

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, November 26, 2018 @ 7 p.m.**

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Mayor John Martin called the meeting to order. He then gave the invocation followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Lynn Phillips, Tyler Cawrse, Shelby Cawrse, Ellen Simmons, Bob James, Naomi Hicks and Don Patton.

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

The minutes from the November 12, 2018 Street, State Highway, Sanitation and Storm Sewer Budget Workshop were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on November 12, 2018 were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. He asked anyone who had a question or statement to stand, state their name and they would be allotted three minutes to talk.

Marvin McCallister stood and asked if the sidewalk letters had been sent out.

Mayor John Martin stated that was something they were working on and he had no further comments on the situation.

Marvin McCallister then asked if the outside buyers of water would be getting the water increase as well.

Shawn Pickworth stated that no one had received an increase yet. It was just a proposed increase so far.

Marvin McCallister asked if the city had ever considered selling bottled water.

Don Patton stated that no they had never considered selling bottled water.

Marvin McCallister wanted to verify that the village had to pay to get wood chips hauled away.

Shawn Pickworth verified that yes they did have to pay.

Marvin McCallister explained some equipment that he had just heard about that would repurpose the wood chips and compress them into sprigs like firewood. The machine would make them pellet size or up to six inches. He wondered if the village would ever consider doing something like that as opposed to paying to have someone haul them away.

Shawn Pickworth asked if the village would have to buy the equipment.

Marvin McCallister stated that yes they would have to but they could use the money they save from not having to have someone haul away the wood chips.

Janice Myers added that they would also have to pay for someone to run it.

Marvin McCallister added that the village needs jobs anyway so it would benefit the community with the jobs and the income tax. He didn't think it would take more than three or four people to run it. He also didn't think they would run it more than six months out of the year.

Shawn Pickworth stated that it would be something to look into.

Marvin McCallister then asked if they had come up with any ideas of what the village would use the Revolving Loan Fund money for if they have to close out the fund. He wanted to verify that the money would have to be used on infrastructure.

Shawn Pickworth verified that yes it would be used on infrastructure.

Marvin McCallister asked if Shawn had any thoughts or ideas on how the money would be used.

Shawn Pickworth replied that there are lots of ideas but nothing definite. It will be up to council to decide.

Marvin McCallister asked council members if they had any ideas.

Janice Myers wanted to verify that they had to follow certain rules. She thought there would be stipulations on it.

Shawn Pickworth stated yes there were lots of stipulations. It has to be spent according to CDBG guidelines.

Marvin McCallister stated that was all he had and he thanked council.

Ellen Simmons stood and stated Hometown Holidays would be Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and she passed out brochures about the event to everyone in attendance. She stated it was a year's accumulation of work. She also wanted to thank in advance the fire department and police department for their help and she also wanted to thank the Village Office for printing the brochures. Michelle Popa did all the printing. Ellen ended by saying she hoped to see everyone there. She hoped everyone would take advantage of some of the things that would be going on.

Naomi Hicks then stood and asked why the water prices were being raised for the second time in one year.

Shawn Pickworth answered that the intent was not to raise rates this year. The intent is for the increase to go into effect next year.

Naomi Hicks wondered when next year the increase would take effect.

Shawn Pickworth stated it would be the first of next year.

Naomi Hicks wanted to verify the increase would take place in January.

Shawn Pickworth verified that yes the increase would begin in January.

Naomi Hicks asked what the extra money would be used for.

Shawn Pickworth stated that it would be used on capital improvements.

Naomi Hicks asked if it would be capital improvements on water lines.

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes it would be used on water lines, sewer lines, sewer plant, water plant and sanitation.

Naomi Hicks wanted to verify that the garbage and storm sewer would also be increasing.

Shawn Pickworth stated yes and storm sewer was part of it too.

Naomi Hicks asked if the sanitation would not be going up.

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes the sanitation charge would be increasing as well.

Naomi Hicks ended by saying that was all she needed to know.

John Martin then asked if there were any other 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- Weather has begun to affect the outside construction. Still waiting for equipment for inside construction to start. We will be having a progress meeting this week with the contractor, engineers, inspectors and the village.
- GIS Project – project continues. A training is scheduled for December 19, 2018 here in the Village for our employees.
- Reservoir – we will begin filling the reservoir this week. We will add around 3 feet of water from the river.

#### Wastewater

- Nothing major.
- John Chapin, Don Patton and I met with Ted Bennett and Katie Wambo from Jones & Henry Engineering on Monday, November 19, 2018 to review funding applications for the sewer treatment plant project.

#### Sanitation

- No major issues.

#### Street

Road Salt – 120 tons of road salt to be delivered this week. This will give us around 200 tons on hand. Should put us well into next year before we need to order again.

## Other

- Attended a Community Reinvestment Areas seminar in Medina on November 19, 2018. We need to look at adding residential to our reinvestment areas, this has helped improve and stimulate a lot of other communities. Could be a good thing here.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he didn't have anything unless somebody had something for him.

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 reported that their seven prospective new EMTs started school right before Thanksgiving. He believes they will be finished by May. He stated he hopes they will sponsor another class when the current one is completed.

John Martin asked if they were looking to fill more than just the one position right now. He wondered if they were looking for others to come on board.

Bill Curtis replied that all seven that they currently have in school will be coming on board as long as they pass the class. If they don't pass the class, they have to reimburse Firelands Ambulance for the cost of the class. If they do pass the class, they sign a contract and they work for Firelands Ambulance for two years. It's a good thing for them. They don't have to travel far for the school. It's right at the ambulance building.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he didn't have anything unless somebody had something for him.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Recreation Department. Joe Thomas absent.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2018-31 An Ordinance Changing the Rates for Utility Services. Second Reading.

Bill Curtis wanted to verify that the Ordinance was the one in regards to the water and sewer increase.

Shawn Pickworth verified that yes it was.

Bill Curtis stated he had talked to Stuart Cooke about it and he was thinking they had increased the rates around March. Stuart Cooke had made a suggestion to wait and increase the rates around that same time next year. Bill Curtis agreed with his suggestion and wanted to make a motion to table the ordinance until later. Janice Myers seconded the motion.

Mr. Bond spoke up and said he just wanted to point out that the way the ordinance is written, it says "effective from and after the first billing cycle in" and then a blank. It gives the village the option to fill in whatever council would like. He continued by saying they could put in March 1<sup>st</sup> or whatever date they wanted.

Bill Curtis stated he wouldn't have a problem doing that. He wondered if he should make a motion or if council wanted to discuss it first.

Mayor John Martin mentioned that it would just be the second reading on the ordinance.

Bill Curtis stated he would like to make it effective after the first billing cycle in March of 2019. The rest of council agreed with that date as well.

Bill Curtis then stated he would like to rescind his motion to table Ordinance 2018-31.

Steve Bond recommended that if they wanted to go in that direction, someone should make a motion to make that change and then they could go ahead with the second reading.

Bill Curtis said he would like to make a motion to make Ordinance 2018-31 effective the first billing cycle after March 1, 2019. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

Paramore made a motion to approve the second reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2018-32 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule. Second Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2018-33 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. Second Reading. Paramore made a motion to approve the second reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2018-34 An Ordinance Amending Section 143.04 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Direct Deposit of Employee Compensation. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business. There was none.

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John Martin stated he had Tyler Cawrse in attendance and he wanted to read a proclamation for Cross Country Appreciation Day. Mayor John Martin asked Tyler Cawrse to come forward to receive the proclamation. John Martin stated he had been recognizing the school and their athletes for a long time. He wanted to continue doing that as much as he could. He pointed out that the boy's and girl's cross country teams went to state. They boys' team placed 7<sup>th</sup> and the girls' team placed 14<sup>th</sup>. He feels they are doing a great job and need to be recognized. He hopes the rest of the community will recognize them as well.

John Martin then read the Proclamation proclaiming November 30, 2018 as Cross Country Appreciation Day in the Village of New London.

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

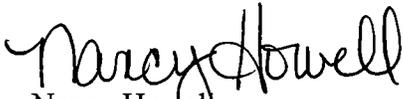
John Martin then presented the Then and Now monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Myers made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then asked if someone would be willing to make a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the compensation of a Village Employee or Official. Curtis made a motion to enter into executive session. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

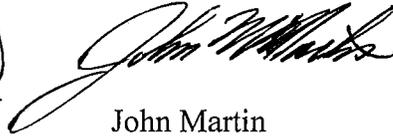
Paramore made a motion to return to regular session. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

Curtis made a motion to increase the pay of the Village Administrator by 4% effective the December 7, 2018 pay. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

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



Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer



John Martin  
Mayor