

# NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, July 9, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

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Council President, Stuart Cooke called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor, John Martin. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Erik Von Kamp, Marvin McCallister, Lynn Phillips and Ellen Simmons.

Stuart Cooke 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 June 25, 2018 were then presented for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke asked for any public questions or statements.

Erik Von Kamp rose and came forward and read the following letter to Shawn Pickworth.

“Mr. Pickworth,

In response to your letter to me dated June 29, 2018, stating my invoice to the village will not be paid. You were told in March of 2017 during our discussion there was a tile causing the issue with the sidewalk. I knew of the tile as it comes out in my basement wall and you were informed of this. You chose to ignore the issue.

In April of this year a portion of the 6” tile that was possibly part of the problem was exposed for you to view. You were given the opportunity while exposed to run a tile camera etc. Again, you ignored the situation and sent a letter stating the tile was mine and that the village has no records of any such tile on this street. To let you know, that 6” tile drains into a 10” tile and directly above is a separate 3” tile running parallel with the street.

These tiles are part of a sewer system whether or not the village has records of them, they are still part of the village’s system.

You have continually ignored the situation and since the tile is the cause of the problem, according to the mayor, I’m quoting village minutes dated December 11, 2017. John Martin answered that the only thing is if that’s the case and he goes to repair it and does find something to that effect, then he needs to contact the village and the village will ascertain whether it is the village’s problem and would probably recoup his expenses. They would take care of his expenses. But at this point in time it is in his court. End Quote. This is in response to Bill Curtis asking if it was a washout.

You may or may not present it to council for payment, however the facts and proof are on my side and the bill is still due July 27. You can’t build a house on a collapsing foundation. I believe council needs to, if they haven’t done so already, look into your action regarding this.”

Stuart Cooke then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

#### Water

- Had CAP assessment interview with the representatives from the Ohio EPA on Thursday, June 28. That went very well. I would like to thank everybody involved. The loan agreement has been signed and the state should approve it later this month.
- Asset Management – Again, the grant and loan agreement has been signed. The state will approve it later this month all at the same time. It is the same agency.
- GIS project is still moving forward.
- Crews are finishing up out at the Firelands Electric building site with the project out there.
- Crews repaired a leak on Clinton Street.
- Asking council to accept the resignation of Mike Witmer effective immediately.

#### Wastewater

- Met with engineers from Jones and Henry on Tuesday, July 3 to discuss possible sewer plant improvements.

#### Sanitation

- No Major Issues.

#### Street

- Pothole Repairs – crews continue to battle potholes.

#### Other

- The village's audit is complete. A post audit meeting will be scheduled to review the audit with the village.
- Despite some misleading headlines and Facebook posts, the village is not going for a new tax. We are requesting a renewal on our existing Police and Fire tax.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he didn't have anything unless someone had something for him.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin was absent.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported there were 52 runs for June. There were 23 in the Village of New London; nine in New London Township; four in Ruggles Township; six in Troy Township; six in Fitchville Township. There were four Mutual Aids (Greenwich Village-1, Sullivan-1, Clarksfield-1, Ripley Twp.-1). There were six motor vehicle accidents; Fitchville – 2, New London Twp. – 2, Troy Twp. – 1, Ruggles Twp. – 0, Mutual Aid – 1. There were three calls to the Laurels. There were zero Fire Standbys. There were five Negative Transports. There were two Law Enforcement Standbys, eight Service Calls and two Overdoses. Bill also reported that the overdoses aren't just heroine any more. They are mixing methamphetamine with the heroine.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

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

Stuart Cooke then presented Ordinance 2018-15 An Ordinance Amending Section 1114.03 of the Codified Ordinances to Allow Commercial Uses in a Light Industrial District. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to table the third reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Ordinance 2018-17 An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of an “Unclaimed Moneys Trust Fund”. Second Reading. Paramore made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Ordinance 2018-18 An Ordinance Amending the Sections 181.02, 181.03, and 181.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London Renewing the Additional .50% Increase in the Income Tax by and for a Period of an Additional Four Years Only and Providing that the Revenue Generated by Such Additional Tax Would be Used for Police and Fire Operations and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the second reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Ordinance 2018-19 An Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of the Contracts with the County Sheriff to Conduct Dispatching Services for the Village Police Department and Fire Department and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2018-19 to be passed on an emergency measure. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Ordinance 2018-20 An Ordinance Advancing Funds for Operations at Rockin the Rez, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Paramore made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2018-20 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Resolution 2018-07 A Resolution Directing the Board of Elections of Huron County to Place Upon the New London Village Ballot at the General Election to be Held on November 6, 2018, the Question of Renewing the Levy of an Additional Fifty Hundredths of One Percent (.50%) Municipal Income Tax in Excess of the One Percent (1%) Income Tax Now in Effect, Providing that the Revenues Generated by Such Additional Tax Would be Used for the Purposes of Police and Fire Department Operations Only for a Period of Four Years Only, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Paramore made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Resolution 2018-09 A Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation, Execution, and Delivery of Governmental Lease-Purchase Agreement No. 001-0746283-300 dated July 6, 2018 (the “Lease”), in Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$188,500.00, Between Village of New London, 115 E. Main Street, New London, OH 44851 and TCF Equipment Finance, a Division of TCF National Bank, 11100 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 801, Minnetonka, MN 55305; and Prescribing Other Details in Connection Therewith. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 2018-09 to be passed on an emergency measure. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Resolution 2018-10 A Resolution Adopting a New Fee Schedule for Zoning Permits and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Paramore made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then called for Old Business. There was none.

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Bill Curtis made a motion to accept the resignation of Mike Witmer effective immediately. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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


Stuart Cooke 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 – absent; Curtis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

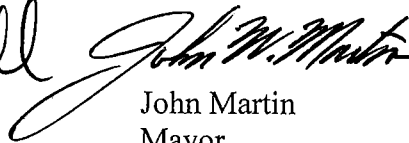
Stuart Cooke then asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to Consider the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Discipline, Promotion, Demotion and Compensation of a Village Employee or Official. Curtis made a motion to enter into executive session. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; 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, Absent; Paramore, Yes.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to advertise for a new Water/Wastewater Operator. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

  
Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer

  
John Martin  
Mayor