

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

Stuart Cooke, Council President, called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor John Martin. He then gave the invocation followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Curtis, Myers, Cooke, Willis and Ball. Paramore was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Ellen Simmons, Steve Ball, Bob James, Don Patton, Brad Booth, Jayne Carroll, Scott Carroll and Jason Anderson.

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

The minutes from the October 28, 2019 Water, Sewer and Fire Budget Meeting were presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the October 28, 2019 regular council meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke asked for any public questions or statements. He asked anyone with questions to rise, state their name and present their question or concern to council.

There were none.

Stuart Cooke then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project – we have begun producing 100% of the water from Plant 2. OEPA was in town for a project review and a sanitary survey. Everything went well.
- Water Tower Communication – Project continues. New equipment installation to begin soon.
- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – we are beginning the process of applying for funding.
- GIS Project – project continues. Project is close to being completed.
- Asset Management – GLCAP (RCAP) Rep. would like to present to Council in a workshop on December 9, 2019 @ 6:00 PM. This is a requirement to the program.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – engineering is working on plans to submit to the USDA-RD.

- Trickling Filter – the south filter locked up on crews a little over a week ago, took crews awhile to get it freed back up and put back online. Crews then did some preventative maintenance on the north filter to hopefully keep the same thing from happening on that operation.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- Thanksgiving Holiday – reminder that Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday just like in the past.

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.

Other

- Terry Wilson Memorial Deck – I talked to the insurance company today and they will only pay us the estimated amount of what it takes to rebuild the deck as originally designed which is up to \$130,000.00. That amount is \$90,000.00 short of the engineers estimate to rebuild the deck with the necessary upgrades to withstand the climate. So now my question is what do we do?

Stuart Cooke asked if they had the replacement cost covered on their insurance policy.

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes they did and that was what the insurance company was going by. They are saying they will replace it like what they previously had but they won't upgrade the structure at all. Shawn continued by saying it was discouraging. He thought maybe they could look at other designs for a smaller deck. He wasn't sure what they should do but obviously \$90,000 is a huge gap for the village. He asked council to think about it and let him know what they thought should be done. Should they accept the amount they are willing to pay or should they fight it? Shawn Pickworth stated that his whole fight with the insurance company was if the village allows someone to come in and rebuild the deck just like it was before, they will be paying the claim again in possibly four years. They could have future claims on the same thing. Give the village the extra money now and they could upgrade the deck to ensure there are no future claims.

Stuart Cooke added that the insurance company could choose to deny coverage on the deck.

Shawn Pickworth agreed and stated that he just didn't know what to do.

Steven Bond asked Shawn Pickworth if they built a smaller deck, would they still get the same amount of insurance money?

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes they would. The least amount of money they would receive would be \$119,000 and that is if they just take the insurance money and do absolutely nothing. If the village replaces the deck they will receive the full \$130,000.00.

Bill Curtis wondered if it would be possible to use the existing parts of the deck that were still in good shape and just rebuild the bottom of the deck where the damage occurred.

Shawn Pickworth stated that anything was possible.

Ellen Simmons asked Shawn Pickworth if the Rotary/CIC could be involved in the discussions when they decide what they are going to do since it was their project to begin with.

Shawn Pickworth said that absolutely they could be. Then he finished up his report with one last item.

- Megan Sherlund's probationary period is up this week. I am recommending to Council to hire Megan fulltime and give her \$1.00 raise as agreed to when she was hired.

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

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

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated they had 49 total runs for October (New London Village – 34, Fitchville Twp. – 6, Ruggles Twp. – 2, New London Twp. – 2, Troy Twp. – 3, Mutual Aid – 2). Of those runs, 29 were Basic Life Support and 20 were Advanced Life Support. There was one overdose. Bill Curtis added that they were ahead of where they were last year at this time and he anticipated they would exceed last year's numbers.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James did not have anything.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund was absent so Shawn Pickworth asked Steve Ball if he had anything to share.

Steve Ball stated there was a lot of work going on at the campground and the Gun Raffle was coming up.

Stuart Cooke asked if the electric at the campground remained on all winter.

Shawn Pickworth answered that Firelands Electric comes out and shuts it off. The only thing that stays on is the trailer and the office. He also added that the water had been turned off too.

Stuart Cooke presented Ordinance 2019-25 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Gerken Paving, Inc., the Lowest and Best Bidder, for Roadway Resurfacing. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke presented Ordinance 2019-27 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. Second Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the second reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke presented Ordinance 2019-28 An Ordinance Changing the Position of Park Supervisor to Parks and Recreation Manager, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-28 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Absent. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then called for Old Business. There was none.

Stuart Cooke then called for New Business.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Megan Sherlund permanently since her probationary period was over and to increase her pay rate from \$17 per hour to \$18 per hour. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Absent.

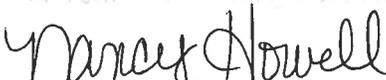
Stuart Cooke then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Myers made a motion to approve Schedule A. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Stuart Cooke asked if anyone had anything else to be brought before council before they adjourned.

Bill Curtis stated that since it was Veteran’s Day he wanted to thank all the veterans for their service.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor