

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 29, 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, Paramore, Cooke and Ball. Willis was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, Heather Brown, Marvin McCallister, Brian Speicher, Pamela Massie, Greg Massie, Dawn Hess, Mary Oney, John Longbrake and Bryan Clime.

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 May 13, 2019 were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the May 22, 2019 special council meeting were then presented for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Abstain; Willis, Absent; Paramore, Yes.

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.

Marvin McCallister stood and stated that at the last council meeting the village council had passed an ordinance for gates for the reservoir under an emergency measure. He wanted to know why the ordinance was passed under an emergency measure.

Shawn Pickworth stated it was because they wanted to get them ordered.

Marvin McCallister commented that he didn't think that was really how it was supposed to work. He quoted from the wording of the ordinance, "That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, and for the welfare of the citizens of the Village." He didn't think ordering the gates met those requirements.

Shawn Pickworth disagreed and thought it did meet that description.

Marvin McCallister asked Shawn Pickworth how it met the requirements.

Shawn Pickworth explained that the gates were for the safety of the reservoir and its campers.

Bill Curtis added that they had been having problems with people coming to the campground in the evening, setting up tents and then leaving before the work crew arrives in the morning. He said they have been receiving complaints about that. They have had other complaints over the last couple years of people coming in that know people camping there and they come in after the office is closed. They show up and camp for free. Bill Curtis stated that was theft no matter how you look at it. It is theft from the village residents. They then leave in the morning and they actually don't even have to leave in the morning because nobody knows they are back there.

Marvin McCallister then asked if the gates were going to be manned all the time.

Shawn Pickworth stated that the gates were automated.

Marvin McCallister asked what happens when someone wants to pay their \$2 and go fishing but they can't access the gates.

Shawn Pickworth stated that there is a lot of reservoir. They don't have to come into the campground to go fishing.

Bill Curtis added that they actually weren't supposed to go into the campground to go fishing anyway.

Marvin McCallister wanted to verify that the village would be blocking off all around the entire campground.

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes they were.

Marvin McCallister wanted to make sure it would be accessible for emergency vehicles.

Shawn Pickworth stated that emergency vehicles would have cards so they would be able to access the gates.

Marvin McCallister wondered how they would be able to prevent people from driving around the gates.

Shawn Pickworth stated there would not be a way to drive around.

Marvin McCallister answered okay.

Mayor John Martin wanted Marvin McCallister to know that council makes the decision as to whether an ordinance is passed in three readings or if it will be an emergency reading.

Marvin McCallister understood that but he just didn't think the ordinance met the criteria to be passed with an emergency reading.

John Martin answered that by what he heard, he believes it does meet the criteria. He then asked Marvin McCallister if he had anything else.

Marvin McCallister stated that the recreation department was going to be borrowing money from the CSX Fund and then pay it back. He wanted to make sure he was correct.

Shawn Pickworth answered that he was correct.

Marvin McCallister then asked if the CSX fund would charge the recreation fund interest.

Shawn Pickworth answered that no it would not charge interest.

Marvin McCallister wondered why they would not pay the money back with interest. He thought the CSX fund probably earned interest.

Shawn Pickworth stated that he would have the Fiscal Officer check into the interest.

Marvin McCallister was okay with that and then asked if the loan for the cabins had been paid back yet.

Shawn Pickworth stated that it was getting close.

Marvin McCallister then asked if the loan for the observation deck had been paid back yet.

Shawn Pickworth stated that it had not been fully paid off yet.

John Martin thanked Marvin McCallister. He then asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none.

John Longbrake stood and stated he wanted to check to see if council would approve the American Legion to sell alcohol at Rockin the Rez.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project – Work continues. We will be having another progress meeting this Friday, May 31, 2019 to discuss the project.
- Water Tower – now waiting on the environmental review process, should hear something yet this week, early next week about the completion of this.
- Bid Opening for the inside of the tank repairs was held and I have received the results back from the engineer. I am now in the process of forwarding all the information to the insurance company for their review and approval. Once that happens, I will be asking for Council approval and to award the bid.
- GIS Project – project continues. A training was held here in the Village with RCAP for the Water and Sewer employees, a lot of good information learned.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – PER is near completion and we are getting close to applying for the construction funding through USDA-RD. We are in the process of an environmental review for the project.

Storm Sewers

- East Hooker & East Washburn – catch basin has been set. Crew will begin installing new tiles as weather permits and other projects allow.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.

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.
- Johnson Drive, Pearl Street, City Parking Lot – Bid opening will be June 19, 2019 @ 10:00 am in Norwalk for these projects. WSOS/RCAP is handling the bid process for the County.

Other

- Terry Wilson Memorial Deck – No recent news.
- The American Legion Broome-Wood Post 292 would like permission to sell alcohol at our Rockin the Rez event on July 20, 2019.
- Would like Council's permission to bring back Tom Howell & Eric Mitchell again this year as part-time summer help in our parks. They both have helped multiple years and are great help.
- Thank You to everyone involved in making our town look nice for summer. The flowers look great. I know a lot of hard work and money went into this and it does get noticed and it is appreciated. Thank You Rachel Druckemiller for making our Triangle Park look great. Thank You Girl Scouts for making our Veterans Park look great also.

Campground

- Met with Don Patton and reviewed a project list that will be worked on by village employees when available and when conditions allow us.
- Heather has gotten estimates to have the bathrooms painted. I have approved and hopefully work will begin soon.
- Met with Blossom City Fence and had an estimate given for a section of fence to be installed from the office running south to the reservoir with a walk-through gate and a roll gate that will allow us to move equipment on and off the beach when needed.
- Automated gate system has been ordered. We should have an install date within the next month.
- I would like to thank Jake Mayhorn for donating his time and hard work splitting firewood.

John Martin asked Shawn Pickworth if they had any help from the county this year in the way of young adults coming to work.

Shawn Pickworth stated he was hoping so. He said the last he had heard, there were up to seven possibly coming to the Village of New London but he hasn't heard anything definite. When they do hear who is available, he will have to go through them and see who is most suited to work for the village. He isn't sure of the age group of the individuals who qualify. He stated he was picky about not bringing on someone who was too young. He is hoping to at least get a few suited for the village because there are definitely enough projects to keep them busy.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he had a few things. At the last council meeting they had talked about property maintenance issues and Bob James was supposed to be writing letters. He wanted to let council know what he had started having his officers do. When the officers are on patrol and they see a property maintenance issue, they stop right then and talk to the homeowners. The officers will then give them a set amount of time to take care of the violation. So far there has been 13

properties that have been notified. Of the 13 properties, eight have taken care of the issue. Three properties were issued criminal summons. Chief Marko stated he thought the officers stopping at the homes may be better than sending letters. Next, Chief Marko stated that earlier that day the police department had executed a search warrant at 28 Westwood Drive. They confiscated LSD and marijuana. The home owner was not their target but she was issued a criminal summons. The target wasn't there so charges are pending. They also want to make sure the marijuana wasn't laced with fentanyl. Lastly, Chief Marko stated that at an earlier council meeting he had given council a letter about his budget. He was hoping council would be willing to put additional money back into the police budget. He believes it is vital for the police department and he hopes council will consider it.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin absent.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated he didn't have anything major to report other than all of their new EMT's are out running with the squad now. They have a really good staff now. They are a good group and he is very proud of them.

Mayor John Martin stated that was good to hear.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James unexcused absence.

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

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-10 An Ordinance Adopting a Job Description for the Position of Seasonal Reservoir Campground Employee. Second Reading. Paramore made a motion to approve the second reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Resolution 2019-05 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business. There was none.

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Bill Curtis made a motion to allow the American Legion Broome-Wood Post 292 to sell alcohol at the village's Rockin the Rez event on July 20, 2019. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor John Martin then stated that he had been in contact with the Huron County Veteran's Services. They stated that there are two cemeteries in the county that take care of indigent veterans. They asked the village if they would be interested in doing the same in New London. He continued by saying council did not have to vote on it that evening but it was something to think about. If council would like, he could get a counselor from the Huron County Veteran's Services to come over and give a presentation on the process and what the county would take care of. The county purchases a number of plots for the indigent veterans. He wanted council to think about it and if any of them had any questions, they should let him know. If they want to set up a time for the Huron County Veteran's Services to come to a council meeting, he will set it up.

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. Cooke made a motion to approve Schedule A. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Bill Curtis made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the compensation of a village employee or official. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Paramore, Yes.

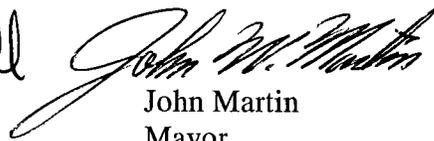
Curtis made a motion to return to regular session. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Paramore, Yes.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow Mary Oney to have access to a weekend camping site as part of her compensation. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



John Martin
Mayor