

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, March 12, 2018 @ 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, Willis, Paramore, Winslow and Cooke.

Also present: Chief Marko, Don Patton, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, Shawn Pickworth and Ellen Simmons.

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 regular meeting held on February 26, 2018 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.

Ellen Simmons stated that the Town Event Cards had been out about a month. The New London Community Club does the event cards every year. It has most of the important things that are happening around the community. She stated that she has been around to most of the businesses to deliver cards and asked if the village needed any.

Mayor John Martin replied that we had some in the office.

Ellen Simmons stated that she just wanted to publicly present them. It is a public service that they do. We are also the group that does Hometown Holidays which they are working on every month now. They have a meeting every month.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvements- More changes to the schedule. Right now, bidding in April, Construction to begin sometime around June – July.
- GIS Project – project continues to make great progress. Crews are out making this happen. I cannot say enough on how much better this Village is going to be for having this done.
- Valve Replacement – crew replaced a large valve in Train #1 last week. First time this valve had been replaced on any of the trains so it was a great learning experience and the crew will be able to rebuild the valve that was taken out and have it ready to go when needed for future repairs.
- Asset Management – Again I cannot say enough about this. This is going to change the way we do business as a Village. This is going to change the structure of the Village. This is not going

away. It is only getting started and we must get it right. I am going to try to set up a work shop and have a speaker come in for Council so you can hear firsthand what is coming. I am saying this because again John Chapin, Wendy Kidd, and I attended a compliance conference in Columbus last week and we heard directly from the EPA. It will be hard work that is coming. Right now there is an October deadline. Everybody is in the same boat. It's not just New London. All the cities and villages are in the same boat. The rules are still being written. This is a big deal. This is going to restructure how we do business here in New London and we are just getting started. It's going to force us to look at our Capital Improvement projects several years in advance. We already do that to an extent. We do a good job but this is going to force our hands to the extent that we will be accountable for our own infrastructure. We are very fortunate in New London because of where we are in our water department and sewer departments. There's a lot of communities not like us. They are going to make you look years in advance and say what your plans are down the road. It will be necessary to follow through or you will have to answer for it. That's how serious it's going to be even if it is necessary to raise rates. They aren't going to give you funding any more. They are forcing everybody's hands to do this. The people that aren't doing what needs to be done, they are the ones that are going to be hurting. New London is very fortunate where we sit right now. We just have a lot of work to do. We have a lot of paperwork. We have some software that we're going to buy. We are very fortunate where we are sitting right now. There are other communities out there that are a lot worse off than we are. It is scary when you hear everything that is coming and it is just getting started. While we are doing this, let's do it right and let's do it across the board. This is Asset Management. It is only going to make us better. There is a reason they are making us do this. We need to embrace it. I would like to schedule a workshop toward the end of April and bring in a speaker to explain things in more detail. More to come.

#### Wastewater

- Forced Main Project – pumps are supposed to be installed into the lift station this week. Work at Rec. Park is supposed to be done this week. Weather permitting.
- EQ pump repair – pump is back from shop and crew will reinstall and put back into service.

#### Sanitation

- Spring Cleanup - Last full week of April 23 – 27. Dumpsters will be available at the city garage starting Monday, April 2, 2018 thru Friday, April 27, 2018. Please see our website [www.newlondonohio.com](http://www.newlondonohio.com) or our Facebook page for rules. (Same as last year). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Bill Curtis asked if people were allowed to bring down tires.

Shawn Pickworth stated no. Tires are not allowed. There is a charge for tires.

Bill Curtis asked if there were cameras down there.

Shawn Pickworth replied that yes there were cameras down there so everything can be seen. They are good cameras and he can see it from his cell phone also.

### 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\*\*\*
- Potholes – the season is back. Crews are out patching, please let us know if we miss a bad one.
- Catch Basins – you may have noticed more and more orange barrels around town on top of catch basins. That is because they need replaced and once this weather breaks we intend on doing just that.
- I will be attending a meeting on March 20, 2018 in Norwalk about CDBG funding. We plan on nominating a couple of paving projects this year. I don't know that we will be paving any full streets this year but we are going to stretch it as much as we can. We have some streets that need attention and we are going to try to do as much as we can with the money we have.

### Parks

- New office at Rez. almost complete.
- Getting ready for season.

### Other

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Ellen Simmons asked when the village would be opening the campground.

Shawn Pickworth said he didn't know the date off the top of his head.

Ellen Simmons asked if it depended on the weather of if there was a set date.

Shawn Pickworth answered that there was a set date but he couldn't think of what it was at that time.

Shawn Pickworth added that there had been a couple questions as far as the bathrooms at the recreation park were concerned. We will open the bathrooms when we know that it's not going to get below freezing again. We have to be able to turn on the water and have the temperatures stay above freezing.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he didn't have anything unless someone had something for him.

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 reported there were 38 runs for February. There were 23 in the Village of New London; two in New London Township; three in Ruggles Township; five in Troy Township; three in Fitchville Township. There were two Mutual Aids. (Greenwich-1,

Clarksfield-1) There was one motor vehicle accident that was a Mutual Aid. There were two calls to the Laurels. There were three Fire Standbys (Fitchville-2; New London Twp.-1). There were eight Negative Transports. There was one overdose.

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

Shawn Pickworth asked if they could go back to the fire report. Shawn Pickworth stated he would like to speak on behalf of John Chapin in his absence. The Fire Department had a pancake breakfast. They had a very good turnout and it was very successful.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-05 An Ordinance Amending Section 921.13 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Backflow Protection. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-07 An Ordinance Amending Section 123.05 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Blanket Purchase Orders. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2018-07 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis 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. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-08 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. Cooke made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2018-08 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. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business.

John Martin stated he had talked to CSX via email and he, Shawn Pickworth and Don Patton are to meet this Friday at 12:30 at West Main Street at the CSX railroad crossing to try to get something situated as to the sidewalks and also the placement of that sign that's up there temporarily.

John Martin then called for New Business.

John Martin stated that he had in front of him a resignation letter from Neil Winslow. He has sold his house and he will be moving out of the area so he will no longer be able to stand on council. John Martin asked for a motion to accept his resignation as of April 1, 2018.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to accept the resignation of Neil Winslow from the Village of New London Council effective April 1, 2018. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke asked if they should be advertising.

John Martin replied that yes they should. I think at this time we should have letters of intent into the office no later than the first of April so they can possibly get things situated and have a replacement for the first meeting in April.

Stuart Cooke asked what the date of the first meeting in April was.

Mr. Bond stated that April 9th would be the first meeting in April.

Stuart Cooke wanted to make sure all letters of intent would be received before the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. That way they could look at them and go from there at the meeting.

John Martin stated there was approximately two weeks before the first of April. He asked if they should extend the deadline.

They discussed what date would be best for letters of intent to be turned in and it was determined the due date would be Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Neil Winslow said he would like to add that this has been a very enlightening experience for me. I really, really enjoyed this immensely as well as the Firelands Electric board. I feel like it is a way to give back to the community a little bit. I am going to miss this tremendously. I'm going to miss New London.

Bill Curtis replied that they would miss him.

Janice Myers added that they would miss him tremendously and that he has been a big asset to the council.

John Martin stated that he commended Mr. Winslow on his willingness to bring forth all his knowledge and his abilities to help them in council. It's been a great help and he's been a big asset to council itself. All the work that he has done is greatly appreciated.

John Martin asked Shawn if he had set a date for the workshop.

Shawn Pickworth stated he would have to see when he could schedule a speaker.

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.

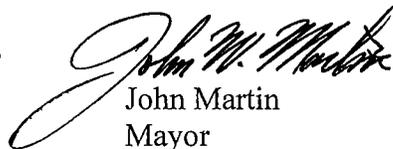
John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call: Paramore – yes; Winslow – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

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

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



Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer



John Martin  
Mayor