

REGULAR COUNCIL – June 8, 2015

Mayor 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, Paramore, Martin, Winslow.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Lynn Phillips, Bob James, Paul Tecpanecatl.

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

The Minutes from the May 11, 2015 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call 5 ayes. No one opposed, 1 abstain Cooke.

Mayor then asked for any public questions or statements. None

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

Water

- Both Plants running well.

Wastewater

- SSO Elimination Project – Paving continues. The grinder is scheduled to be back in town tomorrow June 9, 2015. Crews will begin grinding the roads on the south section of the project. These roads include Park Ave., South Main & Prospect. A field meeting is scheduled for tomorrow June 9, 2015 @ 10:00 AM. Many items will be discussed with all parties involved with this project.

Street

- We continue to patch pot holes. Last winter was rough on our roads.
- Crews have also begun mowing vacant properties around town. This is something we try to keep up with. Sometimes we fall behind due to manpower and weather related issues.
- 9 dead ash trees and 2 dead maples have been taking down around town. There are other trees that we know will need to come down next year. This is

something we do not have a lot of money for and we do as much as we can every year. If a tree becomes a safety issue we have to respond.

- Summer Salt Fill Up Contracts have been awarded. We will be receiving 100 tons of road salt at the price of \$70.80 per ton. A lot cheaper than \$115.00 per/ton quoted last winter. I would like to Thank ODOT both locally here at District 3 and at the State Level that allowed us to be a part of their salt contracts.

#### Sanitation

- We had to replace the tires on the garbage truck.
- Old garbage truck had a bad solenoid that would allow us to unload the truck at the landfill. Part replaced and truck is back in service

#### Parks

- A new playground was installed at our Reservoir Park & Campgrounds. Thanks to all the volunteers that help with this project. This project was made possible through the ODNR Nature Works Program. The Village was award over \$13,000.00 in grant funding.
- Sunday, June 7, 2015 the park board held the first open practice on our motocross track. We had around 18 riders, and everyone seemed to have a goodtime. Keep checking our Facebook page and our Website for future practices and racing. A Big Thanks to Brad Booth & John Benci for running this for us.

#### Other

- A Public Hearing is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 6:30 PM before the Council Meeting. For the adoption of the Proposed Zoning Code Changes.
- 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 Municipal Building Roof Project will be held on June 19, 2015 @ 12:00 Noon. Bid Documents may be view online and ordered or obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Telephone 419-385-5303, [www.pdgplanroom.com](http://www.pdgplanroom.com).
- New London Public Library began its summer program today June 8, 2015 thru July 19, 2015. "Every Hero Has a Story" Complete details available at the Library.
- Eagles 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, 29 Fir Street; Saturday, June 20, 2015. 10 AM – 3 PM.
- 124<sup>th</sup> NLHS Alumni Banquet, New London High School, Saturday, June 20 Banquet at 6 PM.
- Just a reminder School is out for Summer Break. Please beware of our Kids playing outside, crossing streets not only here in New London but all the communities we travel through. We wish everyone a fun and safe summer.

Mayor then asked if there was a report from the Police Department. Chief Marko stated the Police and Fire dispatch contract is up at the end of this month ,so we need an ordinance to renew this contract. There will be no changes or increases.

The new Policy and Procedure Manuel has been completed and he would like to thank Michelle Popa for typing it up.

Chief promoted two reserve officers to part-time

Chief held training on May 30<sup>th</sup> for the police

Bill Curtis reported that Firelands Ambulance had 45 runs in May

Mayor asked for a report on Zoning-

Bob James states he has been busy with permits for fences, garages etc.

Shawn would like to thank Paul Tecpanecatl from Poggemeyer for all his help with putting together the Planning and Zoning Code changes.

Mayor then presented Resolution 15-01, A resolution determining emergency management services for the political subdivision of the Village of New London for period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Third and Final Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third and final reading. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes. No one opposed.

Mayor presented Ordinance 15-08- An ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to advertise for bids for roof replacement on Village Hall. Emergency Reading. Motion to suspend the rules to pass ordinance on emergency- Martin made motion. Seconded by Curtis.  
Roll Call: all ayes. No one opposed

Cooke made motion to approve the emergency reading. Seconded by Martin  
Roll call: all ayes. No one opposed.

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

Mayor then asked for any old business. There is none

Mayor then asked if there was any new business. Cooke made a motion for the Eagles to sell beer at Rockin the Rez. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martin. Roll call all ayes, no one opposed.

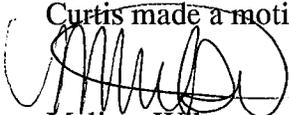
Curtis wanted to address the issue of the walkway over the railroad tracks on West Main. He noticed people in wheelchairs or walkers have a hard time with their wheels getting caught on the tracks. He thinks we should contact the railroad about providing a concrete sidewalk over the tracks. Shawn states he will contact the railroad to discuss this.

Martin made a motion to add Steven Shupp to the volunteer fire department. Seconded by Curtis . Roll call all ayes, no one opposed.

Mayor 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. Martin seconded the motion. Roll call: Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Myers – disqualify herself; Paramore –yes, Winslow-yes, Cooke(abstain).

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

  
Melissa Wilson  
Fiscal Officer

  
Darwin K Anderson  
Mayor

  
John W. Martin  
Council President