

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 11, 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, Shelley Speicher, Brian Speicher, John Gerlak, Tommy Hall, Nell Hall, Chad Blanton, Bob James, Erik Von Kamp, Aaron Kidd, Wendy Kidd, John Benci, Kory Benci, Emory Bateson, Freeman Key, Kathy Key, Duane Crandall, Steven Ball, Ryan Osterland, Dustin Anthony, Kelly Osterland and Don Patton.

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held on January 28, 2019 were then presented for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis 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.

There were none.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project – Progress meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2019 here in New London with Poggemeyer Engineering & Kirk Bros. Construction. The project has come to a temporary stop due to the weather and equipment build delays from the manufacturers. This will all be discussed during our meeting.
- Water Tower – the tower has 2 leaks in it at the present time. Crews are scheduled to repair it Thursday. We had plans to do some repairs on the tower this spring and summer now with this, our repairs could be a lot more extensive than we anticipated. We will be meeting with Ed Spring & Joe Spring from Practical Inspections Thursday after the repairs to discuss further repairs and restoration of the tower.

Stuart Cooke asked Shawn Pickworth if the leak was on the pipe coming up the center.

Shawn Pickworth replied that no it was on the bowl. The tile had been redone about 12 years ago so it was kind of surprising that there would be trouble with it so soon. He continued by saying they would get to the bottom of it, get it fixed and move on.

- GIS Project – project continues.
- 2 Water Main Repairs on Park Ave. – I want to give a shout out to our water crew working in extreme conditions repairing and restoring service to customers. The one afternoon they were working in -4-degree F. conditions. No one complained and everyone worked as a team to get the job done. Also, the new Vac Truck made a huge difference in the way we make repairs. Thank You.
- We would like to Congratulate Gabe Heileman on passing his Water 1 State Exam and Brian Cucco on passing his Distribution State Exam. Way to go and keep up the good work.

Wastewater

- All treatment and operations are back online with no major issues.

Sanitation

- Nothing major.

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps and the amount of moisture that is under the road, we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

Other

- Terry Wilson Memorial Deck – I am sure you all have heard about the damage done by the ice and water to the deck. I have filed an insurance claim and have met with an insurance claim investigator. I have also been in contact with Prete Builders, the contractor that built the deck. The insurance company will work directly with the contractor to figure out what can be done to repair or replace the deck. Obviously, some additional engineering needs to be done to prevent this from happening again. I am sure there is more to come.
- Seasonal Employee's – asking Councils permission to advertise for 2 seasonal positions at our Reservoir Park and Campground. These two positions will work for the Campground Manager as part of a team in our campgrounds. I will collect the resumes and give to Council for them to pick out who and who not to interview. A Council member or the Mayor will be involved in the interview process as directed. I suggest this position pay \$10.00 per/ hour with candidates to start in April and ending in October.

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 all he had to say was there had been a pretty bad accident the day before out on 60 North. He wanted to give a shout out to Marvin McCallister. He showed up with his wrecker and was able to help them out in the initial stages of the accident. He also wanted to thank everyone who was on the scene working together to hopefully allow for a successful ending to the situation. It was pretty bad.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported there were 54 runs for January. There were 31 in the Village of New London; 10 in New London Township; six in Ruggles Township; three in Troy Township; three in Fitchville Township. There was one Mutual Aid (Hartland-1). There were seven motor vehicle accidents; Fitchville – 2, New London Village – 2, New London Twp. – 2, Troy Twp. – 1, Ruggles Twp. – 0, Mutual Aid – 0. There were three calls to the Laurels. There were no Fire Standbys. There were eight Negative Transports. There was one Law Enforcement Standby, six Service Calls and zero Overdoses. Out of all of those, 27 of the transports were ALS and 27 were BLS. The Advanced Life Support calls are becoming more and more frequent. They are saving a lot of lives.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he had one thing. He delivered the encumbrance agreement Mr. Bond had drafted a couple weeks ago to the restaurant owners. He nor Shawn Pickworth have heard back from them so he isn't sure what is going on.

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

Shawn Pickworth said he had Joe Thomas' report since he was absent.

The super raffle was a success. Joe wanted to thank all the volunteers that helped for the day. They profited \$7,319.76 giving each organization \$3,659.88.

Heather Brown has been working in the office and is doing an excellent job. The office hours at the reservoir are Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Shawn Pickworth stated council had received all the dates for both the reservoir and the park events for the year. He wanted to point out at the bottom on October 5 a new event that he thinks is going to be a good one. It will be held at the recreation park. It's going to be the first annual New London Park and Butler Road BBQ Smoking in the Park BBQ competition. He thinks it will be a good event. It may take a couple years to get it started but they want to give it a try.

Lastly, Joe Thomas wanted to thank all the volunteers that help him throughout the year with all of the events. That is what makes this town so great, whenever anyone needs help, there is always someone standing there ready to do whatever it takes. Whether it is helping with gates at Labor Day or helping put new playground equipment together, Joe wanted to say thank you.

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

John Martin then called for New Business.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to advertise for two seasonal employees to work for the Campground Manager at the Reservoir Park. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke asked if there was a starting date for the new seasonal employees.

Shawn Pickworth stated they wanted to get them trained in the office so he was thinking sometime in April and then when it slows down in October they would be done.

Stuart Cooke stated he knew Joe Thomas had a hard time with the grass and keeping up with the mowing.

Shawn Pickworth stated the two seasonal employee would be for in the reservoir office.

Bill Curtis replied that he thought there were already a couple guys from last year who do the mowing.

Shawn Pickworth agreed. Frank Murr and Charley Crawford help with the reservoir.

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. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

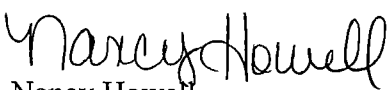
John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball – yes; Paramore – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

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

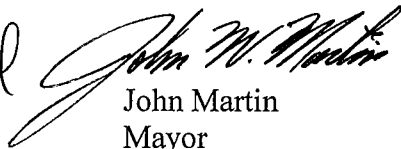
Curtis made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the discipline of a village employee or official. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor