

REGULAR COUNCIL – March 9, 2015

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 council members present: Myers, Curtis, Paramore, Martin, Winslow, and Cooke

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Stephen Bond, Chief Marko, Ted Williams, Lynn Phillips, Lieutenant Hicks, Rhonda Killgrove, Principal Johnson, Vicky Stoll, and Joe Thomas.

John Martin asked for approval of the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Winslow made a motion to approve the agenda. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes. Those who opposed none.

The Minutes from the February 23, 2015 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then asked for any public questions or statements. Ellen Simmons announced the Rotary Club is having a rose sale fundraiser. \$20 for a dozen roses, order by March 20th.

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

Water

- Slip Line crew detected a water leak on State Route 60 South close to the repair that had been done a few weeks ago. A locator was called in to help pin point the leak. Crew is making plans for the repair to take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

Wastewater

- SSO Elimination Project – Layne Inline should be wrapping this part of the project up this week. Once spring gets here, UUI will be back in town to finish the restoration work and take care of any outstanding issues. Then we will be waiting on the paving crews. A field meeting will be held tomorrow March 10, 2015 here in New London at 10:00 AM.
- Both Trickling Filters are back on line.

Street

- Winter has been hard on our roads; crews have already begun patching potholes. Many holes patched last Friday and today. If there is a pothole that needs patched that our crew might have over looked please feel free to give us a call, leave a message and we will address it as soon as possible. (419) 929-4091.

- Still watching salt prices, hoping that we will be able to have some hauled in this spring so that we will be in good shape for next winter. I have been invited to join a conference call that has been arranged through ODOT headquarters to talk about salt contracts and if the Village would be interested in partnering with ODOT next year. More to come.
- Soil & Material samples have been collected from Birch Park Drive. Results of this testing will be sent to both the Village and the Engineers. I received the results of the test today but have not had a chance to review them.

Sanitation

- No major issues. Crews doing a good job despite the snow and cold.
- We are looking into having some door hangers made to help the sanitation workers to better communicate with our customers.

Other

- I will be meeting with an Engineer this week regarding the roof replacement on the Municipal Building & the Medical Building. Some of the concerns are the existing materials of the roof could contain asbestos. A core sample and test are recommended to determine this. Also we will need a building permit for this, so some type of technical specifications will have to be drawn up for the applying of the permit. This will cost the Village \$5,500.00.
- Attended the Huron County District Advisory Council annual meeting today. I have a copy of the annual report if anyone wishes to see it. The report contains a lot of good and interesting information. One item from today's meeting that will need to be addressed by the Village is the designation of a temporary morgue and temporary burial sites, both sites have to be on public owned property. The County will be asking all Cities, Village's & Townships for this in the case of a mass fatality emergency. We will need to decide where and who will be responsible if this were ever to happen and it will be needed to be passed by Ordinance.
- Attended a public hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the County Commissioners Office regarding 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The State of Ohio has made several changes which will make it more difficult to apply and receive any of this funding. Also the State has decided

to use 2010 census reports for this funding which drops New London below the 51% LMI. So any project that we would apply for would require a door to door income survey. There are only two areas in Huron County that are still consider above 51% LMI and they are The City of Willard & The Village of North Fairfield.

- 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 asked for a recreation report from Joe Thomas

- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny March 29, 2015 8am-noon
- SAL Gun Raffle at the Hileman building March 14, 2015 @ 11:am
- Reverse Raffle for Veterans monument April 11, 2015 Doors open at 5:00pm
- Corn hole League is wrapping up for this year. Tonight will be the last night for the season.
- A Park Board meeting was held on Monday, March 2, 2015 in Council Chambers. One of the issues discussed was choosing a playground plan to be installed at the Reservoir Park & Campground. We will be receiving \$13,500.00 Nature Works Grant through ODNR. With our match and hoping to raise a couple thousand dollars would allow us to install around a \$20,000.00 - \$22,000.00 playground. All plans have to be preapproved through ODNR, Nature Works.
- Still busy removing dead ash trees from the campground at the reservoir.
- Presented Police and Procedures for New London Reservoir Park.

John Martin then asked if there was a report from the Police Department. Chief Marko stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Bill Curtis reported that Firelands Ambulance had 43 runs in February

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-03, an ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with the highest bidder for temporary agricultural use of certain public lands. Third Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the second reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then asked for any old business. Reverse raffle to support Veterans monument April 11, 2015 and paver bricks are still available to purchase to support the monument

John Martin then asked if there was any new business. Chief Marko presented a video from Officer LaMothe's body camera of an incident when school officials: Principal Johnson, Vicky Stoll, Stephanie Cole and Rhonda Killgrove went above and beyond in assisting to locate two young girls walking to school in cold and blowing snow that seemed confused on how to get to the school because they usually rode the bus but had missed it that morning. Due to their hard work and diligence they were able to determine possible identification of the children. These school officials along with Officer LaMothe located these girls at school in their classrooms. After talking with them they were able to verify these were the children walking to school and they were safe and sound. They also informed the girls they could go to the Police Station if this happened again. Chief Marko then presented Principal Johnson, Vicky Stoll, Stephanie Cole and Rhonda Killgrove the Certificates of Accommodation for their diligence, concern, compassion in locating these children. John Martin also wanted to extend his gratitude to these school officials.

John Martin then asked for approval of the Schedule A bills to be paid. Myers made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Winslow 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. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call: Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – absent; Myers – disqualify herself; Paramore –yes, Winslow-yes.

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

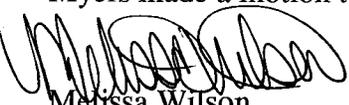
Cooke made a motion to suspend the rules and return to regular council meeting. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes, no one opposed

Shawn Pickworth made a recommendation hiring Brittany Bracken as the Seasonal New London Campground Manager at \$13.50/hr. and hiring Renee Welding as a Seasonal Campground employee at \$9.00/hr.

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Cooke asked the question regarding rental of Hileman building requirements for reduced rate or free rental. It was decided that each council member submit what they feel should be the criteria and a list would be compiled.

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


Melissa Wilson
Fiscal Officer


Darwin K Anderson
Mayor