

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 28, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

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, Willis, Paramore, Ball and Cooke.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, John Chapin, Ellen Simmons, Dawn Hess, Greg Massie, Pamela Massie, Jason Anderson, Marvin McCallister, Joe Thomas, Heather Brown 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 regular meeting held on January 14, 2019 were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No on 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.

Ellen Simmons stood and stated she wanted to remind everyone of the Super Raffle on Saturday, February 2nd. The doors open at 5 p.m. at the Hileman Building. Everything starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 a piece or 6 for \$50. It also includes a meal. She ended by saying that all money raised will benefit the parks in one way or another.

John Martin 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 Improvement Project – Project continues.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- New London Ave – Water Main leak repaired.
- Coleman Court – 1" service line repaired.
- Crews had been looking for a major leak and had to call in a leak locator today and found it on Park Ave. Crews have made plans on fixing this leak first thing tomorrow morning.

Wastewater

- Cold Temp causing equipment issues, OEPA has been notified.

Sanitation

- Nothing major.

Street

- Saturday, January 19, 2019 – Monday, January 21, 2019 we got hammered here in New London by a major snow storm. I cannot say enough about how well our Village employees stepped up during this time, working as a team keeping the streets plowed. Then came back in to haul the snow away. Don Patton managed the situation perfectly. Joe Thomas got stuck in town trying to be a good Samaritan so while he was in town, he helped out also. Then there was the Water operator that spent the night at the water plant because he felt it was the right thing to do.

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Other

- Met with a representative from the New London Alliance Church and they are asking Councils permission to have a community garden at the site of the old school this year. It would be a community garden. The Alliance Church would furnish all the seeds and provide all the work. They would just like some ground to put it on.
- Revolving Loan Funding – the state says the Village must use this money or they will take it from us. I have a proposal from New London Schools to partner with them on a small project that might be eligible for some of this money. The project would make available free Wi Fi for a large portion of our community. The estimated cost of the project is around \$12,000.00. It won't cover the entire village of New London but it will cover a large portion of it and it would be free Wi-Fi to the residents. The project would benefit a lot of people.

Bill Curtis asked what area would the free Wi-Fi cover.

Shawn Pickworth answered that it would be a large portion of the downtown area, the parks and it would be transmitted off the village's water tower.

Bill Curtis asked if it would basically be a circumference around the water tower.

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes it would. He continued to say that they really needed to get serious about projects for the Revolving Loan Fund. There is \$171,000 in the account and the state is going to be making a push about doing something with the money.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he wanted to add to what Shawn had said about the village employees during the snow storm. He said it came from him and all of his officers that the village employees did an outstanding job keeping up with the snow. Chief Marko then stated he wanted to give a shout out to the New London Alliance Church. The church had contacted Chief the previous week. They have started what they call Project Hope. Project Hope is giving people who are in need a gas card and a food card. When the officers interact with someone that they think is in need, they will give the cards to them. Chief continued by saying he thought it was a great PR tool for not only the Alliance Church but also for the police department. Chief concluded by saying he was ready to hire a full-time officer.

They have completed all of the interviews. The position has been open since October and he feels it is time to act on it now. He also would like to promote a reserve officer. Wilson Velazquez is the most senior officer for the Village of New London. He has been with the village for 15 years and he is still a reserve officer. Each time chief has wanted to promote him, he has refused. Chief stood his ground with him and made him accept the position. He would like to promote him, after 15 years, to part-time. With council's permission he would like to do those two things.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief.

Mayor John Martin stated he was going to fill in for John Chapin. He continued on to say that with the cold weather coming on, the New London Fire Station will be open starting at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29 for those residents having issues with heating, plumbing and so forth due to the frigid temperatures. The station will be manned and open through Thursday at 4 p.m. or later if necessary. No bedding or food will be provided. Those items would need to be brought in by the residents themselves using the facility. Before going to the fire station, please contact the police department to be sure the station is open or will be open before anyone arrives.

Mayor John Martin asked John Chapin if he had anything to add. He did not.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported that he had the 2018 Firelands Ambulance Run Breakdown. There were 638 total calls for service. Advanced life support calls totaled 278, basic life support calls totaled 168 and there were 192 non-transports. Non-transports would consist of police stand by or getting called to a house and then they refuse the ambulance transport and things like that. Of the 638 calls, 294 were in New London Village, 94 in New London Township, 98 in Fitchville Township, 64 in Troy Township, 57 in Ruggles Township and 31 Mutual Aids. They had broken down the report into the top five call types – Trauma Injury – 42; Shortness of Breath – 39; Altered Level of Consciousness – 29; Chest Pain – 29; Overdose/Poisoning – 26. Transport locations were Fisher-Titus – 330; UH Ashland – 90; Lodi – 5; Firelands – 5; Willard – 2; Ohio Health Mansfield – 1; UH Elyria – 1. Bill concluded by saying it had been a busy year.

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 began by saying Ellen Simmons had covered the Super Raffle but he was hoping for a great day and the temperatures look better so he encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy the raffle. Next, Joe wanted to thank the Friends of the Veterans. He and one of their members had gone that day to purchase 27 more tables and 100 more chairs for the Hileman Building. They split the cost between the Friends of the Veterans and the Friends of the Parks 50/50. Joe continued by saying they have to rent tables and chairs for several events held at the Hileman Building every year. Purchasing the extra tables and chairs benefits both organizations and will save from having to rent tables and chairs in the future. He again thanked the Friends of the Veterans for help with the purchase. Joe Thomas ended by saying he wanted to address the issue of hiring the campground manager. He stated he and Shawn Pickworth's recommendation remained the same. He said council had wanted to view applications and he had provided them so he was hoping to get the situation resolved that night.

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

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-02 An Ordinance Allowing the Village of New London to Enter into a Contract with the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio to Perform a Spot Paving Project on State Route 60 in the Village of New London in Huron County. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-02 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Myers made

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

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

John Martin then called for New Business.

Mayor John Martin stated he had sent out to all council members a list of all the committees and those that are members of each of those committees. He then asked if there were any changes to be made to what he had sent out.

There were no changes noted.

John Martin continued by saying he had corrected an error that he had made the prior year. It was for the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is supposed to be established and the council is supposed to establish itself as the Audit Committee. He had given them each a copy of the codified ordinance 111.02 for the Audit Committee for their use. If there are no changes he asked for a motion to accept the committees as proposed.

Bill Curtis made a motion to accept the following committees.

2019 NEW LONDON VILLAGE COMMITTEES

RECREATION COMMITTEE (2 Yr. term)

Shawn Pickworth	Village Admin
Joe Thomas	Park Supt.
Bill Curtis	Council
Janice Myers	Council
Mark Roeder - PRES.	12/31/2020
Steve Roeder	12/31/2020
Eric Mitchell	12/31/2020
Chad Bilton	12/31/2020
Kevin Thierry	12/31/2020
Davina Sipes	12/31/2020
Brian Speicher	12/31/2020
Bryan Clime	12/31/2020
Crystal Davidson	12/31/2020
Brianna McNeely	12/31/2020
Emory Bateson	12/31/2019
John Benci	12/31/2019
Dewayne Williams	12/31/2019
Brittany Roeder - SECTY.	12/31/2019
Keaton Ruggles	12/31/2019
Shonna Gillenwater	12/31/2019
Patti Sendelbach	12/31/2019
Dick Sutherland	12/31/2019

PROCEEDS CORPORATION

John Martin	Mayor
Dolores Marschall	Resident

FIRELANDS AMBULANCE BOARD

Bill Curtis	Council
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POLICE COMMITTEE

ALL OF COUNCIL

CEMETERY BOARD (3 Yr. term)

Kay Erlenbach	12/31/2022 (Res.)
George Eastman	12/31/2022 (Res.)
Tom Neel	12/31/2021 (Res.)
Rodney Harner	12/31/2021 (Res.)
Brian Cucco	Supt.
Gabe Heileman	Village Rep.
Shawn Pickworth	Village Admin

INCOME TAX BOARD (3 Yr. term)

Steven Fawcett	12/31/2021 (M)
Linda Roeder	12/31/2020 (CNCL)
April Maple	12/31/2021 (CNCL)

ZONING INSPECTOR

Bob James

ZONING & PLANNING COMMISSION (6 Yr. term)

John Martin	Mayor
Marion Paramore	Council
Marvin McCallister	12/31/2024
Cheri Raphael	12/31/2022
James Van Sickle	12/31/2022

CRA HOUSING COUNCIL (3 Yr. term)

Shawn Pickworth	Village Admin
Janice Myers	12/31/2020 (M)
Marion Paramore	12/31/2020 (M)
George Eastman	12/31/2019 (CNCL)
Steven Fawcett	12/31/2019 (CNCL)
Sandy Sword	12/31/2021 (ZPC)
Steve VonBehren	12/31/2021 (ZPC)
Ronald Hamilton	12/31/2020 (ZPC)
Brad Romano	School Rep.

CIC/HECDEC REPRESENTATIVE

Shawn Pickworth Village Admin

HURON CO. PLANNING COMMISSION (3 Yr. term)

Shawn Pickworth Village Admin

SHADE TREE COMMISSION (4 Yr. term)

John Martin	Mayor
Shawn Pickworth	Village Admin
Janice Myers	Council
Bob Johnson	12/31/2019

RECORDS COMMISSION (3 Yr. term)

John Martin	Mayor
Nancy Howell	Village Rep.
Jennifer Ball	Council
Tom Neel	12/31/2019 (Res.)
Stephen Bond	Village Solicitor

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER BOARD (1 Yr. term)

Janice Myers	Council
Michael Willis - SECTY.	Council
Chad Porter	12/31/2019
Chris Rowland	12/31/2019
Mark Roeder - CHAIR.	12/31/2019 (Res.)

MONUMENT BOARD

Bill Curtis	Council
John Longbrake	Resident

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Stuart Cooke	Council
Bill Curtis	Council
Marion Paramore	Council
Jennifer Ball	Council
Michael Willis	Council
Janice Myers	Council

Appointed by (for reference):

Mayor (M)	Resident (Res.)
Council (CNCL)	
Zoning/Planning Commission (ZPC)	

Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Bill Curtis made a motion to promote Wilson Velazquez to a part-time police officer at \$11 per hour and Jake Johnson to a full-time officer at \$15 per hour beginning February 1, 2019. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor John Martin then asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to hire Heather Brown as Campground Manager.

Stuart Cooke felt that there was some concern from council on hiring anybody this early in the season. He thought it should be closer to the start of the season. He asked if anybody else on council had any thoughts.

Marion Paramore thought the same thing.

Joe Thomas asked if he could speak.

Stuart Cooke told him yes he could.

Joe Thomas began by saying he thought they were behind the eight ball. They have a lot going on out at the reservoir. He went out to the reservoir the other day and there were messages on the phone. There is mail that comes in every day. He stated he wasn't asking for five days a week, just a couple.

Stuart Cooke said he was worried about the way they had the position wrote up as a seasonal part-time position.

Bill Curtis added that he thought it was from April until October.

Joe Thomas said he thought they had discussed when Michelle Collins was hired and even before that with Brittany Roeder that the manager would come in one to two days a week. The phone rings out at the reservoir all year long and they get mail and payments all year long. He thought it was understood that the campground manager would come in one or two days a week to answer the phone and return phone calls.

Bill Curtis stated he thought when they had originally made Gary Hopkins full time it was done to allow him to do what the Campground Manager would usually do.

Joe Thomas replied that when Gary Hopkins was there, Nellie Timbs was out there all year long. She was on salary.

Bill Curtis stated that was true.

Joe Thomas continued by saying they have way more to do now than when Gary Hopkins worked for the village. He agreed that yes he could go out and check things at the reservoir. He has about six or seven openings for seasonal campers. He has started making calls about them but he also has his regular duties to do during the day and he feels that the campground manager should be making those phone calls. He stated the recreation budget has gotten better and better every year. The seasonal campers, weekend campers and events at the reservoir have grown and grown which has helped the revenue every single year.

Stuart Cooke asked if the reservoir office was open one day a week, would they be able to have a message on that phone number that said what the days and hours would be that someone would be there.

Joe Thomas stated that in the off-season the prior year, that is what they had done. He said he had called some campgrounds recently to get information and they had the same kind of message on their phone.

Stuart Cooke replied that Bill Curtis wanted to go through the applications during an executive session and then council would make a decision when they came out.

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

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

Curtis made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the discipline and employment of a village employee or official. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

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

Cooke made a motion to hire Heather Brown as Seasonal Campground Manager to work February 1st through April 1st, two days weekly and from April 1st to November 15th, 40 hours per week at \$13 per hour working under the Village Administrator. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor