

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, March 26, 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 and Cooke. Winslow was absent.

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

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

The minutes from the March 12, 2018 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Paramore 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- More changes to the schedule. Right now, Bidding in April, Construction to begin sometime around June – July. You have before you tonight an Ordinance that covers the debt of this project it also addresses our other utilities.
- GIS Project – project continues to make great progress.
- Asset Management – Tom Borck and Sid Hoover from Poggemeyer Design Group will be here on April 23, 2018 @ 5:30 PM to talk to Council about Asset Management. They will put on a good presentation and hopefully be helpful and beneficial to all. This is open to everyone.
- Hydrant Flushing – April is flushing month. Wednesdays & Thursdays crews will be out flushing hydrants. Try to stay away from washing white clothes on these days.

Wastewater

- Forced Main Project – All the pipe is in the ground and project is almost complete. We are hoping to be trying the pumps by the end of the week. Now begins the cleanup.
- John Chapin, Don Patton, Mike Witmer & I met with Jones & Henry Engineers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Most of the meeting dealt with issues in our head works areas. (Where the sewer enters our plant.)

## 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.

## Street

- Pothole – 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.
- Don Patton & I did attend a meeting at the Commissioner’s Office on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The County will be accepting applications for CDBG projects this year. Applications are due mid-April. Also during this meeting, we discussed other possible funding to help pave some of our streets. Nothing is guaranteed.

## Parks

## Other

- The Mayor, Don Patton and I met with CSX representatives on March 16, 2018 about the sidewalk crossing on both State Route 60 and State Route 162. We are hoping this meeting will bring some resolution to some of our requests and issues. After that, Don Patton and I and Stuart Cooke met with R.W.W. The railroad requested a quote on what the cost would be to put cement sidewalks. We provided them with a quote. He did not think the mayor had heard anything back from CSX yet.

The mayor confirmed that he had not heard anything yet.

Bill Curtis asked if they were looking at going over the tracks.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they couldn’t go over the tracks. They can go up to the tracks.

Mayor John Martin reported that they could go within six to eight feet of the nearest rail.

Shawn Pickworth replied that it would be better than it currently is.

- Don Patton, John Chapin, Mayor John Martin and I met with representatives from Columbia Gas about a project they will begin here in New London starting in April 2018. The main project area will be focused on the North/West side of the Village. Residents effected will be notified and invited to a public meeting etc.

Shawn Pickworth then stated he wanted to go back to the Water Treatment Plant. Northern Ohio did step up and they want to do a contract with us. There will be a contract brought before you within 30 days for a

minimum of 100,000 gallons per day. We've never had that in the village before. It has always been they buy what they buy. A lot of times they buy over 100,000 gallons a day but the contract will guarantee at least 100,000 gallons a day through Northern Ohio. Shawn Pickworth stated that John Chapin and Don Patton were instrumental in getting the contract done. He thanked them both for a job well done. Shawn Pickworth continued by saying they had also met with Rural Lorain to notify them of the rate increase. It is a big hit on them but they understand. It is as big a hit on them as it is our residents in town. The project is as beneficial to them as it is to the Village so they understand. They understand the partnership they have with us and they want to continue that partnership.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he had just a couple things. Two weeks ago they did some in-service training and this coming Saturday we are going to do some first aid and CPR training from Firelands Ambulance Service.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin stated he had nothing unless there were any questions for him. There were none.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated FAS would be celebrating its 40th anniversary. They are calling it a Community Day. It is May 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the FAS building. It will be open to the public. For anyone that wants to come, they will have a whole bunch of things going on. The event is partnered with University Hospitals/Ashland Samaritan Hospital. University Hospitals has become a very big supporter of the ambulance service here. They have given us quite a bit of very expensive equipment and training and they also save us a ton of money by doing things. They have been very beneficial to the community and to everybody in the ambulance district. FAS is also now offering CPR and First Aid training. This is open to the public. They would like to have groups of four or more in a class. If interested, contact Jeff at 419-706-0235 to schedule a class. Bill Curtis ended by commending University Hospitals on all of their help and donations they have given to the ambulance service.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he did not have anything unless anyone had something for him.

John Martin then stated they had an open spot and he noticed Joe Thomas was in attendance so he asked Joe if he had anything.

Joe Thomas stated he had a pancake breakfast on March 25 and they had a good turnout.

Ellen Simmons asked Joe when the campground would be opening.

Joe Thomas replied that it would be opening on April 20. He also went on to say that the new office at the reservoir was looking good. Michelle Collins had moved everything that she needs and is now working out of the new office. Joe ended by again stating what a good turnout he had at the pancake breakfast.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-09 An Ordinance Amending Section 521.06 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Sidewalk Maintenance. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-10 An Ordinance Changing the Rates for Utility Services and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2018-10 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow,

Absent; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-11 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. Paramore made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2018-11 to be passed on an emergency measure. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Winslow, Absent; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Willis made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business.

John Martin stated he had yet to get any letters of intent for the council seat that will be open the first of April. Letters are due by the close of business on Friday, April 6, 2018. Letters of intent will be presented to council at the meeting on April 9. Hopefully someone will be interested in filling the position and being a part of the village.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Janice Myers asked if the new water and sewer rates would take effect in April.

Shawn Pickworth said there was only a week before the new bills would be going out so he suggested they go in effect on May 1 that way there was time to get them in the computer.

Janice Myers stated that would be okay.

John Martin stated council had something in front of them. The New London Schools Superintendent, Brad Romano, has come up to the chief and asked if he would be able to put a resource officer at the school beginning April 2, 2018 through the remainder of the school year. This officer will be placed on duty three days a week, seven hours daily. Right now they have another officer that is a D.A.R.E officer that is covering the other two days a week. Chief Marko has indicated it would cost the schools \$14 hourly. This would be a total cost for the remainder of the year of \$2,646. The school has asked if there is a possibility of the village absorbing some of the cost to place this officer for the remainder of the school year. John Martin requested council's input on the request.

Bill Curtis asked if the village was paying for the D.A.R.E officer that is at the school.

Chief Marko stated no the village is not. That is through the Sheriff's Department.

Janice Myers asked if the Sheriff pays for the D.A.R.E officer.

Bill Curtis stated they get funded through D.A.R.E. They actually get reimbursed.

Chief Marko stated that he believes the D.A.R.E. officer goes between New London and Western Reserve. He believes New London pays \$7,000 and Western Reserve pays \$7,000.

Bill Curtis asked if they were actually paying the deputy to do the D.A.R.E. program.

Chief Marko stated that was correct. Chief continued by saying the school had asked him a couple years ago to provide a D.A.R.E. officer but they could not do it so Chief referred them to the Sheriff's Department.

Janice Myers asked him if he could do it now.

Chief Marko replied that no he could not do it now. There is not enough in the budget.

Janice Myers stated that's what she thought. She didn't think he would be able to afford it.

Chief Marko said he did have an officer prepared to go into the school. He is going to adjust his schedule and do that. This officer has a four-year degree and he is very personable. He is a perfect fit for the school. He is well educated and we trained him. He is good to go. It is just a question of funding. Chief told the superintendent that it would be really difficult for the village and for the police department to do this. He is well aware of that.

Bill Curtis suggested the school may be able to come up with some federal funding for the officer.

Chief Marko replied that they are good to go on his end. The superintendent knows his feeling on the situation.

Janice Myers asked Chief Marko if the school can fund the officer can he can get someone there.

Chief Marko stated yes he can do it and it's going to be an excellent officer. He will be a perfect fit for the school.

Steve Bond asked Chief Marko if there was a protocol in place for that?

Chief Marko stated that he did have a protocol in place.

Steve Bond said as an example, when he is working at the school is he on the village payroll or is he on the school board's payroll?

Chief Marko replied that he was on the school board's payroll and he is directed to stay in that school regardless of what happens here in town.

Mayor John Martin stated he would need a motion one way or the other.

Stuart Cooke made a motion for Police Chief Marko to place an officer at \$14 per hour at New London Schools at the expense of the schools. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

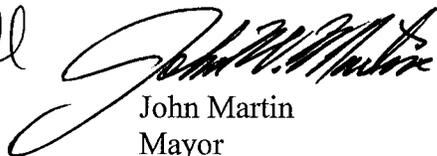
John Martin asked if there was any other new business. There was none.

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

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



Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer



John Martin  
Mayor