

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, August 26, 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, Paramore, Willis, Cooke and Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, Marvin McCallister, Ellen Simmons, Steve Ball, Greg Massie, Pamela Massie, Davina Carroll, John Longbrake, Vicki Missler, Don Patton and Julie Moffit.

John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Curtis made a motion to approve the agenda. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the August 12, 2019 regular council meeting were then presented for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the August 14, 2019 special council meeting were then presented for approval. Cooke made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers 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 none.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project – Work continues. Crews are still working on finishing the new clear wells. Once complete the old one will be demoed. More work to do on controls.
- Water Tower – communication project, electric was installed this week to the new building. Fence around the tower has begun to be installed.
- GIS Project – project continues.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – We are moving forward with the USDA-RD application. Hoping to be completed this week.

Storm Sewers

- East Hooker & East Washburn – catch basin has been set. Crew will begin installing new tiles as weather permits and other projects allow.

### Sanitation

- No Major Issues.

### 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 – preconstruction meeting was held last Thursday in Norwalk. The streets are scheduled to be done August 27, 2019, project expected to last 2 days. The parking lot is scheduled for some time around September 9, 2019.
- East Street – a section between Birch Park and New London Ave. is in bad shape. Would like Councils permission to have this repaved for \$13,549.00. To be done by A J Riley, Inc.

Shawn Pickworth added that it wasn't in his report but the county commissioners did approve a new map and they added Euclid Road, Minor Road and Prospect Street to the map. Right now they have about \$72,000 in the fund and he would like council's permission to get bid documents together and go out to bid for the project. He is thinking they should start at the corner by the golf course and work their way back to town and pave as much as they can. He would like to take an inch and a half off and an inch and a half back on. If it works out, he would like to try to get it done this year. The money is available. They have approved it so all they have to do is ask for the money for exactly how much it will cost.

### Other

- Terry Wilson Memorial Deck – Engineering is getting close to being completed.
- Park Board, Village Employees and Volunteers are busy getting ready for this weekend. Things seem to be coming together.
- A Park Board Meeting this week will be Wednesday, at 6:00 pm in the Rec. Park. No meeting next week.
- American Legion Broome – Wood Post 292 would like Councils permission to sell beer during our Country Concert, September 14, 2019.

Stuart Cooke asked how the repairs were coming on the water tower.

Shawn Pickworth replied that what has been done so far has been done well. The company has done a good job. They actually have a pay request in. It will be in the approval of bills to be paid for that portion of it. They still have more work to do structurally on the inside of the tower. They plan on trying to go after a critical infrastructure grant that will cover the painting of the outside of the tower early next year. Shawn Pickworth continued by saying they also have a water project. There is a water main on Park Avenue that

keeps blowing out every year. There are so many bands around the water main that they would like to try to include that in the project to use up the entire amount of the infrastructure grant. With that being said, a critical infrastructure grant is CDBG so they are going to require that the village use the remaining amount of the Revolving Loan Fund to do that. He feels this would be a good project to use the money on. He hasn't submitted an application yet. He is waiting on the state to say the window is open to take applications. Once that happens, he will go to council and ask their permission to move forward with applying for the grant.

Bill Curtis asked if there was money allocated to repave the section on East Street.

Shawn Pickworth stated that yes, even with the little money they have in the street budget, there is enough money in it to get the work on East Street done. It's a small project. It's not a big one.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he had a couple things. First he said he had a video he wanted to show council, but he wanted to wait until the end of the meeting to show it. Secondly, Chief Marko informed council that the police department had done some training the previous Saturday. He stated he normally does in house training, but this time he had Sergeant Evan Stevens from the Ohio State Highway Patrol come in. Sergeant Stevens is a DRE – Drug Recognition Expert. A lot of times with traffic stops, and not just in New London, the driver may not necessarily be under the influence of alcohol. Now the big thing is drugs so they wanted to hear from an expert. Sergeant Stevens took five hours out of his day to come to New London and shared valuable information with the New London Police Department. He did an excellent job and Chief Marko also wanted to thank Sergeant Stevens' supervisor for allowing him to come to New London. Chief Marko then asked if he should show his videos then or wait until the end of council.

John Martin told Chief Marko to go ahead and show his video clips.

Chief Marko then showed some short clips of the search warrant the police department had previously executed. He wanted everyone to understand that when a department executes a search warrant, it is a team effort. The number one priority is the safety of the citizens and innocent people. The second priority is the safety of the officers entering and third is the safety of the bad guys. Chief thought the videos may be overwhelming for some but it is what they have to do and that is why they have extensive training. After the video clips were shown, Chief Marko stated they had been there at the residence for about two hours collecting evidence and charges are pending. He concluded by saying that was all he had 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 stated he didn't have anything at that time but he would have a full report at the next council meeting but he did note that the ambulance had been busy. There had been some bad accidents in the area. He wanted to encourage people to slow down and pay attention. He also wanted to add that they would be starting their membership drive over Labor Day. A payment of \$50 gives unlimited rides in the ambulance for a year. With a membership, the ambulance does not go after anything that isn't covered by the insurance. The \$50 membership is also for those with no insurance.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James unexcused absence.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund absent.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-15 An Ordinance Adopting a Pay Rate for Police Duty at the Reservoir Park and Campground. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-16 An Ordinance to Amend Section 955.03 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to the New London Recreation Committee. Second Reading. Paramore made a motion to approve the second reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-18 An Ordinance Amending Section 1118.13(A) of the Codified Ordinances, to Regulate Office Building Parking Spaces, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-19 An Ordinance Allowing the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Bridge Inspection Program Services and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-19 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball 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 Ordinance 2019-20 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with United Healthcare for Health Insurance and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Paramore made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-20 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Curtis made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-21 An Ordinance Amending the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Signs within the Right of Way. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Curtis seconded the motion.

Marion Paramore stated that what they had crossed out in the ordinance lets you put a sign anywhere on public property.

Bill Curtis wondered if it was any sign because he thought it was just yard sale signs.

Marion Paramore thought it was any sign.

Janice Myers added that it was temporarily.

A short discussion ensued between members of council trying to discern the meaning of the ordinance.

Steve Bond explained the revised ordinance. Section 541.09 would be repealed and the reasoning for that was to take the police department out so the violation is not a third degree misdemeanor. Under Section 1119.10 Mr. Bond agreed it would be any sign. Mr. Bond continued by saying there were two things. First thing is the ordinance needs to go before the zoning and planning commission and have a public hearing before it can be passed anyway. They could come back with amendments to the ordinance. Secondly, if someone wants to go through and say no signs at particular places, that can be done. That list could be added. It would just be necessary to come up with what the list is.

Bill Curtis asked if they should schedule the public hearing.

Steve Bond stated he thought they could make a motion to refer it to the Zoning and Planning Commission and they can schedule the public hearing on their end. Then it still has to come back to council for another public hearing.

Bill Curtis made a motion to refer Ordinance 2019-21 to the Zoning and Planning Commission to schedule a public hearing. Willis seconded the motion.

John Martin wanted to make sure they voted on the first reading for Ordinance 2019-21. He had Myers making the motion and Curtis seconding it. John Martin then asked for the roll call.

After some confusion, Mayor John Martin wanted to make sure everyone knew what they were doing was either approving or denying the first reading on Ordinance 2019-21 and then they could have a motion to refer the ordinance to the Zoning and Planning Commission. He once again called roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor John Martin asked for the motion to refer Ordinance 2019-21 to the Zoning and Planning Commission. Bill Curtis made the motion. Mike Willis again seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

John Martin then called for New Business.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow American Legion Broome-Wood Post 292 permission to sell beer during the Country Concert on September 14, 2019. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to repave a section of East Street between Birch Park Drive and New London Avenue by A. J. Riley, Inc. for a cost of \$13,549.00. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to go out for bid for the Euclid Road, Minor Road and Prospect Street resurfacing project. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

John Martin stated he would like to take the time to commend the recreation committee for all that they have done with stepping up to the plate with all of the events that have recently happened. There had been quite a few recreation committee members leave but they also had a number of volunteers come and step up to the plate. They are giving it their all and he cannot say enough. The recreation committee is actually following an agenda and they are submitting their reports and their minutes and it seems like they are coming together in a great fashion. He hopes it continues that way. They seem to have a good handle on what is going on given the short amount of time they have had. He himself, and he was hoping it was the consensus of council as well, thinks that the recreation committee is doing a fantastic job. He again wanted to thank everyone on the recreation committee for a job well done and he hopes to see it continue. He concluded by saying thank you.

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

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

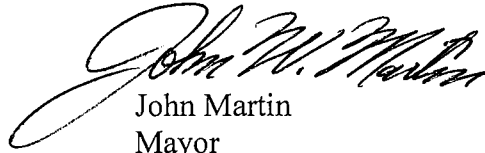
Mayor John Martin asked if anyone had anything else to be brought before council before they adjourned.

There was nothing.

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



Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer



John Martin  
Mayor