

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, April 26, 2021 @ 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: Willis, Gullett, Steve Ball, Jennifer Ball and Myers. Cooke was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Joe Thomas, Shannon Dyer and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the April 12, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Jennifer Ball, Abstain; Myers, Yes.

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

Shannon Dyer stated she would like to address some parking issues concerning her Airbnb. Currently, the only option for her guests is to park along the street. With the concerns that had previously been brought up about parking downtown, she wanted to be proactive. She had talked with Shawn Pickworth and Police Chief Joe Hicks about some options to ensure her Airbnb guests can park on the street overnight without receiving a ticket. She was hoping that something could be put into place before there was an issue.

Council, Mr. Bond and Chief Hicks discussed different options. It was mentioned that she may need a variance. Residents residing in the downtown area are able to receive one free parking permit per household. Shannon Dyer had requested two permits. One idea was to have a generic pass that could be displayed in the windshield. Mr. Bond will change the ordinance once council decides on a solution. Members of council were in agreement that a generic permit for the windshield would be a good idea.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – we are in the process of working with GLCAP who will be conducting the environmental study for this project. This process can take a while but once it is complete, we should be ready to go to bid for this project.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services to be added to this project. Information collected will be forwarded to the engineers. We are also busy working on the funding application and hope to be able to submit by the end of the week, first of next week.
- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OEPA rules and guidelines.

- Hydrant Flushing – spring hydrant flushing has been completed.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – We are getting close to kicking off this project. I believe the last 2 pieces of legislation is before Council tonight that will allow the USDA-RD to schedule a closing meeting for this project.
- OWDA Refinancing program for USDA-RD Loan - lower interest rate. We worked most of last week on this application. Hopefully, this week we will be ready to submit the application to the State.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- **Spring Cleanup** – The Village will be having spring clean-up this year starting Sunday, April 18 – Saturday, May 1, 2021. This year spring clean-up will be a little different. We will have set times that rubble can be brought to the City Garage, 101 West Fir Street, adhering to the guidelines that follow. Dumpsters will be set out behind our fenced in area where New London residents (only) will be able to bring their rubble. We will have an employee onsite to direct residents and to check drivers' license. The times are as follows:
Weekend Hours - Sunday, April 18th, Saturday, April 24th, Sunday, April 25th and Saturday, May 1st – hours of operation will be **9 am – 7 pm**.
Weekday Hours – Monday, April 19th thru Friday, April 23rd and Monday, April 26th thru Friday, April 30th hours of operation will be **8 am – 7 pm**.

There will be no curbside pickup.

Rules:

1. **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN NOT BE DISPOSED OF IN THE DUMPSTERS:** Asbestos materials, Gas or Fuel Tanks, Chemicals, Paint, Yard Waste, Sod/Dirt/Rocks/Concrete, Tires or Batteries.

Note: Brush Clippings will be picked up at a different time.

This clean-up is for New London Village Resident Only.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – I got an email from the State confirming our scoring at the Small Government Funding. We scored a 70 for this project, looking at projects that have been funded in previous years the project should get funded. This should be made official sometime the end of May first of June.

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – we ran into some issues with the level of the water in our reservoir. During this time of year, the water levels are at the highest levels. As we go through the summer the level will drop as much as 3' going into the fall. Because of the work needed to be done we feel it is best to wait until the end of August, first of September to resume this project.

Toby Thomas stated he did not have a report but he shared the following report from Zoning Inspector Buddy Workman.

Zoning Permits - we had 2 issued in the last couple weeks. Both have been for fences.

Complaints - I have received 13 verbals. No action is taken unless the complaint is put in writing with a signature. Out of the 13 I have received 7 in writing. Of those 7 I find 2 that are major violations. A warning letter has been issued and a 30-day warning has been issued.

Last week for New London Clean up contest. So far, I have received 2 entries we need 25 for the sponsor to pay out the winner.

Buddy Workman
NL Zoning Inspector

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

Regarding the speeding complaints along S. Main St. area from last meeting:

The officers and myself have provided random traffic enforcement of the S. Main Street area to include Park Ave. During the past two weeks we have stopped 9 vehicles. Of those 9 stops 6 were for speeding infractions, 1 for equipment, 1 for a registration violation, and 1 for failure to yield. One of the stops resulted in two warrant arrests and narcotics being seized with a criminal summons issued for possession of marijuana.

We will continue to provide traffic enforcement in that area.

(This was discussed above during public questions and statements) Shannon Dyer has contacted me regarding a request for **two parking permits** for her Airbnb located at 2 E. Main St. She explained the rental is done strictly on-line and there are times when she's not available to meet with people. She was hoping for two generic parking passes for her business.

By ordinance (351.15), it appears a variance would need to be created for this purpose because the pass requires the following:

- *Name of applicant
- *Proof of current downtown residency
- *Proof of ownership for such vehicle
- *To be identified by license and model number
- * Only one permit per household/address shall be issued.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin Absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball shared the ambulance totals for March.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation.

Joe Thomas presented the following.

- Opening day for the reservoir is this Friday. The reservoir is looking really good and we are looking forward to a great year.
- I have had some campers ask about having a second refrigerator. There are many campers out there that have built in outdoor kitchens that allow campers to have that second refrigerator with no extra cost. Would council allow the other campers to have an extra refrigerator with no extra cost or even have one with a small fee to have one. Mary already said she could monitor it with a spread sheet and driving around with a daily check. We could get a sticker and put on the refrigerator with a date and a signature on it.
- Events coming up at the park. Softball leagues are starting May 14 and my first tournament is Memorial Day weekend which is already full. Both leagues and the tournament are already sanctioned. We are having a pancake breakfast Sunday May 30 at the reservoir from 8am – 11am. Public is welcome. June 26 is our country concert.

Members of council discussed the refrigerator situation and decided to allow the second refrigerator.

Adam Gullett made a motion to allow reservoir campers to have a second refrigerator no larger than 4.5 cu. ft. for a charge of \$50. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-14 An Ordinance Enacting a New Chapter 957 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Memorial Committee. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2021-19 An Ordinance Giving Approval and Granting Consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation Authority to, Apply, Maintain and Repair Standard Longitudinal Pavement Markings and Erect Regulatory and Warning Signs on State Highways Inside Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways Inside the Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Maintenance and/or Repair on State Highways Inside the Village Corporation. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll Call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-20 An Ordinance Increasing the Interest Rate and Adjusting the Principal Amortization of \$2,156,000 Sanitary Sewer System Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 Authorized by Ordinance No. 2021-11 Passed February 22, 2021, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-20 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, 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 Resolution 2021-04 A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2021. Third Reading. Willis made a motion to approve the third reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-05 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-06 A Resolution Allowing the Village of New London to Apply for Financial Assistance Through the Ohio NatureWorks Program. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the Third reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-08 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator and Superintendent of Wastewater to Execute Necessary Documents in Connection with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks and Process Improvement Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-08 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Joe Hicks asked if he could add something that he had not mentioned during his report earlier in the meeting.

Four of our newest officers just conducted Taser training. This was done inhouse through Sgt. Capiot, saving us money.

We also have our new MDT's set up and running.

Lastly, our Facebook page is still down. To put to rest any rumors, I have not opted to disband the page. I would like to continue to use our current page. However, it still shows "temporarily blocked". If I can't get it back into service soon, I will attempt to create a new page, but please be patient as I am consumed with the more pressing day to day activities.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas stated that since they had just done the third reading and passed the ordinance for the Veteran's Memorial he thought they should determine the member of council that will sit on that board.

Steve Ball replied that he had been on the board before it had actually been officially created and he would be willing to stay on the board.

Jennifer Ball made a motion for Steve Ball to be the representative from New London Village Council to sit on the Memorial Committee. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

