

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 29, 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 and Ball. Cooke was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, Shawn Pickworth, Jason Anderson, Jamie Case, Joe Thomas 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 regular meeting held on May 14, 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.

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- Bid opening was held on May 23, 2018 @ 12:00 Noon here in Council Chambers. Three Contractors submitted bids ranging from \$2,293,000.00 - \$2,561,939.00. Attached to this email is the engineers letter of recommendation to award Kirk Bros. Company, Inc., 11942 West 224, Alvada, Ohio 44802 for the amount of \$2,293,000.00. The engineers estimate was \$2,490,000 so the bids came in under the engineer's estimate.
- GIS Project – crews were out again today working on this project.
- New water service on Sherman Street.
- Asset Management – A group of us will be attending another training this Thursday in New Philadelphia, Ohio. This training is being put on through RCAP. We will also get to sample the software they are coming out with for Asset Management.

Wastewater

- Nothing major to report.

Sanitation

- Garbage Trucks- we had both garbage trucks in the shop at the same time. The old truck in for traction bar repairs and the white one broke the main packing cylinder and had to be taken to the shop. For a couple days we were piling garbage in the Morton Building. I rented a truck from a place in Cleveland until the white one comes back out of the shop. The old red truck needs to be replaced. I am asking Council's permission to get quotes and replace this truck. We did get our white truck back from the repair shop. We will be taking the rental truck back to Cleveland. I would like council's permission to get quotes to replace the red truck and allow me to move forward with a seven-year lease.

Street

- Pothole – the season is back. Crews are out patching, please let us know if we miss a bad one.
- Critical Infrastructure Grant – The State of Ohio has approved our project. Which means we can move forward with paper work and engineering. This is for \$500,000.00 with a \$50,000.00 match. The below streets will be the focus of this project.
- 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

- 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 and buying some beach chairs and new picnic tables. It will make the whole area wheelchair accessible. If Council approves I will need legislation approved at this meeting.
- High Grass Letters – over 25 letters have been sent out so far this year. We get lots of complaints. The guys are out mowing every week.
- I would like to Thank Rachel Druckemiller for her hard work and services at our Triangle Park. It looks wonderful.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he had a couple things. The police department this past Friday executed a search warrant at 123 High Street. They had some possible methamphetamines and cocaine and they confiscated two computers and a shotgun. One fellow took off down the road when they executed the search warrant. They were able to take him down. They are going to take everything to the grand jury. Hopefully once the drug testing is done they will get a felony out of it. Chief is sure they will. Chief also wanted to add that the police department just went over 1,150 calls for service since January 1, 2018. They are busy. Sometimes it's just a simple matter like a dog at large. Sometimes they up the ante a little bit and it's a domestic violence and then sometimes it's a little bit more

serious like chasing a felon. Sometimes that does happen. They are busy. Chief ended by saying that just in case anyone gets any calls about the police department having two cars on the road, they do that often. He gave a prime example of why they may have more than one car on the road. About a week ago he was in court in Norwalk, the officer on duty was the Sergeant and he was at the school because the school resource officer was off. There was one reserve officer working. A call comes in and there is a baby locked in a car. The mom locked the baby in the car accidentally. That is a priority call. What happens if that reserve officer isn't here? Sure you could bust the window down but then you risk injury to the baby. The reserve officer was there quickly and got the car open. Mom and baby were reunited and everything was good. So sometimes they do have a second officer but Chief Marko could not emphasize enough that the second officer or even the third officer working is a reserve and is not getting paid. Six officers on the search warrant the other night were not getting paid. He just wants everyone to know so that if anyone gets asked why there are two police cars on the road, that is the reason why. There have been several times they have had to pick up felons hiding in the village. When they do that, they don't just do it with two officers. That isn't their policy. Their policy is there is strength in numbers. So if you see two or three cars going down the road, they are not wasting gas. They are doing something to protect the town. Most of the officers aren't getting paid. He just wanted everyone to be aware of that. Chief stated they weren't looking for a pat on the back but they want people to know what they are doing. He stressed one more time that the second, third or fourth officers are not being paid.

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 stated he would have a more complete report at the next meeting. He stated he was not able to make it to the 40th homecoming but they felt that for the first time it was pretty successful. They figured they had a little over 100 people there. Bill Curtis told Mayor John Martin that they liked his plaque he had presented. It was a good day. There were some other things going on in town that drew people away from the ambulance homecoming but it couldn't be helped.

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 anything for the parks.

Joe Thomas stated the parks had a busy weekend with Memorial Day. The reservoir was packed. All the cabins were rented. Every site out there had somebody in it and they even created a few more. It was a good weekend. There were no complaints. He also wanted to let council know that he thought Michelle Collins is doing a phenomenal job at the reservoir. She works seven days a week. She gets called out to the reservoir nonstop and he thinks she does just an awesome job. He knows a lot of the council members don't get a chance to go out there. Some of them do, but she does an awesome job. Joe also announced that he had Rockin' the Rez coming up on July 14 and he was asked to bring the application in from the Sons of the American Legion to get permission for them to sell alcohol at the beer tent. Due to a funeral, the Blanton's were unable to attend so they had asked if Joe would ask permission for them.

Ellen Simmons inquired of Joe if the date of the Family Fun Day had been changed.

Joe Thomas replied that yes it had because they were not able to get all the inflatables for the original date. The new date is June 16, 2018.

Mayor John Martin then asked Joe if it was the Sons of the American Legion asking permission to sell alcohol at Rockin' the Rez or if it was the Friends of the Sons of the American Legion.

Joe Thomas stated that the name on the application was Sons of the American Legion. He stated he did not fill the application out but it did say Sons of the American Legion Squad 292.

John Martin said okay they just wanted to make sure they got it correct.

Joe Thomas ended by saying he thought the Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies were awesome. He thought everyone involved did a good job. He thought it looked nice too. He noticed the mayor had been up there working and he said he thought the mayor did a great job.

Mayor John Martin replied that there had been a great turnout that day and thanked Joe Thomas.

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. Third reading. Paramore made a motion to approve the third reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Resolution 2018-06 A Resolution Allowing the Village of New London to Apply for Financial Assistance Under the NatureWorks Grant Program. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 2018-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; 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 called for Old Business.

John Martin said he would make a statement on CSX. He stated he did get a response back from Rusty Orbin, who he believes is the Vice President of CSX out of Columbus for new projects. He is working with ODOT at this time to try and set up and get Safe Route to Schools funding so the sidewalks can be repaired. He has sent a letter to the Director of ODOT to help that cause along. They may have to put an application in. In sending the letter he also sent a copy to Senator Gayle Manning and also Representative Dick Stein. Hopefully they will get some action soon. He can't say how soon but he hopes it is in the very near future.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to get quotes to replace the red garbage truck and to move forward in pursuing a seven-year lease. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Paramore made a motion to allow the Sons of the American Legion to sell alcohol at Rockin' the Rez on July 14, 2018.

Bill Curtis asked if they were going to approve it without someone there from the Sons of the American Legion.

John Martin said yes they can do it. It was brought forth to Joe Thomas by the Sons of the American Legion and Joe brought it to council so they could act on it.

Joe then stated he was a member of the Sons of the American Legion also.

Bill Curtis stated that someone said the Blanton's started their own Friends of the Sons of the American Legion and he wanted to make sure the village didn't get involved in that.

Joe Thomas replied that it said Sons of the American Legion on the application. If they have started a Friends of the Sons of the American Legion, he said it was supposedly for a gun raffle but he didn't know.

Joe stated he was not involved in that at all. All he knew is that on the permit he had it says Sons of the American Legion.

Bill Curtis stated he just wanted to make sure the village didn't get involved in something like that.

Joe Thomas said he agreed. He added that the Sons of the American Legion do a lot for the park. He goes to them and asks them for money. They just spent four or five thousand dollars on a new scoreboard for the softball field. It is a great organization but he does not know what is going on with the Friends of the American Legion.

Paramore once again made a motion to allow the Sons of the American Legion to sell alcohol at Rockin' the Rez on July 14, 2018. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No on opposed.

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

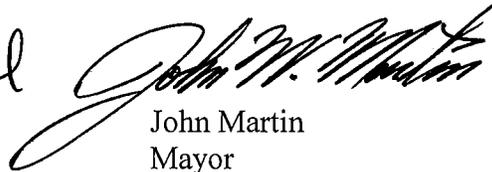
John Martin then asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the compensation of a village employee or official. Myers made a motion to enter into executive session. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor