

# NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 28, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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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: Gullett, Steve Ball, Cooke and Myers. Willis and Jennifer Ball were absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Buddy Workman, Stephanie Rogers and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the June 14, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Stephanie Rogers stood and stated she was the owner of Circle P Creations at 23 East Main Street. She voiced her concerns on some illegal activities going on above her store. She and other business owners do not feel safe. She requested council pass Ordinance 2021-29 and 2021-30 on an emergency measure so they could go into effect sooner. These ordinances deal with chronic nuisance activities and drug abuse. She again stated she did not feel safe and that the illegal activities above her were hurting her business.

Stuart Cooke asked Mr. Bond if they would be able to pass the ordinances as an emergency measure. Mr. Bond stated there would need to be five votes and there were only four members of council in attendance.

Toby Thomas replied that he was not sure if passing the two ordinances would really make a difference in her situation. Marijuana use was not frequently prosecuted and only a misdemeanor.

Joe Hicks shared some insight and ideas on the situation. The department is working on developing a case and once the new ordinances are enacted, they will have more options.

Ellen Simmons stood and handed out brochures for Hometown Holidays. She assured everyone the event would not be canceled in 2021.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

## Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Environmental is complete, at the end of June the County Commissioners will sign what is needed to get the funds released from the State. Once this happens, we will be able to go to bid for the project.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services and working with engineers to be included in the project.

- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OPEA rules and guidelines.
- Water Leaks – crews fixed 2 water main leaks on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Crews were able to fix both leaks under line pressure which resulted in no boil alerts for affected residents. On Wednesday, June 23, 2021 crews replaced a main line valve at the intersection of Third Street and Maple Street and disconnected a leaking fire hydrant at the intersection of Third Street and East Street. This project did result in boil alerts and residents effected where notified. Crews are making plans to install a new fire hydrant across the street from the old one.

#### Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Contractor has begun the process of ordering materials for the project.

#### Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

#### Sanitation

- No major issues.
- No change in service due to the Holiday.

#### Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- First Street – AJ Riley paved Wednesday, June 23, 2021. I am a little disappointed in the quality of the work. To me road drives a little rough. We did contact the contractor about this.
- Johnson Drive – crews plan on repairing the street where it had been dug up to repair water mains this week.

Toby Thomas stated he didn't have a report to share but he felt there were a lot of good things going on and he appreciates the work everyone puts in to make sure those good things happen. He also shared he had spoke with John Chapin and he had been on a fire call at 3 a.m. in Wakeman. It had been a pretty severe fire and he wanted to thank John for his service with the fire department.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball absent.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from zoning.

Buddy Workman presented the following report.

- Citation issued on the owner of 92.5 South Main
- 80 Railroad St. Property is the Hands of the County taking steps to sell the property.
- 100 S. Main still unable to Locate the owner.
- Issued 2 Zoning Permits
- Received six complaints. Issued five of them a 30-day notice.

Buddy Workman  
New London Zoning

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report in the absence of Joe Thomas:

- The country concert was a big success. We got a little lucky with the weather, but it ended up being a beautiful day. We brought in \$6350 in admissions, \$3220 in camping and \$900 in cabin rentals for a total of \$10470. Our expenses were \$300-Aiden Albaugh, \$300-Ava Rowland, \$2750 for Vegas McGraw, \$700 for the sound and \$3000 for the fireworks for a total of \$7050. We also had some concession sales and vendor fees. I would like to thank all the park board members, Shawn and all the office staff that helped at this event. I would really like to thank all of our sponsors. Without these sponsors it would be much harder to put on all these events.
- We also had the AA campout at the park this weekend. The turnout for this event was not what he would have liked but I think the rain on Friday really hurt.
- Our next event is Rockin the Rez on July 17 at the New London reservoir. Music starts at 3pm

After realizing he had not asked for a police report, Toby Thomas asked for a report from Chief Hicks. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

During the previous meeting there was a request to sit down with Barry and Kathy Overy and Andrew and Patience Columbus in an attempt to resolve a property dispute involving a privacy fence the Columbus' were wishing to construct. That meeting took place on 06/17 at the police department. Unfortunately, a resolution was not reached.

Additionally, I was asked to look into the laws pertaining to "one wheels". These electric powered boards are simply called one wheels. They range in price of 950.00 -1799.00 depending on the model. They can travel a range of 6-18 miles at a speed of 5-19mph.

There are limited regulations on these. Ohio law doesn't appear to have an exact definition for them at the moment. The closest definition by ORC is an ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE. By ORC they can be ridden in the road or on sidewalks and paths. However, local authority may regulate or prohibit this action. Furthermore, the definition is not an exact fit as it specifically states a self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device.

If we choose to regulate these vehicles, it's probably best to draft an ordinance.

Lastly, I am asking council to remove Sgt. Lance Capiot from his probationary status as Sergeant. His 6-month probationary period ended on May 14, 2021. He was given a performance evaluation on June 04, 2021 and received a very good rating. I'm asking that he receive a .50 cent increase for completing probation and an additional .50 cent performance raise. He has shown he is very capable of handling his responsibilities as the sergeant.

Members of council and Chief Hicks discussed the OneWheel devices. Stuart Cooke wondered if the village should require them to have a license. After discussing several ideas, council seemed to agree to wait and see how the OneWheel devices progress and also maybe contact other municipalities to see if they have anything in place concerning them.

Steve Ball made a motion to remove Lance Capiot from probationary status as Sergeant and receive a \$.50 raise for completing probation and a \$.50 performance raise. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-25 An Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of the Contracts with the County Sheriff to Conduct Dispatching Services for the Village Police Department and Fire Department and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-26 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract for the Acquisition of a Police Cruiser, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the Second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-29 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 521.13 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Chronic Nuisance Activities. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-30 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 513.15 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Allowing Drug Abuse. Second Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-31 An Ordinance Approving the Plat for the Subdivision of Certain Property Owned by New London West, LLC, and Accepting the Dedication of the Plat for the Extension of Industrial Drive. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-32 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

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There was none.


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

Cooke made a motion to enter into executive session to Consider the Employment of a Village Employee or Official. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Gullett, Yes.

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

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

  
Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer

  
Toby Thomas  
Mayor