

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

Mayor Toby Thomas 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: Steve Ball, Gullett, Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball and Roeder.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Marvin McCallister, Don Patton, John Chapin and Shawn Pickworth.

Toby Thomas asked for approval of the agenda. Gullett made a motion to approve the agenda. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the February 14, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked if there were any public questions or statements.

Marvin McCallister asked about the ordinances. He wondered if the mayor only read the title of the ordinance when asking for approval of the readings.

Toby Thomas explained that the title of the ordinance generally included a brief summary of what the ordinance was about. If anyone wanted more detail he would provide it.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Bid opening was held February 17, 2022.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Received contract docs to sign today. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled between the Engineer, Village and Contractor the first 2 weeks of March.
- Crews have been busy decommissioning the old water plant.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – we plan on going to bid March 8, 2022 with bid opening happening on March 23, 2022.
- Downtown Improvements – application finished. Haven't heard anything yet.

Other

- Demo Project – the Huron County Land Reutilization Corporation (Landbank) is looking for properties to demo. We will be applying for funds through the Ohio Department of Development. This is 100% paid for by grant funding. New London has been approved to demo a property on N. Railroad and Clifton Street. If anyone would like to add a property to the list for funding please get ahold of me asap. Owners will be required to sign a Right of Entry giving the Landbank and or its contractors permission to go onto the property. We are looking for Commercial, Residential and Brownfield projects. Again, contact me at 419-929-4091.
- Charles Tetrick is requesting Council to approve a 90-day medical leave of absence per the Village's employee handbook.

Gullett made a motion to approve a 90-day unpaid medical leave of absence for Charles Tetrick. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed

Toby Thomas presented Ordinance 2022-04 An Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Permanent Annual Appropriations for Current and other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-04 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-05 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-48, Relative to Hazard Pay Supplement for Certain Employees of the Village and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-05 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Gullett made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-06 An Ordinance Amending the 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-07 An Ordinance Accepting and Confirming the Acceptance of the Dedication of a Portion of Wildcat Drive. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with BK Layer, LLC, for the Construction and Installation of the Park Avenue & West Main Street Water Replacement Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-08 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow \$10,000 of the ARPA funds to go to Firelands Ambulance Service. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas asked Mr. Bond to explain the new legislature to once again allow electronic meetings.

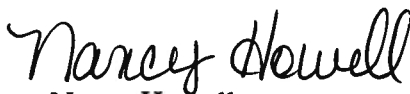
Mr. Bond briefly explained the legislature and stated that if council wanted to implement electronic meetings, an ordinance would need to be passed.

Members of council did not think electronic meetings would be necessary.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills under schedule B, Then and Now. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor