

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, September 28, 2020 @ 7 p.m.**

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In the absence of Mayor Toby Thomas, Council President Stuart Cooke 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, Cooke, Jennifer Ball, Gullett and Steve Ball. Willis was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Don Patton, Bob James, John Chapin and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the September 14, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Stuart Cooke asked for any public questions or statements.

Ellen Simmons stated that the Community Club would not be using the ambulance building for Hometown Holidays this year. They had some concerns with the club using their building and Ellen understood their hesitation due to Covid-19. She stated the ambulance personnel had always been wonderful to them in the past. Instead of the ambulance building, they would be using Council Chambers to house a few vendors and some children's activities.

Jennifer Ball asked Ellen Simmons about the Halloween Parade because she had heard that it was canceled.

Ellen Simmons verified that yes the Halloween Parade had been canceled.

Janice Myers asked if trick or treat was going to be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Steve Ball answered that at the last council meeting they had determined that trick or treat would be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Janice Myers stated she had been receiving a lot of feedback from residents who were not happy with the time.

Members of council discussed the trick or treat time and considered if they should change it. In the end, they decided to leave the time the same. Trick or treat will be held on October 31, 2020 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Stuart Cooke then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Looking at our options for funding.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – The USDA-RD are in the process of reviewing the plans.

## Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

## Sanitation

- No major issues.

## Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Painting – crews finished painting for the year Friday afternoon.
- Salt Storage – still waiting on some other quotes.
- OPWC Funding – we are working on the funding application for the West Washburn Improvement project. Applications are due first week of November.
- Crews are servicing equipment and getting ready for winter.
- Bridge Inspections – inspectors were in town today to do our annual inspections required by the state.

## Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project continues.
- Cares Act Money – we need to form a Cares Act Grant review committee. This committee will meet to review and score the applications. They will then recommend to Council the results. We want to be able to recommend to Council at the first meeting in October so we can get the checks out before the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Council discussed who should be on the committee. They also discussed what happens if a relative of a member of council would apply. Mr. Bond stated that anyone related to a member of council would automatically go to the bottom of the list and would only receive money if there was any left after all other eligible applicants. At the end of the discussion it was determined that the committee would consist of Shawn Pickworth, Nancy Howell, Don Patton and Adam Gullett.
- Council needs to schedule a public hearing for the rezoning of 107 West Main Street. Council scheduled a zoning public hearing for November 9, 2020 at 6 p.m.
- Reservoir Campground Sewers – we are planning to install a lift station in the campgrounds that will allow us to connect the unsewered lots during the off season, budget depending. The estimated cost of this project is \$20,000 - \$25,000. If we do not have the money this year would Council allow us to use CSX funds to install and allow the Rec. to pay back the funds with the extra funds it make from rent by adding the sewers. We could bring in an additional \$6000 plus per year. Council wanted to know how much the recreation fund currently owed the CSX fund. It was determined the fiscal officer would have that number at the next council meeting so that

council could go over that information when they were going over the recreation budget. The topic will be revisited in the future.

- The last thing Shawn discussed was Inspire New London wanted council's approval to start selling veteran banners to hang on the electric poles throughout town. Firelands Electric has given approval for the use of their poles. Inspire New London would take care of all the banner orders and taking the money and then the finished banners would be given to the village to hang. Council agreed to let Inspire New London proceed with the project.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he would like to acknowledge two of his officers. Officers Kristofor Pinkerton and Lance Capiot had received a lifesaving award for their act of service in saving the life of a two-week old infant. Their quick thinking and response earned them this award. Chief Marko congratulated them on a job well done.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from the Fire Department. Fire Chief John Chapin stated he would like council's permission to hire Chaddem Shenefield and Jacob Martz as two new fire fighters. This would bring the department up to 28 volunteers.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had the run report from August. There were 61 total ambulance calls and she broke them down by area.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he had nothing to report unless someone had something for him.

Stuart Cooke then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Shawn Pickworth shared the following report with council in the absence of Megan Sherlund.

- Concert this past weekend went well
- Trunk or Treat on October 24, flyer on the website, Facebook, and around town
- Getting together grants due dates for submittals will need council approvals
  - Nature Works June 2021 – walking path from Euclid to rez driveway
  - CDBG - new playground at Rez with ADA accessibility
  - Home Depot/Lowes/Menards for picnic tables
  - Plus more
- Once we go into the extended season the office will only be open 10am – 6pm Monday – Friday.
- You will see the list of events for the rest of this year and the list of proposed events with dates for next year

#### **2020 Parks and Rec Events October - December**

<b>TAGR &amp; Bad Juju Concert</b>	<b>September 26</b>
<b>Fishing Tournament</b>	<b>September 27</b>
<b>Halloween Event</b>	<b>October 3</b>
Costume Parade	1pm
Trick or Treating	2pm
Pumpkin Roll	3pm
Site Judging	7pm
<b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b>	<b>October 10</b>
Turkey	
<b>Last weekend</b>	<b>October 17</b>

<b>Trunk or Treat</b>	<b>October 24</b> 1pm – 4pm
<b>Rec Committee Cookout</b>	<b>October 24</b> 4pm -
<b>Halloween Parade</b>	<b>October 31</b>
<b>Hometown Holidays</b> Crafts in Hileman	<b>December 5</b> 10am – 2pm
<b>Breakfast with Santa</b> Hileman	<b>December 13</b> 9am – 1pm
<b>Santa @ Cabin</b> Boy Scout Cabin	<b>December 18 &amp; 19</b> 6pm – 8pm

### **2021 Parks & Rec Events**

<b>Breakfast with the Easter Bunny</b>	
<b>Opening Day of Camping</b>	<b>April 17</b>
<b>Fishing Tournaments</b>	<b>May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15, Sept 18 Oct 17</b>
<b>Camp &amp; Sell Flea Markets</b>	<b>May</b>
<b>Rockin the Rez</b>	<b>July 17</b>
<b>Country Concert</b>	
<b>Labor Day Festival</b>	<b>Sept 3 – 6</b>
<b>20 yr. 9/11 Celebration</b> Recreation Park	<b>Sept 11</b>
<b>Trunk or Treat</b> Recreation Park	<b>October 23</b>
<b>Halloween Parade</b>	<b>October 30</b>
<b>Gun Raffle</b> Hileman Building	<b>November 20</b>
<b>Hometown Holidays</b>	<b>December 4</b>
<b>Breakfast with Santa</b> Hileman Building	<b>December 12</b>
<b>Santa @ Cabin</b> Boy Scout Cabin	<b>December 17 &amp; 18</b> 6pm – 8pm

Stuart Cooke then presented Ordinance 2020-28 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with the Ohio Attorney General for Delinquent Debt Collection Services. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Ordinance 2020-29 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with the Huron County Development Council to Perform the Following Services Relative to the Administration of Small Business Grants Funded by the Federal Cares Act, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-29 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Resolution 2020-07 A Resolution Allowing the Use of an “Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty” Coverage document, Rather than a Surety Bond. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Resolution 2020-08 A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the budget commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 2020-08 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then called for Old Business.

Janice Myers stated she didn't know if it would be considered old or new business but she had someone ask whether the village notifies people when they are going to get their water turned off for non-payment. Do they receive a text or call?

Shawn Pickworth replied that no the village does not. All the information that is needed including due date and shut off date is printed on the bill each month. It was also explained that the shut off procedure is exactly the same every month. It doesn't change so no calls are necessary.

Stuart Cooke then called for New Business.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the purchase of a new truck for Utilities Foreman Don Patton. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Myers made a motion to allow Fire Chief John Chapin to hire Chaddem Shenefield and Jacob Martz as volunteer fire fighters. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Stuart Cooke then presented the then and now bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Myers 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