

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 22, 2015 @ 7 p.m.

Council President 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 members present: Cooke, Curtis, Martin, Winslow, Paramore, and Myers.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Lynn Phillips, Joe Thomas, John Chapin, Don Patton, Marion Young, Steve Bond, and Chief Marko.

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held on June 8, 2015 were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. There were none.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator. Shawn's report is as follows:

Water

Section Line Road Waterline Project – this project had been put on the back burner due to the sewer project. We were ready to move forward when we realized that we had failed to submit for a PTI with the OEPA. The EPA was contacted and PTI request submitted. A 2 week turnaround is expected.

Wastewater

- SSO Elimination Project – Paving continues. South Main is the last major section to be paved along with some intersections, driveways & the small section of 3rd Street that connects Park Ave & South Main. I am hoping that this is all finished by the end of the week. UUI is expected to be here starting tomorrow to work on restoration issues & manhole adjustments. Road stripping is scheduled for the week of June 29, 2015.
- On June 17, 2015 I received an email from Jones & Henry Engineering stating that UUI is requesting an additional (2) week extension for the completion time or until 07/10/2015. UUI request is based upon the wet weather conditions and the continue threat of rain. As much as I don't want to grant this request I believe it is in the Village's best interest that we do so. We are getting so close to completing this project that started late December 2013. It has been a long 18 months with many inconveniences and heart burn for everyone. That being said if we look at the complete project and what has been accomplished the good outweighs the bad. In doing this project we have cut our flow to our sewer plant more than what we expected. Above and beyond that there was enough water leaks found during the project that our water loss went from 40% down to 15-20% in which some of the leaks found is believed to have been leaking for years going undetected by never surfacing. The water was getting into a storm sewer or the old sanitary sewer making it almost impossible to find. Then we can talk about budget. This was a \$6,648,000.00 project after completing everything in the contract we were able to install and additional 24 manholes mostly on the East side of the Village. Getting close to the end I can confidently say we will be between \$250,000.00-\$300,000.00 under budget. There are 5 main reasons this happened. 1- Engineering & Planning (Jones & Henry, Village). 2- Funding (USDA-RD) – 42% Grant, couldn't done it without money. 3- Execution (UUI& Subs, J&H) 4- Support (Water & Wastewater Crew) worked never stopped. Problems were dealt with, adjustments & solutions made without interruption. 5) Manage – (J&H, UUI, Village & USDA-RD) communication was key, we all work together. Most of the extra funds will go into our Sewer Reserve which will allow us to improve & maintain our plant. Any funds left over will go towards our sewer dept. Before we started this project I told Council & the Village that this could be long, painful & exhausting, and it has, but the lights at the end of the tunnel we will make it and we are a lot better for it. THANKS.

Street

- Engineering for the "Birch Park Drive Improvement Project" continues. Funds will be released on July 1, 2015. We will probably wait until early 2016 to go to bid with the project to begin spring of 2016.
- Stoplight – we have been having issues with the light faulting out and or not resetting in the morning from flashing mode. Perran Electric Inc. from Wadsworth, Ohio sent a tech. to the Village to help us trouble shoot these issues. 2 relays, a mercury switch & a battery backup were replaced.

Sanitation

- No major issues. Reminder the July 4th Holiday which will be observed on July 3rd should not affect our routes.

Parks

- "Rockin the Rez" – July 11th. 5 bands featuring Dirty Deeds, AC/DC Extreme. Music begins at 2:00 PM with Fireworks to end the day around 10:00 PM. Make sure you get your camping spot or cabin before we run out. Call 419-929-8609.
- I would like Councils approval to allow Jones & Henry to begin engineering for the installation of a Pump station and Forced Main that will be installed at the Reservoir Park & Campground and run to our Rec. Park. Attached is the Engineering Proposal along with funding options. Total Project Cost expected to be around \$150,000.00.

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.
- Bid opening for the replacement of the roof on the Municipal Building was held on Friday, June 19, 2015. We had 5 bids ranging from \$84,900.00 to \$103,796.00. Attached is a copy of the bid results a recommendation letter from the engineers to have legal counsel to review the bid documentation received prior to awarding a contract.
- Property Taxes will be collected Huron County Treasurer in our meeting room July 1st from 9 AM – 12 Noon.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Water/Sewer Dept. There was nothing to report.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief wanted to commend Lieutenant Joe Hicks for being recognized by Terry Boose, 57th District House Representative on his promotion to Lieutenant. Chief stated that Lt. Hicks is a stand-up guy; he treats citizens fairly, with respect and just does an overall great job.

Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to go into executive session for discussion of wages and compensation. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – Cooke – Yes; Curtis – Yes; Martin – Yes; Winslow – Yes; Paramore – Yes; Myers – Yes.

Myers made a motion to adjourn into executive session. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; no one opposed.

Stuart made a motion to return to regular council meeting. Janie seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business – There was nothing to report.

John Martin then called for New Business –

Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to have Jones and Henry start the engineering on the new pump station to be installed from the Reservoir Park and Campground to the Recreation Park. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Winslow made a motion to hire Michelle Popa full-time starting July 1, 2015. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Curtis made a motion to approve pay raises for all regular full-time personnel effective July 1, 2015. Pay raises are given on a scale of 3%, 2.5%, and 2%. They are assigned by council and are based off of the last performance evaluation scores. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to start looking into state bids for a truck for his use. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Curtis made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to give Underground Utilities a two week extension. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

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

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



Melissa Wilson
Fiscal Officer

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



John W. Martin
Council President