

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, March 11, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

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, Willis, Paramore and Ball. Cooke was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, John Chapin, Ellen Simmons, Dawn Hess, Greg Massie, Pamela Massie, Jason Anderson, Marvin McCallister, Bob James, Steve Ball, Heather Brown, Gayle Ashbaker, Bob Cooke, Karson Howell, Tom Howell and Don Patton.

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held on February 25, 2019 were then presented for approval. Curtis 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.

Gayle Ashbaker stood and stated that at the last council meeting Mark Roeder, who was a resident of New London and a member of the park board, had asked Mr. Bond to clarify a statement regarding Joe Thomas and Shawn Pickworth. Mr. Bond refused saying he didn't work for Mr. Roeder and he didn't have to answer. She thought that was what a five-year old would say. She continued by saying that Mr. Bond did indeed work for Mr. Roeder and he works for everybody in that room because they pay his bills. Anybody in the room could ask how many budget revisions the village has had to have to pay the solicitor's bill. She stated she knew for a fact one month the solicitor's bill was \$2000 and it was necessary to do a revision. Gayle Ashbaker thought someone would have instructed Mr. Bond to answer but she thought it was because they already knew the answer. As president of the Friends of the Park, she went to Steve Fawcett who handles probably most of New London's 501c3's. She asked Mr. Fawcett if Joe and Shawn could be arrested and sent to jail for being on the Friends of the Park board. Gayle Ashbaker said Mr. Fawcett told her he had never heard of such a thing. The IRS is the governing body for 501c3's, not Mr. Bond. He has no more control over the Friends of the Park than he does the Friends of the Library, Friends of the Cemetery, Boosters, Eagles or any other non-profit organization in New London. Gayle Ashbaker then stated they could put anyone on their board that they choose and they do not even have to tell anyone who is on it. It is her understanding that the auditor suggested all receipts for Labor Day be funneled through the Friends of the Park account and then cut one check to the town. It would make it easier on the auditor and the Fiscal Officer. She wanted to know if that was the same auditor that told the village to close out over \$11,000 in the Cemetery Board savings fund to put it in the village's General Fund to write a Mickey Mouse ordinance to cover their butts and then tell the cemetery board their money was gone and they would have to come to the village for permission to spend it? Gayle Ashbaker then stated she would like a copy of the audit. She wants to take it to Mr. Steve Fawcett and they will review it. If at any time it means that Joe Thomas or Shawn Pickworth are in any trouble, then they won't do it.

John Martin thanked Gayle Ashbaker and then asked if there were any more questions or statements.

Dawn Hess stood and asked if the village would be doing spring cleanup again this year. She knew it was early but she stated a couple of her friends were taking some vacation days to help the elderly and that was why she was asking.

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes they would be doing the spring cleanup. They usually do it the month of April. They will have the dumpsters down at the garage for the month and then he asked Don Patton which week they usually had it.

Don Patton stated the last week in April.

Shawn Pickworth then stated the last full week in April would be the actual spring cleanup.

Dawn Hess thanked Shawn Pickworth

Don Patton stated again that there would be dumpsters at the garage during the month.

Shawn Pickworth stated the information would also be going out on the water bills too so people will have the dates. He stated they would also put it on Facebook and the village's website.

John Martin thanked Dawn Hess and asked if there were any other questions or statements. There were none. John Martin closed the floor to public questions and statements.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project – Nothing new to report.
- Water Tower – we met with GRW Engineers and Ed Springs and we have identified what we believe we need to do right now and what we can wait for funding to do to the tower. I did file an insurance claim due to ice damage inside the tower and we are hoping the insurance will help with some of the cost of the repairs. Repairs to be done this year include new fill pipe, abrasive blast clean and new epoxy coating system of the tank, install fall prevention devices on all ladders per OSHA regulations, new interior lighting, install frost free pressure vacuum vent and seal existing ventilation around access tube, new condensate platform with drain, new mud valve and weld new fitting into over flow pipe, and a new mixer to prevent water from freezing. I am asking Councils permission to use RLF funds for these repairs to the tower. We will then put together a package that will include the painting of the tower inside and out and hopefully be able to get some funding that will help out with the cost of this in 2020.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- Asset Management – We will be meeting with Tom Fishbaugh from RCAP/WSOS to review our asset management plan tomorrow morning. If you remember, we received a grant that went along with the GIS mapping for Asset Management through the OEPA.

Wastewater

- No Major Issues.

Storm Sewers

- Crews have been working on drainage issues on East Washburn over the last couple of weeks. Amazing what you can accomplish with the right equipment.

Sanitation

- Nothing major.

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.
- Sidewalk going to the new UH Urgent Care Building. I am asking Council permission to begin the process to apply for and use some of the RLF to do this project. Estimate is for \$14,500.00.

Other

- Terry Wilson Memorial Deck – met with EES Engineers and gave them all the information requested. They said it would take up to a couple of weeks before they would have a report ready for the insurance company.
- Reservoir Campground – I emailed Council information about our Seasonal Campers Association at our campground. I would like council permission to negotiate a discounted rate for the 4 board members. I do feel this is earned and will benefit all who is involved. We will be meeting again on Thursday, March 14th to continue to discuss/plan on how we can improve our campgrounds.
- Resumes – Council has copies of all the resumes collected for the 2 positions at the Reservoir Park and Campgrounds. With Councils permission I will schedule interviews with those you want me to interview.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he did have a couple things. Officer Eric Lucas, a part-timer with the department for the last six years has resigned his position with the police department. He continued by saying Officer Lucas had been an outstanding officer who started as a reserve for three years. The last three years he has been a part-time officer and he has also been the department's IT guy. He has saved the police department thousands and thousands of dollars with what he has done. Being the type of guy he is, he said he would come back to the police department any time there is any issue with any of their computers and he will do it free of charge. The second thing Chief wanted to discuss was upping reserve officer Derek Johnson to part-time. He was hoping council would allow him to do that.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin had nothing to report.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported there were 60 runs for February. There were 28 in the Village of New London; seven in New London Township; two in Ruggles Township; four in Troy Township; 18 in Fitchville Township. There was one Mutual Aid. There were 29 Basic Life Support transports and there were 28 Advanced Life Support transports. There were three Advanced Life Support 2 transports. The Advanced Life Support 2 usually means there is a paramedic on board. That is not something they advertise but they do have paramedics working for them now. It comes in handy when someone really needs it. On those calls they had two overdoses and 12 car crashes amongst all the other calls they had. It was a busy month. He concluded by saying the class was winding up and they should have seven new EMT's by the end of the month.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he had nothing at that time.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Recreation Department. Joe Thomas absent.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-03 An Ordinance Adopting the 2019 Permanent Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-03 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. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-04 An Ordinance Changing the Rates for Utility Services. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-05 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-05 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis 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. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-06 An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Willis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Curtis 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. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business.

Bill Curtis stated he would like to thank the mayor and Shawn Pickworth for their hard work on getting the sidewalks repaired on North and West Main. It is a big improvement.

Shawn Pickworth stated that he thought RWW Masonry had done a good job.

Bill Curtis agreed and stated that RWW Masonry had done an excellent job.

John Martin then called for New Business.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to schedule interviews with the applicants for the two seasonal employees at the reservoir campground. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Shawn Pickworth stated that Heather Brown would be a big part of the hiring process. They are going to be working for Heather so he would like her to be a big part of it as far as who they choose. They have to gel with her.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow the police chief to promote Derek Johnson from reserve officer to part-time police officer. Myers seconded the motion Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to use money from the Revolving Loan Fund to get the work started on repairing the water tower. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to negotiate a discounted camping rate for the four board members of the Seasonal Campers Association. Curtis seconded the motion Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then stated that he likes to recognize the athletes that go throughout the year and perform in different sports. At that time, he called Karson Howell and his father Tom Howell forward. Mayor John Martin then read a proclamation proclaiming March 15, 2019 as Boys Basketball Honorees' Appreciation Day due to Karson Howell scoring over 1000 points as a Wildcat Varsity Boys Basketball player and breaking the New London High School Boys Basketball scoring record by scoring 1143 points surpassing the previous record of 1129 held by Ryan Lane.

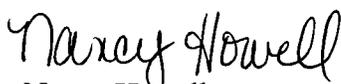
John Martin asked if there was any other new business. There was none.

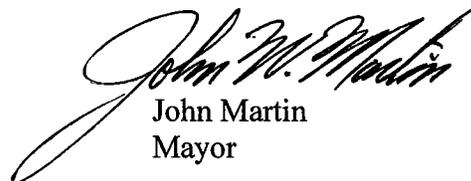
John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Myers made a motion to approve schedule A. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball – yes; Paramore – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – absent; Myers – disqualify herself.

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

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor