

# NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting – Monday, March 23, 2015 @ 7 p.m.

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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: Myers, Cooke, Curtis and Martin. Neil Winslow and Marion Paramore were absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Lynn Phillips, Joe Thomas, Tim Brown, Steve Bond, and Chief Marko.

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held on March 9, 2015 were then presented for approval. Cooke made a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements.

Ellen Simmons wanted to let everyone know that the 2015 Community Event Cards were in and she would be getting them around to businesses. She stated that the cards are compliments of the New London Community Club. The Community Club is the club that organizes the Hometown Holiday event held every December and they are also responsible for placing and maintaining the flower pots downtown in the spring/summer months.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

### Water

- Water leak on State Route 60 south was dug up and repair on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.
- April is hydrant flushing month; crews will be flushing hydrants throughout the month.

### Wastewater

- SSO Elimination Project – Layne Inline still has some work to do to complete the slip lining part of the project. 1 major section is on Park Ave, this section is a problem that needs more than just the basic slip line process. The Contractor is having another company come in and video the sewer to get their advice on how to move forward with this section. Adkins will be in town videoing laterals that were done during the project for documentation purposes. Street Paving is expected to begin mid-late April and is expected to last around 3-4 weeks depending on the weather. I will be working with Jeffery Kusmits from Jones & Henry marking out the paving limits this week we will then review this at our next field meeting scheduled for April 14, 2015. Attached are the minutes of the March 10, 2015 field meeting.

### Street

- Before you tonight is an Ordinance that needs to be passed on emergency that would allow the Village to participate in ODOT salt purchasing program. I believe this is the best option for the Village to be able to get road salt for winter at a competitive price.

### Sanitation

- Crews are in the process of repairing dumpsters. We had quite a few that needed some new metal and paint.
- Spring Clean Up will take place the last full week in April. Rules for Spring Clean Up are post on our website. An idea for the month of April: we know there are residents with the spring cleaning itch. We could provide dumpsters at the Village Garage that Village Residents could haul their trash and dispose of it before Spring Clean Up at no charge. The Crew will make sure that the dumpsters are emptied on a daily basis so residents can make as many trips as needed to get rid of their trash. This is something we can try, providing that there is no illegal dumping of items that the Village cannot landfill.

### Parks

- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on March 29, 2015 from 8 AM – 12 PM @ the Hileman Building in the Recreation Park.
- I have been in contact with Lake Erie & Wheeling Railroad about the flooding issues at our Reservoir Park & Campground. Progress is being made.

### Other

- On April 10, 2015 the Huron County Development Council will hold their annual luncheon. The Village of New London will be hosting the luncheon at the Hileman Building. This is a great opportunity for the Village to promote and show off a little about what New London.
- I am trying to arrange a meeting with the Village Mayor's in Huron County to nominate a representative and an alternate for the OPWC Integrating Committee. This is a 3 year term. The meeting will probably be held here in New London on a Wednesday evening providing this will work for the majority of the Mayor's in the County. So 2 of the 6 Village Mayors have responded to my request.
- Tax season is in full swing. Michelle has been busy keeping up; remember taxes must be filed by April 15, 2015. If you have any questions please feel free to call Michelle between the hours of 8 AM – 1 PM @ (419) 929-4091.

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 had nothing to report.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-04 – An ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the New London Village Codified Ordinances on first reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading of Ord. 15-04. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John then presented Ordinance 15-05 – An ordinance authorizing an agreement with the Ohio Dept. of Transportation to participate in the state cooperative salt purchasing program on first reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the first reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John then presented Ordinance 15-06 – An ordinance amending the employee handbook to designate the pay ranges for the positions in the Park Department on first reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John then presented Ordinance 15-07 – An ordinance authorizing a revolving loan fund administration agreement with the State of Ohio Development Services Agency on first reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business –

Shawn then presented a proposal from Poggemeyer Design Group for engineering the replacement of the roof on the Village Office for the cost of \$5,500. The roof is still leaking and has been repaired several times. Shawn would like to move forward and get the architectural specs drawn up and permits needed to be able to go bid for the project this spring. Cooke made a motion to allow Shawn to enter into contract for the Village Hall roof replacement project. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin then called for New Business –

Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to pass ordinance 15-05 on an emergency basis. Shawn explained that this ordinance needs to be passed and to ODOT by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, in order for the Village to participate in the program this year.

Ellen wanted to let everyone know that CIC had hosted Cabin Fever Cure event last Wednesday at the Hileman Building. The event made a little over \$500 this year. The proceeds will be split 50/50 with the Terry Wilson Memorial fundraiser.

Ellen also wanted to share that the soil testing is the next thing on the list for the Terry Wilson Memorial. The soil testing will cost just over \$10,000. The CIC has graciously pledged \$5,000 towards the soil testing. She just wanted to thank CIC for their support of this project.

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

Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to go into executive session for discussion of personnel. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Myers made a motion to return to regular council meeting. Curtis 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