

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, May 14, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

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

John Martin swore in new council member Jennifer Ball.

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

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister, John Chapin, Jason Anderson, Joe Thomas, Dan Bailey and Ellen Simmons.

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 workshop held on April 23, 2018 were then presented for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on April 23, 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.

The minutes from the special meeting held on April 30, 2018 were then presented for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor John Martin then turned the floor over to Fire Chief, John Chapin.

John Chapin announced that after 39 plus years, Dan Bailey was leaving the fire department. John Chapin stated that he hated to see him go. Dan and John pretty much started at the fire department together. Back then they didn't have very good equipment or gear and they did things that are unacceptable by today's standards. In several situations they are lucky to be here. They were young and awfully brave and did some stupid things. Dan put his heart and soul in the fire service and John couldn't thank him enough for what he has done to help him out. The community benefited from Dan being on the fire service. He is dedicated and gave a lot of his time especially in his early years. The department received some used equipment and they decided they wanted it yellow. Dan spent his own time afterhours working on it, prepping them and painting them. John believed it was five vehicles that Dan got ready. John again said he could not thank Dan enough for what he has done for the fire service. John Chapin stated he had gotten him a little something. After all of his years of service, John wanted him to leave the department as an Assistant Chief. John then thanked Dan Bailey for his years of service and presented him with a brand new Assistant Fire Chief helmet. John Chapin ended by congratulating Dan Bailey on his retirement and wished him good luck in whatever he does.

Dan Bailey stood and replied that his three-year certificate was coming up for renewal and going on 40 years is enough. He stated he appreciated it and it had been an honor serving and representing the Village of New London.

The Mayor then stood and said the village appreciated all that he had done in the 39 years he had been serving and he can't say enough about what he has done. He then honored Dan Bailey with a plaque.

Dan Bailey accepted the plaque and thanked the Mayor and told him he appreciated it. He stated his last day with the department would be May 31. He then went on to say his wife, children and grandchildren were the ones to suffer the most with him being gone a lot. Dan ended by saying it has been an enjoyment and a pleasure to represent and service the fire department.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements.

Marvin McCallister stated he had two questions. He said he would start with the easy one first. He thought he recalled that years ago that when Time Warner came to town they were charged a franchise fee to be in New London. He asked if Spectrum was paying a franchise fee.

Shawn Pickworth stated that absolutely they were.

Marvin McCallister stated here comes the hard one. There is a lot of stuff happening on West Main. They are putting a gas line in, I think they are mapping everything out and they said that the sewer lines are plugged. Marvin said they typically run gas lines through a sewer line, storm sewer. Is that correct?

Shawn Pickworth answered that they camera through it.

Marvin stated that they found a lot of plugged ones.

Shawn Pickworth replied that it wasn't a lot. They found a few spots and the village has cleaned them.

Marvin McCallister stated he didn't know they cleaned them.

Shawn Pickworth went on to say that as they were pointed out, they have been having them clean them.

Marvin McCallister asked if they would continue to do that as long as they are working on the North end of town?

Shawn stated that absolutely they would. They call in Blake's when they find a plugged one. They have called Blake's in a couple times so far.

Marvin McCallister thanked Shawn Pickworth and told him good job.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Bills - We have received a lot of calls, customers coming into our office and even hate mail from customers about not receiving their bills on time. The Village delivered the bills to the New London Post Office on April 30, 2018. I cannot speak for why the Post Office takes our bills and ships them to Cleveland just to have them returned to New London for delivery. I guess so they can lose some on the way there and on the way back? The Village spent thousands of dollars changing from the old card system that they said the cards were so easy to lose to a full letter system and we still have the same problem. So, if you don't get your bill on time, please call your local Post Master and ask why.

Other ways you can get your bill.

- If you don't receive a bill by the 5th of the month you are always welcome to come in and the ladies in the office will print one off for you.
- You can look up your bill online and print it off yourself.

- You can pay online. Online, you can see past usage and see a lot of good information. Sign up.
- You can sign up to have your bill texted or emailed to you through our new billing system.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvements- We are out to bid. We are hosting a pre-bid tour this Tuesday, May 15, 2015 at 1:30 PM. This will allow potential bidders to tour the plant and see the project and allow them to ask any questions they might have before bidding.
- GIS Project – crews were out again last week working on this project.
- Asset Management – Team met with Larry Baxa & Michelle Rhodes from RCAP on May 2, 2018 for a project kickoff meeting. Project is on its way. A lot to do with a short time to do it in.
- Locates – lots of locates keeping up with the Columbia Gas Project, GIS and County Project happening in the township.
- Waterline repair – Butler Road – contractor drove a post on top of our waterline on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 taking around 15 costumers out of service for around 4 hours while repairs were made.

Wastewater

- Tank Cleaning – tanks have been cleaned, sludge drawn, and dry sludge hauled to landfill. Grass was planted around sludge beds finishing up from the new poured walls project from last fall.
- Sewer Lines – had to call in Blake’s Sanitation to clean sanitary sewers on West Main Street and West Washburn for the Columbia Gas Project. As part of this project the gas company cameras all our sewer lines and if they can’t get their camera through the lines we have to clean them. This is a good thing. Once this project is complete they will share all the video they recorded with us of our sewers both storm and sanitary.

Sanitation

- Spring Cleanup – During the month of April (Spring Clean Up) we hauled well over 100 ton of garbage to the landfill.
- Old Garbage Truck – down again, traction bar in rear axel, broken bolts allowing the axel to shift cutting a tire. Truck in shop for repairs. We need to start thinking about retiring and replacing this truck. It is starting to nickel and dime us to death.

Street

- Pothole – the season is back. Crews are out patching, please let us know if we miss a bad one.
- Catch Basins – catch basins have been replaced or repaired at the corner of South Railroad and James Street, Alley behind Gilbert Hardware, and two on High Street.
- 3 CDBG Funding – I would like to thank the County Commissioners for taking time out of their schedule to come to New London and to meet with myself and the Mayor to review our projects. We submitted 3 good projects, at 1 point in this process I didn't think we would get any of them funded. First the City Parking Lot was said to be ineligible, we called them on this. We had to show proof of ownership, and show the parking lot was used by a large portion of the public. We did all this and the parking lot was approved. Then Johnson Drive and Pearl Street were ineligible due to the fact they said that the streets were not thoroughfares meaning they were ineligible because they considered them dead-end streets. Never on the application anywhere does it state this. Then they came back to me and said if I did a survey on each street they would be an eligible project. We had an income survey conducted back in 2016 showing the entire Village above the 51% LMI but that still wasn't good enough. They wanted more so we gave them more. After all was said and done, right now I am confident that we will receive funding for all 3-projects submitted and we might receive a little extra left-over funds on top of that. I want to thank Michelle Rhodes and Ben Kenny from RCAP for helping me fight for what this community deserves and again our County Commissioners for seeing this and rewarding our community for it.
- Critical Infrastructure Grant – I would like Council's permission to pursue and apply for a Critical Infrastructure Grant for the amount of \$500,000.00 with a \$50,000.00 match. The match can come from our Revolving Loan Funds. We met with Tim Bock from Poggemeyer Design Group on Thursday, April 26, 2018 to review our streets and to target potential projects that would be a good fit for this funding. We came up with New London Ave. & West Washburn as the 2 main targets.
- New London Ave. – Highly traveled street, we have a storm sewer that has started to fail from South Main to Fairhome that will need replaced. From Fairhome to East Street and down New London extension there is no storm this would allow us to add storm to the entire street and have a brand-new street.
- West Washburn – not as highly traveled but is in terrible shape. Needs new storm sewers and new road. If the state would approve these as good projects this could move quickly.

Other

- Compost Facility – the company we used in the past to grind and haul away our brush is phasing out that part of their business. I have contacted another company that is interested in giving us a quote and will be meeting with them sometime this week.
- Parks – NatureWorks Grant – grant applications are due by June 1st. Working with Joe on submitting a project this year. We are thinking of some cement work from the new office to the new pavilion

making it ADA compliant, buying some beach chairs and new picnic tables. If Council approves I will need legislation approved at the next meeting.

- Asking Councils permission to hire Isaac Popa & Karson Howell as summer help floaters at min. wage. They will cover where needed when needed in street, sanitary, park & rec. and maybe even be used on projects in water and sewer.
- Last but not least, our next council meeting falls on Memorial Day and if council wishes, we could move that meeting to Tuesday, May 29 instead of having it on Memorial Day.

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 was unavailable.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported there were 46 runs for April. There were 25 in the Village of New London; four in New London Township; four in Ruggles Township; seven in Troy Township; four in Fitchville Township. There were two Mutual Aid (Bronson Twp-1; Greenwich Village-1). There was one motor vehicle accident; Troy Twp. – 1. There were four calls to the Laurels. There were two Fire Standbys (NL Village-1; New London Twp.-1). There were three Negative Transports. There were zero Law Enforcement Standbys, two Service Calls and one Overdose. Also, don't forget that May 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. they are having Community Day at the ambulance. They will have a lot of activities there. Bill Curtis asked Shawn Pickworth if he would have the barricades dropped off at the ambulance building during the week.

Shawn Pickworth stated that yes he would.

Bill Curtis stated that Dan Bailey would set them up as long as the village would drop them off. Bill continued by saying there would be a lot of stuff for everyone; kids and adults. He encouraged everyone to stop out.

Mayor John Martin stated that while they were on the subject of Firelands Ambulance, he would like to see if they could get a good presentation of the village council at the Community Day. He realized that everyone would not be able to make it because of other business or work but if possible they should go out and make a brief showing. Mayor John Martin continued by saying that he was going to make a presentation at 11 a.m. He encouraged all council members to try to be there at 11 a.m. for the presentation.

Bill Curtis stated he had one other thing. This will actually be the ambulance service's 40th year serving the residents of New London and the surrounding areas.

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

John Martin noticed Joe Thomas was in attendance so he asked if he had any news from the parks.

Joe Thomas stated the only other thing he had was that the reservoir would be having a pancake breakfast over Memorial Day weekend. They have one every year. It's open to the public and not just for campers. He also stated he and Michelle Collins had been discussing doing more events at the reservoir so they are doing a School's Out for Summer Family Fun Day. Kids 15 and under are free. They are renting a couple bounce

houses and just have some stuff out there for the kids to come after school is all done. They can come out to the reservoir and have a good time. The Family Fun Day will be June 10 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-12 An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with the Board of Trustees of the Northern Ohio Rural Water Authority for the Purchase of Potable Water and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2018-12 to be passed on an emergency measure. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Abstain; 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.

John Martin then presented Resolution 2018-04 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. 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 called for Old Business.

John Martin stated that he has not been able to get anywhere with CSX. He is going to reach out one more time and if he gets no results back from them he is going to turn it over to Steve Bond and he will take care of it. He is planning on giving them at least two more weeks and if nothing transpires at that time it will go forward.

Shawn Pickworth said he had talked about grants in his administrator's report. He didn't want anyone to forget about OPWC. Last year they had applied for a project that involved East Street, especially the section that is so bad between Birch Par Drive and New London Avenue. He wanted council to know that he hadn't forgotten about it. We are going to reapply for that project again this year. We are going to change some wording in the application and change our match around a little bit in the application. They say that is why we didn't get it funded last year. Shawn thinks we will get it funded this year. That project hasn't been forgotten about. They are going to go after that project again this year. It still needs done badly.

John Martin stated he had one more thing to bring to council. It is old business. We have always made it our duty to make sure that the public is aware when we are going to have a meeting whether it is a workshop or a special meeting or whatever. We just want to make sure that when we do so, we have to give the news media the proper time frame to be notified that we are having a meeting. If anyone is instrumental in changing that timeframe, that person needs to make sure that all parties included are notified so there is no misunderstanding as to what time we have a meeting. He stated it was just something to be aware of and those minutes need to be brought forth no matter what meeting it is.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Janice Myers made a motion to move the May 28, 2018 council meeting to the day after Memorial Day on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 7 p.m. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Isaac Popa and Karson Howell as summer help floaters at minimum wage. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Joe Thomas stated he knows they have a little time but someone from the legion said they would be at the meeting. The Sons of the American Legion wanted permission to sell alcohol at Rockin' the Rez. He thought they had said they would be coming to council. Joe stated if council wanted to wait for someone to be there from the Sons of the American Legion that would be fine.

Mayor John Martin stated he thought they should wait.

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. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball – yes; Paramore – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

John Martin then asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the compensation of a village employee or official. Curtis made a motion to enter into executive session. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

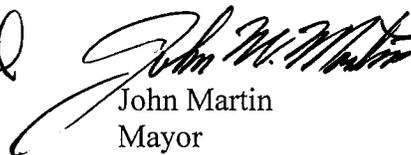
Curtis made a motion to return to regular session. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

Curtis made a motion to give Donald Patton a raise to \$59,000 a year and become a salaried employee effective May 21, 2018. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor