

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, April 22, 2019 @ 7 p.m.**

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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, Cooke and Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, Ellen Simmons, Jason Anderson, Heather Brown, Marvin McCallister and Joe Thomas.

John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Myers 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 April 8, 2019 were then presented for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one 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 no public questions or statements.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project – Work continues. A progress meeting was held here in New London between Kirk Bros., Poggemeyer Engineering and the Village last Thursday, April 18, 2019. The next 30 days will be very busy at our plants with multiple crews working on the project. Crews are finishing up drying beds. Construction continues on the new clear wells. Tanks on the inside of the plant will be set in place and crews will begin piping in.
- Water Tower – RLF application has been approved by the state, now we are waiting on an environmental review. Don Patton and I met with Alex White from GRW Engineering and Ed Spring from Practical Inspections to review bid docs for the repairs to the inside of the tank. The goal is to be out to bid by the end of this week, early next week with bid openings to be held in the middle of May and hopefully the project to begin sometime late June – July.
- Plant 1 Spring Tank Maintenance – crews will drain and clean tanks this week. This is done every spring and fall.
- GIS Project – project continues. We are getting really close to completing this project.

Wastewater

- Nothing Major to Report.

### Storm Sewers

- East Hooker & East Washburn – catch basin has been set. Crew will begin installing new tiles as weather permits and other projects allows.
- Clinton Street – crews have completed repairing a section of ditch.

### Sanitation

- Spring Clean Up – April 22 & 23 is Tuesday's Route and April 24 & 25 is Thursday's Route.
- Dumpsters will be out starting on Monday, April 1 thru 3:00 pm, Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Village Garage on West Fir Street for Village residents to use.

### 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.
- Johnson Drive, Pearl Street, City Parking Lot – Have not heard anything on a bid date yet.
- Working with Poggemeyer Engineering on getting the information needed to submit Industrial Drive for the TID ODOT Funding in May.
- Street Levy – spoke with Huron County Auditor Roland Tkach about getting us some information about what a levy could do for the streets in the Village. Please see attached information. Don Patton, Nancy Howell and I are meeting with Mr. Tkach here in New London, Thursday, April 25, 2019 around 8:30 am – 9:00 am if any Council members would like to attend.

### Other

- Terry Wilson Memorial Deck – I did talk with Paul Prete and Mark Lessner last week. They are working together and with another engineer on designing and pricing improvements for the insurance company.
- Campground – Camping Season has started. Camping fees were due on April 15, 2019 and we have not received everyone's payment. Letters have been sent out requesting payment upon receipt or you will forfeit the camping spot. You are not permitted to camp or be in the campground until your fees have been paid in full. We still have a list of people wanting a spot at our campground.

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 absent.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported they had the graduation of their first New London EMT class on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The instructor said it was the first EMT class that had all A's. There were seven in the class. The instructor had also said it was the first time in 41 classes that he had no one drop out and everyone passed the final the first time around. There are now seven new EMT's. They are

all in the process of completing their National registration. It is another test they have to take. Once that test is completed and passed, they will be running with Firelands Ambulance Service. Bill Curtis ended by saying they had celebrated with a pizza party.

Mayor John Martin congratulated all the graduates.

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 reported that as Shawn Pickworth had already stated, the camping season had opened up and things were going very well. The two new employees, Mary Oney and Gayle Mancuso, are doing a good job and picking up on things. He stated they had a good teacher. Joe Thomas wanted council to know that Reservoir Office Manager, Heather Brown, was doing an awesome job. She is organized and doing a great job.

Joe Thomas then stated he wanted to thank the New London Reservoir Camping Association. They had come out that day. It was earth day and they helped rake up leaves, pick up branches and clean up a little bit. The reservoir park is looking very nice. Charley and Frank are trying to mow around the mud puddles and other wet spots due to such a wet spring but they are doing a good job.

Joe Thomas continued by saying the park was getting busier with ball practices so he wanted to encourage everyone to be aware of children as they drive through. Joe stated there would be kids at the park every day so he wanted everyone to be cautious.

Joe Thomas concluded by saying the last thing he wanted to discuss was the Demo for Labor Day. He reminded council that they had gotten rid of all the old bleachers they had previously used for the Demo. They had to because of insurance purposes. They weren't up to code. They now have to rent bleachers for the Demo from a company and it is going to cost \$7,000. Joe Thomas stated the park could not just eat \$7,000. At the last park board meeting they had discussed rates. They don't want to raise rates. No one wants to raise rates for anything so initially they had discussed adding a new gate and charging people who go into the Demo but the problem with doing that is they would have to add more fencing. They would need to find more volunteers to work the gates. They already struggle with getting enough gate workers as it is so they all came to the agreement at the park board meeting that they would raise rates just on Sunday to \$10 and that would also get you admission into the Demo. Joe stated that at county fairs you pay the admission to get into the fair and then you pay an additional entry fee into the Derby so normally it is around \$7 for admission and then another \$5 or \$10 to get into the Demo Derby. The park board decided to raise the rate \$3 which would make the price \$10. Since they raised that price, they decided to raise the weekend price to \$20 for the weekend. Joe Thomas thought that was still cheap for a full weekend of activities. Joe asked council for their consent on the price increases. He also added that they would be changing the time of the Derby. In the past, it had always been at 1 p.m. but they are going to move it to 4 p.m. They plan on getting lights for it and having it under the lights. The motocross will then be moved to 10 a.m. so hopefully the evening will get over a little bit sooner on Sunday. Sunday is a long day from the Derby to the Motocross. The Motocross didn't get over until 10 or 11 o'clock at night. The Demo should be over with by 9 p.m. Hopefully the changes will be good and the slight increase in prices will help offset the cost of the bleachers they have to pay for.

Ellen Simmons asked if they would be renting bleachers or buying bleachers.

Joe Thomas stated they would be renting bleachers. The park couldn't afford to buy bleachers. The village is renting seven sets of bleachers and the price to purchase them would be \$15,000 to \$20,000 per set.

Janice Myers asked if they would be moving the derby pit.

Joe Thomas stated that yes they would be moving the derby pit to the southeast corner of the park which will be a lot safer. Softballs won't be flying over the fence. Every year that has scared him. He has had people come up to him and complain and they have put a net up there and people still get hit. This change will make it a lot safer. Joe Thomas added that he would like to thank Chris Rowland. He doesn't have to help with anything but he enjoys coming out and helping over the weekend. He is like a silent park board member and he really appreciates all of Chris's help. Joe Thomas ended by saying that was all he had unless anyone had any questions for him.

John Martin stated that he had heard that the insurance company had asked about the setup for the motocross. He wondered if they had come to look at it yet.

Joe Thomas replied that they were supposed to come the past weekend but the motocross practice that was scheduled had been canceled. They were going to see how they actually ran a practice. They had everything lined up for them to come but since they didn't end up having the practice, they didn't. He thought they were coming up from Cincinnati so they gave them a day's notice of the cancellation. Joe Thomas continued by saying they would make sure they would get them up for one of the practices to see what type of suggestions they have. The incident that happened at Summit Motor Sports when a dirt bike went up in the stands caused one spectator to be injured and the rider was injured. The insurance company had said it wasn't as bad as what the media had made it out to be. It had been blown way out of proportion. The village's insurance actually represents that same company so they are familiar with it and they would like to come up and see how a motocross practice is run at the park.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-09 An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-09 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Paramore made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Resolution 2019-04 A Resolution Adopting the Huron County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Resolution 2019-05 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. First Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the first reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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Janice Myers asked Joe Thomas what was going to happen to Labor Day prices for Senior Citizens.

Joe Thomas stated the Senior Citizen price was being adjusted for the weekend as well. The Senior Citizen weekend pass will go from \$10 to \$12. The daily rate will go from \$4 to \$5 each day.

Janice Myers made a motion to change Labor Day prices beginning in 2019 from \$15 to \$20 for a weekend pass and from \$7 to \$10 for Sunday admission only. Senior Citizen prices will increase from \$4 to \$5 all three days and from \$10 to \$12 for a weekend pass. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

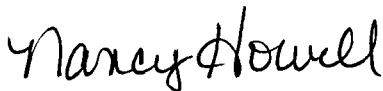
John Martin reported that Firelands Electric has gotten up and running and they are going to be having an open house on Saturday, April 27, 2019. They will have a ribbon cutting at 9 a.m. An open house to show everyone around the entire complex will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. John Martin encouraged everyone who had not seen it yet to attend. He ended by saying it was quite a building to see and tour.

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

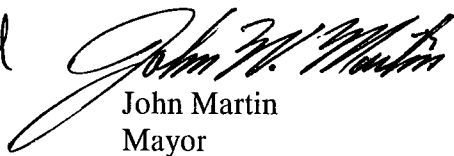
John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule A. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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



Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer



John Martin  
Mayor