

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 22, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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, Willis, Cooke and Jennifer Ball. Myers was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Joe Thomas, Duane Mills, John Chapin and Dusty Swiger.

Toby Thomas asked for approval of the agenda. Gullett made a motion to approve the agenda. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 8, 2021 Street, State Highway, Sanitation & Storm Budget meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 8, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

John Chapin shared the following report in the absence of Shawn Pickworth:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We are ready to go to bid.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Funding application and information being submitted to the OEPA. We will be meeting with the OEPA via conference call hopefully this week or next.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- Thursday's route will be picked up Wednesday, November 24, 2021. Please have it ready to go by 7:00 am.

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 – preapplication has been submitted.

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – deck is complete, waiting on final inspection.
- We are requesting to move the December 27th Council Meeting to Wednesday, December 29, 2021 @ 7:00 pm.
- We have \$16,894.76 left in Covid Relief Funds. These funds have to be used by December 31, 2021 or the State will take the money back. With the restrictions attached to these funds there really isn't anything else to use the funds for except for Hazard Pay for Employee's. Council has legislation before them tonight that will allow us to do this.
- Nancy Howell, Michelle Popa and I met with Vicki Missler about health insurance for Village Employee's. We will see a slight increase with renewing our policy and it is still better than any of the proposed policies. Council has legislation before them tonight that will allow us to renew with United Healthcare for 2022.
- Happy Thanksgiving!

Council discussed moving the last council meeting of the year. Jennifer Ball was unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday, December 29th so members of council decided that Tuesday, December 28th would be a better option for everyone.

Gullett made a motion to move the December 27th council meeting to Tuesday, December 28, 2021. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and stated it was nice seeing so many people support the village.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated that he had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin stated he had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball shared October's run report. There were 75 calls for the month. Jennifer Ball then asked if it would be too early to reappoint her to the ambulance board for 2022. The ambulance will be doing checks on January 3rd and board members are required to sign ambulance checks. Since the first council meeting in 2022 is after that date, she wondered if she could be reappointed that evening.

Gullett made a motion to reappoint Jennifer Ball to the ambulance board for 2022. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation. Joe Thomas presented the following report:

- The gun raffle was this past Saturday and was a big success. We do not have all the final numbers in yet. We will have them at the next meeting.
- I would like to thank everyone that helped with this event. All the rec committee members, Jannie Myers for working the front door and for selling tickets for us, Creighton and Randy Ruggles at the Amoco gas station for all of their help and support, Sarah Thomas, Brittany Gullett, Brittany Roeder and Kennedy Howell for doing the side prizes all day. Shawn, Adam and Steve for helping get the food ready the night before and getting there early to help. This event takes the whole committee to make it successful and I feel it was a very successful day.
- Our next event will be breakfast with Santa in the Hileman Building on December 12th going from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Toby Thomas presented Ordinance 2021-42 An Ordinance Amending Section 1106.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Penalty for Zoning Violations. Third Reading. Steve Ball 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 2021-43 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. Third Reading. Cooke 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 2021-46 An Ordinance Amending the Provisions for Employee Probationary Periods, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-46 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Absent; Willis, Yes; 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.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-47 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement to Renew Employee Health Insurance Provided by United Healthcare, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-47 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Absent; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-48 An Ordinance Approving a Hazard Pay Supplement for Certain Employees of the Village and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-48 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Absent; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-49 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. Cooke made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-49 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Absent; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-50 An Ordinance Enacting an Additional License Tax at the Rate of \$5.00 per Motor Vehicle. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Duane Mills was in attendance. He had been at the last council meeting with some concerns about his tenants not being able to receive water bills. It was explained to Mr. Mills that he would be able to sign a form at the village office. This form would allow him to have his water bills sent to any address he preferred. By signing this form, he would realize that there would be only one bill mailed and the tenant's name would not appear anywhere on the bill. It was also brought to his attention that even if he opts to sign the form, the bill and information about payments and usage would still only be discussed with him and not his tenants.

Duane Mills was satisfied with this option.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

There was none.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the bills under schedule B, Then and Now. Cooke made a motion to approve Schedule B. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor