

## **NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**

### **Regular Meeting – Monday, July 22, 2019 @ 7 p.m.**

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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, Paramore, Willis and Ball. Cooke was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, Marvin McCallister, Ellen Simmons, Bob James, Toby Thomas, Gayle Ashbaker, Suzanne Cooke, Tom Howell, John Chapin, Steve Ball, Bryan Clime, Kerrie Close, Julie Moffit, Holly Binkley, Vickie Stoll and Jordan Campbell,

John Martin then asked for approval of the agenda. Paramore made a motion to approve the agenda. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the July 8, 2019 regular council meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one 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.

Steve Ball stood and said good evening to everyone. He stated he wanted to take a minute to talk about the recreation committee. With everything that had transpired over the last few weeks, a lot of the members who had been on the committee for a long time stepped down. There is a group of people trying to get it back together; to get it functioning and to get it organized. In fact, council should have some member's applications before them that night. At the last committee meeting there had been some discussion on the required membership on the committee and whether there was a requirement to have one or two sitting council members on the committee. Steve Ball stated he had pulled the ordinance and provided a copy for each member on council. The history goes back to the committee had at one time been a park board which was specified under Part One of the Administrative Code, Chapter 135. It was an official board and accordingly it had sitting council members on it. The board in that ordinance was repealed in May of 2001 with Ordinance 01-004 which then enacted the 955 Parks Ordinance. If council looks at 955.03 subparagraph A it specifies the membership. Steve Ball stated he would paraphrase because council all had a copy in front of them. It basically says it is a citizen committee appointed by the council. The only specified member of the committee is the Village Administrator so there is no specification for any sitting council members to be on the committee. He wanted to add that there was nothing prohibiting sitting council members. There always has been and he thinks it is great. As long as there are sitting council members so inclined to participate, he thinks it is great. He just wanted to clear the air before they try to get it organized and try to elect an executive board as to what is actually the requirement and make sure everyone is on the same page. Steve Ball asked council to look at the second sentence in that paragraph that says once members are appointed it is a two-year term. He continued by saying he thinks everyone knows that has never been the case. Once people got on the recreation committee, some of them were there for 25 years. Thankfully they wanted to serve that long. His suggestion to council was to take a look at that and change the wording. His suggestion, and obviously it would be up to council, would be to word it as such that once appointed by council, members will serve until they resign or are removed by council. That gives council that out if somebody would do something so grievous that council would think that action was necessary. Then he would say the active roster would be approved by council annually. The way it is now, if you stop and think about it, if you appoint a couple people one night and then two weeks later, two more are appointed and then at the next council meeting two weeks later, two more are appointed and each of them have a two-year term,

it would be an administrative nightmare to try to track those dates. If the active roster is approved once a year as part of a fiscal clean-up, then it is done, it's covered and it would make everything very straight forward. It would be better than the way it is currently being done because there has been no review. In the past, once someone was on it was forever really. He concluded by saying that was all he had and he thanked council.

John Martin replied to Steve Ball that the terms have been two-years and it was presented. They put out a list of all the committee members each January at the first meeting. When their time is up, they are asked if they would like to consider staying on the board and then that is presented to council and it is taken care of that way. It is approved by council and then the next year, when those come up, the same thing applies. They have been doing that every two years. If council feels that they would like to change that, it is something they could talk about.

Mayor John Martin then asked if anyone had any questions about it.

Bill Curtis stated he thought they should listen to what Steve Ball was saying. He thought it was a good idea. He continued by saying the mayor was right. Every year they approve the list but why? If a current member doesn't want to be on the committee any longer, they just need to let council know that year they no longer want to participate in the committee. Council will then take their name off the list before it is approved. Bill Curtis agreed with Steve Ball and said it does away with one thing they would no longer have to keep track of. He thought it would make it a little easier. Bill Curtis concluded by saying he agrees with Steve Ball.

John Martin replied that the village solicitor was not with them that week. He was on vacation. He thought they could write it up and then give it to Mr. Bond and see what he comes up with.

Bill Curtis stated they would clear it with the solicitor and make sure it's legal and all that good stuff.

John Martin asked if there were any other thoughts on it by council. There were none.

John Martin thanked Steve Ball and asked if there were any other questions or statements.

Gayle Ashbaker stood and said she did not understand why for one month the village let the public think that the reservoir gate system cost \$30,000. There were people at the council meetings that point blank asked and they were not told the truth. Nobody knows what is going on. Is the gate system \$11,000 and the village is spending \$19,000 on fluff? She wanted to know what was going on. She stated it was the same thing with zoning. A lot of money was spent and the only thing it did was cause problems with neighbors. They never did find out exactly how much the zoning cost. They brought it up to grade which was what they were supposed to do but then she continued by saying Suzanne Cooke has lived like a junk yard dog for the last three years with the new zoning. Gayle Ashbaker then stated she doesn't understand why this is going on. She then addressed John Martin and stated she had asked him about that email. He told her, and it was in the minutes, that she didn't always tell the truth. So she copied the email and when she gave it to Stuart Cooke, he said he had already received a copy of it. She told Mayor John Martin that was like closing the barn doors after the cows leave. She thought he had just covered his butt. It was his last attempt to get Joe Thomas.

Mayor John Martin tried to respond but Gayle Ashbaker asked him to let her finish.

Gayle Ashbaker then asked John Martin if he had told council about his run in with ODOT and how he wanted to be Deputy Dog. She asked him if he knew how they had laughed at New London that night in the shop. She wondered if he had any idea what he had made the village look like. She stated that John Martin didn't have to call the supervisor. He called him. Gayle Ashbaker continued by saying something else that John Martin didn't know was that she and Bob are really good friends with Bill Damron. They eat together two or three times a month. He has offered to come to a council meeting and tell council what it is like to ride with John Martin at the VA. She stated he also offered to go to the VA.

John Martin stated he wished Gayle Ashbaker would come up with any kind of proof for the statements that she just made.

Gayle Ashbaker replied that Stuart Cooke wasn't there that evening but he got the copy and Mark Roeder had gotten a copy and Suzanne Cooke had gotten a copy because she had to send it to her to copy it because her copy machine wasn't working.

John Martin stated he had gone down and it was an ODOT truck.

Gayle Ashbaker asked him if he was talking about the ODOT incident.

John Martin answered that right then, yes he was.

Gayle Ashbaker told John Martin to ask Shawn Pickworth about that one. She then addressed Shawn Pickworth and asked him if the supervisor had not called him about it.

Shawn Pickworth stated that yes he did.

Mayor John Martin replied that he had called him also and thanked him.

Gayle Ashbaker doubted that he had called John Martin and thanked him.

John Martin asked Gayle Ashbaker if she had been there. Did she know?

Gayle Ashbaker stated no but the guy that was there also told another guy that he tore up the business card and threw it in John Martin's face and John Martin laughed about it.

John Martin started laughing.

Gayle Ashbaker asked if it wasn't true.

John Martin stated that no it wasn't true.

Gayle Ashbaker asked why was it that everybody tells a lie except John Martin.

John Martin asked why it was Gayle Ashbaker only tells the truth and never tells a lie?

Gayle Ashbaker replied that she doesn't go on the street and look for things. People call her and tell her. Just like John Kelly called her about the mayor's zoning and then he called her back after the mayor had gone out to talk to him and told Gayle that he didn't think he said that. She continued by saying, right, she had made it up in her sleep. She told John Martin to let it go. Just let it go.

John Martin asked Gayle Ashbaker if he should let it go.

Gayle Ashbaker told John Martin he needed to get out. He needed to resign or they would get him out.

John Martin told Gayle Ashbaker to come up with proof that he did all of the items she spoke about.

Gayle Ashbaker stated she had the name and number for the ODOT worker.

John Martin stated he did also.

Gayle Ashbaker stated she would call the ODOT worker and see if he could come tell council firsthand how the mayor had flagged him down for making a u-turn with his lights flashing in his ODOT truck.

Mayor John Martin stated his lights weren't flashing and he was in the intersection at Park Avenue and he thinks the village ordinance does state that there will be no u-turns in the middle of an intersection.

Gayle Ashbaker asked the mayor if the ordinance counted if it was a state highway. She also added that the ODOT worker said his lights were flashing and the mayor said they weren't so she doesn't know. She wasn't there.

John Martin stated that no she wasn't there and he wanted her to know that second hand information can always hurt someone so he wanted Gayle Ashbaker to be aware of what she gets as information.

Gayle Ashbaker asked Shawn Pickworth if it was second hand that the ODOT supervisor had called him.

Shawn Pickworth replied that no it was not second hand.

John Martin stated that he had called him also.

Gayle Ashbaker asked John Martin how she would know that.

John Martin replied that he was sorry he did not record that. He didn't think it was necessary. It was a one on one conversation.

John Martin thanked Gayle Ashbaker and asked if there were any other comments or questions.

Ellen Simmons stood and stated she had some flyers for the upcoming farm and tractor show at the rec park. If anybody would like some they were more than welcome to them. She then asked if any of the leftover flyers could be given to the Fiscal Officer to be put out.

The Fiscal Officer agreed.

Ellen Simmons concluded by saying it was the upcoming weekend and it was free.

John Martin thanked Ellen Simmons and asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none. The mayor closed the floor to any further public comments.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

#### Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project – Work continues. New trains have been put into service. More work needs to be done on controls. Clear wells are scheduled to be completed this week. Crews should start working on intake structure this week.
- Water Tower – the inside of the ball rehab portion of the project has been completed, crews are now in the process of filling and returning it to service.
- GIS Project – project continues.

### Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – We are moving forward with the USDA-RD application.

### Storm Sewers

- East Hooker & East Washburn – catch basin has been set. Crew will begin installing new tiles as weather permits and other projects allow.

### Sanitation

- No Major Issues.

### 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.
- Johnson Drive, Pearl Street, City Parking Lot – still no news on when contactors plan on doing these projects.
- Bridge Inspection Program – For the last three years the village has partnered with ODOT and they have been funding our bridge inspections. This has saved the village about \$2,500 to \$3,000 per year. The village used to have to hire an engineer. The village used Richland Engineering out of Mansfield. It is a grant out of ODOT and they actually use Richland Engineering as well only the grant pays them to do it. Council needs to pass new legislation to allow ODOT to continue to do that for another three years. Legislation will be given to council at the next meeting.

### Other

- Terry Wilson Memorial Deck – Nothing new to report.
- Communications Building has been moved and set into place by the water tower. We can now move forward with this project.
- A Park Board Meeting will be held here in Council Chambers on Monday, July 29, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.
- The Park Board would like Council's approval for the following new members - Angie Meade, Dorothy Sword, Adam Gullett, Steven Ball, Jacob Mayhorn and Dennis Goetze.
- New light bulbs have been ordered to replace the failed ones around the ball field.

### Campground

- Rockin the Rez – event went well. We want to thank everyone who came out to support the parks. Thank You to the New London Park Board and the volunteers that worked to help put this event on. Thank you to all the Village employees who helped set up and get things ready for this event. Thank you to all the sponsors, vendors. Thank you, Terry G. and crew, for the awesome firework show.
  - Gates - \$7,160.00
  - Camping - \$3,695.23
  - Vendor's - \$45.00 as of now.
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- Total so Far = \$10,900.23

Shawn Pickworth added that they don't make a lot of money on the event. They are lucky to breakeven but it is a good event for the public and that's the way it's always been. They will continue to do it every year and hopefully it will get bigger and bigger.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he had a couple things. Going back to property maintenance, which Gayle Ashbaker had brought up, the officers on patrol in town stopped at 20 residences in the town. Thirteen of those took care of their property maintenance issues and seven were issued criminal summons. Chief Marko then addressed Suzanne Cooke and stated that the issue with her neighbor on the south side had been sent to the prosecutor's office and a warrant had been issued for her arrest. He said what would happen is if she comes around, someone should notify the police or else he will have to send an officer down to pick her up. He stated that was all he could do and it was a two hour ride so he has to weigh the benefits of that. Chief Marko wanted everyone to know that the police department is dealing with the property maintenance issues.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin stated he wanted to thank everyone who had helped with Spill on the Hill. They had a really good turnout. They had 43 entries and they sold 2,500 water balloons. The water balloons are thrown at the participants as they go down the hill. He added that one participant had been seriously injured but other than that, it had been a good day. He ended by thanking everyone at the park for letting them use the hill.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated he didn't have anything at that time but he would have a full report at the next council meeting but he did note that the ambulance had been extremely busy the last few days.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated the only thing he had was about the ordinance concerning garage sale signs that had been discussed at the last meeting. He had been in communication with Mr. Bond and he also talked with Shawn Pickworth and Chief Marko. He then referenced the zoning ordinance 1119.04 under Exemptions. Holiday and special event signs are exempt from the current zoning on signs. He stated that is what he has used forever to police the garage sale signs. Mr. Bond, Shawn Pickworth and Chief Marko were in agreement that they could use that exemption for garage sale signs. Bob James just doesn't like it when they add ordinances on top of ordinances that will need to be enforced. He continued by saying also existing somewhere in the codified ordinances is a garage sale ordinance that was passed while he was serving on council that limits the length of garage sales and how often you can have a garage sale. It also has verbiage in it on signs so he thinks the village is covered. He believes the village can just use the ordinances in place without having to add or change any. Bob James concluded by saying that was his recommendation to council.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Recreation Department. Heather Brown absent.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-13 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a contract with the Huron County Land Reutilization Corporation. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-14 An Ordinance to Amend Section 955.18 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Swimming at the Reservoir Park, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

Bill Curtis stated he had a quick question. There was a blank line in the ordinance for the age.

Shawn Pickworth stated it was blank for council to decide what the age limit would be.

Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-14 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion.

It was questioned what the age limit should be.

Bill Curtis stated his thinking on it was that if they were a juvenile, they have to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A juvenile is 17 or younger. If they are out there with a group, there would need to be at least one adult with the group. A juvenile is not responsible for their own actions so some adult needs to be with them. That is the way Bill Curtis thought about it. He knows the reservoir has become a babysitter. Parents will go and drop their kids off and then leave. If there are then problems, how do you get ahold of a parent or guardian. He again stated that was his thought.

Mayor John Martin asked if there were any other thoughts on the age?

Bill Curtis added that when they turn 18 they become an adult and are responsible for themselves at that point. His opinion was the age should be 17 and younger.

Marvin McCallister asked Mayor John Martin if he would read the ordinance or at least a summary of it.

John Martin stated under 955.18 under Recreational Activities it reads in paragraph (a) (2) that no swimming will be allowed without lifeguards on duty. That will be changed to “Fail to directly supervise the swimming of any minor under the age of 17 who enters the reservoir property under that person’s care; and no such minor shall be permitted to engage in swimming without the direct supervision of an adult with whom the child entered the reservoir property.” Then also in paragraph (b) an addition will read “The village of New London does not provide lifeguards at the reservoir property. All persons who engage in swimming do so at their own risk.”

Bill Curtis replied that if you look at the definition of a minor it is 17 and younger.

John Martin asked if all of council was fine with the age being 17 and younger.

Mike Willis stated that he thought it sounded a little high to him. It says in there that it is supposed to be under their care but how often do parents go out and they bring all of their friends and they are all in the water and there did need to be someone responsible for them.

Bill Curtis stated that was why he was thinking the age should be 17 and under because Mike Willis was right. They usually come in a group and they just don’t want it to become where someone drops their kids off and leaves. The reservoir isn’t a day care center.

Mike Willis agreed and said the reservoir was not a babysitter and someone needs to be responsible for that child besides the village.

Bill Curtis continued by saying if something were to happen they would have to look into who was responsible for the child and who brought them to the reservoir. There would be a lot of questions. If someone is 18 they are responsible for themselves. If someone is 17, you have to get ahold of a parent.

Mike Willis asked if there was an age limit to actually come in to swim at the reservoir. He wondered if there was a minimum age.

Bill Curtis answered that no there was not as long as you were with a parent. His granddaughter who is a year and a half old has been out to swim at the reservoir.

Mike Willis stated he meant if they come in without a parent. For instance, if a sixteen-year-old drives out to the reservoir to swim, now they wouldn't be able to get in the water. A 16-year-old would have to have an adult accompany them before they can get in the water?

Bill Curtis asked Shawn Pickworth if there had been issues out at the reservoir with kids swimming without an adult.

Shawn Pickworth stated that he didn't really know what had brought the whole thing up but yes they did have an issue this year. A young kid got hurt in the reservoir. He was there from Ashland with his sister and two friends. They ended up calling his mom and she had to come all the way from Ashland because there were no parents onsite. The mother had to come all the way from Ashland to pick her up her son to take him to get medical care. It took her a half hour or so to get to the reservoir. Shawn Pickworth continued by saying they had offered him care, but they didn't want to accept the care. They wanted to wait until their mother got there.

Jennifer Ball stated that she was up in the air about it. She understands what they are saying that legally a minor is 17 but she was thinking about a 16-year-old wanting to go to the reservoir and having to have an adult with them. She again stated she was up in the air about the age limit.

Marion Paramore added that he has a grandson that comes up to stay with him from West Virginia and he is 15 and he is a very good swimmer so he's not really set on 17 and under.

Bill Curtis asked Mike Willis, Jennifer Ball and Marion Paramore what age they were thinking.

Toby Thomas asked if he could ask a question.

Bill Curtis said yes he could.

Toby Thomas stood and stated he thought a regulation like that protects the village legally but his question was who is there to be responsible to make sure those kids that are under age don't go in or are they just going to post it and then every once in a while someone will go out and check and anyone under 18 without an adult will have to get out. Somebody is going to have to police it then after you set that standard or they may still have problems. He thought Mr. Bond may have to check into it but he thought it was good because it would protect the village legally.

Bill Curtis replied that they have to pay to get in so they will be going through the office. They have to pay their \$2 to get in to swim and if they don't have an adult with them the girls in the office will not be able to let them in.

Toby Thomas asked if it would be up to whoever was working in the reservoir office to enforce the age limit.

Bill Curtis replied that yes they would and that is why the reservoir office is down by the beach now.

Mike Willis added not only that but if a rule is posted and someone decides not to follow it, they may get away with it for a little bit but eventually they will have to deal with the consequences if they get caught.

Toby Thomas replied that it was the legality of it. If you don't have that stipulation and a 15-year-old is out there and drowns without a parent, the village is going to get sued. They will probably get sued anyway but at least they would have that standard in place. Toby Thomas also wondered what that did for the seasonal campers because they don't have to pay to swim.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they have had that issue before. They have had little kids in the water and no parent to be found because they are back at their camper. They may be good swimmers, but the village employees don't know that. It is still scary when there are eight-year old kids in the water by themselves.

Bill Curtis added that the village needed to do something about it.

Jordan Campbell then asked if he could say something.

Shawn Pickworth stated that yes he could.

Jordan Campbell stood and asked if the village had looked at other areas around to see what they are doing and what their rules are.

Shawn Pickworth answered that the village gets asked a lot of questions. There aren't a lot of reservoirs that allow swimming.

Bill Curtis stated that Findlay did away with swimming at their park. It's a state park.

Shawn Pickworth added that Willard asked him last week how New London's was. He isn't sure if they are thinking about allowing swimming in their reservoir or not but they were impressed with the New London Reservoir's attendance. They see the village's Facebook and see the pictures on Facebook. They have a beautiful reservoir too so they may be thinking about adding something like that over in Willard. He gets a lot of questions from other communities on how the village does things. He stated they weren't perfect. This ordinance was obviously on the books back when they had life guards out at the reservoir. It got overlooked and never changed when they took the life guards away. Then all of a sudden it popped up and the ordinance still read that the village had life guards and they haven't had life guards out there in a long time. He wondered how they missed that. They haven't had life guards. It's been swim at your own risk but yet the ordinance doesn't reflect that.

Steve Ball asked if he could add something. He thought the key was the life guards. He said on the surface he thinks if someone is 16 and can drive they should be able to go out and swim at the reservoir. The kicker is the no life guards and that's the liability. Because of that, he would say he agrees with Bill Curtis. You have to be of legal age to accept the responsibility of swimming without a life guard. He thought that was the difference.

Jennifer Ball agreed and said it did make sense for the legality purposes of it. It's just from the outside looking in when you think about it. She stated she would be mad if she was 16 and was told she couldn't swim until a parent got there. Her mom would tell her sorry she was busy she would have to find something else to do. But because of the legal issues, she agrees with the age being 17 and under.

After a short discussion with Bill Curtis, Jennifer Ball stated she would agree with the age limit being 17.

It was agreed upon that it would read “any minor under the age of 18” in the ordinance.

Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-15 An Ordinance Adopting a Pay Rate for Police Duty at the Reservoir Park and Campground. First Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the first reading. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Resolution 2019-07 A Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Proceed with an Election on the Question of Levying an Additional Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges of the Village, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 2019-07 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

John Martin then called for New Business.

Janice Myers made a motion to approve Angie Meade, Dorothy Sword, Adam Gullett, Steven Ball, Jacob Mayhorn and Dennis Goetze as new park board members. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor John Martin stated he and council had in front of them a letter that states:

I am resigning from the park board. This is a difficult decision. I have been on the park board for around 25 years and met some really good people. I have seen the park grow to the beautiful place it is today. The people on the park board will continue to make this place what it is today. Thank you for letting me be on the park board.

Emory Bateson

Bill Curtis made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Emory Bateson as park board member. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then stated he had Julie Moffit with Giving Hands with Community, Life Innovation. She had a presentation for council.

Kerrie Close introduced herself and she said she was from Community Life Innovation (CLI). She stated that they were formerly known as Christie Lane Workshop. Kerrie Close then introduced Holly Binkley and Julie Moffit who is specifically assigned to the New London area.

Kerrie Close then gave a Power Point presentation of some of the awesome things they have been doing with their volunteers in the New London community and the vision they have going forward. Kerri Close explained that they were a private non-profit business. Their core mission is to increase the earnings and status of workers with developmental disabilities. She continued by saying a lot of people probably remember them from Christie Lane Workshop. They separated from the Huron County Board of DD in July of 2016. That’s not to say that they don’t have a wonderful working relationship. If it wasn’t for the Huron County Board of DD they wouldn’t have nearly as much to do with the funding for some of the individuals

that they serve. Many of the people receive waivers to help them. Their team provides services that help them with job development and community engagement. They are a 501©3 nonprofit organization but they do operate as a business. They cannot operate on waivers alone. Some of the business services they offer are secure document destruction; 16 West Main Street in Norwalk is open for rentals for showers and other events; recycling services; light assembly and packaging; Higher Grounds Coffee Shop; and their newly acquired space in partnership with Kenilee Lanes which is still in the works. CLI provides two different services; both vocational and non-vocational services. They provide services like skill building to help clients with all different areas of employment such as money management and self-care and other skills they may need to help them gain employment. They have multiple training sites throughout Huron County, including New London. Some of the non-vocational services that are provided are community engagement, volunteering, sensory friendly activities and just having fun. Giving Hands is part of CLI that began the summer of 2016 with one mission which is to become an essential part of the community. The volunteers regularly visit residents in the New London Laurels; provide meals on wheels; made donations to the New London Library among other services. The CLI representatives then showed a Giving Hands video.

Kerrie Close continued by saying they are in the community Monday through Friday. They are constantly looking for new volunteer opportunities and ways for their individuals to get involved; however, with winter coming up and inclement weather they are looking for a space to use where they may be able to bring people in and do some of their community engagement activities. What CLI wanted to propose to council was that maybe they could use council chambers during the week for approximately one to two hours each day if it is available. If that is too much to accommodate for them, they understand but they wanted to put it out there. That is their proposal and they were hoping the community center would be available during the day time. Kerrie Close stated she did not expect to have an answer that day. She wanted council to be able to think about it and if anyone had any questions to please contact them. She concluded by thanking council for their time.

Council and John Martin thanked Kerrie Close and the other CLI representatives for their presentation.

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

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

John Martin then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule B. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

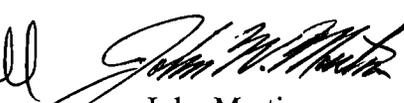
Bill Curtis made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a village employee or official. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

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

Jennifer Ball made a motion to hire Jacob Mayhorn as a part-time seasonal employee at \$10 per hour. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

  
Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer

  
John Martin  
Mayor