

REGULAR COUNCIL – February 9, 2015

The Mayor called the meeting to order. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following council members present: Myers, Curtis, Paramore, Martin, Winslow, Cooke -absent

Also present: Brad Booth, Bob James, Ellen Simmons, Tim Brown, John Chapin, Stephen Bond and Chief Marko, Ted Williams, Joe Hicks, Hicks family and numerous police and Sheriff officers.

The Mayor asked for approval of the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Paramore made a motion to approve the agenda. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes. Those who opposed none.

The Minutes from the January 26, 2015 regular meeting and January 28 , 2015 special meeting were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Martin seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes. No one opposed.

The Mayor then asked for any public questions or statements. Brad Booth presented questions about the Ordinance 15-01 regarding the increase in garbage collection rates as to the amount of the increase and why is it needed. Shawn Pickworth responded that the increase will be \$4.00 and that there has not been an increase since 2009. The increase is needed due to the increase cost of business and to keep sanitation dept. in the black.

The Mayor then asked for a report from the Village Administrator, Shawn Pickworth.

Water

- Major water leak Tuesday, February 3, 2015 on North Main Street. A 10" main broke right on the bell of the T that goes east on South Railroad Street. A fibrotic line ran north and south right next the water main which caused some issues during the repair. Crews installed 2 new valves that will help in the event of future repairs. Repair took around 14 hours to complete.
- Major water leak on South Main on Sunday, February 8, 2015. A 4" main broke; crews were called in to repair.
- Crews are rebuilding the raw water pumps at the water plant.
- Replacing around 300 bolts and nuts on a 12" main at the water plant. Nuts were failing due to corrosion.
- The State of Ohio has granted the Village of New London request for staffing reduction at both of our water plants. This is something that John, Wendy and crew have been working on for years. Now they are working on the Sewer Plant.

- Working with JD Comfort & Heating on upgrading the heating units in both water plants.

Wastewater

- SSO Elimination Project – Layne Inline continues the slip line process of the project. Crews have been working on Walnut Street, East Washburn, First, Railroad Ave., East Main and have started on South Main Street. Process is moving along as expected. There have been a few issues with odor. We are hoping this process will be completed around the first week in March. A field meeting is scheduled for tomorrow February 10, 2015 here is New London.

Street

- Busy plowing streets & moving snow piles.
- Please keep in mind that when we have a snow event that exceeds 2" that there is an on street parking ban in effect. This helps the plow crews cleaning up the mess.
- We have 4 overhead doors at the Village Garage that need to be replaced. Getting quotes on having this done.
- Received this year's information for CDBG funding. Applications are due on March 25, 2015. Do we want to resubmit last year's project (High Street resurfacing) or submit a different project?
- Engineering has begun on the Birch Park Drive Improvement project. Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI) from Cleveland, Ohio is scheduled to do some subsurface investigation & material testing. They will be boring holes in 4 locations between East Street & Fairhome Street.

Sanitation

- No major issues. Crews doing a good job despite the snow and cold.

Parks

- A park board meeting was held on February 2, 2015 in the Hileman Building. Board discussed this year's events and projects. Attached is a list of events for 2015.

Other

- Bid opening for the 33.6 acres of Village owned farm land was held on Friday, January 30, 2015 @ 12:00 PM. We received 3 bids ranging from \$70.00 per acre

to \$94.00 per acre. There is legislation before Council tonight for the first reading that will allow us to enter into contract with the highest bidder.

- The Village met with Greg Songer from Public Entities Pool of Ohio Risk Services. Greg is a loss control supervisor and was doing a yearly survey of the Village.
- CIC will be holding a Social on February 17, 2015 at the New London Bowling Alley from 5 PM – 7 PM.
- The Village Office will be closed Monday, February 16, 2015 for Presidents' Day. Will reopen Tuesday, February 17, 2015 @ 8:00 AM
- There will be a Zoning Board of Appeals & Zoning Planning Commission Meeting, scheduled for February 9, 2015 @ 6:00 PM in Council Chambers. In order to move forward with the Zoning Code Updates we need the Boards to approve the changes. Once this happens we will begin the process of scheduling public hearings for the review of the proposed changes.

Shawn presented to council that the prospective buyer of Nellie Timb's trailer, positioned on a lot at the Reservoir Park, is proposing to rent the lot. Council members were in agreement and asked Mr. Bond to draft a lease agreement stating if they moved out they are responsible for removing the trailer from the Reservoir property.

The Mayor then asked if there was a report from the Police Department. Chief Marko stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Bill Curtis reported that Firelands Ambulance had 53 runs in January

The Mayor then asked if there was a report from Zoning. Bob James stated the zoning board met tonight to go over the final draft of the zoning code. They will serve a 30 day notice of the public hearing regarding the zoning code. After the hearing the board will present the zoning code to council.

The Mayor then presented Ordinance 15-01, an ordinance amending Section 959.10, of the Village of New London, codified ordinances, to increase the rates for garbage collection. Second Reading. Martin made a motion to approve the second reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes. No one opposed.

The Mayor then presented Ordinance 15-03, an ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with the highest bidder for temporary agricultural use of certain public lands. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes. No one opposed.

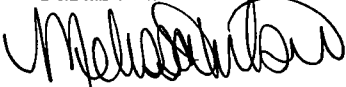
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The Mayor then asked if there was any new business. Swearing In ceremony of Joe Hicks as Lieutenant. At this time Chief Marko stood and thanked the village residents, council, fellow officers for their support. He stated that Joe Hicks performed his duties very well, always on time, never missed work and is a hard worker. Mr. Bond swore Joe Hicks in as the Village of New London Lieutenant and Joe Hicks gave an oath to perform his duties to the best of his abilities. Lieutenant Hicks thanked the Mayor, council, village residents for their support and that it has been a blessing to serve the Village of New London for the past 12 years.

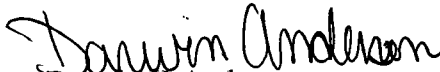
The Mayor then asked for approval of the Schedule A bills to be paid. Winslow made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes, no one opposed.

Schedule B of the bills to be paid was then presented. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Martin seconded the motion. Roll call: Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – absent; Myers – disqualify herself; Paramore –yes, Winslow-yes.

Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Martin seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes:



Melissa Wilson
Fiscal Officer



Darwin K. Anderson
Mayor