

# NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting – Monday, October 26, 2015 @ 7 p.m.

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John Martin, Council President 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: Cooke, Curtis, Martin, Winslow, Paramore, and Myers.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Lynn Phillips, Marvin McCallister, Don Patton, Joe Thomas, and Chief Marko.

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

The minutes from the workshop and regular meeting held on October 12, 2015 were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. There were none.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator. Shawn reported the following:

### Water

- Some of the water/wastewater employees will attend some training on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. All operators must have so many contact hours per year in order to maintain their certifications.

### Wastewater

- I have asked the USDA-RD what our options are for the remaining funds from the SSO Elimination project.

### Street

- International Dump – 2 new fuel tanks are being made and installed.
- Replacing more signs.

### Sanitation

- No major issues.

### Parks

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gun Raffle Tickets are on sale. See any park board member or stop by the Village Office and Gilbert's Hardware. Raffle will be Saturday, November 7, 2015. We need Council permission for the sales of beer during this event.

### Other

- I would like to have new windows installed in the Medical Building, I estimate the cost to be around \$7000.00 material & labor.
- Crew has been working on reconnecting the generator. There have been some improvements made to our building. Old boiler & chiller has been removed, water heater changed over from gas to electric, storage & server rooms cleaned and reorganized. Would like to thank everyone involved.  
Terry Wilson Memorial Observation Deck – construction to begin on Tuesday, October 24, 2015. Crews are hoping to set poles this week and frame deck next week. Weather providing.
- Our property insurance is up for renewal. Melissa, John and I met with representatives from USI to review our coverages. We are making some changes to the policy and how some of our equipment is covered.
- Attended the Ohio Municipal League Conference in Columbus last week Wednesday, October 21 – Friday, October 23. Attached is a legislative report on a number of House Bills and their current status.
- Attended a training conference last Tuesday, October 20, 2015 for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The next Budget Meeting will be for the Water/Sewer/Fire Department on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Water/Sewer Dept. Don Patton, Utilities Foreman then reported the following:

- They have had to repair two leaks at different times on the water line that runs through Firelands Electric property. This line is a main transmission line for the Village; they are exploring ways to replace the existing line.
- They have been flushing fire hydrants throughout the Village and the township this month. They are winterizing the hydrants and also checking them for any leaks with the leak detector.
- Don reported that all water meters have been read for the month and he is just amazed at the difference in time from when they were all manually read to now with the radio read meters.

- They have ordered the new bigger radio read meters for larger customers. Once we receive those they will be contacting the customers to replace them and this will make reading meters even more efficient.
- They have been lowering meters and had to move a water line on Townline 79 for the road expansion project that the township is doing.
- They will be moving a water line at Peggy's Design from N. Main St. to Clinton St. side of the business.
- They received a \$40,000 grant from the Bureau of Workers' Comp. This will be used to purchase a valve exerciser that will cost approximately \$65,000.
- They are taking sludge to the landfill from the sewer plant. They are working on an agreement with Richland County Landfill for the sludge.
- They have been replacing the gas and electrical lines at the Village Office.
- They are getting close to advertising for a new employee for the water/waste water department. They are hoping to hire someone with at least a class 1 license, since it takes a while for them to be able to get their licenses and having one would be very beneficial to start.

Don reported the following on the Street/Sanitation Dept.:

- They have replaced 30 plus signs in town and will continue to update and change out the signs as the time allows.
- They are going back to the original way of running trash route by utilizing the garbage truck route instead of dumpsters.
- New gas tanks have been built and installed on the International Truck. Don said it was an excellent repair job and it looked great.
- Gabe and Mike replaced a catch basin on Park Ave. He said they did an outstanding job.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief announced that Officer Ryan LaMothe had turned his resignation in effective October 23<sup>rd</sup>. He would like to promote Lance Capiot from part-time to full-time.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Rec. Dept. Joe Thomas reminded everyone that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gun Raffle will be on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. Tickets are on sale now and are \$10 each or 6 for \$50.

Joe announced that he will again be holding a corn hole league this winter. The league will start December 7<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wanting more information can call Joe at (419) 541-6131.

The Park will again be having Christmas in the Park. Anyone that would like to participate by setting up a lighted display can contact Joe at (419) 541-6131.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated FAS has been very busy lately and they also have a renewal levy on the ballot.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-18 – An ordinance to change the Income Tax Codified Ordinance due to the state mandated changes implemented by House Bill 5 on first reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business – Ellen Simmons reported that the ground breaking ceremony was held for the Terry Wilson Memorial Deck at the Reservoir today. Shawn, Marion Paramore and John Martin attended for the Village. There were about 30 people total in attendance. She feels the construction of the deck will move along quickly as the long as the weather is decent.

She also announced that CIC will host candidates' night tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Village council chambers. She encouraged all of council to attend.

John Martin then called for New Business –

Bill Curtis made a motion to promote Lance Capiot from part-time to full-time in the Police Dept. at the starting rate of \$15.43 per hour. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes. No one opposed.

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

Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Melissa Wilson  
Fiscal Officer

  
John Martin  
Council President