

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, July 23, 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, Cooke, Paramore, Willis and Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Joe Thomas, Lynn Phillips and Ellen Simmons.

John Martin asked for a motion to amend the agenda to allow for a report of the Recreation Department from Park Director, Joe Thomas. Myers made a motion to amend the agenda. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes: No one opposed.

John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Curtis made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on July 9, 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. There were none.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvements- Our next step should be preconstruction meetings.
- Asset Management – lots of work yet to be done by October.
- GIS Project – crews still out locating utilities ahead of our RCAP expert coming in and mapping. We are over 50% complete in the Village.
- Crews installing 2 new water taps on Fayette Road.

Wastewater

- Nothing Major.

Sanitation

- New garbage truck has arrived. Will be put into service tomorrow.

Street

- Pothole Repairs – crews continue to battle potholes.
- Light Posts painted downtown area.

Other

- The state has completed our audit. We will be meeting with the State Auditors on Thursday.

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 absent.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated he would have a report at the next meeting.

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

John Martin then asked for a report from the Recreation Department. Joe Thomas started by reporting that Rockin the Rez was awesome. It was the best one they have had. He didn't know the exact number of people that were there but he stated that if you were in the concert area you couldn't turn around without bumping into someone. Joe guessed that there were over 1,000 people there. It went very smooth from start to finish from parking, to the bands and the sound. Joe wanted to give a special thank you to Jake Mayhorn for his help with parking. He didn't have to, but he stood out there all day and parked cars. He continued by saying the only glitch of the day was the fireworks. He stated he talked to the fireworks company and he understands that sometimes things happen. It was a well-attended, awesome day for everyone. Joe wanted to thank the park board members that showed up to help and Michelle in the office. She was there from 8 a.m. to probably 1:30 in the morning. It was a long day for Michelle and Joe but it was a great day. Joe also wanted to thank Chief Marko and the police department. They do a great job and he doesn't think they had any problems this year. Joe believes it was the best year they have had.

Joe Thomas then talked about Labor Day camping. All Labor Day camping is due August 1st. Also, if anyone is interested in working a Labor Day gate they should stop in the Hardware store and see Janice Myers. If anyone is interested in working a shift at the french fry stand, they should see Mark Roeder.

Joe stated the Farm Show would be the coming weekend out at the recreation park. The country concert will be on September 15th. There will be three bands and the setup will be like Rockin the Rez. Tickets will be \$10 a ticket. They won't be doing a different price for presale. It will just be \$10 a ticket. They should be getting tickets for the gun raffle in a week or so. The gun raffle is November 10th.

The last thing Joe wanted to discuss was a boat dock at the reservoir. There is a boat dock out at the reservoir with a few boats docked on it. He thinks the ordinance is from 2001 that states that you aren't allowed to have a boat tied to the dock. The Eagle Scouts built the boat dock for people to use. Joe wondered if council would be willing to amend the ordinance to allow people to use the boat dock. If the ordinance is not amended, they will have to ask everyone to move their boats off the boat dock.

Janice Myers asked if they leave the boats there all the time.

Joe Thomas replied that they leave them there during the summer. It is just seasonal campers that use the boat dock. The boat dock is inside the campground. The seasonal campers pay their fees and they have to pay the reservoir a \$20 fee to keep their boat there. Joe assumes that back in 2001 the only dock they had was the one over by the boat ramp and he can understand nobody putting their boat there. But the Eagle Scout boat dock is more for the campers. He didn't see any reason not to let the campers use it. If council did not want the campers to use it then he might as well ask the boy scouts to remove it because there is no use for it. Joe stated it was up to council. If council does not want the campers to use it, Joe will tell them to remove the boats and he will get the dock out of there.

Janice Myers asked if they had paddle boats out there.

Joe Thomas replied that they don't have paddle boats any more.

Janice Myers asked if when they had paddle boats if they kept them at the Eagle Scout boat dock.

Joe Thomas stated they had been right at the beach in front of the office. Joe continued to say that they have two kayaks now. They have a double kayak and a single kayak.

Stuart Cooke asked if they just pulled the kayaks up on the beach.

Joe said yes they just pull them right up on the beach. They are plastic and really light. Joe stated they didn't want to buy anything too expensive in case anything got damaged. They chain them up to a post. When someone rents them they are given a key and they take them out.

Marion Paramore asked how many boats were being docked at the Eagle Scout dock.

Joe stated it was just three or four. He continued by saying that as the season goes on people pull their boats out because the water goes down and there is nothing he can do about it.

Stuart Cooke replied that he didn't see anything wrong with it unless it becomes a problem.

Bill Curtis added that he thought it should be earmarked for seasonal campers only.

Joe Thomas stated that he wouldn't have a problem if there was space if someone brought in a boat that was camping for the weekend. If there was a spot available, they could use it. They do have a boat parking area that people do utilize. They hook up to it and they take it over and they use the boat ramp but it's probably people that don't fish as much as the others. Joe said that if council didn't have a problem with it, he would like to continue to let the boats stay on the dock.

Stuart Cooke asked if they would need to amend the ordinance and have it on the agenda at the next meeting.

John Martin asked if a resident or someone else outside the campground had bought a \$20 pass to put their boat in the water, if there is an open spot on the dock could that person put their boat there?

Joe Thomas said he would probably tell them no because it is inside the campground and it is for the campers. Joe said that would be his suggestion.

Mayor John Martin said it would be up to council as to whether it would be a campground dock or not.

Stuart Cooke stated that they had been saying that it was for the campers there or if someone is there as a weekend camper and has a boat and paid the \$20 they could use it also. That is how he would like to see it.

Joe Thomas added that the seasonal campers are paying \$1,700 or \$1,800 so that is something small they could be given. Joe then asked that since the amended ordinance wouldn't be able to be approved until the next council meeting, would he have to make everyone move their boats out until then or could they just stay there.

John Martin said to hold off on that and not do anything until council does something. He then noted that the ordinance was 955.07. It states "Use of Village Slips, Private Docks, and Boat Moorings on Reservoir Prohibited. The use of Village slips, private docks and moorings on the New London Upground Raw Water Storage Reservoir shall be prohibited."

Stuart Cooke stated he thought it said private docks because they had people building docks out into the reservoir. That's why they put it in the ordinances. They don't want docks being built back into the reservoir.

Joe Thomas stated that the dock in question was an Eagle Scout project.

Stuart Cooke replied yes but they needed to be careful with how they change the wording of the ordinance or they could get private docks being built back into the reservoir.

Joe Thomas agreed and then he went on to ask if anyone had been out to see the new putt putt golf course. The new course was an Eagle Scout project as well and they did a phenomenal job with it.

Ellen Simmons asked what the cost for it was.

Joe replied that for campers there was no fee but for kids not camping it's \$2 and for adults it's \$3.

Bill Curtis asked how the new office was working.

Joe Thomas stated it was working good. There are always adjustments that are going to need to be made but they are catching a lot more people sneaking in but there are a lot of people who just drive right up to the office and turn so right now it's tough when the girls are on the phone or if they are waiting on a customer and someone pulls up and turns. Joe added that it is an adjustment everyone is making but he thinks they are doing a great job out there. Michelle Collins is doing awesome and he noted the deposit reports she gives to council now before every meeting.

Janice Myers asked if they had the sign from the old office that said to stop.

Joe Thomas replied that they do need to get another sign that says "Everybody Must Stop".

Janice Myers stated yes so that they know they don't just keep going.

John Martin added that they could even get a sign that said "Must Check In".

Joe stated that there is a big sign that says Reservoir Office right there. It has all the beach rules and everything right beside the office.

Janice Myers replied that they don't look at that.

Joe Thomas stated once people are there they just drive in and out like it's their house. Joe ended by saying he thinks overall it is going very well this year.

John Martin asked if there were any other questions for Joe Thomas. There were none.

Don Patton said he had one thing. He reported that all village employees participated in CPR and First Aid classes on July 17th and 18th. It was set up with Firelands Ambulance Service and there were two days of classes and it was really beneficial to everybody.

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

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-17 An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of an "Unclaimed Moneys Trust Fund". Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

John Martin then presented Resolution 2018-10 A Resolution Adopting a New Fee Schedule for Zoning Permits and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business.

Bill Curtis asked if the mayor had heard anything from the railroad.

Mayor John Martin stated that he has been in contact with the PUCO and the PUCO in Columbus has been talking with CSX concerning this and they are now in the process of getting an updated estimate for replacement of the sidewalks at both crossings, North Main Street and West Main Street. Mayor John Martin stated that he would not say any more at that time because he wants to make sure what transpires before any further comments are made.

John Martin then called for New Business.

John Martin stated that council had before them a new list of the 2018 New London Village Committees. John Martin removed Neil Winslow and added Jennifer Ball to those committees where Neil had been occupying a spot. He asked for council's approval on the updated committees unless council had anything else. He didn't think there were any other changes that needed to be made until the first of the year.

Marion Paramore made a motion to accept the new updated committees as presented by Mayor John Martin. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Bill Curtis asked that since they had made Eric Von Kamp fix his sidewalk, should Bob James be checking on the other sidewalks uptown.

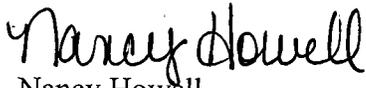
John Martin stated that Bob James should be doing that in conjunction with the Village Administrator.

Bill Curtis replied that he noticed there are others on the same side of the street that are bad.

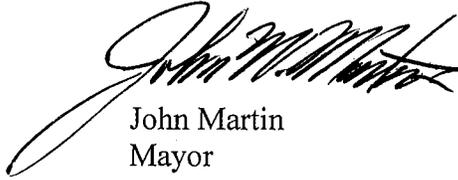
John Martin stated that they should be checked by both and then followed up on.

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor