

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 8, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

Mayor John Martin called the meeting to order. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor then swore in Stuart Cooke, Neil Winslow, Mike Willis and Janice Myers to their new terms on council.

Mayor John Martin then asked for nominations for council president.

Bill Curtis made a motion to elect Stuart Cooke as Council President. Janice Myers seconded the motion.

John Martin asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Curtis, Myers, Willis, Cooke, Paramore and Winslow.

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

John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Myers 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 December 28, 2017 were then presented for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements.

Lynn Phillips announced the mayor had tickets to sell for the Super Raffle. The tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. There is a list of awesome prizes. You do not need to be present to win. The date of the Super Raffle is February 17, 2018 at the Hileman Building starting at noon. The doors open at 11:00 a.m. The price of the ticket includes your meal.

Stuart Cooke inquired how the raffle was being handled.

Joe Thomas explained that it would be held just like the Gun Raffle. Every ten or fifteen minutes a ticket would be drawn for a prize with side raffles in between. There will be alcohol for sale at the event. If anyone else needs tickets or would like to try to help sell tickets he has 2,000 tickets. Rotary and CIC have 1,000 and the park has 1,000 to sell. If anyone can help sell tickets, please let Joe know.

Ellen asked if anyone thought of an opportunity where a lot of people will be in one place and tickets could be sold, let Ellen know.

Janice Myers suggested basketball games.

Ellen Simmons stated they had those covered.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvements – we have requested a meeting with Poggemeyer Engineers to review and answer some minor questions regarding the prints for the improvements. This project is scheduled to go to bid in February. That meeting will take place next Wednesday here in New London.
- John Chapin, Don Patton & I are meeting with Columbia Gas Representatives Wednesday, January 10, 2018 to discuss getting natural gas service to our water plants. Right now we use propane. We use a ton of propane out there. We would like to go Natural Gas if possible.

Wastewater

- Forced Main Project – weather has been way too cold to work on this project. We are hopeful things will start moving again later this week.

Sanitation

- Garbage Truck – we had been having issues with the air brakes on both garbage trucks due to the cold temps.

Street

- Winter is here, please be careful driving during winter events. Crews will do their best to keep intersections clear of snow and ice. ***Please remember when the snow exceeds 2" please move your vehicle's off the streets***
- Mr. Bond, Mayor Martin and I have met with the County Commissioners the past 2 Mondays trying to reach an agreement between the Village and the County regarding the ownership of Biglow Parkway. I believe we are making progress but it has been slow. Again, this is something that should have taken place back in 2005 and we are still dealing with it today. Shawn stated that council actually had something before them that was late coming in. He thinks it is something they can live with and would like council to discuss it.

Parks

- Friends of the New London Parks, New London Rotary & New London CIC would like permission to sell alcohol at the Super Raffle in February.

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. Only one bid has been received so far.
- I would like Council's permission to enter into contract with Potts' Mowing Service for the 2018 mowing season for \$12,500.00. This is for the Cemetery, Triangle Park, Veterans Memorial and Council Chambers.
- Huron County Board of Elections is requesting the use of our Hileman Building for this year's elections. Dates are May 8, 2018, November 6, 2018 and a possible special election date of August 7, 2018.
- Our Office will be closed Monday, January 15, 2018 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Stuart Cooke asked how much they were receiving for their current contract for farm land?

Shawn Pickworth stated he thought it was right around \$92 per acre currently.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he just had one thing. The police department cited their violator on the sidewalk right next door to the New London Record. He had a court date today. He told me he was going to plead "Not Guilty". I did not talk to the court yet. I will know a little more tomorrow. If he pleads "Not Guilty", it will go to trial. It would be a Minor Misdemeanor and he would get a fine. Chief will let council know at the next meeting how it goes.

