

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, March 9, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

Mayor Toby Thomas 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, Willis, Cooke, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister, John Martin, Megan Sherlund, Ellen Simmons, Don Patton, Adam Gullett, Brittney Gullett, Bob James, Jayne Carroll, Scott Carroll and Lynn Phillips.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the February 24, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Willis made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements. There were none.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Waiting on an answer from the State.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- Tower Improvement Project – Received a Notice to Proceed from the Engineer for the amount of \$153,580.00. This is the base bid of \$132,640 and Alternate 1 of \$20,940.00 paint upgrade. Number 2 Alternate has been pulled. We expect this project to be done late spring, early summer and to be completed around July 4th, 2020.
- Train 4 – Wes Tech, Kirk Bros. & Poggemeyer Engineering will be in the Village this Wednesday & Thursday, March 11th & 12th, 2020. The plan is to install new parts and perform flow tests, and hopefully get the media back in the tank.
- Water Leak on Park Ave. & Clyde Ave. – crews called in a located to repair water main this morning, plan is to dig it up and repair it Wednesday morning.
- Training – crew members attended training last Tuesday in Columbus and will attend training this Tuesday in Columbus. All Water/Wastewater operators are required so many education training hours per year. The amount of this training is depending on what level of license each operator holds by the State of Ohio.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – engineering continues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing Major.

Sanitation

- Spring Cleanup – Dumpsters will be out at the Village Garage starting March 30th thru May 1st at 3:00 pm. Curb side Spring Cleanup will be the week of April 26th. Please see the Village website www.newlondonohio.com or our Facebook page for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office 419-929-4091.

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.
- Crews have been out patching pot holes.
- Road Salt – the village is under contract for 150 tons of road salt this year. Orders must be in by April 30, 2020. This will restock our supply for the year.
- Catch Basin – Catch Basin on West Main Street has failed, crews making plans to replace.

Other

- The Village is currently out to bid for the mowing contract of Village properties. This includes Cemetery, Triangle Park, Memorial Park, Village Office & Council Chambers. Details can be found on our website, www.newlondonohio.com. Bids will be accepted until 12:00 PM, March 13th. If you have any questions, please contact the office 419-929-4091.
- The Village has begun the process of adding additional software to all departments. This software is called Dude Solutions. This is the next step in our Asset Management Planning, it will help us track what we do more accurately and more efficiently. It will help us plan future capital improvement projects, track costs, inventory, work orders and assets.
- The Ohio EPA was in town today to inspect our Compost Facility and our processes. Nothing major was noted.

Janice Myers asked Shawn Pickworth what the price of salt was this year.

Shawn Pickworth replied that it was \$85 per ton. That is an ODOT bid. They piggy back on the ODOT bid. Everyone receives the same price as long as they are part of the ODOT bid.

Steve Ball asked Shawn Pickworth about Train 4. He wanted to know what parts they were going to change. Were they going to change the back flush tubes to get the orifice size the same as the other three?

Shawn Pickworth stated that they were supposed to be bringing those with them and they are going to be installing the new inductor. They will be doing that first thing Wednesday morning.

Mayor Toby Thomas shared if anyone knows of anyone that would like help with their spring cleanup to please call into the village office to get on a list. Local churches are willing to help residents but they need to know who would like help. Once they are on the list, the churches will call them and set up a date to come and help with the cleanup. Secondly, Toby announced they had gone to a Huron County District Advisors meeting that morning. The Department of Health shared some information about the Coronavirus. They are encouraging everyone not to touch their face. The virus is not spread by skin to skin contact. It has to get into your body. Through your mouth, nose or eyes are the easiest ways to do that. That is why washing hands frequently is a good idea. He shared that there were three cases in Ohio and he wanted everyone to be aware.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he didn't have anything unless someone had something for him.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Fire. Chief John Chapin absent. Toby shared that John Chapin was doing well. He had a heart attack at the end of the previous week. He is home from the hospital but will be off work for a while.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated there were 54 runs in February. There were 29 in the Village of New London; 8 in New London Township; 6 in Fitchville Township; 2 in Troy Township and 9 in Ruggles Township. Of the 54 runs, 24 were advanced life support which means there was a paramedic on board.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James did not have anything to report.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund stated they had started the previous week to get their equipment ready for spring. Andy, Frank and Charley have been working on getting things ready and getting the restrooms ready to have the water turned back on. They will be working with Don Patton and Shawn Pickworth and various employees from other departments to make the roads at the campground better. They will be doing that in house this year. They are in a rush to get ready for the camping season. The campground will be opening in a month. They will be working hard to make sure everything is ready. They will also be getting the restrooms at the recreation park ready for the water to be turned on as well. With the warmer temperatures that day, it had been nice to see residents at the recreation park enjoying the day.

Ellen Simmons asked when opening day at the campground would be.

Megan Sherlund stated it would be opening on April 10th.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-04 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-05 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with the Lowest and Best Bidder for Phase II-250,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-06 An Ordinance adopting the 2020 Permanent Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-07 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Proceed with the Lease of Two New Kubota ZD1211-72 Inch Mowers and Authorizing the Village Manager to Auction Two Mowers Which Are No Longer Needed for Public Purposes, and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date. Second Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract for the Trade-In and Lease-Purchase of a Backhoe, A Mini-Excavator, and a Skid Loader, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-09 An Ordinance Amending Section 131.11 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Fees for False Alarms. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2020-10 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Auction Miscellaneous Equipment Which in No Longer Needed for Public Purposes. First Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the first reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business. There was none.

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Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Steve Ball – yes; Jennifer Ball – yes; Willis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

Toby Thomas 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.

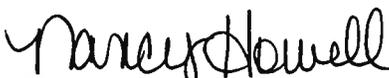
Toby Thomas asked for a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a new Police Chief and the appointment of a Village Official for the council opening.

Myers made a motion to enter into executive session. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes.

Cooke made a motion to return to regular session. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes.

Steve Ball made a motion to appoint Adam Gullett to replace Bill Curtis as a member of council. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor