

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 28, 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: Steve Ball, Willis, Myers, Cooke and Jennifer Ball. Gullett was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Lynne Phillips and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Willis made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Abstain; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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

Ellen Simmons stated that since there was extensive painting done on the windows for Hometown Holidays they were going to be hiring someone to clean all the windows.

Stuart Cooke commented that his brother in California had mentioned to him that probably about eight different individuals had come to his golf club and talked about Who London.

Ellen Simmons was impressed that news of the event had traveled all the way to California. She then stated that the next Community Club meeting would be on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 9 a.m. at the coffee shop. All are welcome to attend.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We will be going to bid by the end of January. Bid opening is scheduled for February 17, 2022.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – We are out to bid right now for this project. Bid opening will be January 6, 2022 @ 2:00pm.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues. Got some good news last week about materials coming in ahead of schedule. This should pull the project weeks ahead of schedule.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- Routes will run as normal during the 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 – hoping to go to bid late January, early February.
- Downtown Improvements – full application will be submitted by the end of the week.

Other

- I would like to say Thank You to Stuart Cooke, Jannie Myers & Mike Willis for their service over the years. It has been a pleasure working for and with you.
- Have a Safe & Happy New Year!

Stuart Cooke asked Shawn Pickworth if the plans for the Park Avenue Water Main project were out yet.

Shawn Pickworth replied that no they were not out yet but they would be going to bid for the project at the end of January.

Toby Thomas thanked Janice Myers, Stuart Cooke and Mike Willis for their years of service to the Village of New London by serving as members of council. Stuart and Janice both served as members of council for 16 years while Mike Willis had served for six. He wished them all luck with their future endeavors.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report.

On 12/01/2021 I applied for a grant through Firelands Electric Cooperative called Operation Round Up. I am pleased to announce that our application was approved by the Co-Ops. board. The request totaled \$3,631.70. This funding has allowed us to purchase the following items:

20 Gallon Air Compressor
10 Gallon Portable Air Tank
Gas Pressure Washer
Retractable Air Hose with Accessories
Car Cleaning Supplies
4 Latent Finger Print Kits
Evidence Bags
Barrier Tape
4 First Aid Kits for the cruisers
3 Cases of Dash Medical Gloves

In-service training on December 18 went well and our new AED has been placed into service.

I would like to close by thanking each of our outgoing council members for their years of dedicated service to the community of New London. We appreciate your commitment and dedication to the Village. I would like to personally thank you for our professional working relationship.

We want to wish everyone a safe and happy new year as we move toward 2022.

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 stated she had nothing to report at the time.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning. Buddy Workman absent.

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. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Cooke 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. Second Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-54 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. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-55 An Ordinance Authorizing the Administrator and Fiscal Officer to Enter into an Agreement for the Sale of Approximately 3.383 Acres of Land (The “Old School Property”), and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-55 to be passed on an emergency measure. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Absent. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-56 An Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Temporary Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-56 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Absent. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-57 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. Myers made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-57 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Absent. 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 Ordinance 2021-58 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. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-58 to be passed on an emergency measure. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Absent. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Stuart Cooke stated that a number of months ago, there had been discussion of not using Richland County for engineering and using a different county agency for those kinds of inspections. He asked Shawn Pickworth if anything had ever come of it.

Shawn Pickworth responded by saying that nothing had changed yet. He thought they had met with some opposition. He thinks Mayor White is still trying to make it happen but they are in a waiting pattern right now.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if he had notified everyone that Carol Knapp would be leaving HCDC.


Shawn Pickworth stated he had let everyone know that she was retiring at the end of the year. He had spent some time over in Norwalk and brought home a lot of information on a thumb drive and he is hoping to learn the process until someone new is hired.

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

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

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor