

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 13, 2015 @ 7 p.m.

Mayor Anderson 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: Myers, Cooke, Curtis, Martin, Winslow, and Paramore.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Lynn Phillips, John Chapin, Bob James, Gordon Cantley, Christina Jenko, Steve Bond, and Chief Marko.

Mayor Anderson then asked for approval of the agenda. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on March 23, 2015 were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – Myers – yes; Winslow – abstain; Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – yes; Paramore - abstain.

The minutes from the special meeting held on March 30, 2015 were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Martin seconded the motion. Roll call – Myers – yes; Winslow – abstain; Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – yes; Paramore - abstain.

Mayor Anderson asked for any public questions or statements.

Ellen Simmons wanted to let everyone know about the coming Kentucky Derby Night at The Races on May 2nd at the Hileman Building in the Recreation Park. Doors will open at 5 p.m. first race will be held at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person which include a catered meal. This event is open to adults only ages 21 and over. All proceeds raised go towards the Terry Wilson Memorial Deck. Tickets are available at Frombaugh Law, Real Estate Connections and the Village Office.

Ellen also wanted to let everyone know to support the Huron County Services for Aging new center so vote yes on May 5.

Gordon Cantley from CGI Roadservices addressed council with concerns in regards to how zoning is handled within the Village of New London. He felt there were areas of the zoning code not being enforced and certain areas being enforced. He felt that there was select enforcement going on and would like to see a more uniform enforcement on zoning within the village. Stuart Cooke addressed the concerns of Mr. Cantley and thanked him for bringing these issues to council's attention.

Mayor Anderson then called for a report from the Administrator. Shawn then gave the following report:

Water

- April is hydrant flushing month; crews will be flushing hydrants throughout the month.

Wastewater

- SSO Elimination Project – we have discovered 1 more lateral that needs to be separated between the Catholic Church and the Day Care on Park Ave. This work will be scheduled with UUI and be completed within the next couple of weeks. The streets being paved have been marked and measured. We are expecting the paving to begin anytime. There will be a crew from UUI coming back to town to address and restoration issue, we know there are trenches that have settled and will need more fill and reseeded done. A field meeting will be held tomorrow April 14th @ 10:00 AM.

Street

- We did get the information needed to participate in the ODOT Summer Salt Purchasing Program. Bids should be opened around the first week in May.
- We continue to patch pot holes. Last winter was rough on our roads.
- Some new street signs have been installed many more to go.

- I will be meeting with Poggemeyer Design Group about the Birch Park Drive Improvement Project. Engineers from the firm should be in town within the next couple of weeks.

Sanitation

- 7 dumpsters have been repaired and put back into service.
- Residents are taking advantage of the dumpsters being out at the Village Garage during the month of April for spring cleaning.
- Reminder Spring Clean Up will be the week of April 20th. Get your items to the curb on your regular garbage day. Village Residents Only.

Parks

- A Park Board Meeting was held Monday, April 6th in the Hileman Building. The Board discussed upcoming events and projects.

Other

- A Public Hearing was held by the Zoning & Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday, April 6th @ 6:30 PM to review the proposed updates to the Zoning Code. Council will now have to schedule a public hearing for the same. I suggest scheduling a Public Hearing on June 8th, 2015 @ 6:30 PM before the Council Meeting.
- A meeting was held on Wednesday, April 8th @ 6:30 PM with the Mayors of Huron County. This meeting was to nominate a representative and an alternate for OPWC, District 9 Integrating Committee. I was nominated as the representative and Trisha Summers, Clerk for The Village of Wakeman was nominated as the alternate.
- On April 10, 2015 the Huron County Development Council held their annual luncheon here in New London. Around 60 people from around the County and State attended. I want to thank everyone who was involved in getting ready for this event. Everyone was very pleased with the results.
- Core test were done on the roof of the Municipal Building, the test came back negative with no hazard materials in the existing roof. The engineers are working on the bid docs.
- **TAX DAY is this Wednesday, April 15, 2015.** Don't forget to file your taxes. If you have any questions please feel free to call Michelle between the hours of 8 AM – 1 PM @ (419) 929-4091.

Mayor Anderson then asked for a report from the Water/Sewer Dept. There was nothing to report.

Mayor Anderson then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief had nothing to report.

Mayor Anderson then asked for a report from Bill Curtis on the Ambulance board. Bill stated that they had 51 runs in March.

Mayor Anderson then asked for a report on Zoning. Bob James stated he nothing to report.

Mayor Anderson then called for Old Business --

John Martin wanted to report on the reverse raffle that was held last weekend for the Veterans Memorial. They sold 230 tickets for a total of \$2,300 and drew 5 winners. To date the total funds raised for the memorial is approximately \$7,125.00.

Mayor Anderson then called for New Business --

Council discussed allowing Village businesses the opportunity to buy signs that would be placed next to the street signs to notify drivers where their business was located. Cooke made a motion to contact business owners to see if they would be interested in purchasing a sign for their business. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call -- all ayes; no one opposed.

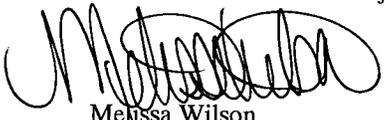
Shawn then stated that we needed to hold a public hearing for property owners that will be affected by the zoning code changes. Council agreed to hold the on Monday, June 8th, 2015 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers. Notifications will be sent out to property owners and a legal notice will be put in the paper.

Neil Winslow questioned whose responsibility is it to maintain sidewalks. There are several sidewalks that are in need of repair and maintenance. His concern is if someone would get injured on a dilapidated sidewalk, he just didn't want the Village to be held liable for the injury. Shawn stated that the property owner where the sidewalk is located has the responsibility for the upkeep of the sidewalk.

Mayor Anderson then asked for approval of the Schedule A bills to be paid. Myers made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; no one opposed.

Schedule B of the bills to be paid was then presented. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Martin seconded the motion. Roll call: Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself; Paramore – yes, Winslow-yes.

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



Melissa Wilson
Fiscal Officer



Darwin K Anderson
Mayor