joe did in 2017 is in a column and it is about three pages long. It shows the rates that were paid in 2017 and 2018 is the proposed rates that he would like to raise the rates to. If you look down the columns you can see most everything goes up. Now the last page, council asked for what are we paying out in our bills and Joe put that together for you. What we paid out in electric last year was \$24,000. Payroll was \$43,000. Phone and internet was \$5,000. Gas and Diesel was \$5,000. Health Department fees were \$1,200. Insurance was \$2,000. Equipment repair was \$12,000. Building and land repairs was \$16,000. The total expenditures were \$108,200. Our camping revenue, and this includes everything, was \$150,300. We profited \$42,100. If you look up in the little gray box beside it, it breaks it down by water and electric campers and full hookup campers. We have 33 water and electric and we have 57 full hookups. In 2017 we made \$131,000 off the camping for those. In 2018 with what is proposed to raise it \$200, we would make \$149,700.

Bill Curtis asked about the forced sewer line project at the reservoir.

Shawn Pickworth replied that it would be \$15,000 a year.

Bill Curtis asked if that was the most the payment would be.

Shawn Pickworth replied yes.

Janice Myers stated the reservoir also needed two new mowers.

Shawn Pickworth replied yes to her as well.

Janice Myers then asked about some electric upgrades that Shawn had talked about before that he had gotten a price on.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they had gotten a price but that was something that didn't need done right away, but it would be nice to do some day.

Stuart Cooke stated that he didn't see anything here on water usage.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they figured up the water and sewer and if you took those permanent campers that we have, it would be \$10 a month.

Stuart Cooke asked if that was for water and sewer.

Shawn Pickworth said that was for water and sewer. Now if we earmark that money and we put a water and sewer rate and we collect that money for water and sewer then that money would go to the water and sewer department. And that's what we're collecting it for.

Stuart Cooke asked how many gallons did the parks use last year?

Shawn Pickworth started to say how many gallons they averaged but then let John Chapin answer.

John Chapin stated that what they did was look at the last three years and the very highest usage was 79,000. We rounded that up to 80. We took our current rates for water and sewer, added them together and divided by 90 which is the number of campers there are. We came up with \$9.12 per site per month.

Stuart Cooke replied that he was figuring up electric and at \$24,000 at 57 campers at six months and that is \$70 a month for electric that the campers use.

John Chapin replied that he thought there were 90 campers.

Shawn Pickworth verified that there were 90 campers. You have 57 full hookups and 33 water and electric. Now you have to understand that we use electric for other things.

Stuart Cooke stated he understood that and that would lower it down to \$40 or \$45 a month. So in six months you are looking at \$250 of what they are charging for the season is for electric. Now you have water and sewer is \$55 or \$60 a month times six so you are at \$360. Does the village do garbage pick-up out there?

Shawn Pickworth stated they had dumpsters.

Stuart Cooke replied so we are doing garbage pickup. So you have garbage pickup on top of that. So now you are \$400 or \$450 say a year on the average that is coming out of the total of what campers are paying and it's at \$1,300 right now?

Shawn Pickworth replied yes but everybody pays the air conditioner fee. We added the air conditioner because everybody pays it. Everybody has air conditioning out there. They all pay that \$150.

Stuart Cooke stated so there's \$150 added?

Shawn Pickworth confirmed that the \$150 was added on.

Janice Myers questioned if it was \$150 per season added on.

Shawn Pickworth stated yes per season, if you have an air conditioner. And what we did is we are taking the air conditioner fee out anyway and just adding it into the regular rates instead of having it separated.

Stuart Cooke wanted to verify that there wouldn't be an air conditioning fee.

Shawn Pickworth replied no because everybody has one.

Janice Myers stated on here it says electric bill for rez. Is that the reservoir only electric bill?

Shawn Pickworth stated that would be the reservoir only electric bill.

Janice Myers asked why didn't we include the other park since it all comes out of one fund?

Shawn Pickworth replied that it is coming out of one fund but that is separate.

Janice Myers said but that would come off of the bottom line right?

Shawn Pickworth agreed yes if you add the rec park electric. This is just for the reservoir.

It was explained that Joe thought council wanted to compare the expenses solely for the reservoir park.

Janice Myers stated that since it all was part of one fund she felt it should all be included.

Shawn Pickworth stated the reservoir is metered separate.

Stuart Cooke stated I think that money is being used because the parks really don't have a way of income. That money is being used to subsidize the recreation parks but I think for coming up with what we should do on camping, I think this is mainly what camping is using.

Shawn Pickworth said yes.

Stuart Cooke stated he didn't think they should be taking what the rec is doing to figure out what the reservoir camping fees should be.

Bill Curtis asked when we said employees that came out of both right?

Shawn Pickworth replied yes.

Then it was explained that Joe had figured approximately half of the recreation departments wages were from the reservoir.

Stuart Cooke said so this is half of the total wages.

Shawn Pickworth replied that yes it was.

Neil Winslow asked if this budget included any kind of payment to the loan they have to the CSX fund?

Shawn Pickworth stated yes for the cabins and that is paid back at the end of the year. It's \$2,000 a year.

Stuart Cooke wanted to verify what Joe was proposing for rates for next year. This has the full hookup rate at \$1500 right now.

Shawn Pickworth replied he was proposing \$1,700 for next year.

Stuart asked if it was at \$1,500 right now for a full hookup.

Shawn Pickworth verified that yes it was.

Stuart Cooke stated and we are doing away with the \$150 so it will be a \$50 increase from this year to next year.

Shawn Pickworth replied no it was \$1,300 but then everybody paid the \$150 so that brought it up to \$1,500 so it actually is going to be a \$200 increase because everybody paid that anyway.

Stuart Cooke wanted to verify that the \$1,500 full hook up included the \$150 air conditioner charge because it was originally \$1,350.00.

Shawn Pickworth replied yes they added in the air conditioners.

Bill Curtis stated that if he figured right with 90 full time seasonal campers its about \$30 per month per camper to cover the bill on the new sewer line. He said he was estimating but it's about \$30 a month per campsite.

Shawn Pickworth replied yes if you calculate it out.

Bill Curtis said you could probably break that down to a little less if you are figuring people are using the shower house and stuff like that because you have your primitive campers and stuff like that but it still is going to increase it at least \$20 a campsite.

Stuart Cooke said he heard there were 40 people on a waiting list right now.

Shawn Pickworth replied that yes the last he knew there was a waiting list with right around 40 people on it.

Stuart Cooke stated the way I'm seeing it is we have such a big waiting list because our rates are so cheap compared to all the surrounding areas.

Shawn Pickworth stated yes we know when the rates go up we are going to lose a few. And even on the waiting list when we call them do you want this with the new rates they may say nah no thanks. We thought it was cheaper than that. We don't know. We have no idea.

Bill Curtis replied that one thing we offer that a lot of the other campgrounds don't is you can camp there for the entire summer season, seven days a week. Most of the other campgrounds do not allow that. It's usually two weeks at a time at the most per season. Other times it is like two or three days, four days.

Stuart Cooke added he also thought it was four days out of the week that they can be out there camping. So even though their rates are say \$1,800 or \$1,900 a year, people can't stay there all year.

Bill Curtis replied that other campground rates would be a lot higher than ours when you figure that. And then Country Stage rates are going to take a huge hike because they are becoming a Jelly Stone. And they also have meters on every campsite.

Janice Myers added that they are metered so that rate doesn't even include electric. They pay electric on top of that.

Bill Curtis verified it was on top of their regular rates.

Janice Myers stated yep.

Bill Curtis went on to say it was hard to compare apples to apples.

Shawn Pickworth agreed that it was. Joe went over to Clare-Mar Lakes and he spent about two hours with that lady over there and sat down and talked with her on how she operates her campgrounds and their rates so he has put in a lot of time.

Bill Curtis stated Clare-Mar doesn't even have full hookup over there. They have a truck that comes around and pumps everyone out.

Shawn Pickworth replied that yes they have a honey wagon. For us to put meters and meter electricity where everybody would have...

Bill Curtis interjected that it would cost a fortune.

Shawn Pickworth continued by saying especially the way we are set up where we have one pedestal that two campers use a lot of times. So you would have to figure out how to divide that pedestal or put dual pedestals in.

Bill Curtis stated but we aren't even looking at that. What we are looking at is how do our rates compare to theirs.

Shawn Pickworth stated that we also have to look at what we offer and what the other campgrounds offer too as far as amenities. We have a nice reservoir.

Bill Curtis added that they have functions throughout the year. You have concerts and all this other stuff. That is another thing we discussed. If you are a seasonal camper, you automatically get two passes to the concerts.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they had discussed that and we think that's going to be a pain. Just make everybody pay. It's a special event. Make them pay.

Bill Curtis verified that if they come to the concert they pay.

Shawn Pickworth stated yes. If you are coming into the concert you're paying.

Bill Curtis said he knows a lot of them sit at their campsites and watch the concert. There is no way of blocking it off.

Shawn Pickworth agreed that they do but if they want to be a part of it, they have to come through the fence.

Stuart Cooke added that he thinks then if they aren't going to go or be able to be there that would stop people from giving their tickets to somebody else watching the concert.

Janice Myers asked will that transformer? They charge us for that?

Shawn Pickworth stated the whole electrical upgrade we are going to do out there is \$1,100. And that's part of the project. We knew that was going to happen. We discussed that two years ago and we are just now getting to that portion of it. I just had to go remind them.

Janice Myers continued by saying if we went the \$1,800... I know ...what do we need a washer, dryer?

Shawn Pickworth verified that a washer and dryer were needed.

Janice Myers said I know there are things like that that maybe we can start saving for.

Shawn Pickworth stated that Joe had gone to price washers and dryers. They are about \$1,400 apiece. Which last year we didn't have a laundry mat out there most of the year because our stuff was broke and it was old and we couldn't get parts so if we want to have a laundry mat it's going to cost us.

Bill Curtis replied that would be an amenity you would be adding too for the campers that you won't be making a ton of money off of but it will allow them to do their wash.

Shawn Pickworth agreed that they would not make a lot of money by having a laundry mat. Those change operated washer and dryers are expensive.

Janice Myers stated that well those and there are some other things you talked about doing out there.

Shawn Pickworth stated there's always something we want to do.

Janice Myers continued by saying if we went up to \$1,800 maybe it would give them a little extra money to be able to get some of these things done that they haven't been able to.

Bill Curtis said I see he has \$150 for the golf carts.

Shawn Pickworth verified that a golf cart was \$150.

Bill Curtis stated he personally thought it was cheap. More or less we want it to be more of a deterrent than to encourage. It's available if they need it for whatever reason but I think it is getting out of control when you go out there and there's ten or twelve golf carts shooting around there driving up the hill and everything. I've been out there when they've done it. It's just a matter of time before it ends up being a liability.

Shawn Pickworth went back to the camping prices and stated that the difference between the \$1,700 and \$1,800 would be \$10,000 a year, \$9,000 a year extra that we would bring in.

Stuart Cooke said he would like to see it at \$1,800 which would bring it up comparable to the surrounding areas. We don't know what they are doing with their rates but with the cost of everything going up, I'm sure they are looking at their rates seriously too.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they have to. This is where we got behind on it.

Janice Myers stated yes. We need to make money.

Shawn Pickworth said that was fine. That's what we will do. He then asked council if they were okay with the other increases he was proposing other than the golf carts. We can argue that all day. Some people charge a lot and we talked to one campground and they encourage golf carts.

Stuart Cooke asked if they raised the rates at all on the golf carts.

Shawn Pickworth stated they had never had a rate.

Janice Myers replied that they just let them bring them.

Shawn Pickworth said they decided that next year they would make them pay \$150 if they want a golf cart on top of their camping.

Janice Myers added plus they have to have proof of insurance and be licensed to drive it.

Shawn Pickworth agreed by saying it must be insured, have headlights and be licensed to drive it. The driver must be a licensed driver.

Bill Curtis stated that the golf cart must be inspected by the police department and licensed by the state of Ohio. Otherwise it is not legal to be out there.

Shawn Pickworth added that the chief does quite a few of them.

Chief Marko verified that he did.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they haul them in on trailers.

Bill Curtis stated he used to do them for the county. It's not that big of deal, it's just it makes them safe.

Stuart Cooke replied that what he thinks is being the first year that they have had a fee for golf carts, I think we ought to keep it at the \$150.

Marion Paramore wanted to verify how much more the increase in price would bring in to the reservoir.

Stuart Cooke stated that Shawn figured roughly \$10,000 more with the additional \$100 increase from \$1,700 to \$1,800.

Shawn Pickworth stated that was providing we don't lose anybody.

Council agreed that they didn't think they would lose anybody. They thought they would be able to fill all the spots.

Shawn Pickworth added that it was going to be a big increase and people aren't going to be happy about it. It is no different than raising rates in utilities. They aren't going to be happy.

Bill Curtis stated that we keep hearing about wanting to put a tax levy on for the parks. My problem is we are going to go to the public and say we want you to fund this yet we aren't raising the rates at the parks in conjunction with it.

Shawn Pickworth replied that you could look at it a couple different ways. If it wasn't for the reservoir and the campgrounds out there, we would not have a rec park because we do not generate enough money in our rec park to even pay Joe's wages let alone have any events or anything out there. So the community should be very thankful that we do have the campgrounds.

Stuart Cooke stated that the rec park ran for years and years without that reservoir and when the reservoir did come with the campgrounds they were two separate things and the rec park still made money to survive. The rec park had no full time. The person working out there was part-time.

Shawn Pickworth replied that you would have to. That's all you could afford.

Stuart Cooke agreed and said but that was how it survived before.

Shawn Pickworth said basically you have Labor Day out there and your Hileman Building rentals and with the cost of Labor Day going up, our profits haven't increased that much over the years. Basically you would have \$30,000 in your budget is what we would have in our rec park with your Hileman Building rentals. Your rec park budget is \$50,000 or less a year. That's all the money that it generates.

Stuart Cooke verified that roughly it's an increase of \$300 is what it is.

Shawn Pickworth agreed that was correct.

Stuart Cooke then continued by saying that is \$50 a month over six months.

Shawn Pickworth stated that Joe wants to get his letters out as soon as possible.

Stuart Cooke said he did not think that \$50 a month was a huge increase. Since they were getting rid of the \$150 air conditioning fee, I don't think \$50 a month is a huge increase to the camper.

Shawn Pickworth replied that he was good with it.

Bill Curtis and Janice Myers asked what Mike Willis, Marion Paramore and Neil Winslow thought.

They agreed to raise the rate to \$1,800.

Bill Curtis said it basically comes down to the park needs to take care of itself. If they can't, they're in trouble.

Bill Curtis made a motion to adopt the following Reservoir Campground 2018 fee schedule with the revision of raising the seasonal full hook-up rate to \$1,800.

2018 RATES
OPENING DAY APRIL 20

PRIMITIVE CAMPING

DAILY	\$25.00/NIGHT
WEEKLY	\$150.00/WEEK
MONTHLY	\$400.00/MONTH
SEASONAL	\$1,300.00/SEASON

WATER & ELECTRIC CAMPING

DAILY	\$35.00/NIGHT
WEEKLY	\$200.00/WEEK
MONTHLY	\$600.00/MONTH
SEASONAL	\$1,700.00/SEASON

FULL HOOK-UP CAMPING

DAILY	\$40.00/NIGHT
WEEKLY	\$300.00/WEEK
MONTHLY	\$700.00/MONTH
SEASONAL	\$1,800.00/SEASON

RATES BASED ON 2 ADULTS AND 2 KIDS (UNDER 18)

GOLF CART RATES WILL BE \$150.00 PER SEASON

1 GOLF CART PER LOT.

**GOLF CART MUST BE INSURED, HAVE HEADLIGHTS, AND LICENSE DRIVER
THESE RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.**

1ST OFFENSE WILL HAVE YOUR GOLF CART IMPOUNDED.

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

John Martin asked if there was any other discussion of the park or reservoir. There was none.

John Martin then stated he had not received any letters of intent for any resident in the village to occupy the seat on the zoning and planning commission. That letter of intent is needed in my office by January 6, 2018. So if you have anyone that you feel might be interested, if you would talk with them, any of you. I would appreciate that.

Stuart Cooke stated he had some old business also. He wondered if Shawn had ever talked to Steve Bond about the issues we had talked about probably about six weeks ago with cell phone usage and alcohol. The employees had questions on clarity on some issues.

Shawn Pickworth replied that he thought they had solved that.

Janice Myers asked if anything had ever been adopted and if it had been added to the handbook.

Steve Bond stated they had talked and they had agreed on something but whether the record shows that it was approved, he didn't remember.

Everyone was in agreement that nothing had ever been approved.

Shawn Pickworth stated that he didn't think it had ever come back up.

Stuart Cooke asked if that was something that the rest of council wants to have Steve Bond get into the handbook or not.

Steve Bond stated he would dig out what they agreed to and he would send it to everybody and then if they want to do it at the next meeting they could.

Mayor John Martin wanted to verify that it was on cell usage and vehicles and what else?

Stuart Cooke answered that it was on issues on alcohol and when you are on duty and when you aren't on duty.

Shawn Pickworth stated that he thought that was all put to bed.

Stuart Cooke stated he thought Steve Bond was absent from the meeting when they discussed it.

Steve Bond stated that they had sat down and agreed on it among themselves to some language. We just have to give it back to you.

Stuart Cooke stated that maybe he was gone.

Steven Bond said that they may not have brought it to a council meeting.

Janice Myers stated that they didn't.

Steve Bond said they would bring it back and then if you like it you can go ahead with it.

John Martin asked if there was any other old business. There was none.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Bill Curtis made a motion to accept the resignation of Ashley Anderson from her position as fire fighter for the New London Fire Department. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Neil Winslow made a motion to allow the Village of New London to discontinue being a passport facility as of January 2, 2018. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Neil Winslow wanted to make sure that Ellen Simmons would put the information in the paper so residents would be aware of the change.

Marion Paramore asked Shawn Pickworth if he had ever sent a letter to Fisher Titus about the rental of the front of the village office building.

Shawn Pickworth stated that he had not yet because they had not said yes or no on the issue.

Stuart Cooke replied that he had some other alternatives that he would like to see used is if we have other office space that is available. I know we have storage that has been put up in the building out here for the police chief whether there could be some of that storage room with another door put on it where there's two doors and cut that in half. If there is an office in the existing building, we talked about John being moved out to the water treatment plant in an office out there for the water superintendent. That would free up an office there.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they were trying to get everybody in one building so they are more of a team unit. I would love to see Don have an office space as Utility Foreman. I would like to see Joe have an office.

Stuart Cooke said with communication the way it is any more, they are supervising the crew at the water plant or at the sewer plant. In my mind it just makes sense. Why wouldn't the supervisor want to be right there with the crews he is supervising? Communication is easy with cell phones and stuff anymore. If there is a meeting that needs to be done at the Village Office, then they come up to the meeting room at the Village Office. I think it is something we should look at instead of getting rid of \$12,000 that is going into the General Fund. That really isn't costing the village anything except leaving that space open and available to them. I don't know how the rest of council feels about it but that was stuff I came up with rather than giving up the \$12,000.

Marion Paramore stated it was something to think about and Neil Winslow agreed.

Stuart Cooke stated he didn't think they needed to make a decision right now. I don't think we need to write a letter to Fisher Titus yet until all of council is in agreement.

Shawn Pickworth replied that he thinks it will end up handling itself. I mean sooner or later Fisher Titus is going to look at their books and say we're paying \$12,000 a year for a doctor to be in there two hours.

Stuart Cooke said what he would like to see happen if Fisher Titus does move out of there is to contact Samaritan and see if they would be interested.

Shawn Pickworth answered that they had tried that. We've tried and tried and tried. We can't even get them to return our emails or phone calls. It's University Hospitals now.

Stuart Cooke stated that they are doing so much with the ambulance.

Bill Curtis stated that the ambulance runs through University Hospitals in Ashland.

Stuart Cooke then asked didn't they fund it to where the EMTs were certified? That came through Samaritan, not Fisher Titus.

Bill Curtis stated they had cut ties with Fisher Titus and went through Samaritan and they now handle everything.

Shawn Pickworth replied that he would love to talk to them if you can find somebody that we can talk to because myself and the mayor have tried. I know the schools have moved to University as far as their sports.

Mayor John Martin stated that he could try one more time.

Shawn Pickworth added that Mark Chase had been trying to track them down for a property out there. It's getting somebody to get back with us.

Janice Myers said she knew it was a concern with the girls in the office. Couldn't we put a counter or something all the way across so you can't walk in that way?

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes that has to be done. We have to do something.

Janice Myers continued by saying you could block it all the way and maybe even wall it in except for a window right there.

Shawn Pickworth stated that actually when they did the police department they had plans drawn up but we pulled that out because of cost. That needs to be done. That's the minimum.

Stuart Cooke added that he thought there really wouldn't need to be a walk way through where there is right now. You could use a door off the hallway on the back.

Shawn Pickworth stated there would be two doors added to it. Yes, if we aren't going to get that up front space, we have to do that. It is too open right now. But as far as the office space, I like the communication. We work as a team especially with financials and purchase orders. Separating everybody is just going to cause confusion. That's why we want to bring everybody more together than spreading them out. There is so much going on. There is so much paperwork. There is so much between us. You have Nancy and Michelle, everybody. You have Lucinda. You have the utilities with billing and shutoffs, everything. Everybody is communicating every day all day long. It doesn't stop. I don't want to separate that. I think that would be a bad idea. When you separate, you lose contact. You lose that communication.

Mayor John Martin asked if there were any more discussions under new business. There were none.

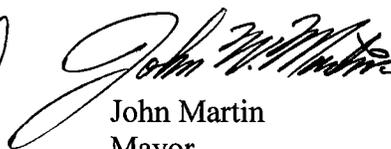
John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin asked if there was anything else to be brought before council before they adjourned. There was none.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor