

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 25, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

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, Willis, Ball and Cooke. Paramore was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, John Chapin, Ellen Simmons, Dawn Hess, Greg Massie, Pamela Massie, Jason Anderson, Marvin McCallister, John Gerlak, Tommy Hall, Nell Hall, Chad Blanton, Aaron Kidd, Wendy Kidd, Duane Crandall, Steve Ball, Ryan Osterland, Dustin Anthony, Kelly Osterland, Brad Romano, Wendy Hall Kidd, Jill Crandall, Mike Gerlak, Joe Thomas, Mark Roeder, Heather Brown, Bryan Clime, Cynthia Troisi, Donald Troisi and Don Patton.

John Martin then 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 regular meeting held on February 11, 2019 were then presented for approval. Cooke made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No on 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.

Greg Massie stood and asked why the questions and answers weren't after New Business and Old Business. He wondered why the questions and statements were before anything was talked about in the meeting.

Mayor John Martin explained that was the way he had it set up. It has been set up the same way for the last 15 or 20 years.

Greg Massie asked if it was possible to change it so that the questions and statements would be after business was talked about.

John Martin stated that would be up to council. If they want to make that change they can make it.

Greg Massie concluded by saying it was just a suggestion.

Mayor John Martin thanked Greg Massie and asked if there were any other questions or statements.

Nell Hall stood and commented that it was getting to be camping season and she just wanted to say how much they appreciate Joe Thomas and Shawn Pickworth and all that they did last year. She knows they are going to do a lot better the coming season as well and she just wanted to support the guy that does all the work at the campground and makes it beautiful. They appreciate it very much.

John Martin thanked Nell Hall and asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Mark Roeder stated that he had not been able to be at the last council meeting and knows there were some rumors going around about some things that were being said about Joe Thomas again. He said he doesn't know anything for sure but supposedly the word on the street was that it was between the mayor and the police chief and or the village administrator. It has been two years ago that the situation first raised its ugly

head and he just would like to know when it was going to quit. He thinks Joe is doing a pretty good job. He thinks he is probably the best park caretaker that the village has ever had in the 57 years that he has lived in the village. Every time somebody says something it seems to come from the village office. Then it spreads out on Facebook. He said everyone knows what that does. He continued by saying he has seen Joe climbing the walls. He stated he was about tired of it and there were a lot of other people at the meeting who were too.

Stuart Cooke stated that he would like to respond to Mark Roeder.

Mayor John Martin stated he would like to respond too but he told Stuart Cooke to go ahead.

Stuart Cooke stated that it was all just rumors. There is nothing with council. He said Joe Thomas has been doing a good job. His job is not in jeopardy and hasn't been. Those are just rumors and there is no truth to the rumors.

Mark Roeder stated he begged to differ but told Mayor John Martin to go ahead.

Before John Martin spoke, Steve Bond stated that just so it was clear, if there has been any kind of conversation in the public about any discussion that has been had in executive session, someone may be subject to criminal violation. Information discussed in executive session is supposed to stay there.

Mayor John Martin thanked Mr. Bond.

Mark Roeder stated it was nothing that was said in executive session but your walls are pretty thin in your office.

John Martin asked, "My walls are pretty thin?"

Mark Roeder answered, "extremely."

John Martin started to respond but Mark Roeder stated he was not done yet. He had another question. He asked if he could have in writing please where it states that Joe Thomas and Shawn Pickworth can't be on the board of the Friends of the New London Parks.

Stuart Cooke stated that it had come from the solicitor.

Mayor John Martin stated, "it was not me."

Mark Roeder asked the solicitor if he could have that in writing please where he had gotten that from because his lawyer said no.

Mr. Bond replied that he doesn't advise the public, he advises the council.

Mark Roeder asked if he could get a member of council to please ask Mr. Bond to get the information because he can get it from his lawyer.

Mr. Bond stated that it wouldn't make any difference.

Mayor John Martin began by saying the question or he should say the statement that was reported that he was quoted as saying was that he had one of two things he could do, that's either resign or fire Joe Thomas. That was what was put out on Facebook. When he saw it he took concern because he had not said anything at all about firing Joe Thomas. He continued by saying he had made a statement that he might resign but he doesn't plan on resigning and he does not plan on firing Joe Thomas. Joe Thomas has done a great job. He

has done a lot for the parks and he cannot say enough about what he has done. The last year that he has been in the office it was just coming around where Joe was talking to him and he wasn't about to upset that apple cart. He was not. The only thing he can do is have the public ask the administrator as to who he knows who told him what he said – that he was going to fire Joe Thomas.

Mark Roeder stated he would repeat what the solicitor just told him. "That's not my job." That's council's job.

Joe Thomas stood and stated he just wanted to say that the same person told him the same thing that had told Shawn Pickworth. He told both of them.

John Martin asked Joe Thomas who the person was.

Joe Thomas responded that it was the Police Chief. He had told that to both Shawn Pickworth and himself and it was not in executive session. It was in the mayor's office.

John Martin asked Joe Thomas if he was saying it was in the Mayor's office.

Joe Thomas replied that it was somewhere. It was not in executive session.

John Martin asked Joe Thomas if the police chief had told him and he had told Shawn Pickworth.

Joe Thomas replied that yes he had. He then stated his second question was why was the mayor asking about his personal business if they pay taxes and if his employees have withholdings out of his business to the village.

Mayor John Martin stated he was not asking that question.

Joe Thomas commented that the mayor was lying.

He stated he was sorry but that was not correct. He stated he had not done any of that. He continued by saying what Joe does in his business is his business. It does not have anything to do with the village and he does not have any concern as to what it is.

Joe Thomas replied he must know two liars then.

Mayor John Martin asked if there were any more questions or comments. There were none so the mayor said the floor was closed and he would not allow any further public questions or comments.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project – A progress meeting was held on Friday, February 15, 2019 here in New London with Poggemeyer Engineering & Kirk Bros. Construction. As reported in my report, the holdup is due to the manufacturer and the equipment build being behind. Right now, it looks like we will not get back on track until sometime the first of April.

- Water Tower – 4 leaks were fixed on the tower and it was filled and put back up, within 24 hours we had another leak appear on the opposite side of the tank. Crews have adjusted the water level in the tower to just below the leak until weather permits it to be fixed.

We did meet with Ed & Joe Spring from Practical Inspections and discussed the tower repairs. We all agree we need to do a full or close to a full restoration of the tower and the next step would be to hire an engineering firm that specializes in this type of work. Ed recommended GRW Engineers and stated that they do a lot of work for Northern Ohio Rural Water and Rural Lorain Water. We then contacted Northern Ohio to get a referral from them and they were able to set up a meeting with an Engineer from GRW last Friday. We were very impressed, and I would like to ask Councils permission to hire GRW for the engineering needs of the tower restoration. Along with this we have been talking about how are we going to pay for these improvements. I have been in contact with WSOS and we can apply for a Critical Infrastructure Grant, but they will not be taking applications until late summer early fall of this year and by the time everything is approved we are looking into 2020 before we can do anything. This will work if we can make necessary repairs to our tower that will make it last until then, if not we will need to look at another funding source.

- GIS Project – project continues.
- Water Leaks – during meter reading this month we notice there were several high usage customers that normally don't use that amount of water in a month. These customers were contacted and found that they had water leaks on their properties. Once these leaks were fixed our water usage went down over 100,000 gpd.

Wastewater

- No Major Issues.

Sanitation

- Nothing major.

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.
- Sidewalks over railroads have begun to be replaced. Hopefully we will get some good weather, so they will be able to finish this project this week or next.
- Sidewalk going to the new UH Urgent Care Building. I am asking Council permission to begin the process to apply for and use some of the RLF to do this project. Estimate is for \$14,500.00.

Other

- Terry Wilson Memorial Deck – I have been contacted by the insurance company and they have elected to hire their own engineering firm to investigate this claim due to the amount of the claim. I will be meeting with EES Engineers on March 6, 2019 here in New London.
- Reservoir Campground – Heather Brown, Joe Thomas and I met with representatives from our camping association at our Reservoir Park and Campground last Thursday evening. We discussed events and activities for the upcoming season. Every weekend throughout the camping season there is something going on at our campground. We also have started to discuss how we can partner/work together to make our parks better. I will be talking with Council about this soon.
- Community Garden – a few council meetings ago I mentioned there was an interest in a community garden to be located at the site of the old school. I again met with leaders from the Alliance Church and they plan on asking others to partner with them to make this happen for the community. The goal is to plant a two to three-acre garden. It will be open to the community. People will be able to come in and harvest what they want for their needs. It is an awesome project for the community.

Mayor John Martin asked if for the community garden are they going to make sure they turn over their own ground or is it going to be plots?

Shawn Pickworth answered that it was going to be one big garden. They are going to find someone to come in and turn the ground over. They have volunteers lined up throughout the summer. The girl scouts, boy scouts, church members, youth groups, athletic groups and hopefully the community will all be involved. Anybody and everybody is welcome. If anyone likes gardening get out there and get dirty and garden and reap the benefits from it.

John Martin said he was just wondering if they were going to have plots that people would have for their own personal use.

Shawn Pickworth stated no it was going to be one big community lot.

Stuart Cooke asked Shawn Pickworth if the village should contact the engineers who built the Terry Wilson Memorial Deck.

Shawn Pickworth replied that they already had.

Stuart Cooke wondered if the contractor who built the deck should meet with the insurance company.

Shawn Pickworth replied that he didn't know if they would want to right now. They have already been in contact with each other. They have all been talking amongst each other. Prete Builders are the ones who built it. Mark Lessner is the one who designed it. They have all been communicating amongst each other. Prete Builders have been out and inspected the damage themselves. Everybody is aware of what happened and what is going on. The issue is the deck cost \$80,000 to build. The insurance company knows it's going to

cost over \$100,000 to rebuild it. It is a big claim and that is why they are bringing on their own engineers. By the time they reengineer it and make the upgrades necessary that they need to make and remove it, it will cost over \$100,000 to rebuild it.

John Martin asked if there were any other questions for Shawn. There were none.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he didn't have anything unless someone had something for him.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin stated on February 6th Denny Carpenter resigned from the fire department after 36 years of service to the community and he wanted to publicly thank him for his dedication and service. He was a great asset to the fire department. John Chapin continued by saying he had received an application for Leland Crandall to join the fire department. He is a student at EHOVE and has received his Fire Fighter I certification and is working on his EMT. He thinks he is also working on his Fire Fighter II certification. John wanted to ask council's permission to put him on the fire service.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated he had nothing to report.

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

John Martin then asked for a report from the Recreation Department. Joe Thomas stated he had nothing.

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

John Martin then called for New Business.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire GRW for the engineering needs of the tower restoration. Bill Curtis seconded the motion.

Steve Bond asked if they knew how much it was going to cost.

Shawn Pickworth stated he had no idea.

Steve Bond asked if it would be under \$50,000.

Shawn Pickworth stated that for engineering he thought it should be 10% of the total project.

John Chapin added that it would probably be right around 20 or \$25,000.

Steve Bond was fine with that.

Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to put Leland Crandall on the fire service as a volunteer fire fighter. Janice Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin asked if there was any other New Business.

Donald Troisi raised his hand to add some New Business.

Mayor John Martin stated he was sorry but the floor had been closed to public questions and statements. He asked if it was pertaining to Joe Thomas or was it about something else.

Donald Troisi stated it was New Business.

John Martin told Donald Troisi he could go ahead.

Donald Troisi explained that he had put in a proposal to rebuild the Dairy Bar and he was hoping to bring that to the floor.

Mayor John Martin asked Shawn Pickworth if he had brought that up to him.

Shawn Pickworth stated that he had but he wanted to meet with them about it but he said they could bring it up if council would allow it.

John Martin asked if council was alright with it.

Council agreed to let Donald Troisi explain his proposal.

Donald Troisi began by saying what they were proposing was to build a new Dairy Bar as long as they could be guaranteed a 10-year lease. They would take full responsibility for the cost of building the Dairy Bar and the maintenance of the Dairy Bar. He wanted to make sure the village would protect their investment. Their intent would be to expand. They are hoping to draw more activities to the park and they would like to provide a wider variety of food. He wanted to know if the village would allow him the opportunity to expend the money to invest in a new building at the park. After 10 years, obviously the building depreciates to basically nothing. At that time, the building would be forfeited back to the village.

Stuart Cooke asked Donald Troisi if he had met with Shawn to go over any of it.

Donald Troisi said that he had wanted to meet with an architect and go over some options first. He wanted to start the process and see what was required and what it would take. The Dairy Bar would still be a concession stand and it would still be open seasonally.

Stuart Cooke requested that Donald Troisi meet with Shawn Pickworth and go over everything he wants to do and then Shawn would bring it to council. He doesn't think they have had anybody else wanting to rent or operate the Dairy Bar for the summer so from what he can see it shouldn't be a problem. He asked Mr. Troisi to go over it with Shawn and then it would be brought back to council.

Chad Blanton raised his hand to speak.

Mayor John Martin stated that the floor was closed.

Chad Blanton stated he wanted to make a motion to see if council would give the public the opportunity to move the questions and statements to after Old and New Business so they could have the right to speak after the business was proposed.

John Martin stated the motion would be talked about in a minute. To make the change, it would take an ordinance that would have to be written. It would have to be brought back to council. He asked council what they thought.

Bill Curtis said his thought was it has been the same way since Gerald Fowdon was mayor. They always do it at the beginning. He said he believes the minutes are always posted online so the public has a chance to look at the minutes to see what is going to be discussed that day. Then they are given an opportunity at the

beginning of the meeting to say it because if they say it at the end of the meeting they have already been through it. They will go to an adjournment and then they will be done. Where if you bring it at the beginning they have time to discuss anything that might come up in the meeting. That's the reason they have it at the beginning.

Chad Blanton asked if they could have another session where they would have the opportunity to speak.

Bill Curtis stated there was only one session. No matter where you go to a meeting there is only one session. That's the way he has always understood it to be.

John Martin asked for any other thoughts about changing it or leaving it as is. He asked Jennifer Ball if she had any thoughts.

Jennifer Ball stated she agreed with Bill Curtis. It is at the beginning so they can discuss anything that does come up. She also pointed out that the meeting minutes are posted online so if anything is brought up at the end of the meeting it is there so anyone can read it and come back to the next meeting and bring it up during public questions and statements.

John Martin thanked Jennifer Ball for her thoughts and then asked Mike Willis what he thought.

Mike Willis stated that he agreed with Jennifer Ball and Bill Curtis also. Residents can come in with their questions and then after the meeting is over, look over the minutes and if they have anything to add come to the next meeting and say what they want to say.

Mayor John Martin asked Janice Myers what she thought.

Janice Myers agreed with everyone else as well.

Stuart Cook also agreed with the other council members and thought it should be kept the same.

John Martin stated that there would be no reason for a change in the agenda and the lineup. Public questions and statements will remain as they currently are.

Stuart Cooke stated he would like to ask Mr. Bond because he solicits for a lot of different villages. He wondered if it was pretty much the standard.

Steve Bond replied that it pretty much was the standard. Sometimes people would complain about it being at the end because things would already have been voted on so what good does it do to talk after everything was already voted on. Most places put the questions and statements at the beginning so everyone can have their say and then you have your votes.

Stuart Cooke continued that especially if there is an ordinance or something that council is going to be voting on that they have an opinion or comment on.

Greg Massie asked if he could ask another question then.

Bill Curtis stated not really. He stated he had his three minutes at the beginning.

Greg Massie stated that was the reason he thought it should be moved to the end because now they were discussing things that people were going to have questions on. His question was how early was the agenda posted online for people to look at to see what was going to be discussed.

It was noted that the agenda isn't posted online. It is the minutes that are posted online.

Stuart Cooke stated that it was the minutes from the previous council meeting that go online.

Greg Massie asked if the minutes would tell them what was going to be talked about at the next meeting.

Bill Curtis stated that no it would not and then he asked if the agenda could be put online.

It was noted that yes it could be.

Bill Curtis commented that he thought it always had been online. He thought it probably should be posted online.

Chad Blanton asked if someone had an issue with something would they have the right to speak then.

Bill Curtis and Mayor John Martin both stated no. Bill Curtis continued by saying they would have their three minutes at the beginning and that would be their one shot to discuss it. Then it is up to council to discuss it after that. That is how it works anywhere. It doesn't matter. It's not just New London. If you go to Wellington or any town that is how it works. Otherwise it could become a battle sometimes and you can't get anything accomplished.

Chad Blanton stated he understood but it was hard for them to know what council would be discussing. They don't want to bring up anything that's not going to be discussed and stir the pot.

Bill Curtis agreed and said that is why he thought the agenda should be online.

It was pointed out that the agenda does not give much detail. It would show any ordinances that were being voted on but no detail about anything else. There wouldn't be any detail about what the departmental reports would be about or what may be brought up under Old or New Business, but it was determined that the agenda would be put online from then on.

John Martin then stated the New London Schools Superintendent, Brad Romano was in attendance for a presentation about community wireless.

Brad Romano began his power point presentation by saying he thought they may have some early knowledge on it already. It is a project that was born out of the discussion over the water tower and the different antennas that could potentially be on there. In meeting with that committee and developing the antennae project, he started thinking about different opportunities that this presented to the school and the village and the community. He started doing some research on community Wi-Fi wireless projects. He stated in essence what he is talking about is a Wi-Fi mesh network so in essence what it gives the opportunity to do is to create a wireless network in the downtown area of the village as well as the park area that utilizing the band width from the school district, he can dedicate a significant amount of band width from the school to provide free Wi-Fi to residents, businesses and visitors that would be in the mesh network that he would like to create. Basically, the easy way to understand the network is they would put an antenna on the water tower that would draw band width from the school building and then shoots that signal to different wireless access points that they strategically place around the downtown area as well as the park to create a mesh. As long as you are within that mesh you will be able to access the Wi-Fi. Many communities in bigger cities do this. He thinks New London might be one of the first small towns to venture into the project. It really does create a uniqueness for the village and a unique opportunity to provide a service. Brad Romano then showed a snapshot of the village of the area that would be impacted by the mesh network. He showed where the water tower is and as long as there is a clear line of sight you can then, by setting up a series of access points in the downtown area, the mesh network can be created and a secondary mesh network in the park. He can dedicate

a certain amount of band width from the school district. Currently the school district has a gig of connectivity through their fiber lines that are coming in. They do Speed Pass pretty regularly throughout the school day and school week. Brad Romano pointed out that New London Schools is a one to one district which means every student in the district has a laptop that they use on a regular basis. He stated that he was talking about 900 devices plus teacher devices plus the cafeteria and maintenance. They all add up to over 1000 devices on the school's wireless network at any given time. Out of giga connectivity, the school maxes out at 450 to 550 megs which means he can take a full meg of band width and creating a separate d-land system, he can dedicate a full meg of connectivity to the project. If it happened outside of school hours they could filter additional band width if necessary by doing additional speed tests to see if they are starting to get some lag in their connectivity. He continued by saying they wanted to focus on the rec area and the downtown area. It is easily expandable for future growth. If the school and the village and the other partners on the project decide that they want to increase the area, it is just a matter of buying additional access points and putting those access points on where the access points can go. They can be put on streetlights, stoplights, on top of buildings or anywhere there is a clear line of sight to the water tower. By adding additional access points, it increases the size of the mesh. The size of the radius can easily be increased north on State Route 60 and west and east on State Route 162 just by adding those access points.

Brad Romano then brought up the benefits of the network which he stated were really too many to list. He stated that earlier in the meeting they had talked a little bit about water leaks and utilities. There are many cities who are Public Works officials who can put water list devices within the Public Works system so they can monitor for leaks, outages and a number of different items within Public Works that can run off this wireless system. He also went on to say they had heard about all the activities at the parks and the campgrounds. They would now have wireless connectivity. When the village has Hometown Holidays, the vendors could benefit from cashless gates or point of sale technology. Vendors could use the cube on their phone to swipe a credit card because that is all through wireless connectivity. This would give the opportunity to attract new vendors as well as people who do not carry cash. From the school's standpoint, they are thinking about having a credit card lane in for people attending a football game that don't have cash and would like to swipe a credit card to get in. This type of connectivity would allow them to do those types of things. It also allows the village to do those types of things. Whether it is at the Firelands Festival or Hometown Holidays, or the Halloween parade, different people will benefit. He pointed out that as a school district, they stand at about 48% of the school population is on free or reduced lunches which means there is a significant amount of poverty. This project could potentially remove some barriers to connectivity for families that are below the poverty line. He added that they have a number of devices that go home and while their surveys show that approximately 96% of their families may have connectivity at home, it is not high speed connectivity. This would create some opportunities for students that while they are at different businesses, areas or places within the mesh to get connectivity for school work as well. He pointed out there was an academic benefit to the project as well. He emphasized again that the project was easily expandable.

The next part of the project Brad Romano explained was the cost. Ideally they would like to do it as one giant project but they could break the project into the first phase and then a second phase. Because of the amount of work being done to the water tower this spring and the antennas that are going up, the first phase would just be getting the connectivity from the school building to the water tower. That would be the main goal of the first phase because there will be a significant amount of mobilization of contractors doing the work and erecting the antennae's and things that they need to stick the main access point onto. So even within the first phase there are a couple of options. They know that they will have to put in a number of switches and controllers for connectivity in the building that they will be putting in at the base of the water tower. They could either trench a fiber line from the school to the water tower or they could use a point to point access system where as long as there is a clear line of sight to the water tower from the school building, they could share their signal that way. That would be phase one. Phase two would then be deploying a significant amount of wireless nodes throughout the village to create their mesh system. Phase one was estimated to be anywhere from \$10, 429 to about \$17,000 and there is a lot of those costs that they can control. The equipment for the water tower is going to be about \$5,000 so regardless of how they get the

signal to the water tower, there is going to be about a \$5,000 expense for putting in the main access points on top of the water tower as well as some of the connectivity at the base of the water tower. The cost of \$5,120 is about six to eight thousand dollars less based on equipment that the school district already has that they can deploy to the project. So right now, the school district is ready to commit up to \$8,000 of technology to help get the project started and there are other things that they are going to do as well. Then they get into some options. If they can pull the fiber underground and the village can do some of the trenching, the fiber is \$5,300. The fiber they are doing doesn't necessarily need to be through conduit, but if the village decides that for the project they would rather have it be done through conduit, then that \$5,300 price tag becomes \$12,000. He continued by saying of course they would need permission from the land owner to trench and he stated he would take care of that if that was where they decided they needed to go. If they utilize the point to point because they don't want to do the trenching of the fiber line, then that technology is about \$11,000 to get from the admin building to the water tower. That was where he got the \$10,000 and \$17,000 price tag for the first phase. This technology has about a seven-year life span so as long as they do the second phase within that timespan, they won't have to replace any of the first phase tech. The second phase is actually creating the mesh system and that's putting those wireless nodes around the village. Phase two is a price tag of about \$22,000 or a little over that and then they can add more access points as they go. In terms of reoccurring costs, the district will take on the reoccurring costs of the project. The major reoccurring cost of the project is the cost of the band width that they would dedicate to the project which they estimate at \$332 per month or about \$3,600 per year of connectivity. The other piece of it is, the technology does have a five to seven-year lifespan. Mr. Romano stated he was sure most people had been to hotels where you get free Wi-Fi and when you go in to get the Wi-Fi, it asks for your room number and name. That page is called a Splash Page. They are going to create a Splash Page because liability wise, they want people to say they aren't going to do anything we don't want them to do and obviously it is going to be filtered. There will be a terms of agreement sign off. They can sell ad space on the Splash Page to recoup the cost of either adding the wireless nodes over time or replacing the ones that they have. As they do this, the goal while talking to Shawn and some others, is to have a lot of partners in the community that they feel they will benefit from this. Whether they are business partners or community groups, he has talked to a couple preliminarily and they are very excited about the potential. They definitely want to see if the village is on board and how much the village can share in the cost of it before they commit to anything. Those first couple years, anyone who helps offset the cost, will get ad space on the Splash Page. Then ongoing, they could definitely sell that space in order to recoup the cost for either an expansion or to replace the technology. In order to get started, obviously with a \$42,000 price tag they will need to secure funding, but they will also need to get permission to trench the field if that is the route they want to go. They will need access to the water tower to get the hardware mounted and access to any of the buildings around the village that have the plan of site to the tower that they will need to put the equipment on. All the costs he quoted so far had been material costs. Mr. Romano plans to have the labor come from the schools' technology department, the schools' maintenance department and hopefully the village's maintenance as well. He feels that the school and the village will have to come together with their manpower to make it happen. He ended by saying he had just wanted to give some details and give the opportunity for questions from council. He appreciated the opportunity to come and talk about it. He then stated if anyone had any questions, he would be more than happy to answer them and if anyone wanted a copy of the power point presentation he offered to email it to Shawn Pickworth so that it could be distributed to anyone wanting a copy.

Bill Curtis asked if Brad Romano knew how many people in the community this project would help. He didn't see a lot of residential areas on the snapshot that had been shown earlier.

Brad Romano stated that they didn't want the project to be a replacement for residential connectivity. It could be a supplement, but they really were looking for people in the downtown area or park area who are either shopping or having recreational activities. Whether it is the businesses themselves or the residential, there is going to be some filtering because of the school's band width. It's not going to be over the top filtering that they will see, but there is going to be some filtering that they have to do from their liability standpoint.

Mike Willis expressed his concern about how many residents without high speed internet this network would actually help if they have to go uptown or to the park to use it.

Brad Romano responded by saying the larger they create the mesh; the more people it will help out. They know that the library has connectivity and they see a lot of people at the library for the sole purpose of connectivity. Students as well as community members are to the point where even after hours they are parking in the library's parking lot trying to get connectivity. He thinks there is a need. In terms of an exact number of people, that's one thing they don't want to do is collect people's personal information that use the Splash Page. They can, however, collect the density of how many devices are connected to it.

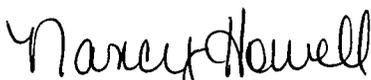
John Martin thanked Brad Romano for his presentation.

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

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

Mayor John Martin asked council if there was anything else to be brought up before they adjourned. There was nothing.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor