

# NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 9, 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.

Also present: Chief Marko, Don Patton, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister, John Chapin, Jennifer Ball, Mike Stevens 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 regular meeting held on March 26, 2018 were then presented for approval. Paramore 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.

Ellen Simmons stated the Community Club would be meeting on Friday morning, April 13 at 9 a.m. at the café to continue planning for Hometown Holidays. On Tuesday, April 17, CIC will meet at noon at the café. The CIC only meets quarterly now. This will be the first meeting since January.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

## Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvements- Still working on paperwork for funding. They like paperwork.
- Tank Cleaning – Plant #1, crews are busy draining and cleaning tanks. This is done twice a year.
- 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.
- Hydrant Flushing – April is flushing month. Wednesdays & Thursdays crews will be out flushing hydrants.

## Wastewater

- Forced Main Project – Lift Station is in operation. Great Job everyone who worked on this project to make this happen. A big thanks to the Ott brothers for their help and Firelands Electric Crews for working with us to get the job done. Also, a big thanks to our own crew, we ask you to go above the normal somedays and we don't say thank you enough. Also, Stuart Cooke helped

put pipe in the ground across some fields last summer. We saved some money on this project which allowed us to come in under budget.

### 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

- 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.
- We are finishing and are ready to submit 3 applications to Huron County for CDBG funding consideration. Pearl Street, Johnson Drive, and City Parking Lot projects I would like Councils permission to submit. The Mayor has reached out to the churches, the library and the downtown businesses to see if they would help us out with the match for the city parking lot. Everybody uses the city parking lot. We would love to see if anybody would contribute to that match. We are going to ask the county because the projects are small and because there's not a lot of funding in CDBG, that these three projects remain together and they are bid together at the county level. That way we will be more likely to get all three projects funded.
- Don Patton, Mayor Martin and I met with Ben Kenny and Michelle Rhodes from RCAP about the possibility of the Village applying for a Critical Infrastructure Grant that will help us reconstruct some of our streets and roads. The catch is they aren't going to allow us to just mill off pavement and put pavement back on. We will have to reconstruct roads which will require some partial debt. We have lots of roads out there that require that type of work. We don't do that type of work because we don't have the funds to allow us to do that type of work. If we get the grant for \$300,000 we will put some of that money back into our roads and do the work. They want the projects to be ten year plus projects. This is based on our LMI and we have a good shot of getting it. We just have to pick out good projects and we have to write the grant correctly. The girl from WSOS is brand new and has never written one of these grants before so I am going to ask Michelle Heister from Poggemeyer to step in and help. This might cost us a little bit. She isn't going to charge us a lot but Michelle has written this grant before and she has been successful at writing this grant before. In other words, she has gotten communities this grant before. So it would be well worth our money even if it does cost us a little bit to have Michelle look over the other Michelle's shoulder just to make sure she processes and writes this grant properly. This grant is due by June 1. We have to get busy on it. There is a lot of paperwork to do on it.

## Other

- The Village was able to purchase the property at 117 East Main Street at the County Auditors Auction today for the price of \$6,682.50. We will now begin the process of cleaning the property up and getting the structure ready for demo.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he wanted to let everybody know that the police department is going to be transitioning over to new police patches. Chief showed an example of the new patch. There have been some questions when an officer makes a stop as to what police department the police officer is from. Chief believes the new patches make that information very visible. The best part is there is going to be no cost to the village. A seamstress came forward and volunteered to remove all the old patches and put on the new patches. She refuses to take any money and says she is just thanking them for what they do every day in their dangerous position. She is very concerned as to what has been happening throughout the United States with police officers. So she wanted to give something back. Chief also let everyone know the School Resource Officer would be officially starting on April 10th.

Ellen Simmons asked Chief Marko for the name of the Resource Officer.

Chief Marko stated his name was Jacob Johnson.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin stated he had nothing unless someone had something for him.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported there were 39 runs for March. There were 21 in the Village of New London; six in New London Township; one in Ruggles Township; five in Troy Township; five in Fitchville Township. There was one Mutual Aid (Fairfield Twp.). There were two motor vehicle accidents; New London Twp. – 1; Mutual Aid – 1. There were two calls to the Laurels. There were two Fire Standbys (NL Village-1; New London Twp.-1). There were eight Negative Transports. There was one Law Enforcement Standby and six Service Calls. Also, the ambulance is asking to close South Railroad Street between James and Railroad Street. They would like to have some display items there for the May 19<sup>th</sup> Community Day. They are requesting it be closed from 10a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chief Marko replied that it would be fine to close that section during that time.

Bill Curtis stated they could leave the barricades there and then let Dan Bailey block it off when he is ready and then unblock it when he is done.

Chief Marko apologized and stated he had one more thing concerning the police department. He wanted to thank Firelands Ambulance Service for providing the police department with some really good first aid and CPR training. He thanked them for taking the day to train them. All of the officers were trained except for two who will be attending the training at the Alliance Church on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Curtis commented that there was a good video on the police Facebook page of the training.

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

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

John Martin then called for Old Business.

John Martin said he would bring up the subject of CSX. He has not heard anything from CSX yet so on Wednesday he will be sending another email out asking what their stance is with the sign placement and if they are going to do anything with the sidewalks. Mayor John Martin stated he would get back with them as soon as he heard something more.

John Martin then called for New Business.

John Martin stated there was a letter of intent for the open council seat from Jennifer Ball who is here with us tonight. John Martin then asked if council had any questions for him or for Jennifer Ball. If not, he asked for a motion to put her in the vacant council seat.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow Jennifer Ball to fill the vacant council seat with her first council meeting being May 14, 2018. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin welcomed Jennifer Ball aboard.

Jennifer Ball thanked John Martin.

John Martin added that she was welcome to sit in the audience at the next council meeting but then on May 14<sup>th</sup> they would have her seat ready up front. He stated they were grateful to have her join them.

Jennifer Ball thanked John Martin for the opportunity.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to submit three applications to Huron County for CDBG funding consideration. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to apply for the Critical Infrastructure Grant. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Bill Curtis asked Shawn Pickworth if he needed a motion to allow Michelle Heister to assist with the writing of the Critical Infrastructure Grant.

Shawn Pickworth said he would like to get some definite numbers first.

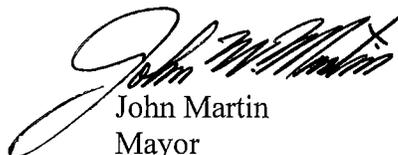
John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Myers made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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



Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer



John Martin  
Mayor