

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 9, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

Janice Myers made a motion to appoint Steve Ball as the presiding officer in the absence of Mayor Toby Thomas and Council President Stuart Cooke. Adam Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Myers, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Jennifer Ball, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Steve Ball, Abstain.

Steve Ball 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, Jennifer Ball, Willis, Gullett and Steve Ball. Cooke was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Don Patton, Jeffrey Travaglianti, Megan Sherlund and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the October 26, 2020 Water, Sewer and Fire Budget Meeting were presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the October 26, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Ellen Simmons then announced that she had passed out a copy of the Hometown Holiday brochure to everyone in attendance. If anyone wanted additional copies of the brochure they should let her know.

Steve Ball asked Marvin McCallister if there were any questions coming through on his phone. There were none.

Steve Ball then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth 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 seems to have finished the plan review process and have started reviewing bid documents.

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.
- OPWC Funding – Application has been submitted.
- Street repair for East Main Street began today. Hopefully it will be back to normal tomorrow afternoon.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project continues. Crews continue to work on service connections.
- Cares Act Money – the Grant Review Committee met last Thursday and reviewed applications and sent recommendations to Council for approval.
- I would like Council's approval to purchase Laptops, Printers & IPADS for the Village to be able to work from home when needed using some of the Cares Act Funding and to eliminate cross contamination for the employees in the field.
- Crews have been busy installing the Veterans banners for Inspire New London.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he would like permission to hire Jeffrey Travaglianti as a Reserve Officer. Chief Marko then asked council's permission to promote Lance Capiot to Sergeant. Chief Marko stated that Lance was his right hand man on day shift.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she wanted to thank everyone for voting for the ambulance levy. The levy had passed.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from Recreation. Megan Sherlund shared the following report:

The campground is closed for the season. We are locking the gates. We have had quite a few people coming in to continue to winterize but after this week the gates will be locked and they will need to make an appointment with myself or Shawn for access to the campground with a vehicle. They will be able to park at the gate and walk back to their campers or duck blinds if needed.

We are preparing Christmas decorations for Christmas tree lane this year hoping to fill the whole horseshoe driveway. A new option for 2020 is to pay a fee and have the village do the decorations. This option would not permit an entry into the contest.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2020-30 An Ordinance Amending Sections 1116.01 and 1116.05 of the Codified Ordinances, and Rezoning the Property Located at 107 West Main Street, to a "Public Parks and Open Space Zoning Use District". Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2020-34 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. First Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2020-35 An Ordinance Amending Section 921.10(a), 925.07(b), 931.02(d), and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Utility Services. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the reading. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2020-36 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-36 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Resolution 2020-09 A Resolution Approving the Award of New London Cares Act Small Business Grants to Businesses, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2020-09 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent;; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then called for Old Business.

Jennifer Ball asked if there was any news about internet and cable being restored to the Hileman Building.

Megan Sherlund replied that she had forgotten to mention it in her report but Spectrum would be hooking internet and cable back up in the Hileman Building and it would be around \$50 a month cheaper than it had previously been.

Steve Ball then called for New Business.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow for the purchase of Laptops, Printers & IPADS for village employees to be able to work from home when needed using some of the Cares Act Funding and to eliminate cross contamination for the employees in the field. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow Chief Marko to promote Lance Capiot to Sergeant. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Chief Marko to hire Jeffrey Travaglianti as a Reserve Officer for the New London Police Department. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Steve Ball then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Myers, Disqualify; Cooke, Absent.

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

Adam Gullett made a motion to return to regular session. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor