

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 13, 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: Gullett, Steve Ball, Willis, Myers and Jennifer Ball. Cooke was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Lynne Phillips, Shawn Pickworth, Derek Johnson, Steve Roeder, Bill Given and Buddy Workman.

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

The minutes from the November 22, 2021 All Other Budget meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Abstain; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

The minutes from the November 22, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Abstain; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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

Ellen Simmons commented on the success of Hometown Holidays and thanked everyone for their help and attendance to the event.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We are ready to go to bid.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Funding application submitted to OEPA. We are out to bid for this project, bid opening will be on January 6, 2021 @ 2 pm in Council Chambers. Engineers estimate for this project is \$353,000 and it will be 100% principal forgiveness (grant).
- Crews repaired a 10" watermain break on Grant Street November 26, 2021. Well done.
- Pumps are running filling the reservoir.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- Routes will run as normal during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – we will be going to bid late 2021, early 2022 for this project.
- Downtown Improvements – full application is due by the end of the month. Please send us your letters of support, this is a huge part of the application. Council has legislation before them tonight officially giving me permission to apply for this funding.

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – deck is complete, waiting on final inspection.
- 2022 is shaping up to be a very busy year with 3 major projects potentially being done at the same time. West Washburn Project, Park Ave. Waterline Replacement Project, Lead Service Line Replacement Project.

Toby Thomas reiterated what Ellen Simmons had commented about Hometown Holidays being a success.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

On June 5th, of this year New London officers received CPR and AED training through Firelands Ambulance Service. During that time, Jeff Vanderpool and I discussed the possibility of the police department obtaining an AED, as our officers are usually the first on scene during emergencies. On Tuesday, November 23, 2021 Firelands Ambulance Service allowed that conversation to become a reality, presenting us with a brand-new AED. The AED will be placed into service this weekend following our annual in-service.

I don't usually publicly broadcast the day to day events of the police department. We like to conduct our business and stay out of the limelight. However, the past few weeks have been a little out of the so-called "norm" for us. So, tonight I want to mention a few things that have happened recently and honor one of our own for his service.

During the early morning hours of Sunday, December 12th Officer Brett Harrenton stopped a vehicle along N. Main and E. Hooker St. after a registration check revealed it had been stolen from Euclid, OH. A high-risk felony stop was conducted on the four female occupants with the assistance of a Huron County Deputy. Three of the four females had warrants for their arrests. A search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of a loaded Glock 9MM hand gun with a 31-round clip. Two of the four suspects were arrested and transported to the Huron County Jail on felony charges of receiving stolen property and improper transporting of a firearm.

A second stolen vehicle was also reported in the Village on Thursday, December 9th. Officer Zach Ingraham handled that complaint and with the assistance of witnesses was able to determine the whereabouts of the suspect. Ofc. Ingraham with the help of Officer Brett Harrenton were able to locate the suspect at an Aster Ct. residence and take him into custody. He was transported to the Huron County Jail on felony charges of grand theft auto.

To conclude, I would like to honor Officer Derek Johnson this evening for a job well done. On Sunday, November 28th, shortly after 0600 hours, Ofc. Johnson responded to a call for an unresponsive infant. Upon his arrival, his training instincts kicked in and he began to administer CPR and back thrusts to this infant, which resulted in her regaining consciousness. We are happy to say the baby is back home with her family and doing well. For his actions I would like to present Ofc. Johnson with a letter of commendation.

Chief Joe Hicks then made his presentation to Officer Derek Johnson.

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 November's run report. There were 77 calls for the month.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning. Buddy Workman had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation. Joe Thomas absent.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-50 An Ordinance Enacting an Additional License Tax at the Rate of \$5.00 per Motor Vehicle. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-51 An Ordinance Amending Section 331-45 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Off-Street Vehicles on Public Roadways, and Providing for an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-51 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis 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. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-52 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Willis made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-52 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Gullett made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-53 An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies Relative to the Uniform Allowance. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-54 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Section 143.09(B) of the Codified Ordinances and the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies, Relative to a Health Insurance Supplement Benefit. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-11 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Submit to the Ohio Department of Transportation Alternative Program Grant an Application for Funding Assistance for the New London Downtown Improvements Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-11 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers 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 called for Old Business.

Steve Ball asked that residents submit their letters in support of the downtown improvements. The village needs help to receive this funding.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

There was none.

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



Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Myers, Disqualify; Cooke, Absent.

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

Steve Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to Consider the Sale of Property at Competitive Bidding if Premature Disclosure of Information Would Give an Unfair Competitive or Bargaining Advantage to a Person Whose Personal, Private Interest is Adverse to the General Public Interest. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Ball made a motion to return to regular session. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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

 
Nancy Howell Toby Thomas
Fiscal Officer Mayor