John Martin then asked for a report from Fire. John Chapin stated he had nothing.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported there were 51 runs for December. There were 35 in the Village of New London; three in New London Township; three in Ruggles Township; five in Troy Township; five in Fitchville Township. There were zero Mutual Aids. There were five motor vehicle accidents; three in Fitchville, one in New London Township, and two in Troy Township. There was one Law Enforcement Stand-by. For the year, year-end totals, we had 577 calls for service for the ambulance. We had 56 motor vehicle accidents. We had five Fire Department Standbys and we had five Law Enforcement Standbys. It was a pretty busy year for the ambulance. Bill also reported that you can still get the \$50 membership. This is nice for those with no insurance and also for those with insurance who have a deductible. It is for anyone in the household.

Lynn Phillips asked how long the ambulance would be offering the \$50 membership.

Bill Curtis said he wasn't sure but he would let council know when it is no longer available.

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

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. Third Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the third reading. Myers 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. Third Reading.

Paramore made a motion to approve the third 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. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-01 An Ordinance Amending Section 131.11 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Fire Department Fees, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2018-01 to be passed on an emergency measure. Cooke 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. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Resolution 2018-01 A Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Commissioners of Huron County Relative to Biglow Parkway Maintenance. John Martin said it states first reading but he would like to waive that and put it under an emergency.

Stuart Cooke replied that he would like to talk about it before he votes. This is the first it's been brought up that you've come to an agreement. And Bill Curtis asked if it was the same as what was written back in 2005.

John Martin said no and asked Mr. Bond to explain it.

Mr. Bond explained that the part under B that is indented, that comes from the 2005 contract but what you have now is something that has evolved over the last few months in our talks with the county and just today, based on the input of the commissioners, they basically folded their tent. We were trying to get them to agree to something that was tentative that would kind of kick the can down the road and they have now agreed to put in writing that they will be responsible for the bridge and the roadway. The only commitment that New London is making, and the first is, we are committing that we'll plow the snow and we'll cut the grass because we've been doing that anyway. We've estimated that cost to run up to \$4,000 a year. We agreed, again subject to everybody's agreement, in principal, that if someday, they decide they have to do a major project and they go out and they try to get funding and one of the criteria for that is making a commitment on a local basis, it would read that, if it's necessary, New London, instead of doing the mowing and the plowing, would give them \$4,000 in cash. Up to \$4,000 a year if necessary as the contribution in order to make the project work. Why would we do that? Because we don't know for sure if a court is going to uphold this 2005 contract and second, the cost of this project, according to what they were telling us today, just for the resurfacing was going to be \$400,000. To redo a bridge, we are talking millions. For us to agree that if we needed to we would give them \$4,000 a year in cash in order to make a new project, we probably would have done that anyway if it came to that. We gave them a new proposal and the stuff that they put on the second page in capitals is all they came back with and added. That's what I just explained to you. Unless they make some major change, what they told us today and what the lawyer has told us in sending us this email is if you agree to this, they'll agree to this. I think it's a major accomplishment and I don't want to get any of the commissioners in trouble, but the fact of the matter is Mr. Boose was very helpful in pushing this through. Some people may not like this, but the people in New London should be happy with Mr. Boose for today.

Shawn Pickworth added that he thought when they walked out of the meetings they weren't expecting what they offered. Especially this morning's, there were some pretty tough talks. It got a little heated. For them to offer what they've offered I think is excellent.

Stuart Cooke wanted to verify that they wanted to pass Resolution 2018-01 as an emergency.

Mr. Bond stated yes because what we'd like to do is tell them tomorrow that if the commissioners will agree to it, we're authorized to agree to it.

Cooke made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 2018-01 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.

Neil Winslow told Mr. Bond good job.

Mr. Bond said the mayor did most of it. When the lawyers couldn't agree, the mayor got Mr. Boose to agree.

Mayor John Martin thanked council for passing the resolution.

John Martin then called for Old Business.

Bill Curtis stated he knew the weather had been kind of crummy but he was wondering if the mayor had heard anything from CSX.

The mayor replied that he had not heard anything more from CSX. I don't think I'll hear anything more until the spring.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Cooke made a motion to allow the Friends of the NL Parks, New London Rotary and New London CIC to sell alcohol at the Super Raffle at the Hileman Building on February 17, 2018. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to go into contract with Potts Mowing Service for the 2018 mowing season for \$12,500. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Curtis made a motion to accept the following 2018 New London Village Committee members.

RECREATION COMMITTEE (2 Yr. term)

Shawn Pickworth	Village Admin
Joe Thomas	Park Supt.
Bill Curtis	Council
Janice Myers	Council
Mark Roeder	12/31/2018
Steve Roeder	12/31/2018
Brad Booth	12/31/2018
Eric Mitchell	12/31/2018
Emory Bateson	12/31/2019
John Benci	12/31/2019
Dick Sutherland	12/31/2019
Brittany Bracken	12/31/2019
Keaton Ruggles	12/31/2019
James Hofheins	12/31/2019

ZONING INSPECTOR

Bob James

PROCEEDS CORPORATION

John Martin	Mayor
Dolores Marschall	Resident

FIRELANDS AMBULANCE BOARD

Bill Curtis	Council
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POLICE COMMITTEE

ALL OF COUNCIL

CEMETERY BOARD (3 Yr. term)

Kay Erlenbach	Resident
George Eastman	Resident
Tom Neel	Resident
Rodney Harner	Resident
Brian Cucco	Supt.
Gabe Heileman	Village Rep.
Shawn Pickworth	Village Admin

ZONING & PLANNING COMMISSION (6 Yr. term)

John Martin	Mayor
Marion Paramore	Council
	12/31/2022
Cheri Raphael	12/31/2018
James Van Sickle	12/31/2018

RECORDS COMMISSION (3 Yr. term)

John Martin	Mayor
Nancy Howell	Village Rep.
Neil Winslow	Council
	12/31/2019
Tom Neel	(Res.)
Stephen Bond	Village Solicitor

CRA HOUSING COUNCIL (3 Yr. term)

Shawn Pickworth	Village Admin
	12/31/2020
Janice Myers	(M)
	12/31/2020
Marion Paramore	(M)
	12/31/2019
George Eastman	(CNCL)
	12/31/2019
Steven Fawcett	(CNCL)
	12/31/2018
Sandy Sword	(ZPC)
	12/31/2018
Steve VonBehren	(ZPC)
	12/31/2020
Ronald Hamilton	(ZPC)
Brad Romano	School Rep.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER BOARD (1 Yr. term)

Stuart Cooke	Council
Michael Willis (Sctry)	Council
Chad Porter	12/31/2018
Chris Rowland	12/31/2018
	12/31/2018
Mark Roeder (chair)	(Res.)

MONUMENT BOARD

Bill Curtis	Council
John Longbrake	Resident

CIC/HECDEC REPRESENTATIVE

Shawn Pickworth	Village Admin
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AUDIT COMMITTEE

Stuart Cooke	Council
Bill Curtis	Council
Marion Paramore	Council
Neil Winslow	Council
Michael Willis	Council
Janice Myers	Council
Nancy Howell	Fiscal Officer
Shawn Pickworth	Village Admin
John Martin	Mayor

HURON CO. PLANNING COMMISSION (3 Yr. term)

Shawn Pickworth	Village Admin
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SHADE TREE COMMISSION (4 Yr. term)

John Martin	Mayor
Shawn Pickworth	Village Admin
Janice Myers	12/31/2017
Bob Johnson	12/31/2019

INCOME TAX BOARD (3 Yr. term)

	12/31/2018
Steven Fawcett	(M)
	12/31/2020
Linda Roeder	(CNCL)
	12/31/2018
April Maple	(CNCL)

Appointed by (references):

Mayor (M)	Resident (Res.)
Council (CNCL)	
Zoning/Planning Commission (ZPC)	

Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes: No one opposed.

Ellen Simmons asked if they had filled the position on the Zoning and Planning Commission.

John Martin replied that they had not received any letters of intent. Letters are due in this Friday. They are overdue.

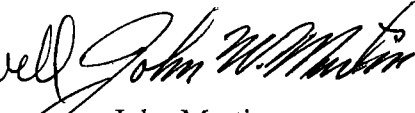
Janice Myers made a motion to allow the Board of Elections to use the Hileman Building for elections on May 8, 2018, November 6, 2018 and a possible special election date of August 7, 2018. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor