

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 14, 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, Willis and Ball. Cooke was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Ellen Simmons, Steve Ball, Megan Sherlund, Bob James, Don Patton, John Chapin and Toby Thomas.

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

The minutes from the September 23, 2019 regular council meeting were then presented for approval. Paramore made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. He asked anyone with questions to rise, state their name and they would be allotted three minutes to speak.

Ellen Simmons stated there would be a CIC meeting the next day at the Wildcat Diner. She was hoping to see a lot of people there. They are trying to get ideas on what is happening in the town and the direction they should be going. Ellen Simmons then stated that the Rotary Club sponsors the United Fund and they are going to be having a Fall for Wine and Beer event on October 20th. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from Ellen Simmons and also at Frombaugh Law.

John Martin asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project – Work continues. Crews have finished the demo of the old clear well. We are getting really close to wrapping up the main portion of this project. We are still working with program engineers on updating the controls. Plans are right now, the Village will be operating solely off Plant 2 and shutting down Plant 1 as of November 1, 2019. There is a progress meeting scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2019 here in the Village with Poggemeyer Engineering and Kirk Bros. Construction. The goal is to go over anything that still might need done before the contractor moves out.

- Water Tower – Project continues. Crews are working on getting conduit between the new building and water tower.

- GIS Project – project continues. Project is close to being completed. We are now working on possibly adding gas lines to our GIS.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019 @ 10:00 am with representatives from the USDA-RD, Jones & Henry Engineering and the Village to review the project and offer from the USDA-RD. I would like to invite all Council Members and the Mayor to attend this meeting.
- Clarifiers – crews have been working rebuilding the two clarifiers. I believe they were close to finishing this project up last week.

Storm Sewers

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.
- Village Parking Lot – project is complete; contractor did a nice job. The total price of this project was \$26,459.00, CDBG grant = \$18,500.00, Village = \$7,959.00.
- Paint Sprayer – the paint sprayer used to paint lines on the roads failed. This sprayer was around 20 years old and would not hold pressure to allow crews to paint. After much debate, we purchased a new sprayer. Hopefully this one will last as long as the old one did.
- Crews have begun pulling snow equipment out of storage and going over what needs fixed before the winter. The International dump truck was taken in for several maintenance issues. Seems to be running better.
- Road Levy – there will be a street levy on the November ballot for the Village of New London. If you want nice roads, a paving program within the Village, please vote yes. Our street funds right now cannot and will not support a paving program. We do as much as we can with the little funds we get. We have streets that are failing faster than we can repair. We do apply for every grant funding we come across and we get some, but that alone will not keep our street in good repair.

Other

- Terry Wilson Memorial Deck – I will be talking to the insurance company this week to see what can be done. The estimates continue to come in more than double the cost of the original deck.
- I attended an OWEA Conference October 3rd & 4th in Columbus, Ohio mainly for the educational hours needed for my licenses. I got to hear speakers from around the state and

country talk about their wastewater treatment plants, what works and what doesn't work so well and what might be coming from the EPA.

- A Park Board Meeting this week will be Wednesday, at 6:30 pm in the Rec. Park.
- CIC would like permission to sell alcohol at the gun raffle, November 16, 2019.

Ellen Simmons asked Shawn Pickworth when he said there was a park board meeting, if he really meant Recreation Committee.

Shawn Pickworth stated that yes that was what he meant.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he had a few things. On October 1st at 7:27 p.m. the New London Police Department executed a search warrant at 65 West Washburn. Narcotics and drug paraphernalia were confiscated and sent to the lab. They are waiting for the results. Three people were detained. One male had a felony warrant out of Lorain County and was shipped over there. One female was cooperative so she was released. Another female was charged with felony charges pending until the results are in. On October 7th the officer on patrol received a call on a disturbance. While investigating the disturbance, he observed a vehicle that was at the disturbance and initiated a traffic stop. Criminal indicators were observed so a search was initiated. Methamphetamines, cocaine, and drug paraphernalia were confiscated, entered into evidence and sent to the drug lab. Chief Marko wanted to compliment the officer. He was very proactive. Two females in the vehicle lied to him. Education, training, persistence and perseverance allowed him to find out who they were and he was able to arrest them. Chief Marko concluded by saying the day before, nine officers including himself, came in and assisted with traffic control for a 5K race at the recreation park. All the officers came in on their own time. They volunteered their time. He wanted council to know that was the kind of officers they have here in New London.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Fire Chief. Chief John Chapin stated that Chief's report would be hard to top. He told Chief Marko good job and then had nothing else to report.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated they had 75 total runs for September which is an all-time record high. Of those runs, 47 were Basic Life Support and 28 were Advanced Life Support. There were 16 motor vehicle accidents but no overdoses. They had a lot of calls. There was one day where there were 10 calls and all three squads running at the same time. They have been very, very busy. Bill Curtis also wanted to remind everyone that they still had the membership drive going on.

John Martin then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he just wanted to remind everyone that there would be a meeting of the Zoning and Planning Commission on October 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. about a zoning appeal request and on October 28th there would be a public hearing for the sign ordinance. That meeting would be at 6:30 p.m. as well.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund started by saying they had two and a half to three weeks left of camping. They are working on winterizing all of their equipment at the reservoir as well as the recreation park. Frank and Charley are doing a good job of keeping track of everything they are doing and informing her of what they have left to do. If they need help they will definitely let her know. There have been a couple of events that have been held at the Hileman Building. They have been lucky enough to have some people from the CLI in Norwalk come and help clean the building as well as some students from New London High School who come out every day for a couple of

hours and clean up not just the Hileman Building, but also the reservoir. She would really like to thank them for helping them out.

John Martin asked if there were any questions for Megan Sherlund. There were none.

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

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

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-23 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-23 to be passed on an emergency measure. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-24 An Ordinance Setting the 2020 Fees for Campsites at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-24 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Paramore made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin 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. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

John Martin presented Ordinance 2019-26 An Ordinance Adjusting the Wage Rates for the Village Employees. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2019-26 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes. Paramore made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

John Martin then called for New Business.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the CIC to sell alcohol at the Gun Raffle on November 16, 2019. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Paramore, Yes.

Bill Curtis wondered if talking about setting a different opening and closing date for the reservoir park would fall under new business.

Mr. Bond agreed that it would fall under new business.

Bill Curtis stated they had discussed it, and they were looking at April 15th opening and closing on October 10th. This gives not only the people who work at the park time to get things set by the end of the year, but it also gives the water crews the chance to get in there and winterize the park. Currently, they don't close until

November 1st and that is getting to far into the season for winterizing. Bill Curtis continued by saying it didn't use to be that way. They used to always close by mid-October or early October and for some reason they started opening earlier also. He would like it to go back to the way it was originally set up. He just wanted to do what was best for the city workers and to keep costs down at the parks.

Shawn Pickworth added that he thought they may want the dates to differ a little each year to ensure the campground always opens on a weekend and not during the week.

It was determined they would open the campground on the Friday or Saturday closest to April 15th and close the campground the Friday or Saturday closest to October 10th.

Marvin McCallister asked how much the rates were going up for seasonal campers at the reservoir.

Bill Curtis answered the cost was going up to \$2,000 per year for a full hookup.

Bill Curtis then made a motion to open the reservoir park campground on the Friday or Saturday closest to the 15th of April each year and to close the reservoir park campground on the Friday or Saturday closest to the 10th of October each year. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

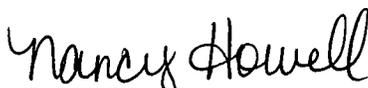
John Martin then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball – yes; Paramore – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – absent; Myers – disqualify herself.

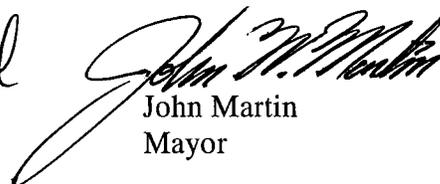
John Martin then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule C. Ball made a motion to approve Schedule C. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor John Martin asked if anyone had anything else to be brought before council before they adjourned.

There was nothing.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


John Martin
Mayor