

# NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – June 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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Present: Marion Paramore, Bill Curtis, Janice Myers, Jennifer Ball, Stuart Cooke, Mike Willis, Jason Anderson, Brian Speicher, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth and Don Patton. Marion Paramore was absent.

Shawn Pickworth and Don Patton led a workshop concerning possible ways to obtain funds to fix the village's streets. They went over the revenue and expenses for the Street Fund, State Highway Fund and Local Permissive Fund which are the three funds used for improvements to the roads. It was noted how little these three funds receive as far as revenue is concerned.

Shawn Pickworth went over several estimates for street projects that were needed in the village.

1. West Washburn Street from State Route 60 to the top of the hill. This estimate includes some storm sewer work. \$161,700.00
2. New London Avenue from State Route 60 to Fairhome has storm sewers but the rest of the street does not so that would be included in this project. \$130,900.00
3. Fir Street which is a shorter street. \$55,000.00
4. Clinton and Akron Street would include full depth repair and some storm sewer work. \$135,300.00

All the estimates came directly from an engineer.

Shawn Pickworth asked council what should be done. It was obvious there currently was not enough funds to proceed with any of the projects. Shawn also reminded council about the survey and analysis that had been done that had graded the streets from worst to best. The streets are continuing to deteriorate. Shawn continued by telling council that the engineer who gave the village the estimates uses the same person who graded the village streets and he is highly recommended. Shawn concluded by stating the village has over 10 miles of streets that need taken care of.

Don Patton discussed with council the different options the village had to obtain funds to take care of the streets.

1. License plate tax-currently the village does not charge the full \$15 maximum for license plates. This would generate about \$13,000 a year.
2. Tax levy-the village would need to put on a 3 to 3.5 Mill levy in order to generate enough funds to repair the streets.
3. Include a street surcharge on utility bills similar to the current storm sewer charge.
4. Loan-Don Patton stated they would try for a 0% interest loan but he also gave examples of 4-4.5% interest.

Shawn Pickworth stated there is just no funding available to pave roads with. CDBG money is available every other year and the village has received grants from them in the past but they have been small grants and not enough to pave a road. Shawn continued by saying there was not a very good chance that the village would be able to obtain any OPWC funding. The village would not be able to rely on either of

those options. He also noted that the city of Willard had passed a road levy and they have been able to pave about seven miles of road so far. If the village does not come up with a way to fund street improvements, they will just have to continue to use cold patch to fill in pot holes which does not last very long.

The village streets are deteriorating quickly and not only the streets but also the equipment. They currently have a dump truck that is unfit and unsafe to be on the roads. They also have other trucks that are going to need replaced.

Council discussed the different options and they thought it was a good idea to put it on the ballot first and give the residents a chance to vote on it. That way they can see how the residents feel about the street improvements.

Shawn Pickworth thanked council for their time.

Workshop was adjourned.

  
Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer

  
John Martin  
Mayor