

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 26, 2018 @ 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, Cooke and Winslow.

Also present: Chief Marko, Lynn Phillips, Bob James, Steve Bond, Mrs. Bond, Shawn Pickworth, John Chapin and Marvin McCallister.

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

The minutes from the February 12, 2018 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers 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 Treatment Plant Improvements- Things seem to be moving along. We expect the funding to be awarded as soon as June – July 2018. Which means we can go to bid soon.
- 3rd grade classes from NL toured our water plants.
- GIS Project – project has begun; crews are out locating utilities. Please do not mess with the flags.
- Asset Management – John, Don and I attended a very good class on asset management February 15, 2018 in Bowling Green, Ohio. It was both educational and to be honest a bit overwhelming. This is big and it is not going to go away after we complete it. We are going to have annual inspections just like we do with our water and sewer and compost facilities.

Wastewater

- Forced Main Project – directional boring is complete. Crew is now ready to move to the Rec. Park.
- Grant Street Bridge – we have a small project I would like council’s approval to have done this year. On the East side of the bridge is a section of sewer line that needs replaced. On west side of the bridge the ditch needs cleared back from erosion and a barrier put in place to prevent it from further erosion. And a new guardrail needs to be installed on the west side of the bridge.

Attached is a proposal I got from Ott Excavating for doing this for us and I would like Council permission to move forward with this project. I would use \$15,196.00 from Storm, \$9,550.00 from Sewer and \$3000.00 from Street for the guardrail.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.

Street

- Winter is here, please being 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 vehicles off the streets***
- Pothole – the season is back. Crews are out patching, please let us know if we miss a bad one.

Parks

- Super Raffle went great. Friends of the Parks and the Rotary/CIC organizations both benefited over \$5,000 each. They want to thank everyone that helped make it happen.

Other

- We would like council's permission to close the drive thru window at the office for payments. This window is unproductive, time consuming. We will still maintain a drop box that will allow customers to use.

Neil Winslow asked what was the average use of the drive thru window.

Shawn Pickworth answered that it depended on the day and time of month. The thing is it can be abused to.

It was discussed that the drive thru window was used for things it shouldn't really be used for and people would block the drive for long periods of time instead of walking in to do lengthy transactions. Anyone just wanting to pay a water bill will still be able to use the night drop box. The window isn't really necessary.

Stuart Cooke replied that usually when he uses the window the drawer is open and he just throws his payment in and drives off. It is no different than using the night deposit box. There is no reason for somebody to get up out of there seat in the office and come and grab that right away. It's like a night deposit box. You don't have to greet anybody or write anything up.

It was also noted that it is difficult when there is just one person in the office to handle the drive thru window, walk in customers and phones.

Stuart Cooke stated that he didn't see a problem with it because it basically is a drop box with a drawer.

Neil Winslow wanted to verify that there would still be a place for customers to drop off payments.

Shawn Pickworth stated that there absolutely would be.

Bill Curtis stated the window would still be there. The curtain would just stay up. If someone needs something they can come inside.

Marvin McCallister asked if the drop box could be extended out a little bit so people don't have to get out of their cars to drop off their payments.

Janice Myers replied that it is hard to reach.

Shawn Pickworth answered that they may be able to extend it a little bit.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he did have some videos he would like to show but he wanted to show them at the end.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin stated they have had some bad structure fires lately and he wanted to thank the guys for showing up and all their hard work.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated he had nothing new to report at this time. He stated he would have a report at the next meeting.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he went out to the property on West Washburn that Janice Myers had brought up at the end of January. He found it to be cleaned up the best it had ever been. There is a lot of dead vegetation laying around that he would make sure was picked up this spring or summer but other than that the windows are boarded up and the roof is fixed. He really didn't find anything. He also stated he had signed off on a lot split. It wasn't anything council needed to approve.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-05 An Ordinance Amending Section 921.13 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Backflow Protection. Second Reading. Paramore made a motion to approve the second reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-06 An Ordinance Amending the 2018 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 2018-06 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 called for Old Business.

John Martin stated that he sent an email to CSX to see if he could get any kind of project going this year on the sidewalks at North Main and West Main Streets. He received no response so he is going to get with Mr. Bond and see what they can do to take appropriate action.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to close the drive-thru window at the village office effective April 1, 2018. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to proceed with the Grant Street bridge project with Ott Excavating which includes replacing a section of sewer line; clearing the ditch from erosion and erosion prevention; and a new guardrail to be installed. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

John Martin then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule B. Curtis made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then turned the floor over to Chief Marko.

Chief Marko stated there was a couple of things he wanted to say before he showed the videos. On February 23rd at 11 minutes after seven o'clock the New London Police Department executed a search warrant at 104 North Main. They did confiscate a few things. I want you to understand that when we do something like this in New London there's always New London officers and my thinking is there is safety and strength in numbers so we had 12 officers working. Every officer has a task. We train and we train and we train for this particular night. The second thing you are going to see is you are going to hear our officer get very, very vocal. The reason he does that is because our target is high and he is not listening to the commands. Again, that is why we have strength in numbers. Our weapons are out. Certainly we don't want to use them but again the safety is for the officers, the safety is for the village residents living around there and the safety is even for our target especially if they are on something.

Chief then showed several videos of the executed search warrant at 104 North Main Street. He showed videos from several different angles from different bodycams.

Chief stated they had found and entered into evidence already being tested in Mansfield possible heroin, cocaine, amphetamines, fentanyl, Nar can, marijuana, drug abuse instruments, drug paraphernalia and they were charged with child endangerment.

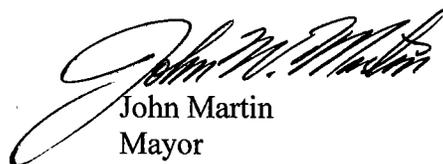
Neil Winslow replied that he didn't think anyone would want to get on the wrong side of the New London Police Officers.

Chief Marko stated that he didn't want anyone to think they were Storm Troopers but there has to be intimidation there and strength in numbers. You see a little girl like that and she is just a victim of circumstance. We wonder why children grow up hating the police.

John Martin thanked Chief Marko and said job well done.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor