

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, August 27, 2018 @ 7 p.m.

Mayor John Martin called the meeting to order. He then gave the invocation where he asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mike Willis' brother. He then followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Steve Bond, John Chapin, Marvin McCallister, Paul Thompson, Marcia Thompson and Lynn Phillips.

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

The minutes from the August 13, 2018 Workshop were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on August 13, 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.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements.

Marcia Thompson stood and said she was one of the seasonal residents at the reservoir campground. She stated that she was just told that if they sold their trailer they would have to move it off the lot and they would have to move out. She wanted to see if that information was correct.

Bill Curtis responded by saying he thought they had discussed that at the last meeting. He asked Marcia Thompson if she had paid for the year.

Marcia Thompson replied that yes she had.

Bill Curtis then stated she would be able to stay there until the end of the year and then whoever purchased the trailer from her would have to move the trailer off at the end of the season. The new owner of the trailer would then be placed on the waiting list if they so desired. Bill explained to Mrs. Thompson about the waiting list and how people were called in order and that he felt that was the fairest way to handle things.

Marcia Thompson asked what if she would sell her camper to someone already on the waiting list.

Bill Curtis stated they would be able to stay there only if they were the next person at the top of the list. He continued to say she could sell her camper. That wouldn't be a problem. Whoever purchases it can stay there the remainder of the year. That's not a problem because she is basically selling the contract along with the trailer but at the close of the season the camper would have to be removed from the lot.

Marcia Thompson asked when that rule had gone into effect.

Bill Curtis stated it had always been that way but for some reason it wasn't being enforced.

Shawn Pickworth stated he didn't think that was true. He said it had been that way since he had been there. He said they had just changed it at the last council meeting.

Janice Myers asked what Steve Bond had said.

Bill Curtis said he had thought they had discussed it a long time ago.

Steve Bond stated they had gone through and had changed the form and talked about how it was very clearly written that it was only for the current season and it had to be renewed each season.

Shawn Pickworth replied that was true. That was the way they did it. That's the way they have always done it.

Bill Curtis stated yes but they couldn't sell it and then someone automatically move in there permanently. That's a way to get ahead of who's on the list and you can't do that.

Marcia Thompson asked why they were enforcing it now. Was it because of the waiting list?

Bill Curtis stated it was because they had received complaints from the other people that were on the list that were getting passed up.

Mayor John Martin thanked Marcia Thompson for her comments.

Marvin McCallister then asked if the new sewer line that was run out to the reservoir was hooked up yet.

Shawn Pickworth stated yes and it had been hooked up for a while.

Marvin McCallister asked if they would be hooking up other lines to other sites as money became available.

Shawn Pickworth responded by saying yep.

John Martin thanked Marvin McCallister.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvements- Finalizing contracts and scheduling preconstruction meetings.
- GIS Project – RCAP and crews will again work on this project Wednesday, August 29th.
- Waterline has been relocated and put into service on Industrial Drive.

Wastewater

- Workshop – a workshop with council was held today at 6:00 pm to discuss plant improvements.

Sanitation

- Nothing major.
- Schedule for Labor Day week is just like any other week.

Street

- Catch Basin repaired in City parking lot.

- CDBG funding – I am still waiting to hear if the money is going to be released this year for the projects we were approved for. Also waiting to hear something from the state about the New London Ave. and West Washburn Projects.
- Grant Street Bridge – We are having a section of sewer line replaced that crosses the waterway along with improvement to the embankments surrounding the bridge. BBC came in earlier this year and performed some repairs on the bridge itself to preserve and extend its life. We are now helping that preservation by doing this work.
- Winter Road Salt – bids came in this year around \$59.00 per/ton up from last year which was \$34.00 per/ton.

Other

- Would like Councils approval to go ahead and have new roofs installed on the remaining 2 mausoleums at the cemetery and allowing the cemetery to borrow the money from the CSX fund and pay it back on a yearly basis.

Bill Curtis asked what the cost for the new roofs would be.

Shawn Pickworth stated about \$12,000 each.

Lynn Phillips asked who was doing the work

Shawn Pickworth replied it was New State Roofing. They have done most of the roof replacements for the village from the hail damage.

Lynn Phillips asked if they were out of Norwalk.

Shawn Pickworth said no they were between Greenwich and Willard.

Bill Curtis asked if they needed to use any special material on the roofs.

Shawn Pickworth stated they used the same as they did at the depot that looks like slate. What they use at the cemetery looks like the original tile so it matches up. It looks very nice and they do a good job.

John Martin asked if Shawn had a refund amount in mind if it were to get approved by council.

Shawn Pickworth responded by saying it would be a minimum of \$1,000 a year until they pay it off and maybe some years they will be able to pay back more.

Marion Paramore asked what the total cost would be.

Shawn Pickworth stated it would be about \$24,000.

Steve Bond stated they would have to do an ordinance to move the money.

Shawn Pickworth agreed.

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 stated he wanted to thank the guys. He wondered how many people had seen the video of the fire on Railroad Street. He said his guys had done a bang up job on it. The video that the paper put on their website ended up going national.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported he didn't have a whole lot but the ambulance crews are ready for Labor Day and they also will be doing the ambulance promotion again this year for \$50.

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 absent.

Shawn Pickworth noted that Joe Thomas was absent due to a park board meeting.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2018-21 An Ordinance Amending Section 955.07 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Boat Docks at the Reservoir. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading on Ordinance 2018-21. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-22 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 133.03 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Cemetery Foundations. Second Reading. Paramore made a motion to approve the second reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-23 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with United Healthcare for Health Insurance and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

John Martin stated it would have to be a first reading since there were not enough council members present to pass it on an emergency measure.

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

John Martin then presented Ordinance 2018-24 An Ordinance Advancing Funds for Operations at the Annual Labor Day Festival, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

John Martin stated Ordinance 2018-24 would also have to be just a first reading.

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

John Martin then presented Resolution 2018-11 A Resolution Approving of the Issuance of Cash Payouts in Connection with the Annual Labor Day Festival, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

John Martin stated that unfortunately this resolution would also have to be a first reading.

Ball 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.

Bill Curtis stated he had some old business. He wanted to know if there had been any movement on the sidewalks uptown by the zoning inspector.

John Martin asked if he was talking about sidewalks in the village.

Bill Curtis said yes in the business area downtown.

John Martin stated he had not heard anything yet.

Bill Curtis said what was fair was fair and asked Shawn Pickworth if he had said anything.

Shawn Pickworth stated they could send them letters if council is ready for it. He just wants them to be prepared. If he sends out the letters he needs council's backing.

Bill Curtis replied that they had made one person do it. He thought they should be fair and be the same across the board.

Shawn Pickworth responded by saying okay. He would send out the letters.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Myers made a motion to give the Village Administrator permission to check into funding for the sewer plant project. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin asked if there was any more new business. There was none.

John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Ball 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 Employment of a Village Employee or Official. Paramore made a motion to enter into executive session. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; 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, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Paramore, Yes.

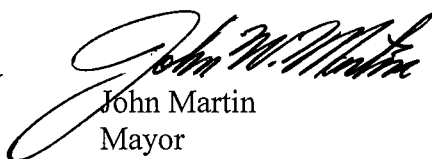
Curtis made a motion to hire Chad Bilton for the open Water/Sewer position beginning September 10, 2018. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ball made a motion that all who bought campers at the New London Reservoir since January 2018 must remove their campers at the end of 2018 and be moved to the waiting list for 2019. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Paramore, Yes.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor