

**NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, September 14, 2015 @ 7 p.m.**

---

John Martin, Council President 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: Cooke, Curtis, Martin, Winslow, Paramore, and Myers.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Marvin McCallister, John Chapin, and Chief Marko, Joe Thomas, Bob James.

Curtis made a motion to amend the agenda to include executive session, seconded by Myers. Roll call-all ayes; no one opposed.

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held on August 24, 2015 were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

John Martin asked for any public questions or statements. Marvin McCallister inquired if we had heard anything from the railroad regarding any safety changes on the the West Main St. crossing. Shawn states he spoke with CSX regarding this but they have not made any decisions yet. Mr. McCallister also inquired about the rule that a train is only allowed to be stopped blocking an intersection for maximum of 5 min. or they will be fined \$1,000.00. Shawn informed him that Public Utilities of Ohio commission is the only group that can enforce this fine. Their number is on railroad crossings and if a train is stopped for more than 5 min. people can call and report it to them.

John Martin then called for a report from the Administrator. Shawn reported the following:

Water

- OEPA visited our water plants and reservoir to discuss requirements for testing the reservoir for harmful algae. This has never been an issue for the Village but because we have surface water treatment plants we will be required to test and treat as needed.
- Water leak fixed on New London Ave.

Wastewater

- A wavier has been request that will allow the Village to haul our dried sludge to landfills outside the County.

Street

- Birch Park Drive Improvement Project – after talking with Tim Bock from Poggemeyer Design I submitted a request to the OPWC requesting that the Village not go to bid on this project until early 2016. Request was granted.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

### Parks

- Another successful Firelands Festival. We would like to Thank the Park Board & all the Volunteers for all their time & hard work. Without your help we would never be able to do this. THANK YOU!
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gun Raffle Tickets are on sale. See any park board member or stop by the Village Office and Gilbert's Hardware. Raffle will be Saturday, November 7, 2015.
- Terry Wilson Memorial Project – getting all documents filled in and signed so we can move forward with this project.
- We would like to Thank the American Legion for donating the flags for our Monument Park and Rec. Park. The Legion has been doing this for 20 years.

### Other

- Municipal Building Roof Replacement – Advanced Roofing Services completed the roof replacement on Friday, September 11, 2015. Project went well and the new roof looks great. Some minor work still being done.
- Letter sent to contractor regarding concerns and complaints of mowing contract. See attached letter.
- The New London Area Historical Society applied and has been awarded a grant for a New London Corporate Limit Marker. Thank You. Please see attached letter from Mr. Tom Neel, President New London Area Historical Society.

State Auditors are here doing an audit of the Village. This process should last 2-3 weeks.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Water/Sewer Dept. John Chapin reported on the visit from the EPA and the testing that will now be needed to monitor algae blooms due to the problems Toledo had.

There was a water leak on New London Ave, and a relocate on Twnl rd. 79.

They were also granted the sludge waiver which means they can dispose of sludge outside of Huron County.

They also were approved for a grant from the Bureau of Workers Compensation to purchase a valve exerciser.

The fire department performed water shuttle practice this past weekend at the reservoir. John will be going to the State Fire Marshal Office in Columbus this week with Steve Shupp who is being awarded a reward of valor for pulling a gentleman out of a burning house in Bellevue.

John Martin then called for a report from the Recreation Dept. Joe reminded everyone about the Car Cruise this Sunday at the Reservoir. Gun raffle will be held Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50 and are on sale now.

We had a great Labor Day Festival. All the events went well, we had 154 tractors, 107 trucks which were both up from last year. Thank you to Chris Rowland for all his work on the tractor and truck pulls. The demo went great, there were 81 cars entered and a thank you to Tom Moehle and Rich Marrett for a great job. There were 21 softball teams and went smoothly. Thanks to all the volunteers, fire dept., police, Melissa, Michelle, Lucinda, Joe Myer, Dave Francis, Terry Granneman and many more for all their help in making Labor Day Festival a success.

The past weekend we had many campers attend the appreciation cookout. The Terry Wilson project is moving along. Thank you to American Legion for the donation of the flags.

John Martin then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief informed council that Joe Hicks probation period is up and he would like to make him permanent. Curtis made a motion to make Lt. Joe Hicks a permanent position. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call; all ayes, no one opposed.

Chief shared a video,(after getting approval from the gentleman's wife) from Lt. Joe Hicks body camera of him responding to a well fair check. He found the gentleman had fallen and was unable to get up. Hicks stayed with the gentleman and comforted him until the ambulance arrived. Chief showed this video as an example of great police work. Chief also shared a post from the gentleman's wife expressing her appreciation to the police department for their quick response and compassion.

John Martin then called for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated there were 43 runs in Aug.

John Martin then called for a report from Zoning: Bob James states all is pretty quiet.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-15 – An ordinance amending the job description for position of Utilities Foreman on second reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call- all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then presented Ordinance 15-17-An ordinance amending the salary range for Cemetery Supt. First reading. Paramore made a motion to approve first reading. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call-all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin presented resolution 15-06- A resolution adopting a plan of operation and governance for the Village's natural gas governmental aggregation program. Emergency reading. Motion to suspend the rules to pass ordinance on emergency- Cooke made motion. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Myers. Roll call: Myers, Paramore, Winslow, Martin, Curtis, Cooke. Myers made motion . 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cooke. Roll call –all ayes. No one opposed.

John Martin then called for Old Business – None

John Martin then called for New Business –None

John Martin then asked for approval of the Schedule A bills to be paid. Myers made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes, no one opposed.

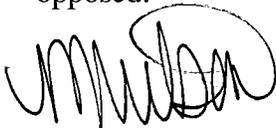
Schedule B of the bills to be paid was then presented. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Paramore seconded the motion. Roll call all ayes, no one opposed.

Schedule C of the bills to be paid was then presented. Curtis made a motion to approve Schedule C. Winslow seconded the motion. Roll call: Martin – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – absent; Myers – disqualify herself; Paramore –yes, Winslow-yes.

Winslow made a motion to move into executive session. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Cooke made a motion to return to regular council meeting. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Cooke made a motion to adjourn. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.



Melissa Wilson  
Fiscal Officer

~~Darwin K Anderson~~  
~~Mayer~~



John W. Martin  
Council President