

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, June 11, 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, Ball and Cooke. Willis and Paramore were absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Mrs. Bond, Lynn Phillips, Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister, John Chapin, Bob James, Brad Booth, Don Patton and Ellen Simmons.

John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Myers 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 May 29, 2018 were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Abstain; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Paramore, Absent.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements.

Ellen Simmons stated she knew the village was making a lot of plans to work on village streets. She asked if there were any plans to do anything on Euclid Road?

Shawn Pickworth replied that yes there were.

Ellen Simmons said okay and thank you.

Mayor John Martin thanked Ellen and asked if there were any other public questions or statements.

Brad Booth stated he had something. He had read in the paper about a new garbage truck possibly.

Shawn Pickworth replied yes.

Brad Booth asked whether the village already had two garbage trucks.

Shawn Pickworth replied yes they did.

Brad Booth questioned whether they could get rebuilt.

Shawn Pickworth answered that one was sitting in the shop right now. They are afraid to use it because it is in such bad shape.

Brad Booth asked if the packer was bad.

Shawn Pickworth replied no it was the running gear. The frame, the running gear, it's wore out and that is coming from the mechanics.

Brad Booth asked if they were looking at a brand new truck and what the cost would be.

Shawn Pickworth stated a brand new truck would cost \$196,000.00. To have one built it would be over \$200,000.00.

Brad Booth asked if that was one on stock with the state.

Shawn Pickworth stated yes that was the state national bid.

Brad Booth asked what fund the money would be coming out of.

Shawn Pickworth answered that it would come out of sanitation.

Brad Booth then questioned whether the rates would go up.

Shawn Pickworth stated that hopefully they would not.

Brad Booth replied that hopefully they wouldn't because they are already paying a pretty good amount now he thought.

Shawn Pickworth stated again that hopefully they would not. Hopefully they are stabilized enough that they will be okay.

Stuart Cooke asked what the Village's rates were compared to others.

Shawn Pickworth stated they were still below the competition.

Stuart Cooke stated that was what he had thought. He thought they were below the others.

Brad Booth questioned who the competition was. Were they talking about Republic?

Shawn Pickworth stated Republic and Rumpke.

Stuart Cooke added that the rates have risen because the cost at the landfill for dumping fees have increased.

Brad Booth stated he realized that.

Stuart Cooke continued by saying it was just everything being put together, between electric costs, insurance costs, fuel. It is everything combined to try to keep up. We aren't trying to make a profit.

Shawn Pickworth stated that we had to replace equipment sometime. We can't run it until it falls apart.

Bill Curtis asked what year the garbage truck was.

Brad Booth asked if it was an '05 or '03.

Shawn Pickworth stated that it was not. It was a 1996.

Stuart Cooke asked if the newer one was an '06.

Shawn Pickworth stated the white one was a 2010 and he believes the red one is a 1996.

Don Patton then added that they were going to get on a rotation once everything is done. Then they will be able to keep their equipment up and keep it newer. The red truck's been bad. The mechanic said that we are

wasting our money to put any more into it. He said we are just throwing our money out the door. So we need to invest.

Brad Booth replied okay you guys have your minds made up already so it is what it is.

John Martin thanked Brad Booth and asked if there were any more questions or public statements. There were none.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvements- We are now in the process of final approval and award from the OEPA with our funds. We will be having a CAP/Asset Management Interview with the EPA later on this month. Funds are expected to be released in July.
- GIS Project – crews were out last week locating utilities and will be again tomorrow. Project is moving along nicely. Don Patton, Wendy Kidd and I attended a GIS/Asset Management Training in New Philadelphia, Ohio on May 31st. Great training, we learned a lot, got to work with the software we will enter data into. We spent time editing data and creating new data. We were also able to see an add on software call Kona that will link right to our GIS software for the Asset Management side of what we need to do. We will also be able to use this along with our other utilities.
- New Water Service on Charles Parkway. Repair service on Short Sherman.

Wastewater

- New controller installed on the EQ Basin. Drain Controller.
- Gas Project in town has found and has allowed us to correct issues. Also, there is a lot of questions going around about final clean up? What you see the crews doing right now is **not** the final, they are required by the OEPA to seed and straw even on the rough grade. They will be back around to do final grades and finishes.

Sanitation

- Garbage Trucks- we have spent a lot of time looking and learning/researching different options, trucks, hoppers, new or used? We do believe the best option is to lease a new truck. I am asking council's permission to move forward with that process.

Street

- Catch Basin repaired on East Main Street.

Other

- State Auditors have been in and out of our office the last couple of months keeping Nancy, Michelle and Lucinda extra busy on top of what they already do. We do not know for sure how long they will be here. They do other communities at the same time.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he had something he wanted to share with council. On Saturday afternoon a young lady walked into the Mickey Mart to purchase a carton of cigarettes. As the cashier put it down on the counter, the young lady grabbed it, ran out of the store, jumped in her car and took off. They reviewed the video and it wasn't anybody local. Chief put it on Facebook because there were pictures and there was a picture of the car. It was not even five minutes before they got a call from a gentleman who is going to be the ex-husband of the lady who stole the cigarettes. He tells the police what her name is. Once they get her name, they can look up a picture and they compare it with the lady in the video at Mickey Mart and it is a perfect match. They couldn't get ahold of her but they were able to get ahold of her mother. Her mother lives in town and was very cooperative and very personable and helped them out. Chief tells the mom he wants to be fair about the situation. He said to tell the daughter that if she comes in by 11 the next day the police department will issue her a summons. If they have to drive down to Mansfield the young lady will be placed under arrest and go to jail. Chief apologized for putting it on the mother's shoulders but that is the way it is. He told her to get ahold of her daughter. Chief said the moral of the story is do not upset your significant other or soon to be former significant other.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin stated that on Memorial Day they had a bad house fire. He said he was sure everyone had heard about it. It was the Shupp family. They are very, very grateful for the response from the community to their tragedy. They have had a lot of tragedy in their life in the last several years. They lost everything and they want to say a big thank you to the community. The fire department wanted to say thank you also. The fire department has a Facebook page and they put it out on Facebook that a family lost everything. They stayed at the station all day that day and they were inundated with cash donations and clothing and several days later even a car was given to them. Chief John Chapin stated he wasn't a fan of Facebook but it worked in this case. There were over 7000 shares in the first couple hours. People from Willoughby, Shelby, Bellevue and all over the place showed up with donations. He was grateful no one got hurt. Everyone was lucky to get out. He again thanked the community.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported there were 44 runs for May. There were 24 in the Village of New London; seven in New London Township; four in Ruggles Township; six in Troy Township; two in Fitchville Township. There was one Mutual Aid (Greenwich Village-1). There were three motor vehicle accidents; Fitchville – 1, Troy Twp. – 1, Ruggles Twp. – 1. There were five calls to the Laurels. There were two Fire Standbys (NL Village-2). There were three Negative Transports. There was one Law Enforcement Standby, zero Service Calls and one Overdose.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated the zoning board had met that night before the council meeting to discuss an amendment to the current zoning for M-1 districts. It was actually discussed last fall. Mark Chase had a concern with his property that it could not be used for commercial endeavors, only manufacturing. They had stated last fall that they would look at that and it slipped through the cracks so at their meeting they had approved the amendment to allow C-3 in that district. He added that council had the ordinance before them. What the zoning board was requesting was to get a first reading on the ordinance and then schedule a public hearing so they could move the process along without delay. They also looked at the fee schedule and the best that anyone could determine was the fee schedule was from 1998 with a few changes being made in 2002. The zoning board pretty much agreed as a whole to leave the fees alone and just add the new parts of the zoning code which was solar panels and wind turbines. Bob James asked Mr. Bond if since the board approved the fees if they still had to go before council.

Mr. Bond said yes they did.

Bob James replied that there was not a big rush on those. They could just be taken care of at the next council meeting. They already had someone put a solar panel up in town. He and Shawn had worked together to come up with a price that was reasonable.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-13 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Kirk Bros. Co. Inc., the Lowest and Best Bidder for Water Treatment Plant Improvements, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

Mayor John Martin stated there were not enough council members present at the meeting so they would have to just have a first reading.

Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-14 An Ordinance Amending the Employee Handbook Relative to the Position of Utility Foreman. First Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the first reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business.

John Martin brought up the topic of the CSX sidewalks. He hasn't talked in person with Rusty Orben from CSX but he sent him an email back stating that the railroad is not in the business of doing sidewalks. He gave the village contact information for ODOT for doing Safe Routes to Schools. He received a letter back from ODOT District 3 stating that the village has to apply for the Safe Routes to Schools funding. He said his question is if they aren't in the business of doing sidewalks, why were asphalt sidewalks placed off the property to the adjoining properties on both sides of the tracks. John Martin asked council for some guidance on which way they wanted to go. Do they want to apply for the Safe Routes to Schools or do they want to turn it over to Mr. Bond and have him address it?

Stuart Cooke stated he thought the first thing they need to do is contact PUCO and meet with them. He asked if the office for this area was in Bowling Green.

John Martin replied that he wasn't sure. He said he would get with Shawn about it.

Stuart Cooke named who he thought was the representative for this area but Shawn Pickworth stated he had retired.

Stuart Cooke asked if anyone had talked to the PUCO about the issue yet.

John Martin stated that no he had not.

Bill Curtis added that his issue was they aren't in the business of sidewalks but yet the one on West Main they crushed it when then put the second line in and never fixed the sidewalk. So apparently they aren't into repairing their damages they do either. He stated it doesn't make much sense.

Mr. Bond suggested the village put on a resolution at the next meeting. There is actually a statute that says companies operating a railroad in the state shall keep them in good repair and have good and sufficient crossings and sidewalks on both sides of the street. The village can pass a resolution that says they are in violation of that statute and recommend they fix it. Then the village can send copies to the PUCO and ODOT and see if that spurs on some action.

Stuart Cooke stated that he thought that was a good starting point.

Bill Curtis replied that the village had already had one young gal who was hit and killed by a train on that crossing.

John Martin answered that yes it was on the West Main Street crossing and then added that there was also someone hit and killed on the North Main Street crossing as well.

Bill Curtis stated that he hoped it didn't take more.

John Martin agreed and then asked if there were any more questions or statements about the sidewalk.

Marvin McCallister asked if the village could still apply for the Safe Route to Schools Grant.

John Martin answered that they could and then jokingly asked if Marvin would like to fill out the paperwork.

Marvin McCallister laughed and said to bring it down and he would take a look at it but he added that it was a grant. It would be money for the village.

Bill Curtis replied that it wouldn't hurt.

Marvin McCallister added he was just joking. He didn't really want them to bring the grant down to him.

John Martin jokingly said he could have it down to Marvin the next day.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to lease a new garbage truck. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Curtis made a motion to amend the agenda to add Ordinance 2018-15 to the agenda. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-15 An Ordinance Amending Section 1114.03 of the Codified Ordinances to allow Commercial Uses in a Light Industrial District. First Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the first reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mr. Bond stated that now a date for a hearing needed to be set.

Shawn Pickworth suggested the public hearing be scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and that way the ordinance would be passed by that time. It will have its third and final reading.

Curtis made a motion to schedule a Village Council Public Hearing for July 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin asked if there was anything else before he brought up annexation. There was nothing.

John Martin began by saying he had been working with Shawn and talking with Carol Knapp at Huron County Development. He would like to annex in some land west of the village limits on State Route 162 on the south side out to but not including Euclid Road. He believes it covers six or seven properties with Mark Chase owning a lot of the land. John Martin believes he is looking into developing it and he would like to see if he could pursue it and annex that land into the village.

Mr. Bond stated that the property owners in that area that would be coming in would need to file a petition with the village. They would also need a surveyor to come up with the actual boundaries.

John Martin stated he would like council's thoughts on his idea. He wanted to see where everyone stood on the issue. He stated he had not pursued anything yet. He was looking for council's approval or disapproval on it.

Bill Curtis asked if any of the property owners had shown an interest in wanting to annex.

John Martin stated there had been two. Two that had talked about it.

Shawn Pickworth stated they would get cheaper utilities by 25%.

Myers asked if it would include the old greenhouse out there.

John Martin replied that yes it would.

Stuart Cooke stated that he thought it was a good idea.

Janice Myers asked if they would all have to approve it.

Mr. Bond stated there are four or five different ways of petitioning to come in. The easiest way is if everybody who is in the area signs off on it and then they would come to the village and the village has to agree as to what services it will provide to their property. Then if the village agrees it still has to go to the County Commissioners and then he isn't entirely sure how Huron County would work but in Lorain County the townships are very active in fighting it. If they fight it then it depends on the Commissioners. There are some scenarios though if all they do is petition to come in and everyone signs off and if they don't want to leave the township but just want to be part of the village too he doesn't think the county can stop it. But then they would still be subject to tax by the township at the same time.

All of council agreed that the mayor should move forward with pursuing the annexation.

John Martin asked if there was any more new business that needed discussed.

Shawn Pickworth stated he did want to mention one thing he failed to include in his report. He had been asked by the Huron County Commissioners to sit and be a part of the new Land Bank board that is being organized at the county level. He will represent the Village of New London on that board. Their first organizational meeting will be June 22nd. He kind of volunteered himself for the board because he feels it is very important for the Village of New London to have a seat at that table.

Myers asked what the board would do.

Shawn Pickworth stated it would be any funds available or raised for tearing down dilapidated homes. He wants to make sure the Village of New London has a say in it.

Bill Curtis stated if the village didn't get involved the money would go to bigger cities.

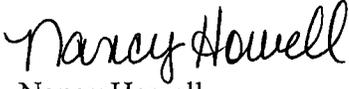
Shawn Pickworth replied that was exactly right and that is why he stepped forward and volunteered and they accepted him. There are two people from Norwalk representing the board. Willard will have a seat on the board and New London. There will be a township person on the board. There are a lot of townships in the county. Hopefully it will get rolling. It is complicated but we will see how it goes. At least something is started.

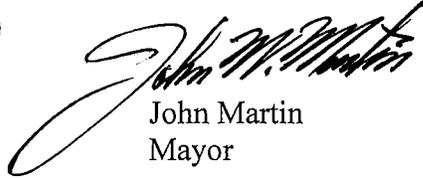
John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Myers made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball – yes; Paramore – absent; Willis – absent; 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. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor