

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, October 25, 2021 @ 7 p.m.**

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Mayor Toby Thomas 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: Gullett, Steve Ball, Jennifer Ball, Willis and Myers. Cooke was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Steve Roeder, Shawn Pickworth, John Martin, Joe Hicks, John Chapin, Don Patton, Alison Chapin, Marvin McCallister and Lynne Phillips.

Toby Thomas 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 October 11, 2021 Police & Recreation Budget 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.

The minutes from the October 11, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked if there were any public questions or statements.

John Martin from Park Avenue rose and stated at that time he would like to speak openly and ask that the three-minute rule be suspended so he could present his discussion in whole.

Toby Thomas stated that John Martin made a motion and asked if anyone would be willing to second the motion.

Steve Bond stated that John Martin couldn't make a motion.

Toby Thomas then asked council if there was a motion to suspend the three-minute rule.

Steve Ball asked John Martin what the topic was about.

John Martin stated the topic was concerning camping fees at the reservoir.

Steve Ball stated they had been down that road before and Adam Gullett added that they had talked about that at the last council meeting. No motion was made.

Toby Thomas stated that if John Martin wanted to continue his discussion he could have his three minutes to do so.

John Martin responded that if they refuse to suspend the three-minute rule then he feels they aren't interested in hearing the voices of the New London residents with the concerns of the village.

Toby Thomas stated that if John Martin had people coming to him to ask them to come to a council meeting instead of having John Martin come between. Toby Thomas added that it would be good for them to come and voice their opinion.

John Martin replied that he would finish by saying he had nothing further to say. He then handed Lynne Phillips a letter and stated it was a letter to the editor. He said thank you and left the meeting.

Toby Thomas thanked John Martin as he left.

Toby Thomas asked if there was any other discussion. There was none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

#### Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We are ready to go to bid.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – a conference call was held last Friday, October 22, 2021 with Poggemeyer Design Group, OEPA and the Village. We are in the process of completing the construction funding application. Funding award is expected to happen before the end of the year.
- Prospect Street Water Main – crews need to cross the street and reconnect into the existing main to complete the project.

#### Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues. Crews are working on setting structures for the new headworks. Schedules continue to be on time.

#### 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.
- West Washburn Project – we will be going to bid late 2021, early 2022 for this project.
- Downtown Improvements - The Village has an opportunity to submit a TAP application with the State (ODOT) for downtown improvements. The project will consist of new sidewalks, new lighting downtown from Prospect Street to the Railroad Crossing on St. Rt. 60 and from Energy Street to Park Ave. on St. Rt. 162. The engineers preliminary estimate is \$1,205,000.00. The Villages share would be \$160,000.00 and \$1,045,000.00 would be grant. This funding is highly competitive, but we believe we have a really good project that can compete. The question is how do we come up with the Villages share for the project?

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – construction continues, the deck structure is mostly complete, crews will began working on the cement work.

Toby Thomas then shared that after being in office for almost two years he finds it frustrating that there is no money to pave the streets. He is trying to put a letter together to send to ODOT not requesting money, but asking them for help finding information on different ways other small villages have found to pave streets.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

Officer Aric Ubienski has been serving as New London Schools SRO for the past few weeks and is doing very well. As a result of this newly created position, an MOU was drafted and an ordinance was created between the officer and the Village. This ordinance is being presented this evening as an emergency measure.

I am also requesting council allow me to hire John Kaititus as a part-time officer. John has 10 years of law enforcement experience, working for the Wakeman Police Department. His background check was conducted by Sgt. Capiot and was determined to be favorable. The sergeant and I interviewed Kaititus and felt he could be a valuable part of our staff.

We currently have a 14-man roster.

\*6 Full-Time

\*5 Part-Time

\*3 Reserves (Volunteers)

Of our current part time staff, only 3 of those officers are available to work weekend shifts due to their other full-time employment. Kaititus has stated he would be available and willing to work between 2 and 4 weekends a month, which would help alleviate some of the challenges we have been facing with filling weekend shifts. This should also assist in cutting down on overtime.

Over the years our roster has had as many as 17 officers. As recently as 2020 our roster had 15 officers with 9 being part-time.

Adam Gullett made a motion to hire John Kaititus as a part-time police officer for the village of New London. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin stated he had nothing unless there were any questions for him. The fire department did participate in Trunk or Treat.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning. Buddy Workman absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation. Joe Thomas absent.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-39 An Ordinance Authorizing the Resurfacing of Pavement in the Village of New London by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-41 An Ordinance Amending Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Fiscal Officer. Third Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2021-42 An Ordinance Amending Section 1106.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Penalty for Zoning Violations. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2021-43 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2021-44 An Ordinance Approving an Educational Assistance Agreement for the School Resource Officer, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-44 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett 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.

Ordinance 2021-45 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-45 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett 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. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business. There was none.


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

Toby Thomas then presented the bills under schedule B, Then and Now. 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. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

  
Nancy Howell  
Fiscal Officer

  
Toby Thomas  
Mayor