

REGULAR COUNCIL – July 13, 2015

John Martin 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: Cooke, Myers, Curtis, Martin, Winslow.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Joe Thomas, Mary Lou Harris, Marian Young, Steve Bond.

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

The Minutes from the June 22, 2015 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then asked for any public questions or statements. Ellen presented pictures of the Elyria Township observation deck to show what the Terry Wilson memorial will look like. The size will be 1,251 square feet. The start for the project is Sept. 14 and should be completed no more than 2 months depending on weather. The total cost of the project is \$60,000 and they have raised \$25,000 so far. Ellen was asking permission to borrow money from CSX fund only if needed. They would pay it back with interest.

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

Water

- Section Line Road Waterline Project – PTI has been granted from the OEPA.

Wastewater

- UV – water & wastewater crew has installed the UV tank.
- SSO Elimination Project – On July 28, 2014 the USDA, Jones & Henry and UUI will be in town for final inspection & to issue a Certificate of Substantial Completion. A Final waiver of liens for the total contract amount will be presented. At the July 27, 2015 I will present Council with a letter from Jones & Henry Engineers stating that this project is final & complete, & work in place meets specs. & will recommend the Village to accept the project as final & complete. At this point we will begin a warranty period and a warranty inspection will take place 9-11 months from Substantial Completion. The contractor will return this fall & if needed next spring to address any restoration issues. All restoration issues will

dealt with after referring the preconstruction video that was taken in November 2013.

Street

- "Birch Park Drive Improvement Project" continues. Received/Signed and return the Project Grant/Loan Agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission. In this agreement OPWC has set a timeline for this project. Final Design must be completed by 9/1/2015, Biddings Process completed by 10/15/2015 and Construction completed by 7/15/2016.
- I will be ordering our road salt for the summer fill up program that we participated this spring.
- Crew has begun repainting parking spots, curbs, stop bars and cross walks around town that was not done during the sewer project.

Sanitation

- Issues with the transmission on the new garbage truck. Truck was taken to Freightliner in Monroeville for repairs. Sensor replaced.
- Had David Price Metal Services in town to grind and haul away the brush and yard waste at our compost facility. This cost around \$2500.00 each time.

Parks

- "Rockin the Rez" – event was a big success. Thank You to all our sponsors. A huge Thank You to our Park Board and everyone who helped put this event on.
- Huron County FARM Show will be held in our Recreation Park this weekend July 17-19, 2015. Expecting a good turnout.
- A Park Board Meeting was held on July 5th to discuss the possibly of asking Council to pass a Resolution to allow a tax levy to be voted on by the public for our Parks & Recreation. The board agreed and voted to ask for a 2 Mill. levy. If Council agrees this will need to be passed Emergency because of the deadline by the County for getting this on the November ballot.

Other

- Public Hearings are scheduled for June 22, 2015 & July 13, 2015 @ 6:00 PM before the regular Council Meetings to inform residents on the Natural Gas Aggregation Program that was passed by voter on May 5, 2015.

Asking Council to pass Ordinance 15-12 to allow me to enter into contract with Advanced Roofing Systems for the replacement of the Village Offices roof.

John asked for a report from Recreation: Joe Thomas states that Rockin the Rez had a great turn out approx.. 500-600 people attended. It was a great success. He would like to thank the park board volunteers, police dept. for working the event. Thank you to all of the Sponsors for their support. Upcoming events : FARM show and softball tournament at the park July 17-19th. Wind Surfing Rigatta at the reservoir this weekend. The park board has voted to put a park levy on the ballot. This money will stay at the park to improve roads, blacktop parking lots, maintain/improve batting cages and tennis courts, build new pavilions.

John then asked if there was a report from the Police Department. Chief Marko had nothing .

Bill Curtis reported that Firelands Ambulance had 49 runs in June. He also clarified that the ambulance levy on the ballot is a renewal not a new tax.

John presented Ordinance 15-09- An ordinance amending and restating the existing planning and zoning code for the Village of New London. Third and final reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third and final reading. Seconded by Winslow. Roll call all ayes. No one opposed.

John presented Ordinance 15-12- An ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the village hall roof replacement. Emergency Reading.

Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to pass ordinance on emergency. Seconded by Curtis. Roll Call: Myers, Winslow, Martin, Curtis, Cooke. Cooke made motion to approve emergency reading, Seconded by Curtis. Roll call all ayes, No one opposed.

Resolution 15-02- A Resolution Declaring it necessary to submit a tax levy in excess of the ten mill limitation for the purpose of public parks and recreation facilities requesting the Huron Co. Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the Village and dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that levy. Emergency Reading. Motion to suspend the rules to pass ordinance on emergency-Curtis made motion, seconded by Myers. Roll call: Myers, Winslow, Martin, Curtis, Cooke. Myers made motion to approve emergency reading. Seconded by Curtis. Roll call all ayes, No one opposed.

John then asked for any old business. Stuart asked about Don Patton becoming the supervisor of Sanitation/Street dept. Mr. Bond stated that an ordinance would have to be made to change the handbook to include this position. Cooke made a motion to make an ordinance to change handbook to include supervisor of Sanitation/Street. Seconded by Myers. Roll call all ayes, No one opposed.

John asked Shawn if he has found an Administrator city truck yet. Shawn has found a truck from Sharpnack within \$1,700. of the state bid.

John then asked if there was any new business. None.

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

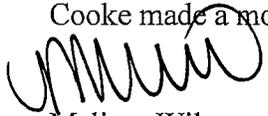
Schedule B of the bills to be paid was then presented. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call: Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Myers – disqualify herself; Winslow-yes, Cooke(abstain).

Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel-compensation and wages. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes, no one opposed.

Curtis made a motion to return to regular Council Session, Seconded by Cooke. Roll call all ayes, no one opposed.

Myers made a motion to increase Fire Chief pay from \$333.00 per month to \$500.00 per month beginning in August. Seconded by Cooke. Roll call all ayes, no one opposed.

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


Melissa Wilson
Fiscal Officer

~~Darwin K Anderson~~
~~Mayor~~


Council President
John W. Martin