

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, August 24, 2015 @ 7 p.m.

John Martin, Council President 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: Cooke, Curtis, Martin, Winslow, Paramore, and Myers.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Vicki Missler, Marvin McCallister, Don Patton, John Chapin, and Chief Marko.

John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Paramore 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 August 10, 2015 were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. There were none.

John Martin then called for a report from the Recreation Dept. Shawn reported that Labor Day planning is well underway and everything seems to be in place for a great weekend.

Shawn also reminded everyone that the 3rd Annual Gun Raffle is coming up on Saturday, November 7th at the Hileman Building. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50, which can be purchased from any park board member.

John Martin then called for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis just wanted to remind everyone that FAS is now holding their annual membership drive. The cost to be a member is \$50 and includes everyone in your household that you can claim on your federal taxes. Interested citizens can stop down to the FAS building during business hours and talk with Tammy or stop out at the Labor Day festival and stop at the FAS Booth and sign up then.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator. Shawn reported the following:

Water

- 2 employees' finished up their backflow recertification last week and 2 are in school this week for their certification class.

Wastewater

- No Major Issues.

Street

- 100 tons of road salt will be delivered starting tomorrow, August 25, 2015. This is part of the Summer Fill Up program through ODOT.
- 2 trees on Birch Park Drive will need to be removed.
- Birch Park Drive Improvement Project - Bid Documents are being prepared. We hope to be able to go to bid Mid-October.

Sanitation

- Blue Tags- the Sanitation Crew have begun to hang tags on trash cans that need to be replaced or trash cans that are larger than 32 gallon capacity. Containers should never exceed 60 pounds. We are not doing this to be difficult we are doing this because there are a number of 55 gallon drums that are filled and takes multiple workers to empty because of the excessive weight. Other containers leak when pickup because the container is broken. If anyone sees one of our Sanitation crew members intentionally mishandling your trash containers please let us know and it will be addressed. If anyone has any question please feel free to contact me at 419-929-4091. Attached is a list of rules adopted by Ordinance by the Village.

Parks

- Getting ready for Labor Day. Park Board met Sunday, August 23, 2015 to review the preparation for Labor Day. Everything seems to be going as planned. Reminder you can pick up your weekend wrist bands at a discounted price at the Village Offices or at Gilbert's Hardware.
- 3rd Annual Gun Raffle Tickets are on sale. See any park board member or stop by the Village Office and Gilbert's Hardware. Raffle will be Saturday, November 7, 2015.

Other

- Materials have been staged and crew has begun the roof replacement project on the Village Offices. The project is expected to last 12 – 14 days weather permitting. There may be days that we need to close the drive and parking lot, we are asking resident to use the parking on James Street for the Village Council Chambers/Community Center.

Shawn also wanted to thank the New London Fire Fighters for weed whacking and spraying the sidewalks in the downtown area.

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

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief wanted to remind everyone that school was starting on Tuesday, Aug. 25th and to be mindful of children walking to school in the morning and afternoon. He also wanted to give a friendly reminder to watch for the 20 mph school zones.

Chief also announced that Kevin Verburg had submitted his letter of resignation effective August 30, 2015. Kevin's last official day worked would be Friday, August 28th. Chief would like to replace Kevin with part-time officer Seth Miracle.

John Martin then presented Resolution 15-04 – A resolution declaring designating Constellation Energy Services, Inc. as the natural gas supplier to the Village of New London's Gas Aggregation Program on emergency reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to pass Res. 15-04 on emergency basis. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – yes; Myers – yes; Winslow – yes; Paramore – yes.

Cooke made a motion to pass Res. 15-04 on emergency basis. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call- all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-14 – An ordinance advancing funds for operations at the annual Labor Day Festival on emergency reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to pass Ord. 15-14 on emergency basis. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – yes; Myers – yes; Winslow – yes; Paramore – yes.

Myers made a motion to pass Ord. 15-13 on emergency basis. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call- all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-15 – An ordinance amending the job description for position of Utilities Foreman on first reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call- all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business – Myers asked Shawn if he had gotten a rate for the gas aggregation program yet. Shawn said he did, but couldn't remember right off the top of his head what it was. He would look it up and report back.

John Martin then called for New Business –

Cooke stated that a Park Avenue resident had contacted him regarding her property and zoning permit that was issued to her for building a new garage. She stated that the garage was built in the flood zone and her insurance company is now trying to require them to carry flood insurance on that part of her property. The resident felt it was the Zoning Inspector's job to notify the resident before issuing the permit that they would be building in the flood zone. Shawn stated that she had contacted him, as well. Shawn had forwarded her by email a copy of the new FEMA flood map and her property wasn't in the flood zone according to the new map. Mr. Bond stated that the Village has no responsibility in telling homeowners if they are or aren't located in the flood zone. That should be disclosed by realtor or Mortgage Company during the time of purchase.

Martin then stated that Ellen Simmons had met with each council member to present the idea of the Village taking over the project that CIC and Rotary had started called the Terry Wilson Memorial Observation Deck. The memorial will be located at the New London Reservoir. They have raised a total of \$29,500, which they will give over to the Village if the Village decides to take the project over. The balance of \$35,150 will be paid by the Village out of the CSX Fund. CIC and Rotary will pledge to continue to pay back the balance of \$35,150 by still doing fundraisers for the project, they would just like to see the memorial built and in use.

Council discussed taking the project over and felt it was a great project and is much needed at the Reservoir and unanimously agreed to take the project over from the CIC and Rotary.

John Martin then called for a motion to amend the agenda to add item 14 A – Resolution 15-05 which is establishing a new fund for Gifts from the Terry Wilson Memorial Observation Deck Committee and Accepting the Gift from the Terry Wilson Memorial Observation Deck Committee and amending the annual appropriations ordinance on emergency reading; and add item 14 B – Ordinance 2015-16, which authorizes an agreement for construction of the Terry Wilson Memorial Observation Deck at the New London Reservoir on emergency reading.

John Martin then presented Resolution 15-05 - which is establishing a new fund for Gifts from the Terry Wilson Memorial Observation Deck Committee and Accepting the Gift from the Terry Wilson Memorial Observation Deck Committee and amending the annual appropriations ordinance on emergency reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to pass Res.15-05 on emergency basis. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – yes; Myers – yes; Winslow – yes; Paramore – yes.

Paramore made a motion to pass Res. 15-05 on emergency basis. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call- all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-15 - which authorizes an agreement for construction of the Terry Wilson Memorial Observation Deck at the New London Reservoir on emergency reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to pass Ord.15-15 on emergency basis. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call -- Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – yes; Myers – yes; Winslow – yes; Paramore – yes.

Paramore made a motion to pass Ord.15-15 on emergency basis. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call- all ayes. No one opposed.

Bill Curtis made a motion to accept the resignation of full-time police officer Kevin Verburg effective August 30, 2015 and to promote Seth Miracle from part-time to full-time police officer starting on September 3, 2015 at the rate of pay of \$15 per hour and on probation for six months. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Vicki Missler then took the floor to go over the health insurance renewal from Assurant Health for the 2016 year. The insurance premium increased by 13.6%, but even with the increase was still lower than the competitor's prices. She also told council that if we would like the insurance company to file the new fee for insurance which is due Jan. 1, 2016, they will do that at an additional cost of \$275, but we would have to let them know by Sept. 15th. Paramore felt after looking over the information that renewing was our best option and also allowing the insurance company to file the Affordable Care Act mandatory reissuance fee.

Winslow made a motion to allow Vicki Missler to renew the Village's health insurance with Assurant Health for the 2016 contract year and to give Assurant the approval to go ahead and file our reassurance fee for the Affordable Care Act requirement. Cooke seconded motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

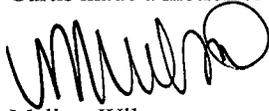
John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the bills. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to go into executive session for discussion of personnel for compensation of a Village Employee and potential employment of a public employee. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – yes; Myers – yes; Winslow – yes; Paramore – yes.

Paramore made a motion to move in executive session. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Myers made a motion to return to regular council meeting. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

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



Melissa Wilson
Fiscal Officer

~~Darwin K. Anderson~~
~~Mayor~~



Council President
John W. Martin