

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2025 @ 7 p.m.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the meeting to order. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Toby Thomas asked for nominations for Council President Pro Tempore.

Steve Roeder was nominated. He accepted.

Adam Gullet made a motion to appoint Steve Roeder as Council President Pro Tempore for 2025. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder, Chapin, Gullett and Ball.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Steve Ball, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, John Chapin, Lance Capiot, Hunter Gregory, Zach Ingraham, Taylor Ingraham, Brad Booth and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the December 9, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin 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.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- 2 water main breaks were repaired - one on Clyde Ave. and one on North Railroad.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – We are out for bid now. First ad ran in newspapers last week.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement – crews continue to work on this project as schedules allow.

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.

- Crews have been busy keeping up with the snow fall.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – progress continues to be made. We plan on holding a public meeting the fourth week of March. Details to come later.
- Working with an engineer requesting steps to make New London a Quiet Zone for the trains. More to come.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated he wanted to thank Shawn Pickworth and all of the department heads. He appreciates all the work they do. They work hard and they work together. He also expressed his appreciation for Mr. Steve Bond for his legal work for the village. Mayor Thomas concluded by saying that 2024 was a good year for the village and he expects 2025 to be good as well.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

The police department concluded 2024 with 2,817 service calls. This is a slight increase from our 2023 numbers, which totaled 2,658. This included 204 traffic citations including 11 OVI arrests, 13 summonses, 47 physical arrests, 4 electronic search warrant executions, and 1 residential search warrant execution. As many are aware, the nature of our calls continues to become more serious from the Windy Acres shooting to an increase in sexually oriented offenses. During 2024, our officers attended approximately 640 hours of training. We currently staff six full-time officers and three part-time officers and are hoping to become fully staffed in 2025.

This evening, I would also like to recognize Sgt. Zach Ingraham as our officer of the year in 2024. Sgt. Ingraham is our first two-time recipient of the award, also receiving the recognition in 2023. He led the department in nearly every statistical category in 2024. He and Sgt. Capiot have been responsible for the bulk of the field training for our new officers. This past summer, Sgt. Ingraham also attended semi-auto pistol instructor training and is now the department’s range training officer.

Congratulations Sgt. Ingraham. Keep up the great work.

Police Chief Joe Hicks then presented Sgt Zach Ingraham with a plaque.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
12/9/2024	1655	1735	#433 back in quarters, back in service	Station
12/11/2024	1830	2030	Chiefs, HCFFA meetings	Willard
12/11/2024	2032	2054	MVC, canceled by HCSO deputy	Eaton/Rt 60
12/12/2024	0751	0839	MVC, no injuries	220 St Rt 60 N

12/12/2024	0900	0941	MVC, injuries	US RT 250 & TL 131
12/13/2024	0458	0531	Lift assist with FAS	133 High St.
12/14/2024	0700	0900	Pancake Breakfast	Station
12/14/2024	0900	2000	Bell ringing for Salvation Army	Dollar Store
12/14/2024	1000	1040	Hometown Holidays parade	New London
12/18/2024	1900	1930	Fraud Training	Station
12/19/2024	1400	1545	Air compressor, semi-annual maint	Station
12/19/2024	1731	1755	Service call, heat lamp issue	96 Clifton St.
12/21/2024	0450	0601	Lift assist with FAS	1655 Crescent RD
12/21/2024	0800	0825	Remaining members Fraud training	Station
12/21/2024	0930	1010	Submit Training grant SFM	Station
12/30/2024	0939	0958	Lift assist with FAS	16 N. Maple
1/1/2025	0700	0725	Submit December runs to SFM	Station
1/1/2025	0730	0815	2024 Yearend reports	Station
1/2/2025	1800	1825	Interview Matt Dennis	Station
1/2/2025	1900	2000	Monthly meeting	Station
1/6/2025	1720	1745	Cat in a tree	144 N. Main
1/9/2025	2018	2120	Lift assist with FAS	14 Aster Ct.
1/12/2025	0903	1020	2 vehicle MVC	593 St Rt 60 N

John Chapin also provided members of council with statistics for 2024 and a breakdown of the 94 incidents the fire department was dispatched to.

John Chapin then asked permission to add Matt Dennis to the firefighter roster. Matt was a firefighter with Townsend and relocated to New London's fire district. John Chapin interviewed Matt Dennis twice and had a conversation with the Townsend Fire Chief. Matt will bring with him his Firefighter II, Hazmat Tech and EMR certifications.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow John Chapin to add Matt Dennis to the New London Fire Department Roster. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball shared that there had been 828 total calls in 2024 and 887 total patient contacts broken down as follows: NL Village-479, NL Township-91, Fitchville Township-124, Troy Township-86, Ruggles Township-84, Mutual Aid-23.

There were 185 Advanced Life Support calls and 702 Basic Life Support calls.

The top calls by type were General Medical: 12.7%; Minor Injury: 7.3%; Short of Breath: 6.4%; Trauma Injury: 5.1%; Chest Pain: 4.2%

These numbers are up from the previous year. Firelands Ambulance Service had a busy year.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from zoning.

Chet Blanton was absent but Shawn Pickworth notified members of council that Chet intends to begin sending out zoning letters soon.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas was absent.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-01 An Ordinance Amending Sections 125.04 and 1106.01 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Acting Zoning Commissioner. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-02 An Ordinance Establishing the Position of Zoning Commissioner, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-02 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-03 An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies Relative to Uniform Allowance. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-04 An Ordinance Amending Section 123.05 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Blanket Purchase Orders and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-04 to be passed on an emergency measure. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Chapin made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-01 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made; and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-01 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball Seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-02 A Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Proceed with an Election on the Question of Levying an Additional Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges of the Village, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Mike Crabbs asked for an update on the complaint about the business signs allegedly blocking the American Legion signage.

Shawn Pickworth stated had had brought in ODOT to assess the situation and he didn't know what else to do. He doesn't understand how the signs obstruct the Legion signage. He also stated he would have been easily available for a conversation with the gentleman who is upset.

Mike Crabbs agreed that the gentleman should have made a phone call about it before posting something on social media. He also stated that the topic had been discussed during a zoning commission meeting when the American Legion was requesting a variance to have a sign larger than the zoning rules allow placed at the American Legion. Mike Crabbs wanted to state in a public meeting that the village had given the American Legion grace and granted them permission to use the larger sign when they didn't have to. He wants this situation discussed in a public meeting and not on any type of social media.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

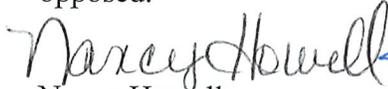
Toby Thomas then asked for approval of vouchers 1-45 for payments dated December 31, 2025. Crabbs made a motion to approve the vouchers. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the dismissal of a village employee or official. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Roeder made a motion to return to regular session. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Roeder made a motion to eliminate the position of Economic Development Director; therefore, dismissing Carol Knapp. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Chapin made a motion to adjourn. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 27, 2024 @ 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: Roeder, Anderson, Crabbs, Ball, Gullett and Chapin.

Also present: Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Steve Ball, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Brian Cucco, Ashley Elliott, Sarah Fischer, Hursel Fischer and Chet Blanton.

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

The minutes from the January 13, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ashley Elliott stood and stated she had just moved to New London and would like to bring chickens back to the table. She handed out packets of information to everyone in attendance. Ms. Elliott explained to council that she had done extensive research of other towns allowing chickens. Her packet included a list of towns in close proximity to New London that allow chickens; reasons to allow chickens; common misconceptions about chickens; copies of resolutions and ordinances passed by other communities allowing chickens; and a copy of the ordinance brought before New London council members which had been tabled on May 8, 2023.

Mike Crabbs asked Ashley Elliott where she had moved from.

Ashley Elliott responded that she had moved to New London from Lorain.

While Lorain does not allow chickens, Ms. Elliott brought friends, Sarah and Hursel Fischer who live in North Ridgeville. North Ridgeville does allow chickens and Sarah and Hursel Fischer were in attendance in support of Ashley Elliott's request for chickens in New London. They stated how successful they have been with raising chickens and how North Ridgeville has not had any problems with residents owning chickens. They have never had any complaints about their own chickens.

Steve Roeder suggested council wait 30 days and see what kind of feed back the village receives once residents hear about Ms. Elliott's request.

Members of council further discussed chickens with Ashley Elliott and it was determined that council would wait for some input from the community before deciding whether they should bring the chicken ordinance back to the table. They invited Ms. Elliott to return in a few weeks and check back.

Ashley Elliott stated she would return to council every two weeks.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth presented the following report:

Water

- Water Main break on High Street is scheduled to be repaired tomorrow.
- Pump Station – we continue to pump into our reservoir. Right now, we are pumping on the low service side which means we are pumping in around 1,000,000 gals, per day. When we have the flows, we switch over to the high service pumps which pump around 6,000,000.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Prebid meeting was held last Thursday, January 23rd in Council Chambers. Three contractors attended. We know that 6 contractors have pulled plans and bid docs. Bid opening is scheduled for Friday, January 31st at 11:00 AM in Council Chambers.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. – crews continue to work on this project as schedule allows.

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.
- Crews have been busy keeping up with the snow fall.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – engineers working on Plan 2 submittals deadline for the beginning of March. A teams meeting was held with engineers on January 21st discussing the downtown lighting.
- A teams meeting was held on January 16th with engineers along with Firelands Electric, Columbia Gas, Frontier and the Village to discuss utilities downtown. The main topic was to sort out any utilities affected by this project and what needs to be done ahead of the project.
- Quiet Zone/Railroad – I got a proposal to engineer and cost estimates for \$22,600.00. This will tell us exactly what needs to be done to the crossings to make New London a Quiet Zone. I would propose Council allow me to move forward with this project using funds from the CSX Fund. Once this phase is completed and the Village decides to move forward we would have to pay \$3000.00 for the Bid Process.

- The Village welcomed Team NEO and Huron County Growth Partnerships on January 14th. This was an opportunity for the Village to discuss growth opportunities to bring businesses to New London. Some of the vacant buildings and land potentially could be marketed to attract new businesses.
- Attended a Community Round Table through HCGP and hosted by Firelands Electric on January 15th. Community and business leaders meet once a quarter to discuss topics that effect or could affect our communities. These meetings are great to see what other communities are up to, share our challenges, brag about our successes along with learn about topics that will affect the entire county and state. If any of Council would like to attend one of these meetings, I will make sure you get on the invite list.
- Attended a HCPC (Huron County Planning Commission Meeting) on Thursday, January 23rd. Main topic of the meeting was to appoint new officers for this year's board. The Commission heard from a resident on his struggles of working with the Huron County Health Department in regards to a land purchase. Huron County Engineers Office briefed the commission on updating the subdivision codes for the County.

Shawn Pickworth added that he along with Joe Hicks and all department heads had met with the Huron County EMA to discuss rewriting the mitigation plan. The meeting went well and they discussed procedures in the event of a catastrophe. Shawn stated that they wanted to make sure they included the erosion problem at the pump station in the plan so that the village will be eligible to apply for federal funding to help with the cost of the erosion.

Mike Crabbs asked Shawn if the village would be able to move the large piles of snow away from the downtown area.

Shawn Pickworth agreed to have village employees begin moving the snow the next day.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to move forward with the process of making New London a Quiet Zone and use \$22,600 from the CSX fund to cover costs associated with this process. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Fiscal Officer.

The Fiscal Officer stated she was in the process of closing off the prior year and did not have any new reports to share but would have reports next month.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-01 An Ordinance Amending Sections 125.04 and 1106.01 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Acting Zoning Commissioner. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-05 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2021-54, Relative to the Health Insurance Supplement Benefit. First Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-02 A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Proceed with an Election on the Question of Levying an Additional Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges of the Village, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-02 to be passed on an emergency measure. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-04 A Resolution Appointing Farmers Savings Bank as an Additional Depository for Active and Interim Funds, and Authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to Enter into Agreements and to Deposit Village Funds in Accordance Therewith, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-04 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder 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 discussed the updates that needed made with the village committees.

Adam Gullett made a motion to appoint Tom Neel to the Cemetery Board; Steve Ball to the Zoning and Planning Commission; Marvin McCallister and Richard Landis to the Board of Tax Review; and John Longbrake to the Monument Board. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Abstain; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Abstain; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes

Toby Thomas stated he had forwarded members of council a cemetery report.

Toby Thomas then stated that this is the new Zoning Commissioner, Chet Blanton's first meeting. He normally would not have to present a report since it was the second meeting of the month, but he asked if Chet would like to update council.

Chet Blanton stated he had issued a couple of permits – one for a building and one for a shed. He also received a zoning change request so he would be starting that process. Zoning letters will begin going out at the beginning of February. He concluded that Shawn Pickworth had made space in his office for him and is helping him get started and teaching him what he needs to know.

Toby Thomas asked if anyone had any questions for Chet Blanton.

Ellen Simmons asked if Chet Blanton was the Zoning Inspector or Zoning Commissioner.

Mr. Bond stated that the ordinance reads that he is the Zoning Commissioner.

Toby Thomas asked if there was any other New Business.

Mike Crabbs stated he had been looking over the cemetery report and wondered if council needed to make a motion to bring back Timothy McCallister as a seasonal cemetery employee for 2025.

Toby Thomas asked Mr. Bond if they needed a motion.

Mr. Bond stated that "seasonal" implies that he will come back again and again so no motion is needed.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – Monday, January 27, 2025 @ 6:15 p.m.

Present: Adam Gullett, Steve Ball, Alison Chapin, Steve Roeder, Shawn Pickworth, Brian Cucco, Mike Crabbs, Jennifer Ball, Jason Anderson, Marvin McCallister, Rick Bowers and Steve Bond.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the workshop to order to discuss lighting options for the Downtown Improvements Project. Village Administrator, Shawn Pickworth, presented different lighting options for council to look over. Members of council discussed and chose the option they felt would best serve the needs of village residents.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 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: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder, Chapin, Gullett and Ball.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Steve Ball, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Brad Booth, Jayne Carroll, Cory Young, Nikki Hainline, Ashley Elliott, Justin Elliott, Sarah Fischer, Hursel Fischer, Joe Thomas, Jaina Eagle and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the January 27, 2025 workshop were presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the agenda. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the January 27, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ashley Elliott stood and stated she had been at the last council meeting concerning chickens and she had returned with a list of 46 people who had signed an online petition in favor of having chickens in the Village of New London. She passed the list out to everyone who was in attendance. She once again noted the increase in the price of eggs.

Mr. Bond stated there was nothing on the petition stating exactly what they were signing for and if they were in favor of or against the issue.

Ms. Elliott explained that she was only able to print out a list of those endorsing chickens. She had no other options. She had only targeted New London groups on Facebook to try to keep it to New London Residents but she had not been able to verify that every person on the list was officially a resident within the village.

Nikki Hainline then stood and stated she had emailed each member of council and the mayor showing her support for chickens and she had not received any replies. She wondered if council had received her email.

Members of council gave different reasons for not responding to her email. The main reason being that they figured she would attend the meeting to discuss her thoughts

Ms. Hainline replied that it would have been nice to at least receive an acknowledgement. She then asked members of council what would be an appropriate time to call them if she wanted to discuss things with them. Members of council told Ms. Hainline to call them any time and if they were not available they would return her call as soon as they could.

Ms. Hainline stated that was good to know.

Cory Young from South Main Street then stood and stated he was against having chickens within the village. He stated several negative factors including his fear of tainted water from the chicken waste getting into the creeks that flow through the village and the fact there are already several zoning issues to deal with in New London.

Brad Booth then stood and stated he agreed with Cory Young and was against having chickens in the village. He stated that the increased price in eggs was the same as beef and other staple items increasing in price.

Jayne Carroll then stood and stated she was against chickens and she had brought with her facts to disprove the misconceptions about chickens that Ashley Elliott had brought to council at the previous meeting. Jayne Carroll proceeded to list evidence against the positive aspects of having chickens in the village and she hoped that after her presentation that council would put the issue of having chickens within the village to rest once and for all. Mrs. Carroll brought up the burden chickens would put on the village's new zoning inspector. He has a large task ahead of him with other issues in the village that need addressed. Mrs. Carroll also stated that at the last council meeting Ashley Elliott had stated that the City of Norwalk did allow chickens. Jayne Carroll contacted the City of Norwalk and found out that they do not allow chickens and the ordinance proposed had not just been tabled but it had been voted down for good. Mrs. Carroll then contacted North Ridgeville who does allow chickens and she was told that they get complaints about the chickens and that their ordinance is out of date and is actually a farm animal ordinance. Jayne Carroll finished her presentation by giving examples of how allowing chickens in the village would be detrimental to the residents. She reminded members of council that an ordinance is only a piece of paper unless it is enforceable and enforced.

Jaina Eagle then stood and was in favor of chickens. She stated that she takes better care of her animals than most people take care of their children and when she used to have chickens she kept her chicken coop immaculate. Many people move to New London because they want less government and not more. This is rural America. She encouraged residents who wanted to live with lots of regulations to consider an HOA location.

Mayor Toby Thomas asked Ms. Eagle to keep her comments focused on chickens.

Jaina Eagle stated she would stop her comments and finish them in an email to all members of council.

Marvin McCallister asked what happens to the residents in New London who currently have chickens unlawfully.

Toby Thomas answered that it would be up to council.

Mike Crabbs stated he thought they should move on to the next item on the agenda but he thanked everyone for coming and for their comments.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Water Main break on Sunday, February 2, 2025, southwest corner of the reservoir. Crews were able to fix and put back into service.
- Pump Station – we continue to pump into our reservoir. We have been making progress.
- On Sunday, February 9th our water plant went down and operators were not able to run the plant in Auto Mode. Crews were called in and were able to get the plant running on Manual Mode. IT was called and responded first thing Monday morning. The problem was resolved and the plant is now running in Auto. Thank You to our dedicated crew and a big thank you to John Chapin for helping us out.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Bid opening was held on Friday, January 30th in Council Chambers. Bid results and engineers recommendation attached to report. I am asking Council permission to award the bid to the lowest bidder Ed Burdue for the base bid only in the amount of \$965,739.51 and NOT electing to do the Alternate Bid Item in the amount of \$78,100.00.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. – crews continue to work on this project as schedules allow.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- Our oldest garbage truck was in the shop for repairs to the rear gate last week. This is a continued issue with this truck. Truck repaired and put back into service.
- Tonnage hauled to the transfer station was down a bit for the month of January. Most likely due to the colder weather.
- Repairs and complete service to the skid loader was performed after main hydraulic line failed underneath the cab last week.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been busy with the last two recent ice events.
- Pot Holes – crews were out patching some of the bigger holes last week and will continue to patch. If you know of a big one please contact our Office and report it so we can get crews to that location.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – engineers working on Plan 2 submittals deadline for the beginning of March. A Teams meeting was held with engineers, ODOT and the Village to discuss eliminating the full depth paving on the project. The cost is not included in the grant and would fall back on the Village to pay. We do not have the funds for this. It was recommended to adjust the proposed new curb heights to 4 inches. This would still allow for 3 inches of the pavement replacement.
- Land Bank – attended kickoff meeting on Tuesday, January 28th, for 2 Brownfield Projects to be done here in Huron County and 1 of those is here in New London. Projects slated to begin middle to end of March. I also attended a Land Bank meeting on February 6th in Norwalk to discuss 2 demo projects that are ready to go. One in Plymouth and one in Norwalk.
- Website – a project kickoff meeting was held on Wednesday, February 5th between the Village and Revise to give us an overview of how the process is going to work and what was needed from the Village to get this process started. Goal is to go live with a new website by the middle of summer or before.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to award the New London Avenue Project bid to the lowest bidder Ed Burdue for the base bid only in the amount of \$965,739.51. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
1/13/2025	1829	1837	Mutual aid, tanker only, canceled	26622 St Rt 58
1/13/2025	1900	1930	Council, Dec report, new FF approved	Council
1/14/2025	1500	1630	Matt Dennis gear, pager, enter Alert	Station
1/15/2025	1800	2000	Tour Library, Primetals	Village
1/17/2025	1845	2027	MVC, Single vehicle rollover	St Rt 60 & Cook
1/19/2025	2237	2357	MVC	3520 St Rt 162
1/21/2025	2017	0220	Structure fire	1932 Prospect Rd
1/22/2025	0800		#422 out of service for repairs	Station
1/23/2025	0800	1400	Chris Rowland, new LED lights on #433	Station
1/22/2025	1233	1308	Fire Rekindle	1932 Prospect Rd
1/23/2025	1300	1345	Meet SFM & insurance investigators	1932 Prospect Rd
1/23/2025	1400	1420	Chainsaw from #425 in for repairs	Norwalk
1/26/2025	0512	0550	Lift assist with FAS	1872 Crescent Rd

1/28/2025	1700	1800	Test pumps 422, 425 OK in service	Station
2/1/2025	0800	0835	Submit January runs to SFM	Station
2/5/2025	1900	2030	Monthly meeting	Station
2/6/2025	0657	0822	Single vehicle MVC	Butler/Cook
2/6/2025	1405	1429	CO call	114 N. Main
2/8/2025	1704	1820	MVC, single vehicle rollover	581 St Rt 60 S
2/8/2025	1851	1931	Wrong address, no incident	2159 St Rt 13

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the ambulance service.

Jennifer Ball stated she had not been able to attend the last meeting so she passed the question to Steve Roeder who attended in her place.

Steve Roeder stated there was nothing significant to report. January had been an average month.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from zoning.

Chet Blanton was absent.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas stood and stated that everyone knows the football field was being moved to the school and he had been receiving questions about his plans for the field. At this time, he has no plans but he does have future plans. His goal is to eventually move the truck pulls, tractor pulls and demo derby over to the old football stadium. He would then put in a baseball complex in the area those events are currently held. Joe Thomas and Shawn Pickworth sent out Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and received six qualifications and from within those six they selected OHM Advisors. He feels they are the best fit for what they need. Joe Thomas then passed out a packet featuring a sports complex in Indiana. This complex is much larger than the complex New London would build but he wanted to show members of council an example. He would like to have a quad with four fields. If New London built a complex he is sure it would be hosting tournaments almost every weekend. He believes if they build a nice facility, people will come.

Ellen Simmons asked if it would look like the facility in Savannah.

Joe Thomas answered that it would look just like Savannah's but the fields in New London would have turf. He explained how the facility would be laid out and also some improvements that would be made to the men's softball field. Joe Thomas asked council's permission to enter into an engineering agreement with OHM Advisors to start the first step in the process. There is a separate cost for each step. The first step will have a minimal cost. If it gets to the point that the Recreation Fund can't handle the cost, they will pause the project. He doesn't want to put the fund in danger. OHM was the most reasonably priced engineering firm and they also will help them look for other sources of funding for the project.

Mike Crabbs asked several questions of Joe Thomas to make sure he felt they could financially afford the initial cost of the project.

Joe Thomas assured him the fund would be able to afford the cost.

Mike Crabbs was fine with his answers.

Steve Roeder asked Joe Thomas to explain why using turf at the complex would be crucial.

Joe Thomas explained that while turf is more expensive, it will save the village from having to cancel events and issue refunds for rainy days. The drainage on turf fields is excellent. Joe Thomas feels this complex will be a huge asset for the village.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to move forward with OHM Advisors on preliminary costs associated with building a new baseball complex at the New London Recreation Park. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-01 An Ordinance Amending Sections 125.04 and 1106.01 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Acting Zoning Commissioner. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-03 An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies Relative to Uniform Allowance. Third Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-05 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2021-54, Relative to the Health Insurance Supplement Benefit. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-06 An Ordinance Amending the Personnel Policy Manual to Re-state the Employee Educational Loan Program. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-07 An Ordinance Amending and Restating the “Public Records Policy” as Set Forth in the Village’s Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-08 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-08 to be passed on an emergency measure. Crabbs Seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Jennifer ball asked if council should schedule a workshop to discuss chickens.

Members of council believed that would be a good idea.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to schedule a workshop to discuss chickens before the next council meeting on February 24, 2025 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

The Fiscal Officer asked for permission to work four longer days on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week and be out of the office on Wednesdays.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow the Fiscal Officer to work longer days on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and be out of the office on Wednesdays. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a village employee or official. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to return to regular session. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

No action taken.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Workshop – Monday, February 24, 2025 @ 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Toby Thomas opened the floor for public comments.

Laura Davidson stated she takes pride in her home and in New London and does not think that we need to allow chickens. Barn yard animals should remain in the rural area. Beyond Measure has fresh eggs for 3.99 a dozen.

Gayle Ashbaker grew up in New London and had farm type animals but back then they were on half acre lots. Properties didn't have junk cars for trash in their lawns and front porches. South Main Street used to be a pristine street, and it is in terrible shape now. We need to work on cleaning up the town not to make it worse.

Laura Davidson questioned whether a vote would be taken tonight. Jennifer Ball explained that there was no ordinance on the agenda, and nothing would be voted on tonight.

Jayne Carroll is still against chickens. Does not believe in "grandfathering" the properties that already have chickens. Town needs to be cleaned up not add more work to it. Support the Zoning Commissioner, also asked about receiving a zoning report.

Ashley Elliot does not believe that just because people have junk cars or other zoning issue should not be a reason to not allow chickens. People having chickens does not mean that they will not take care of their property or coop. Dogs are a bigger issue, they run loose and bark for hours.

Time Lybarger personally is for chickens. Stated that lots of incorrect facts were shared previously about chickens. He is a property owner and pays taxes and believes it should be his right to own chickens on his property. Chickens would be fenced in not running loose, like the stray cats that continually get into trash.

Jaina Eagle states that Cleveland, Middleburg Heights, and North Olmstead all allow chickens. The state of Ohio also considers chickens as companion animals, believes it would be in the best interest of the community to create some guidelines because some people will go that route to acquire chickens. She is more worried about her neighbor's dog that tries to attack her than a hen.

Adam Gullet reminds everyone that we are talking about chickens, if he disagrees with someone on the issue, he is not attacking them. We can agree to disagree.

Laura Davidson questioned if there was an ordinance the last time this topic came up.

Jennifer Ball stated that there is an ordinance that covers everything regarding chickens but it would have to pass with a majority vote. Last time there was not a majority vote.

Laura asked if a poll could be listed on the water bill.

Mike Crabbs suggests it just gets put on the November ballot. We have a zoning commissioner that will work with the council members and get the town cleaned up.

Ashley Elliott states that it would be better to allow a person a legal way to have chickens. Require permits and have a fee to allow chickens.

Mike Crabbs states he will base his decision on the majority vote of those who have contacted him.

Toby Thomas asks if there are any other comments. The cost of putting the issue on the ballot was briefly discussed and guessed to be around \$150.

Jennifer Ball explains that as it stands currently the vote is already no. The ordinance that we currently have does not allow chickens. Unless another ordinance is brought up and passed with a majority vote, it remains a no. That does not mean no forever. An ordinance of this type can be brought up time and time again. As it stands right now chickens are not allowed within the village.

Marvin McCallister asked what would be done about the chickens that are currently in the village.

Jennifer Ball explains that per our ordinance chickens are not allowed. If someone made a complaint about a property owner having chickens it would be handled by the zoning commissioner.

The process of enforcing zoning violations was explained by Mr. Bond.

Workshop closed at 6:55pm and was adjourned for the regular council meeting.

Handwritten signatures of Nancy Howell and Toby Thomas. Nancy Howell's signature is on the left and Toby Thomas's signature is on the right.

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 24, 2024 @ 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: Roeder, Anderson, Crabbs, Ball and Gullett. Chapin was absent.

Also present: Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Ashley Elliott, Sarah Fischer, Hursel Fischer, Laura Davidson, Jayne Carroll, Gayle Ashbaker, Suzanne Cooke, Cory Young, Jaina Eagle, Bob Cooke, Justin Elliott and Chet Blanton.

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

The minutes from the February 10, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball 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.

Shawn Pickworth presented the following report:

Water

- Pump Station – we continue to pump into our reservoir. We have been making good progress. I believe we are around a foot of being full.
- Don Patton, Cole Risner and I met with OHM Advisors on February 12th via teams meeting. We discussed different scenarios and options for moving forward with this project to address the erosion issues at our pump station. More to come.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Legislation before Council tonight. Next step will be signing contracts. I also have 1 more easement to get for this project.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. – crews continue to work on this project as schedules allow.

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.
- We are getting close to being out of salt. We are on a waiting list from our supplier but honestly, I don't think they will come through. I have talked to other communities, and they are in the same position.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – engineers working on Plan 2 submittals deadline for the beginning of March.
- Attended a Huron County Growth Partnership Board of Directors meeting on February 19th. Also, Huron County Growth Partnership is present here in the Village at least 1 day a week. Usually on Wednesdays or Thursdays. We will get better at announcing their schedules for the Village. They are working on our CRA annual reporting right now.
- I would like to schedule a workshop with Council on March 10th @ 6:00 PM to discuss rates and cost associated with water, sewer & sanitation along with other topics within these departments.

Shawn Pickworth added that council would be voting on an ordinance allowing an easement through village property for electric transmission lines with AEP Ohio Transmission Company Inc. He let council know that there would be no conflicts with village utilities and locates will be completed before any lines are placed. Shawn is confident there will be no problems with giving them an easement.

Jason Anderson asked Shawn Pickworth when the New London Avenue project would begin. Shawn Pickworth replied that it should begin in April.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Fiscal Officer.

The Fiscal Officer stated 2024 was officially closed out and she provided members of council with the November and December 2024 bank reconciliations to approve and also year end reports for deposits and expenses.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-05 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2021-54, Relative to the Health Insurance Supplement Benefit. Third Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-06 An Ordinance Amending the Personnel Policy Manual to Re-state the Employee Educational Loan Program. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-07 An Ordinance Amending and Restating the “Public Records Policy” as Set Forth in the Village’s Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-09 An Ordinance Authorizing the Grant of an Easement Across Certain Real Property Owned by the Village of New London, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-09 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-10 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Ed Burdue & Company, LLC, for the Construction and Installation of the New London Avenue Improvements Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-10 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-11 An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Permanent Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-11 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-05 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made; and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-05 to be passed on an emergency measure. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Laura Davidson asked permission to speak under Old Business.

Toby Thomas gave her permission.

Laura Davidson asked if the school was aware of the New London Avenue Project that was expected to begin in April. She was concerned with the East Street exit from the school not being available for traffic coming and going from the school.

Shawn Pickworth stated he would be in contact with the school.

Steve Roeder stated the school is aware of the project.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to schedule a workshop with members of council and department heads to discuss utility rates and other topics on Monday, March 10th at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, March 10, 2025 @ 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: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder, Gullett and Ball. Chapin was absent

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Steve Ball, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, John Chapin, Bob Cooke, Chet Blanton, Harry Brady and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the February 24, 2025 workshop were presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the February 24, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated the Rotary Club runs the United Fund drive every year. This year they added something to it. They held a dinner at the Grange for all organizations receiving money from the fund. Sixteen different organizations attended the dinner and put up displays about their services. They also invited those who have contributed to the United Fund. The dinner went extremely well. She encouraged everyone to get involved with the United Fund. It helps many different organizations and people of all ages.

Harry Brady stood and explained that he was one of the Huron County Commissioners. He told members of council that he appreciated them letting Shawn Pickworth be involved in the Huron County Landbank. Mr. Brady has a long history of being connected to New London and he loves the town. He appreciates everything Shawn does. He is always happy to help Shawn accomplish his goal of getting funds for the village. He concluded with saying that New London is a great community and he thanked members of council for their service.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Pump Station – we are getting close to full. We did shut off the pumps for now due to pumping in the Reservoir as fast as we have been causing the water to be stirred up a lot more than normal causing some issues at the treatment plant. Once the reservoir settles out a bit we will begin pumping again.

- Water Main Leak was repaired on West Main Street.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Next step will be signing contracts. I also have 1 more easement to get for this project.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. – crews continue to work on this project as schedule allows.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- 141.12 tons of garbage were hauled to the Huron County Transfer Station in the month of February.
- New steering tires were replaced on one of the trucks.
- Spring Clean Up – spring clean-up is set for May 3th & 4th from 7 am to 7 pm. Rules and dates have been posted to the website. This is for Village Residents only. No businesses please.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091. Crews have been out trying to address potholes. The streets have taken a beating over the winter. Please feel free to report any major holes to the office.
- Crews have been working on repairing any damages to yards from snow plowing over the winter.
- Crews have been trimming trees.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – ODOT crews were in town last week getting some measurements at the intersection.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Joe Hicks presented the following report:

Part-time Officer Hunter Gregory, who was hired on Jul 29, 2024 has recently successfully completed her field training under the supervision of Sgt. Capiot and Sgt. Ingraham. I am requesting members of council to remove her from her 6-month probationary status.

Steve Roeder made a motion to remove Officer Hunter Gregory from probationary status and become a regular part-time police officer for the Village of New London. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
2/1/2025	0800	0835	Submit January runs to SFM	Station
2/5/2025	1900	2030	Monthly meeting	Station
2/6/2025	0657	0822	Single vehicle MVC	Butler/Cook
2/6/2025	1405	1429	CO call	114 N. Main
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2/17/2025	2132	2233	MVC	2441 US RT 250 S
2/17/2025	2328	2358	MVC	786 US RT 250 S
2/19/2025	1900	2100	Training, new inverter #422	Station
2/22/2025	0530	0725	Installed switches, scene lights repaired #422	Station
2/22/2025	0810	0851	EMS lift assist	4657 Prospect Rd
2/28/2025	0900	0935	Chainsaw repaired, in-service #425	Norwalk

We are having a Pancake Breakfast at the fire station on May 4th from 8:00 to 11:00 AM. We are also bringing back Spill on the Hill July 20th at the reservoir. We received a grant for training of one of our firefighters at EHOVE through the State Fire Marshal's office for the entire cost, \$575.00. We still have 2 grant applications submitted for gear through the State Fire Marshal and a replacement engine through FEMA. In July, I'll submit a grant to BWC for another set of battery-operated Jaws-of-Life. Also looking to get a grain rescue tube and auger.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the ambulance service.

Jennifer Ball stated she did not have exact numbers but the ambulance service had a busy month.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from zoning.

Chet Blanton shared the following report:

I have sent out 15 certified letters to property owners in the village. I have heard back from a couple of the owners, and the process has been started. I have all documents and pictures of those properties. I leave Tuesday, March 11th for a weeks' vacation in Cancun Mexico. Shawn said that is good timing because he would like me to hold off for a week before I send out another phase of letters. I have 16 more Properties on my list to send out when I get back from vacation, and that is just the start.

Issued a building permit to Jordan Poltrone for one garage.

Started the process with Chad Blake to change properties from R1 to R3.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to try to clean up the village.

Harry Brady asked if the village had any way to perform residential building inspections.

Shawn Pickworth replied that currently they do not have anything in place but could possibly implement something in the future.

Harry Brady wondered if it would be cost effective for the county to do this service for the village.

Shawn Pickworth and Harry Brady agreed to have more conversation on this topic moving forward. Harry Brady stated the county was available to help.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas was absent but Mayor Toby Thomas stated that they had attended a meeting with State Representative Kellie Deeter concerning possible funding for the proposed baseball complex.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-06 An Ordinance Amending the Personnel Policy Manual to Re-state the Employee Educational Loan Program. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-07 An Ordinance Amending and Restating the “Public Records Policy” as Set Forth in the Village’s Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies. Third Reading. Crabbs made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-12 An Ordinance Amending the 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-12 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett Seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-13 An Ordinance Amending the 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-13 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball Seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-06 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Anderson Seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. 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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There was none.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the discipline of a village employee or official. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Jason Anderson made a motion to return to regular session. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

No action taken.

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

	
Nancy Howell Fiscal Officer	Toby Thomas Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – Monday, March 10, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Present: Adam Gullett, Steve Ball, Steve Roeder, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Cole Risner, Brian Cucco, Bob Cooke, Mike Crabbs, Jennifer Ball, Jason Anderson and Steve Bond.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the workshop to order to discuss rate increases for water, sewer and sanitation.

Don Patton and Cole Risner presented each member of council with an informational packet concerning the need for an increase in water and sewer rates. Graphs were included in the packets showing what would happen to each fund if no action is taken.

Water demand is continually increasing and Don Patton hopes to be able to get the water fund into a good position to be able to start working on the erosion problem that will haunt the village down the road. He discussed several large expenses, including electric bills, that plague the village throughout the year. Don also listed all debt that the water fund is responsible for.

Don and Cole worked hard throughout 2024 to limit spending in the Water Fund and they can see a huge difference in the fund. They would like to emphasize the Sewer Fund in 2025 and start the process of turning that fund around as well. The Sewer Fund has also had many large expenses and debt payments.

A 5% rate increase was requested for water and a 7% rate increase was requested for sewer. Don Patton wanted members of council to be aware that they were only requesting what is necessary to keep the Water and Sewer Funds afloat. The village has not been keeping up with inflation the last several years.

Members of council were supportive of the request and noted that it would be important to be very transparent with the residents. It's no secret that prices of everything are increasing and the village is no different.

Brian Cucco had presented each member of council with a packet on Sanitation as well.

Brian gave members of council several different scenarios with different rate increases. Due to his increase in costs, Brian has not been able to hire a replacement for the last employee who left the department. If an increase is not implemented, the department will not be able to continue serving the Village of New London.

Along with a rate increase, Brian Cucco would like to make some changes to the department.

- Add a Senior Citizen rate or ultra-light option for residents who regularly have a small amount of garbage out each week.
- Encourage more residents to take advantage of the Tier II service for those who regularly have large amounts of trash.
- Add a part-time employee to cover for vacations and sick time.
- Add a service fee for cardboard pickup.

- Allow residential customers to take their cardboard to the bin at the garage free of charge.
- Make changes in dumpster procedures.

Brian Cucco requested a 5% increase for residential garbage pickup; 3% on dumpsters; and 50 cents on non-residential pickups.

Members of council asked Don Patton, Cole Risner and Brian Cucco what the timeline for the increases would be.

It was determined that they would like to proceed with an emergency ordinance and have three reading with the rate increases beginning with the May utility bills.

The current ordinance will be rewritten and a first reading will be placed on the agenda for the March 24th council meeting.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.

Handwritten signatures of Nancy Howell and Toby Thomas. Nancy Howell's signature is on the left and Toby Thomas's signature is on the right.

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, March 24, 2024 @ 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: Roeder, Anderson, Crabbs, Chapin and Gullett. Ball was absent.

Also present: Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Jayne Carroll, Jaina Eagle, Bob Cooke, Wayne Christopher, Jessica Christopher, Kristen Cardone, Ben Chaffee, David Whitt, Scott Carroll, Tonya Gray, Steve Ball, Jamie Schaffer, Rami Schaffer and Chet Blanton.

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

The minutes from the March 10, 2025 workshop were presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the March 10, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Kristen Cardone came forward and stated she works for the Huron County Board of Mental Health & Addiction Services. They have a levy on the ballot in May and she wanted to give information on all of the services they fund and support throughout the county and also some facts about the upcoming levy so council would be informed. Informational packets were passed out to each member of council.

Ms. Cardone reported that the levy on the ballot would be a replacement of the .5 mill levy and an increase of .5 mills. She went over some information justifying the need for this increase. A community townhall meeting will be held at the New London Public Library on April 15th. Ms. Cardone encouraged anyone with questions or concerns to attend the townhall meeting or contact the Mental Health & Addiction Services Board directly.

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

Tonya Gray came forward and stated she had a lot of concerns about Officer Smith's employment with the New London Police. She was concerned that Officer Smith was adding teenage girls to his snapchat including her daughter. Ms. Gray felt that an outside investigation should have been done on the matter. She stated she is really upset that Officer Smith has been able to maintain his job as a patrol officer in the Village of New London. This is a small community and residents live here because it is a safe place to live. She feels like the village is allowing a groomer to have access to New London families.

Members of council thanked Tonya Gray for her comments.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator. Shawn Pickworth was absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Fiscal Officer.

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the January and February 2025 bank reconciliations to approve and also deposit and expense reports through the end of February.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-14 An Ordinance Amending Section 921.10 and 925.07 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Water and Sewer Service, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-15 An Ordinance Amending Section 959.02, 959.03, and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Refuse Collection, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-07 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made; and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-07 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Chapin made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business. There was none

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Roeder commented on the ordinances to increase utility rates. He wanted everyone to know that Brian Cucco and Don Patton work very hard to keep utility rates as low as possible. He also noted that some Senior Citizens could actually notice a decrease in their utility bill.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Roeder made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the discipline of a village employee or official. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Gullett, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

Roeder made a motion to return to regular session. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Gullett, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

Roeder made a motion to adjourn. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 14, 2025 @ 7 p.m.

Council President Pro Tempore Steve Roeder called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Toby Thomas. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder, Gullett, Chapin and Ball.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Steve Ball, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, John Chapin, Bob Cooke, Jayne Carroll and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the March 24, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder asked if there were any public questions or statements.

Ellen Simmons stated the library had held an open house for their new addition on Tuesday, April 8th from 6-7 p.m. and it went very well. She also wanted to put in another plug for the digitization project. They are getting nearer to completion of the project and they are accepting donations from anyone wishing to help.

Jayne Carroll then stood and asked how there could be a first reading on two zoning ordinances that were on the agenda for that evening. She was concerned because there had not been a zoning meeting prior to the first readings.

Mr. Bond explained that a zoning public hearing and a council public hearing were both scheduled. Those hearings would need to take place before the ordinances could be passed on the third reading but it was okay to start with a first reading.

Mrs. Carroll expressed that she thought doing a reading on the ordinances before the meetings was putting the cart before the horse.

Steve Roeder explained that there had been a zoning meeting but they did not think they had enough members at the meeting to vote. That is why another meeting had to be scheduled.

Steve Roeder called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Pump Station – we are getting close to having a full reservoir.
- Our water loss has gone up over the last 30 days or so. Crews have identified some leaks within the system and are making plans to fix them.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – a preconstruction meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. tomorrow April 15th. The Village has elected to do the construction day to day inspections in house. Gabe Heileman will be our inspector. Gabe did a great job with the Coleman Court project.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement – crews continue to work on this project as schedules allow.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- Spring Clean Up – spring cleanup is set for May 3th & 4th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Rules and dates have been posted to the website. This is for Village Residents only. No businesses please.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091. Crews have been out trying to address potholes. The streets have taken a beating over the winter. Please feel free to report any major holes to the office.
- The Village will be taking advantage of the ODOT road salt bids this year. Legislation is before you tonight.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – ODOT crews were in town last week getting some measurements at the intersection.
- I will be traveling to Columbus for the annual Landbank Association Conference next Wednesday – Friday.

Steve Roeder then called for a report from police.

Joe Hicks presented the following report:

The New London Police Department has recently received recognition from our policy provider, Lexipol. In late March we received the Lexipol Connect Recognition Program achievement for the 2024 calendar year. The Lexipol Connect program tracks performance on five metrics proven to measure success in policy management. NLPD has achieved Silver-level recognition for:

- Excellence in policy maintenance and training
- Consistent and effective policy dissemination to personnel
- Timely processing of recommended policy updates as laws change

This is the second time NLPD has received this recognition since becoming a Lexipol member in 2021. I would like to thank my staff for doing their part to assist in receiving this honor.

Officer Gregory and Officer Cerovac have also recently completed training in Akron for Pro-active Patrol Tactics offered by Street Cop, while Officer Gerald Broeckel attended a Cell-brite training course in Mansfield to assist with reading lab reports after cell phones are examined by a crime lab.

Steve Roeder then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
3/1/2025	0740	0815	SFM submit February run totals	Station
3/2/2025	0730	0900	01,19,27 to Townsend Fire	Townsend FD
3/3/2025	0815	0850	Signed contract for grant services, sent	Station
3/4/2025	0800	0825	Installed smoke detector, CO monitor	3883 Prospect Rd
3/4/2025	0900	0925	Inspect concession stand at new football field	School
3/5/2025	1900	2000	Monthly meeting	Station
3/7/2025	2243	2338	MVC	Prospect & Fitchville River
3/9/2025	1128	1227	Lift assist, FAS, mutual aid Ruggles-Troy FD	228 St Rt 511 Nova
3/10/2025	1900	1930	Council, February report	Council chambers
3/12/2025	1830	2020	Huron County FF Assoc. Meeting	Berlin FD
3/14/2025	1951	2302	MVC, Semi overturned	US RT 250 & St RT 13
3/15/2025	0339	0357	Lift assist with FAS	1581 TL 79
3/15/2025	1045	1130	Worked on changing lights to LEDs	Station
3/16/2025	0625	0649	Propane leak	89 Third St
3/16/2025	0800	1225	Changed station lighting to LED	Station
3/16/2025	1338	1448	Single vehicle crash	St Rt 60 & Fayette
3/18/2025	0818	0837	Mutual aid for Wakeman FD, Canceled	4941 Clarksfield Ct.
3/18/2025	1617	1640	Lift assist with FAS	96 Clifton St.
3/19/2025	1600	1830	Finished changing lighting to LED	Station
3/19/2025	1900	2030	Grass truck operation, operated leaf blowers	Exchange Rd
3/23/2025	1659	1702	Canceled, false alarm	125 High St.
3/26/2025	1104	1144	Chimney fire, no incident found	US RT 250 & Prospect
3/26/2025	1200	1220	Inspect Boys & Girls Club, letter of inspection	425 Park Ave.
3/30/2025	1936	2009	CO detector alarming	80 Birch Park Dr.

Steve Roeder then called for a report from the ambulance service.

Jennifer Ball stated she did not have a full report but the ambulance service is off to a busy start.

Steve Roeder then called for a report from zoning.

Chet Blanton was absent but had shared the following report:

With weather breaking people are ready to start their outdoor projects. I have received 2 calls for decks being built and 3 calls on privacy fences that I have touched base with the homeowners. Also, I hope you guys have all noticed that some properties are being cleaned up. I have a couple that are scheduling clean up days. I have two that I can't get in contact with, and 4 that have made no attempt. I am getting ready to start the process with Chief Hicks on sending them their citations. Hopefully by the end of this week or first part of next week I will be sending out 9 more letters and two of them will be for chickens.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to try to clean up the village.

Steve Roeder then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas was absent but Steve Roeder read the following report:

- We had our annual pancake breakfast this past Sunday and we had an amazing turnout. I want to thank all the board members that came out to help. I also want to thank Shannon Dyer and Stephanie Rogers for all the work they did. They hosted the easter egg hunt, had a train ride for the kids, a bounce house for the kids and cotton candy.
- The horse arena is coming along. The arena is up and we just finished up a parking area on the west side of the arena. We are hoping to get the sand ordered as soon as things dry up a little more.
- I am hoping to have the batting cages open this week.

Steve Roeder then presented Ordinance 2025-14 An Ordinance Amending Section 921.10 and 925.07 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Water and Sewer Service, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then presented Ordinance 2025-15 An Ordinance Amending Section 959.02, 959.03, and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Refuse Collection, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then presented Ordinance 2025-16 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 26 East Washburn Street, P.P. No. 26-0121A-09-009-0000 to a "R3-Multi-Family Residential" Use District. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, No; Crabbs, No; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Roeder then presented Ordinance 2025-17 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 118 East Main Street, P.P. No. 26-019B-01-060-0000 to a "R3-Multi-Family Residential" Use District. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, No; Crabbs, No; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Roeder then presented Resolution 2025-08 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. First Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Roeder then presented Resolution 2025-09 A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2025. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-09 to be passed on an emergency measure. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Steve Roeder then called for New Business.

There was none.

Steve Roeder then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, April 28, 2024 @ 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: Roeder, Anderson, Crabbs, Chapin, Ball and Gullett.

Also present: Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Jayne Carroll, Bob Cooke, Steve Ball, Shawn Pickworth, Suzanne Cooke, Gayle Ashbaker, John Gerlak and Cheri Raphael.

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

The minutes from the April 14, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Jayne Carroll stood and stated she has some questions for council concerning the two ordinances requesting rezoning of two different properties. She asked members of council, before they move forward with these two ordinances, has there been a site assessment or research done to make sure there would be no drainage issues. Has anyone made sure these properties meet all of the zoning requirements? Mrs. Carroll then asked council to do the right thing and hold the 2nd reading of the ordinances until after the zoning commission public hearing. She is not for or against the issue but just wants to ask the questions and get them answered before anything is rushed through.

Mayor Toby Thomas replied that he appreciated her comments but they don't want to waste Mr. Blake's time if the ordinances don't get approved. There would be no need to assess anything if the ordinances do not pass.

Jayne Carroll stated if it is pushed through quickly then the only thing that can stop it would be the zoning commission who have basically not been consulted from the beginning and that is not the process that should be in place.

Mike Crabbs agreed with Jayne Carroll and doesn't like the order things are being done concerning this zoning change.

Other members of council added comments on their thoughts about the process and why they thought there was no fault in the order that was being followed.

Jayne Carroll asked why there was such a rush with the situation. Why not do things the right way?

Shawn Pickworth stated that he has assessed both sites and answered those questions and letters should have been sent out to adjacent property owners. There will not be issues with the drainage of water or sewer. There are multiple variances that are being asked for concerning an issue with setbacks and it is

all part of it. The delay was at the fault of the village. There was a misunderstanding at the original Zoning and Planning Commission meeting and no vote was taken that night.

Council members discussed the ordinances and their thoughts on the matter.

Gayle Ashbaker replied that this zoning issue had been brought up in 2016 when the Village spent an exorbitant amount of money to redo the zoning map and ordinance. She was unhappy with the outcome then. Gayle Ashbaker also expressed her worry about her yard flooding due to drainage issues with the new apartments that will be built if the ordinances are passed. She just spent \$8,000 on a drain for her backyard to prevent flooding and she will not be happy if flooding becomes an issue once again. She is also concerned about parking for all the vehicles that will be parked at the apartments.

Toby Thomas stated he was happy to hear what citizens have to say about the issue and any concerns they have. The village wants to hear everyone's thoughts.

Mike Crabbs encouraged everyone to come to the Zoning and Planning Commission meeting on May 12th at 6:15 p.m. in council chambers.

John Gerlak then stood and stated he lives two houses down from the property on East Washburn that is requesting to be rezoned. He never received a letter in the mail concerning the property. He also has concerns about drainage issues and flooding on his property. Residents on East Washburn have recently been having problems with flooding. John Gerlak stated he has had storm pipe laying in his back yard for eight months. He asked Shawn Pickworth when the new storm sewer project on East Washburn Street would be complete.

Shawn Pickworth replied that the village knows the project needs completed but they have to have appropriate weather and they also have to schedule the work to be done by the employees. He is hoping this project will alleviate the flooding and he will make sure the project is completed as soon as it can be.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- The Village, with the support of our biggest customer, needs additional finished water storage to help us operate our water plant in the most efficient way possible. We would like to propose an additional 250,000 gallons of storage capacity. In order to start this process, we need to go out for RFQs to bring an Engineering firm on board to give us some preliminary engineering and project costs. Then we can go and look for funding to cover the cost of the project. I am asking Council's permission to allow me to start this process.
- GAC's (Granular Activated Carbon) – Our carbon has almost used up its treatment life and we are in the process of ordering new. We have 4 of these and the cost to replace the media (Carbon) will be \$110,000.00. We use this process to remove PFAS & THM's from our drinking water.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – a preconstruction meeting was held on April 15th between OHM Advisor's, village team and the contractor. We are looking into lining some of the sanitary sewers on the project due to the location of the sanitary and water mains. If we decide this is an option that we want to execute, then we expect this will speed up the project along with a cost savings for the project. The contractor is working on gathering all the information to be presented to the Village as well as OHM Engineers. More to Come. We do expect the project to kick off sometime mid-May.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement – crews continue to work on this project as schedule allows.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- Spring Clean Up – spring cleanup is set for May 3th & 4th from 7 am to 7 pm and Wednesday, May 14th and Wednesday, May 21st. Rules and dates have been posted to the website. This is for Village Residents only. No businesses please.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091. Crews have been out trying to address potholes. The streets have taken a beating over the winter, please feel free to report any major holes to the office.
- The Village will be taking advantage of the ODOT road salt bids this year. Legislation is before you tonight.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – reminder, Public Meeting for this project is Thursday, May 1st from 6 pm – 8 pm in the Hileman Building @ 2 Blake Street, New London. I am asking for Council's help during this time. I am hoping for a well-attended meeting from the public. We are just over a year away from making this project a reality.
- Land Bank – as you know I attended the Ohio Land Bank Association Conference last week. I learned a lot about what other communities are doing and what we could be doing as a Land Bank. Housing was probably the top point being talked about by everyone around the State. I have lots of ideas.

Shawn Pickworth concluded his report by encouraging everyone to vote in favor of Issue 2. Issue 2 is very important. This issue is about OPWC funding and small business funding. The village has benefited from this funding in the past and the village needs this funding to continue.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to go out for RFQs to bring an engineering firm on board to increase water storage at the water plant. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Fiscal Officer.

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the March 2025 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports through the end of March.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-14 An Ordinance Amending Section 921.10 and 925.07 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Water and Sewer Service, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-16 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 26 East Washburn Street, P.P. No. 26-0121A-09-009-0000 to a “R3-Multi-Family Residential” Use District. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to table Ordinance 2025-16 until the May 12th meeting. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-17 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 118 East Main Street, P.P. No. 26-019B-01-060-0000 to a “R3-Multi-Family Residential” Use District. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to table Ordinance 2025-17 until the May 12th meeting. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-08 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-10 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made; and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-10 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Mike Crabbs stated he was volunteering from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 3rd to help with Spring Cleanup at the City Garage.

Bob Cooke then asked what was going on with the Zoning Inspector?

Shawn Pickworth replied that the zoning inspector has been busy and letters have been sent out and some of the properties have started the cleanup process.

Steve Roeder added that the process takes time.

Toby Thomas asked Mike Crabbs for an update on the Veteran's banners.

Mike Crabbs stated they have started putting up the banners and all of the banners they have now and have been paid for will be up by Memorial Day and he added that they have received some donations from Knights of Columbus and other groups toward the project. They are well on their way.

Shawn Pickworth added one more thing he had left off his report. He will be traveling to Akron to attend a meeting which is political landscaping coming out of both federal and state. State budgets will be passed by July 1st and he wants to keep his eye on the funding.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Roeder stated he has had a lot of 4-H kids requesting to be able to have their rabbits, turkeys and other small animals in town until after the fair. Mr. Bond will draft an ordinance for council's review.

Toby Thomas then gave an update on his wife Sheri's health and thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, May 12, 2025 @ 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: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder, Gullett, Chapin and Ball.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Steve Ball, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Bob Cooke, Jayne Carroll, Mike Gerlak, Gayle Ashbaker, Suzanne Cooke, Kimberly Ellison, Susie Gerlak, John Gerlak, Ralph Chandler, Kyle Davis, Chad Blake, Steve Guilmette and Shawn Pickworth.

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

Toby Thomas then opened the floor for the council zoning public hearing concerning rezoning of the properties at 26 East Washburn and 118 East Main Street. The owners of these properties are requesting them be rezoned so that apartment complexes can be built.

Steve Roeder started the public hearing by asking Chad Blake if he would be willing to rethink his plans for the two properties and downscale them. Steve Roeder thinks residents are opposed to the apartments because there will be six buildings on East Washburn Street and four additional buildings on East Main Street. Maybe if he added fewer units, they would be more accepted.

Chad Blake asked those in attendance what they would like to see. How can he change things so they are not opposed to his plans?

Susie Gerlak stood and commented on the rude comments made by Steve Guilmette during the zoning and planning commission public hearing that was held early that evening.

Kimberly Ellison stated that East Washburn Street already had several rentals that aren't maintained. She is concerned that new units will not be maintained well and the buildings won't be repaired as needed. There has been a history of apartments in that area not being taken well care of.

Jayne Carrol then stood and added that her concern was not with the rehabilitation of the properties. She is more concerned with deadlines and rushing things through. We have a zoning commission and they should be used. There needs to be restrictions at the beginning of the process, then follow the process to get to a good end result.

John Gerlak stood and stated he had a petition signed by almost 20 residents in the area of East Washburn that do not want the apartment units in their neighborhood. He also commented on the unprofessionalism of Steve Guilmette after the zoning and planning commission voted to not recommend to council the rezoning of the two properties.

Kyle Davis then stood and noted that he has been working with Chad Blake in the design of the new units. He gave the positives of the new apartments. These will be brand new construction with good insulation. The rent will include all utilities and are handicap accessible. He can

definitely understand the frustration, but this project will meet a need for housing in the community. He is very much in support of what is being proposed. It will bring new people to town who will support the small businesses in town.

Gayle Ashbaker asked Steve Guilmette why he decided to come to New London with this project.

Steve Guilmette replied that he came because Chad Blake is here and he grew up in New London. He wants to see the community thrive and become something again. He wants to bring life back into the community and he teamed up with Chad.

Chad Blake stood and stated that he had addressed the drainage issue from the very beginning and he had several solutions and has been discussing it with the village. Everything he thought would need to be addressed has been addressed in his plans. He took into consideration parking and other issues. He isn't trying to get rich off the properties. It is to supply a need in the community.

Marvin McCallister commented that he thinks Chad Blake has the right idea but the wrong location.

Mike Gerlak stood and stated that with the number of units being planned, that would be a lot of people and vehicles in a small area. It is too much for that corner and he doesn't want them.

Mike Crabbs asked Mike Gerlak if they came back with plans on a smaller scale would he be more open to the idea?

Mike Gerlak stated he doesn't want stacked up apartments.

Mike Crabbs replied that he answered his question.

The minutes from the April 28, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Crabbs 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.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Power outage over this past weekend had crews busy at both the water and sewer plants.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – waiting on the slip lining numbers.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement – crews continue to work on this project as schedules allow.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- Spring Clean Up – spring cleanup is set for May 3th & 4th from 7am to 7pm and Wednesday, May 14th and Wednesday, May 21st. Rules and dates have been posted to the website. This is for Village Residents only. No businesses please.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091. Crews have been out trying to address potholes. The streets have taken a beating over the winter, please feel free to report any major holes to the office.
- The Village was notified on May 9th that our funding application to pave 5 streets was approved by the Small Governments Board. The funding agreements will be sent out around July 1, 2025 with funds being released around September. Streets being paved: Part of Grant Street, W. Hooker, Clyde Ave., Daisy, Williams Street & Cedar Street. Funding breakdown is as followed, Local Share -\$60,359.00, OPCW Grant - \$410,223.00, OPWC 0% interest Loan - \$78,138.00, Total - \$548,720.00

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – a public meeting was held on May 1st from 6pm – 8pm at the Hileman Building in the Rec. Park. Nothing major to report from this meeting. On May 8th the Village met with ODOT representatives to discuss project budgets. We will be holding these at least once a month to make sure we are staying within our budget for this project. The money is tight.
- On May 1st the Village met with Huron County EMA Director Art Mead and two consultants about the rewriting of the Villages Mitigation Goals and Strategies which is also part of the Counties plan. We are in the process of getting all the required information for this.
- On May 6, 2025 I met with Michelle Hister now from OHM to discuss possible projects for this year's OPWC/Small Government Funding. These applications are due by September 7, 2025.
- On May 9th I attended District 9 OPWC/Small Government meeting in Lorain County. This is our yearly kickoff meeting getting ready for the next round of projects and funding. Thanks to everyone who voted yes on issue 2 this past Tuesday. That will allow this funding to continue.

Zoning – Week of May 5th. Fielded several phone calls along with meeting with several residents.

Approved 2 fence permits

Approved 2 building permits.

FYI – zoning complaints – you can print off a zoning complaint form right off our website under Zoning. Fill it out and email it back to us or drop it off.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Joe Hicks presented the following report:

In late April the department participated in the DEA National Drug Take Back Initiative. We collected approximately 45.4 pounds of prescription medications, which were later turned over to the METRICH drug task force for destruction. I want to thank everyone who participated. I also want to remind community members that our secure medication drop box located in the police lobby is only intended for prescription pills. We ask that you please refrain from disposing of liquids, syringes, or other miscellaneous items.

Sgt. Zach Ingraham just returned from West Lake on Friday after completing a week-long basic SWAT course. Looking ahead, the plan is for him to supplement the county’s multi-jurisdictional SRT team as needed.

Part-time officer Emily Cerovac who joined the department on October 15, 2024 has recently completed her 6-month long field training program and I am asking council to remove her from probationary status. She has done a tremendous job during her short tenure. She is a very proactive officer with good instincts. As an example, she had a traffic stop this morning within the first 20 minutes of her shift that lead to a driving under suspension charge and warrant arrest of the passenger.

Lastly, a couple of reminders to our village residents and visitors. With the warm weather again upon us please utilize caution and common sense in our parks, campgrounds, and side streets as pedestrian, bicycle, and golf cart traffic has again picked up. Keep in mind the police department offers golf cart inspections for anyone wishing to make their cart road legal. This can typically be done during the week between 7AM-3PM. A call ahead is appreciated but not required.

Steve Roeder made a motion to remove Part-time officer Emily Cerovac from probationary status. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin was absent but had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
4/1/2025	0745	0815	Submit March runs to SFM	Station
4/1/2025	0940	1015	AC annual maintenance	Station
4/1/2025	1353	1828	Residential structure fire	28602 West Rd
4/1/2025	2212	2242	Electrical short circuit	8 Aster Ct
4/2/2025	1900	2000	Monthly meeting, critique March runs	Station
4/4/2025	1100	1205	Meeting with Norwalk Chief, 9/11	Norwalk FD
4/4/2025	1321	1346	Smoke scare, nothing found	43 1/2 East Main
4/6/2025	1046	1123	MVC, motorcycle	4785 St. Rt. 162
4/7/2025	1800	1930	Fire safety class for Cub Scouts & parents	Station

4/9/2025	1900	2000	HCCFA monthly meeting, Chiefs' meeting	Citizens Ambulance
4/10/2025	0900	1030	Annual service all village fire extinguishers	Station
4/11/2025	1100	1245	Funeral for Willard Ex Chief Jim Ratliff	Willard
4/13/2025	0028	0335	Mutual aid to Ruggles-Troy, structure fire	302 St. Rt. 60
4/15/2025	0922	0955	Short circuit extension cord	2255 St. Rt. 13
4/16/2025	0810	0835	Submit 2024 Budget to Grant Writer	Station
4/16/2025	1900	2030	Training meeting	Station
4/17/2025	1441	1510	Landscape fire	61 White Ave.
4/18/2025	0800	0910	Prepared and emailed proceeds grant appli.	Station
4/18/2025	1645	1745	Escort for John Saunders to Eastman's	Fitchville
4/21/2025	1703	1716	Canceled for a wind surfer in distress	Reservoir
4/23/2025	1508	1617	Mutual aid for tanker	47777 Griggs Rd
4/25/2025	1700	1900	Visitation for John Saunders	Fair Grounds
4/26/2025	1100	1800	Funeral for John Saunders	Fair Grounds
4/28/2025	0924	0953	Search for child, found	2506 St Rt 60 S
4/30/2025	1000	1040	Received Grain Bin Rescue tube	Station

On 4/30, we received a Grain Bin Rescue tube and auger from Evans Sales and Service located in Bellevue. They donated them to the department. They retail at \$5,936.90. We have upcoming training for their operation at Bellevue FD and Willard FD. Many Thanks to Evans. There will be a pancake breakfast Sunday, May 4th.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the ambulance service.

Jennifer Ball stated there was nothing major to report but April had been a busy month.

The zoning report was included in the administrator's report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation. Joe Thomas was absent.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-16 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 26 East Washburn Street, P.P. No. 26-0121A-09-009-0000 to a "R3-Multi-Family Residential" Use District.

Members of council discussed different options for Ordinance 2025-16 and 2025-17 with Mr. Bond. Toby Thomas commented that the Zoning and Planning Commission had voted to recommend that council not move forward with rezoning the properties at 26 East Washburn Street and 118 East Main Street.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to bring Ordinance 2025-16 back to the table after being tabled on April 28th. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, No; Crabbs, No; Gullett, Yes.

Jennifer Ball then made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Zoning and Planning Commission and deny moving forward with the zoning change at 26 East Washburn Street. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-17 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 118 East Main Street, P.P. No. 26-019B-01-060-0000 to a "R3-Multi-Family Residential" Use District.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to bring Ordinance 2025-17 back to the table after being tabled on April 28th. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball then made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Zoning and Planning Commission and deny moving forward with the zoning change at 118 East Main Street. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-18 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Section 505.18 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London to Provide for Educational Animal Projects. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-08 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-11 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-11 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Mike Crabbs stated that he volunteered at the city garage Saturday during spring cleanup from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. It rained a lot but residents were very appreciative to be able to bring items down to the garage free of charge. Mike Crabbs praised the sanitation workers and Brian Cucco for their hard work and encouraged village residents to take advantage of the final two Wednesdays of spring cleanup. It is a good service that the village provides.

Steve Roeder then called for New Business.

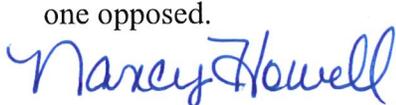
The fiscal officer asked council what they would like to do since the next scheduled council meeting falls on Memorial Day. After some discussion, council agreed to just cancel the meeting.

Alison Chapin made a motion to cancel the May 26th council meeting. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The next council meeting will be June 9th.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder made a motion to adjourn. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 9, 2025 @ 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: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder, Gullett and Ball. Chapin was absent.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Steve Ball, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Bob Cooke, Jayne Carroll, Gayle Ashbaker, Suzanne Cooke, Kyle Davis, Chad Blake, Don Patton, Joe Thomas, Joy Bond and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the May 12, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated that the New London Rotary would be choosing the Citizen of the Year and are currently taking nominations for the award. She let everyone know that the nominee does not have to live directly in the village, but should live in the surrounding area. The nominee can not be a current Rotarian.

Jayne Carroll stood and first praised the new book store. She then stated she had some questions. Mrs. Carroll asked about the property at 100 South Main Street. She found out the property has been condemned and what does the village plan on doing about it?

Shawn Pickworth replied that he has been in contact with the owner. The property is being taken care of by the owner's son. The village has been in pursuit of contacting the owner of this property and has finally received contact information for the son. Shawn has spoken to the son about giving it to the land bank. He feels the village is finally making progress on the property.

Jayne Carroll then asked why the village didn't participate in the Ohio Checkbook. It is free and she thinks the village should do it. The final question from Mrs. Carroll was about the property at 118 East Main Street. She noticed it is back on the agenda. The property is currently zoned R1 so isn't that a broken ordinance since the property currently has apartments on it. She is also concerned about this bringing back up the apartments suggested for East Washburn Street.

Members of council thanked Jayne Carroll for her comments and concerns.

Kyle Davis then came forward and presented new plans for 118 East Main Street. He changed several things that he believes will more suit the property and surrounding area. He went over these changes with members of council.

Mr. Davis also wanted to calm fears of a plan for apartments on East Washburn Street. They now have different plans for East Washburn Street and the new plans will not require any zoning changes.

Council stated they liked the new plans for East Main Street. The new plans look less congested.

Shawn Pickworth stated he would start the necessary procedure to allow the new plans to go through the proper zoning process.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Changed out meter at the water treatment plant. The old mechanical meter was replaced with an electromagnetic meter.
- Improved communication from our water tower. Went from analog to cellular.
- Working on finalizing information for GAC & Depth Filter media to be replaced in our treatment vessels. Working with the OEPA & supplier.
- Continue to change out meters.
- Continue to schedule and perform backflow inspections within our water system.
- New fencing around the water plant is to be installed in June. Crews busy getting the pathway of new fencing cleared (trees, old fence on the backside of lagoons).
- Preconstruction meeting was held on June 4th.
- Crews installed 2 new mainline valves at East Washburn and West Hooker.
- Continue to work on funding options for erosion issue at our raw water pumpstation.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – suppliers to deliver storm structures, piping by the end of the week. Columbia Gas had to come in and pothole areas of possible conflicts. Two areas were found and documented.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. – crews continue to work on this project as schedules allow.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- 62 tons of trash was taken in during our 2025 spring cleanup days. I would like to thank Mike Crabbs for coming in to give us a hand and kind of see what goes on during this event. I would also like to thank the sanitation crew for working those days. Here are some numbers that were associated with it.

Landfill fees \$ 4050.00

Dumpster rental from TLD \$500.00

Labor \$ 1300.00

Scrap metal resold + \$ 1200.00

Not including fuel, and wear and tear on equipment.

- Mosquito cakes were put out in some known problem areas in town before this last heat wave trying to stay ahead of them with all the rain we had in the last two months. They also have been keeping up with the high grass work orders as well as their other mowing areas.
- The new trash totes should be in somewhere in the middle of June and will be delivered shortly after that. The new Trash rate sign up was a little slower than expected, we still have a few residents still filling out paperwork. Crews were working on some dumpster repairs and repainting a few as well. New LED light bulbs were installed in the maintenance bays. Four new dumpsters were ordered last week to replace a pile of them that aren't worth fixing any more. We currently have a waiting list for rental dumpsters, even with the new rate adjustment.
- A large tree came down on North Railroad Street on May 17 during a high wind event, which took down powerlines and cables and landed in the roadway. I would like to thank Clint Cherry for helping get it cut up and off the road. Also, Crews from Firelands electric for a quick response to make sure the power was off, so we could do our part.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091. Crews have been out trying to address potholes. The streets have taken a beating over the winter, please feel free to report any major holes to the office.
- On May 28th we did a walk through for the paving project scheduled for 2026 with engineering. We identified some things the Village will want to address before paving.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – Stage 3 engineering.
- Attended a HCGP board meeting held in Willard on May 21st.
- Attended a Communities Round Table Meeting in Monroeville on May 14th. Don Patton & Brian Cucco attended this meeting with me.
- Attended a HCPC meeting held in Norwalk on May 22nd.
- OneDigital came to the Village and met with Michelle Poppa, Nancy Howell and I on May 30th. Getting the timeline down for this year's insurance for health benefits.
- Landbank – 6 structures have been demoed around the county so far since April of 2025. Four more to go.
- Working on 3 brownfield projects within the county. New London, Willard and Norwalk.
- Attended a Landbank meeting on May 22nd.
- A second payment was made to Ashland Monument for the new Columbarium that was ordered in December of 2024. It's scheduled to be delivered sometime in June. Waiting on Abers Crane service to fit us in their schedule to get it set.

Zoning – From May 12, 2025 – June 9, 2025

Notice of Zoning Violation Letters Sent out:

87 South Main Street, May 15,2025

10 East Fir Street, May, 19,2025

156 Newkirk Street, May 20, 2025

14 James Street, May 28, 2025

100 South Main Street, May 29, 2025

50 North Maple Street, June 3, 2025 - Health Department also is involved with this property

High Grass Letters Sent Out:

10 East Fir Street

100 South Main Street

156 Newkirk Street

25 Aster Court Apartments

426 Park Ave

211 High Street

99 Third Street

12 Grant Street

Out of these the Village has only had to mow 2 properties.

We received our 1st Residential CRA application for new construction. Reviewing the application now.

Shawn Pickworth added two things he had not included on his report. He would like to put a street levy on the ballot in November. He also wanted members of council to know that he is going out for quotes on property insurance.

Jason Anderson asked if the village had any plans for the water tower.

Don Patton replied that the water tower had been refurbished about three or four years ago. The water tower and clear well tanks have to be inspected regularly by the EPA.

Shawn Pickworth added that the water tower was a project on the schedule. He realizes the water tower is very old, but there are many water towers that are older the ours.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Joe Hicks stated he did not have much to report but the officers have been attending a lot of training.

Jason Anderson asked if Joe Hicks has selected a new School Resource Officer (SRO) yet.

Joe Hicks replied that they have not selected one yet because the current investigation surrounding the previous SRO was not yet complete.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin was absent but had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
5/1/2025	0800	0825	Submit April runs to SFM	Station
5/1/2025	1300	1400	Mitigation meeting with EMA	Muni Hall
5/4/2025	0800	1100	Pancake Breakfast	Station

5/4/2025	1549	1607	EMS assist, landing zone setup, canceled	6830 TL 187
5/4/2025	1901	1927	Lift assist for FAS crew	2001 Chenango Rd S
5/5/2025	2128	2150	Fire alarm sounding, nothing found	62 East Main St
5/7/2025	0933	1152	Fuel release in storm sewer	Park Ave & creek
5/7/2025	1900	2000	Monthly meeting	Station Grove St & Fire Station
5/8/2025	0800	0825	Removed hazmat pads from creek	Station
5/8/2025	1222	1229	Lift assist, canceled before enroute	The Laurels
5/9/2025	2225	0055	MVC, pickup vs pole, no power to NL	St. Rt. 60 N
5/10/2025	0800	1300	Grain bin rescue training	Bellevue
5/10/2025	1000	1130	Downed FF training with FAS	FAS
5/12/2025	1602	1625	Person stuck in elevator, power outage	Windy Acres
5/14/2025	1730	1820	Fire Chiefs meeting	Station
5/15/2025	2230	2243	Lift assist	The Laurels
5/16/2025	0900	1315	New computer, transfer files, programs	Station.
5/16/2025	1026	1037	Fire alarm, home economics	School
5/16/2025	2241	2312	Tree down, blocking roadway	N Railroad
5/17/2025	0800	1400	Grain bin rescue training	Willard
5/17/2025	2145	2242	Assist FAS, car vs pedestrian	1600 Chenango Rd S
5/21/2025	1220	1255	Met with Julie, FSS, SCBA batteries	Station
5/21/2025	1450	1515	Added radio to cell phone	Station
5/21/2025	1900	2030	Monthly training	Station
5/22/2025	0037	0112	Fire alarm sounding, nothing found	School
5/25/2025	0146	0228	Lift assist with FAS	1875 US RT 250
5/25/2025	1344	1426	2 vehicle crash with injuries	US RT 250 & St Rt 13
5/25/2025	1400	2030	Worked Demo Derby	Norwalk Fairgrounds
5/26/2025	1559	1621	CO detector alarming, assist FAS	180 West Main St.

The Fire Department received a grant from the Hospital Proceeds board for \$4625.00 for fire boots. That covered 12 pair. We had 5 firefighters attend grain bin rescue classes. Our 1987 E-One engine has a pump problem and is going to Washington Court House tomorrow for repairs. July 20th we are doing Spill on the Hill at the reservoir.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the ambulance service.

Jennifer Ball presented the run report for May and stated it was another busy month.

The zoning report was included in the administrator's report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas presented the following report:

We are in need of some major improvements and renovations to the reservoir campground. Our shower house and office both need to be renovated or taken down and rebuilt. Our campground is growing every year and it is hard to accommodate our customers with the conditions they are in. I would also like to put in a splash pad. To do these projects I would have to go out for RFQs. I would like councils' permission to do so.

How can we afford these projects?

We would have to increase seasonal camping rates. I have done some research and here are what other campgrounds around us charge.

INDIAN TRAILS

\$2,200 -\$2,600 PLUS A \$165 AIR CONDITIONER FEE

You are also not allowed to stay every night. You can stay Thursday -Sunday.

RUSTIC LAKE

\$2,755

JELLY STONE

\$4,200

CLAR MAR/TWIN LAKES

\$3,297 NOT LAKE FRONT

\$3,927 - \$5,187 LAKE FRONT

HURON RIVER VALLEY CAMPGROUND

\$3,150

\$3,650 RIVER FRONT

NEW LONDON RESERVOIR

\$2,300

PROPOSED INCREASE FOR RESERVOIR 2026 SEASON

\$2,700

A \$400 INCREASE FOR 2026

THIS WOULD GENERATE US \$44,000 EXTRA ANNUALLY IN SEASONAL FEES

PRIMITIVE CAMPING RATES \$30/NIGHT

PRIMITIVE CAMPING SPECIAL EVENT \$50/NIGHT

WATER/ELECTRIC \$50/NIGHT

WATER AND ELECTRIC SPECIAL EVENT \$70/NIGHT

- WITH THIS INCREASE OF THE SEASONAL AND WEEKEND RATES WE SHOULD GENERATE AROUND \$60,000-\$65,000 MORE PER YEAR. WITH THE EXTRA REVENUE I WOULD LIKE TO DO SOME MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CAMPGROUND.

- SPLASH PAD
- REMODEL THE SHOWER HOUSE
- BUILD A NEW OFFICE
- PICKELBALL COURTS

- TO DO THESE PROJECTS WE WOULD HAVE TO GO OUT FOR RFQ'S AND WE WOULD NEED COUNCILS' PERMISSION TO DO SO.

WAGE INCREASE

BRITTANY ROEDER: CURRENT INCREASE

\$16.71 TO \$18.00

SEASONAL: I FEEL THIS SEASON WE LEAVE SEASONALS AT THE RATE THEY ARE CURRENTLY AT.

I AM ASKING COUNCIL TO HIRE TWO MORE SEASONAL EMPLOYEES AT THE RESERVOIR OFFICE.

HAILEE PYLANT AND OLIVIA PELTON AT A RATE OF \$11.85

Steve Roeder made a motion to hire Hailee Pylant and Olivia Pelton as part-time seasonal recreation employees retro active to June 3, 2025 at a rate of \$11.85 per hour. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jason Anderson asked Joe Thomas when the camping rate increases would go into effect.

Joe Thomas stated they would begin in 2026.

Jason Anderson asked what happened to the rule that all decks must be able to be disassembled in a half hour?

Joe Thomas stated that used to be the rule. He thinks all the decks look nice.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-18 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Section 505.18 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London to Provide for Educational Animal Projects. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-19 An Ordinance Authorizing renewal of the Contracts with the County Sheriff to Conduct Dispatching Services for the Village Police Department and Fire Department and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-19 to be passed on an emergency measure. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. 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 2025-20 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2024-26 and the Related Agreement, Relative to the Appointment of the Village Solicitor, and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-20 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mr. Bond asked members of council to accept his resignation due to retirement.

Steve Roeder made a motion to accept Village Solicitor Steve Bond's resignation effective June 30, 2025 due to retirement. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-21 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Ranges and Pay Rates for Village Employees, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-22 An Ordinance Amending the 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-22 to be passed on an emergency measure. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-12 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-12 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

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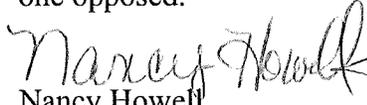
There was none.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for approval of vouchers 1-40 dated May 30, 2025.

Adam Gullett made a motion to approve vouchers 1-40 dated May 30, 2025. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Adam Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – Monday, June 9, 2025 @ 6:15 p.m.

Present: Adam Gullett, Steve Ball, Steve Roeder, Shawn Pickworth, Mike Crabbs, Jennifer Ball, Jason Anderson, Don Patton, Joe Thomas, Joe Hicks, Joy Bond and Steve Bond.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the workshop to order. Village Administrator, Shawn Pickworth; Water/Sewer Superintendent, Don Patton and Police Chief, Joseph Hicks presented council with recommendations for wage increases for village employees. They thought it important to compensate employees appropriately, while also staying within their yearly budgets.

Mike Crabbs questioned whether the police budget could handle a wage increase for officers.

Joe Hicks explained that it would be tight, but he spent a lot of time running all of the numbers to make sure he did not go over budget.

Shawn Pickworth noted that the police department would be getting hit hard with zoning issues in the near future and wondered if zoning fees should be split between the general fund and the police fund.

Council thought that would be worth discussing.

Parks Supervisor, Joe Thomas then went over one pay increase request and then went over his thoughts on a rate increase for camping fees for 2026.

The final topic of the evening was zoning. Many members of council stated they had received multiple complaints about the current Zoning Inspector. Shawn Pickworth stated he had been doing the zoning duties and he asked Mr. Bond for guidance on dismissing the zoning inspector.

Mr. Bond stated that a list should be completed with all the reasons proving he should be dismissed from the job and put it in his personnel file and notify him that he was not working out in the position and was being dismissed from the job.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, June 23, 2025 @ 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: Roeder, Anderson, Crabbs, Chapin, Ball and Gullett.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Jayne Carroll, Bob Cooke, Steve Ball, Shawn Pickworth, Suzanne Cooke, Gayle Ashbaker, John Gerlak, Natalie Schulte, Michael Loyer, Susie Gerlak, Jason Hunter, Valerie Hall, Aimee Votruba, John Hall, Tom Dunlap, Valerie Gadd, Jon Mowry, Tori Hunter, Mary Hiles, Teddy Hiles, Scott Anderson and Jessica Bealer.

Steve Roeder made a motion to amend the agenda to add swearing in new village solicitor Natalie Schulte after approval of the agenda. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

The minutes from the June 9, 2025 workshop were presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the June 9, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called Natalie Schulte forward. Ms. Schulte is replacing Stephen Bond as solicitor for the Village of New London. Mayor Thomas gave Natalie Schulte the oath of office as village solicitor.

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

Michael Loyer stood and wanted to address the proposed increase in seasonal camping fees. He stated that there is nothing to show from camping fee increases over the years except a couple of paved roads. Mr. Loyer noted the lack of activities and especially activities for children. He gave an example of another campground who charges \$2,100 for seasonal camping and they have three activities planned every week. Mr. Loyer also used Indian Trails as an example but did make note that campers there are not able to camp seven days a week like the reservoir campers are able to do. He concluded by stating that he believes there are things that haven't been taken care of at the reservoir and he wanted to put in an official complaint.

Theodore Hiles then came forward and expressed his dissatisfaction with the laundry facilities at the reservoir campground. There is only one washer and two dryers for everyone to use. Theodore stated he would pay the fees regardless but he would like to know where the money from the increased fees was going to be used. He has heard rumors about a splash pad but wondered if a pool for seasonal campers could be considered instead. A pool would be cheaper and less maintenance than a splash pad. Theodore also was concerned about the number of visitors who just drive through without paying an admission fee.

Scott Anderson came forward and asked if it would be possible to make the increase a little less than \$400? He agreed that it would be beneficial to have another washer and he also suggested maybe adding a gate due to a lot of people entering the facility without paying admission. He concluded that he really enjoys camping at the New London Reservoir.

Jayne Carroll stood and asked if the village used the Uniform Accounting Network as their accounting software.

The Fiscal Officer stated that yes, they do and she has checked into the Ohio Checkbook per Jayne's request. It is part of the year end procedure and she will continue to do research on the program and would like to talk more about it with Jayne.

Jayne Carroll explained to those in attendance what the Ohio Checkbook was and how it allowed for transparency with village spending. She thanked the Fiscal Officer for checking into the Ohio Checkbook and then asked for clarification on Ordinance 2025-23 amending the village's codified ordinance relative to membership on the zoning and planning commission. This new ordinance allows for one member of the committee to not be a resident of the village. Jayne Carroll asked if the change would make it so that one member of the committee cannot be a village resident.

Toby Thomas answered that no it just means that they don't have to be a resident of the village.

Jayne Carroll was happy with that answer and stated she would like to throw her name in the hat for a seat on the committee. She noted that the village does not have defined term limits which led her into compliance questions. According to the village ordinance if a member of the zoning and planning commission does not attend at least 50% of the meetings they should be dismissed from the committee. Along with that compliance issue, there should be minutes taken at each meeting and given to the Fiscal Officer and there should also be attendance taken at each meeting. She would like to know if the committee is following those rules and she would also like term clarification as well. She concluded by saying that she feels committee member preference should be given to residents of the village.

Valerie Hall then stood and stated she is a new camper at the reservoir. She was wondering what improvements were being proposed for the increased fees and she asked members of council if the new splash pad would be just for seasonal campers. Valerie Hall noted that many people using the beach are not paying an admission fee. She wondered why the huge jump and why it couldn't be more gradual. There are no activities except those planned by a couple individuals on their own.

Steve Roeder replied that the splash pad would be open to the public and also to the seasonal campers. The planned improvements include a new office and store, new restrooms and shower house and he bets they could also include the laundry facility too. He also noted that if activities are important to the campers, he thinks they could work on that as well.

Aimee Votruba stood and asked where the money was currently going because these are the same promises they have been given for the last couple of years. She also noted people with two golf carts and overly large sheds. She doesn't feel like they are seeing any return on what they are paying. There is no pool and they have to raise money for their activities where other campgrounds include the activities.

John Gerlak then stood and stated he agrees that the bathrooms and the shower house need redone but the majority of the seasonal campers don't use the shower house or the office. He is concerned that the

additional \$400 the campers will be paying will be used to fund buildings that the seasonal campers don't even use. He feels like the rate increase on the seasonal campers will be used on things that won't benefit the seasonal campers.

Jason Hunter stood and asked if there would be an increase in price for the guests who come out to use the beach. Are the seasonal campers going to be funding all of the improvements? He feels some of the burden of the upgrades could be passed on to the guests who use the facility and do not stay on a regular basis like the seasonal campers do. Jason Hunter explained that there are things at the reservoir that are being neglected such as the cabins and the nature trails.

Jason Anderson asked Jason Hunter what he had been hearing about the cabins.

Jason Hunter replied that he has heard that some of the air conditioners and T.V.'s were not working and beds were broken. He stated the seasonal campers had been checking with other campgrounds and they weren't just making things up. One example was the seasonal campers pitch in and plan their own events but all of the other campgrounds they have been contacting have their own events and they have a lot of them.

The campers present at the meeting and members of council discussed BINGO and being told they weren't allowed to play BINGO anymore. It was explained that for the village to hold BINGO events they would need to have a license to do so for each individual event. The campers would be allowed to have BINGO but they would have to do it themselves to avoid having to obtain a permit.

Jennifer Ball addressed Jason Hunter and said she went over her notes and she sees that general admission was not set to increase and she agrees that is a good point. She is going to ask about that.

Tori Hunter asked if there would be a way to form a committee and meet to express their ideas. Campers would like to be able to give input on the proposed improvements. She asked if they would be willing to have a conversation with them.

Steve Roeder stated he would definitely value their input and all of their concerns and comments would be addressed.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Changed out meter at the water treatment plant, old mechanical meter was replaced with an electromagnetic meter.
- Improved communication from our water tower. Went from analog to cellular.
- Working on finalizing information for GAC & Depth Filter media to be replaced in our treatment vessels. Working with the OEPA & Supplier.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – equipment and supplies are here, crews to begin this week.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. – crews continue to work on this project as schedules allow.

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. Crews have been out trying to address potholes. The streets have taken a beating over the winter, please feel free to report any major holes to the office.

Other

Zoning – From June 9, 2025 – June 23, 2025

Working on follow ups on the Violation letters sent out. One has been turned over to the Police Department for a report then turned over to legal so far.

Shawn concluded his report by saying he would like to set up interviews with two potential candidates for Zoning Commissioner. He would like to schedule them for before the next council meeting on July 14th.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Fiscal Officer.

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the April 2025 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports through the end of April.

The Fiscal Officer notified members of council that Joe Thomas had requested permission to go out for RFQ's at the last council meeting for the projects he wants to complete and council did not take it to a vote.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-18 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Section 505.18 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London to Provide for Educational Animal Projects. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-21 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Ranges and Pay Rates for Village Employees, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-23 An Ordinance Amending Section 1103.02 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Membership on the Village Planning Commission, and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-23 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. 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 2025-24 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2026 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. First Reading.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to table Ordinance 2025-24 until further discussion. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-13 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made; and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-13 to be passed on an emergency measure. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-14 A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Submit a Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the Purpose of General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges, and Requesting the Huron County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of the Village and the Dollar Amount of Revenue that Would be Generated by That Levy, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-14 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-15 A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Proceed with an Election on the Question of Levying an Additional Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges of the Village, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Shawn Pickworth explained to council about House Bill 335. This bill is being advertised as saving property owners on their property taxes. The fact is that they will save property owners money by taking funds away from schools and local governments. Shawn Pickworth encouraged members of council to contact Ohio House of Representatives member Kellie Deeter to oppose this bill. This bill is being sold as property tax relief but it would cause the village to have to cut services.

Village Solicitor Natalie Schulte added that the Senate has seemed to change its mind on the bill. They aren't as in favor of it as they once were. They are teetering back and forth. They are starting to realize it is not the way to go.

The Fiscal Officer asked council if they wanted to vote on approving Joe Thomas to be able to go out for RFQ's for his proposed project at the reservoir.

Members of council decided to wait until there was more discussion on recreation matters.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Special Meeting – Monday, June 30, 2025 @ 7 p.m.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the special meeting to order. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Roeder, Chapin, Anderson, Crabbs, Gullett and Ball.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Bob Cooke, Joe Hicks, Greg Massie, Jason Hunter, Rob Swiger, John Gerlak, Susie Gerlak, Trent Robuck, Tori Hunter, Tami Harp, Pamela Massie, Steve Ball, Jayne Carroll, Chad Blanton, Valerie Hall, John Hall, Valerie Gadd, Jon Mowry, Mike Gerlak, Ellen Simmons, Joe Thomas, Teddy Hiles, Mary Hiles, Craig Farkas, Ann Farkas and Kevin Alt.

Shawn Pickworth asked council's permission to hire Timothy McCallister as a Water/Sewer employee at \$20 per hour.

Adam Gullett made a motion to hire Timothy McCallister beginning July 1, 2025 at a rate of \$20 per hour. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then opened the floor to reservoir campers in attendance.

Chad Blanton stood and began by saying he was not attending the meeting to bash Joe Thomas. Joe does a great job and he does not have any ill feelings against him. Chad Blanton asked for an explanation for special event expenses and revenue.

The fiscal officer explained that there was a line item on both the expense and revenue reports specifically for special events. The revenue in the special events line item, however, does not include the extra camping revenue because camping is listed under a different line item. That is why the expenses seem like much more than the revenue.

Jason Hunter stood and stated he had brought up the nature trails at the previous council meeting and he noticed that the trails are not even advertised as an amenity at the reservoir any longer.

Joe Thomas replied that the trails would need a lot of maintenance and it would be Joe who would have to maintain them due to lack of personnel but he would be willing to discuss maintaining them.

Jason Hunter stated that as a member of Greenwich's village council, he understands the importance of finances, but he is against any increase in seasonal camping fees. The campers have lost the nature trails and they have lost the horseshoe rings even though they are still advertised as an amenity. The seasonal campers pavilion is in shambles and noted that many people enter without paying.

Steve Roeder asked Joe Thomas if wristbands would be too expensive to hand out to paying visitors.

Joe didn't think it would be and thought it would be a good idea.

Valerie Hall then stood and asked if there was a way to see a breakdown of costs and revenue for the recreation park versus the reservoir park.

The fiscal officer explained that it is one fund for both parks. While some things would be easy to distinguish, others would be very difficult to separate.

Tori Hunter stood and stated she loves camping at the reservoir but she too is against an increase in price. She noted how the laundry facility was not fully equipped for campers needs. Last year there was one washer and two dryers while this year, there are two washers but they are down to one dryer. Tori Hunter also noted how she thought there should be more spraying for mosquitoes and how run down the putt putt course is. She also expressed her displeasure for a splashpad.

Joe Thomas replied that the engineers he has been working with encouraged a splashpad due to it being easier to maintain. He also noted it would generate more revenue from those visiting the facility.

Seasonal campers were upset that they would have to fund a splashpad when the majority of its use would be from visitors.

Joe Thomas explained that his financial advisor has indicated that New London campers should be thankful because other campgrounds are raising rates by much higher percentages than what he is proposing.

Teddy Hiles stood and asked Mike Crabbs and Jason Anderson what their thoughts were after meeting with seasonal campers.

Mike Crabbs explained that he and Jason Anderson had gone out to the reservoir to meet with some of the seasonal campers and hear their thoughts. Mike Crabbs stated that increases have to happen but he knows that there needs to be a resolution to the problem of people entering the facility without paying.

Teddy Hiles replied that the seasonal campers would like repairs made before a splashpad is built.

Jennifer Ball stated she understands everyone's frustrations. She asked if it would be possible to set some funds aside to be used specifically for activities at the reservoir.

The campers made it known that they aren't interested in activities as much as they are interested in repairs.

Greg Massie asked if everyone paid for their seasonal campsite.

Joe Thomas replied that yes everyone pays for their seasonal campsite.

Mike Gerlak stood and wondered if the young girls working in the office don't feel comfortable confronting individuals who sneak into the facility.

Joe Thomas agreed that was true but stated those are the applicants they receive. High school girls are usually the ones who apply for working in the office.

Pamela Massie then stated they are not trying to dictate anything or point fingers at anyone but she feels the seasonal campers benefit the entire community. They spend a lot of money in the town and support all of the businesses. The seasonal campers fund their own activities and schedule things for entertainment on their own.

Alison Chapin added that she thinks she needs to educate herself more on how many other municipalities similar to New London have campgrounds. She feels that would actually give them an apples-to-apples comparison. There are other factors that play a part. Alison stated she thinks council needs more time to do their homework. She believes there is a middle ground somewhere.

Several seasonal campers asked if they could make a committee.

Alison Chapin replied that she didn't think that would be a problem.

There was a discussion about forming a committee. Some seasonal campers agreed a committee would be a good idea while others did not. Joe Thomas did not really want another committee. The bottom line is council would like more time before a decision is made.

Several seasonal campers volunteered to help around the campground with things that needed done.

Jason Anderson asked the seasonal campers what they thought would be a reasonable rate.

Many campers stated they did not want an increase at all and others stated it would depend on other factors.

Members of council emphasized they would like more time to do some research.

Chad Blanton requested the end of the season campers' picnic be reinstated and it was also noted that there had been Mother's Day and Father's Day events in the past. Seasonal campers asked council not to push the increase through and take their time deliberating.

Jennifer Ball replied that nothing is ever pushed through. Council does three readings on most ordinances and resolutions whenever possible. Members of council take their positions very seriously.

In conclusion, members of council will continue to research more information before making a decision.

Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

CNEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, July 14, 2025 @ 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: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder, Gullett, Chapin and Ball.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Ball, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Bob Cooke, Jayne Carroll, Gayle Ashbaker, Suzanne Cooke, Laura Davidson, John Chapin, Kenny Fannin, Mike Gerlak, Brad Booth and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the June 23, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Chapin made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the June 30, 2025 special meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons announced that Steve Ball had been selected as the Citizen of the Year for New London.

Steve Ball was congratulated by all for this honor.

Laura Davidson then stood and stated she wanted to let council know what a great job Shawn Pickworth had done with a chicken issue in her area of town. She was very pleased with his prompt attention to the matter.

Council thanked Laura Davidson for her comments.

Suzanne Cooke then spoke about the property next to her at 100 South Main Street. She has noticed activity at the property. The lights on the back patio have been on and the lawn mower is gone.

Steve Roeder asked if the police department would be able to check on this property.

Joe Hicks and Shawn Pickworth and members of council discussed the issue.

Shawn Pickworth stated he had sent out a letter requiring the owner to fix up the property. He then sent another letter by certified mail demanding the property be demolished. Shawn Pickworth has been dealing with the owner's son. He will be requesting a meeting with the village solicitor Natalie Schulte to discuss different options. Shawn plans to send a certified letter to the last known address of the owner and then it will be posted on the door of the home. He

will continue to try to negotiate with the owner's son and also put pressure on the county for their help.

Suzanne Cooke is scared for her safety.

Bob Cooke asked about the three cars that are also on the property.

Shawn Pickworth replied that he is citing the owner for the cars also.

Jayne Carroll then stood and expressed her disappointment in the mayor. She noted instances where residents are limited to three minutes to make their comments during a council meeting while non-residents have been able to have unlimited time to talk. She then stated how disappointed she was that a non-resident would be appointed to the zoning and planning commission over a resident of the village. She asked if maybe the residents of New London should rethink the mayor's position.

Marvin McCallister asked if the ordinance would need to be changed to allow for a non-resident to be on the committee.

Mayor Toby Thomas replied that the ordinance had been changed at the previous council meeting to match the Ohio Revised Code.

Steve Roeder and Alison Chapin asked why the mayor had chosen a non-resident for the commission.

Toby Thomas read the letter of interest from the non-resident appointed to the commission stating his qualifications.

Members of council were in disagreement with the mayor on his decision.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated he feels this is the best decision for the village.

Arguments went back and forth between the mayor and those against the decision the mayor had made.

Toby Thomas was adamant that the gentleman selected would be a good member on the zoning and planning commission.

Much heated discussion took place.

Laura Davidson asked if a background check had been done on the gentleman selected.

Toby Thomas stated a background check had not been done on any of the candidates.

Laura Davidson thought maybe a background check should have been done on all candidates.

Gayle Ashbaker brought up many zoning areas of concern within the village and she does not believe that a non-resident will care about any of these areas.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Fence project completed at our Water Plant.
- Working on finalizing information for GAC & Depth Filter media to be replaced in our treatment vessels. It seems like the OEPA is dragging their feet on this approval and not sure why. They keep asking us to provide information that they already have.
- Crew repaired a major water leak on West Washburn, Sunday July 6th.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – project is well underway. Crews started laying the new storm on the East end of New London Ave. It has been slow going due to some sanitary laterals then crews ran into some underground electric that must be moved. Firelands Electric will be doing this this week. Crews then moved to the West end of the project and are laying storm on that end. Sanitary sewer lining crews have been onsite cleaning lines.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant, crews discovered a broken main line within the plant. This line is 18 plus feet in the ground and we will be hiring a contractor to come dig it up and replace the broken section. Crews were able to bypass the line until repairs are completed.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. – crews continue to work on this project as schedules allow. Seems like whenever we get ready to get back on this project something happens that pulls crews away. It will get done.

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. Crews have been out trying to address potholes. The streets have taken a beating over the winter, please feel free to report any major holes to the office.

Other

- We would like Council's permission to hire Jaxon Speicher for the rest of the 2025 mowing season to help at the Cemetery at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.
- July 1st, Huron County Growth Partnership hosted a lunch with Matt Dolan, Executive Director of Team NEO along with 5 members of his team. After lunch the teams traveled to Willard, Ohio and toured Weir's Farms then to New London where they toured Firelands Fab and Firelands Electric. What a great opportunity we had to

highlight Huron County and the Village of New London. Hopefully things like this will help us attract other businesses to our County and Village.

Zoning – From June 23, 2025 – July 14, 2025

- Followed up on all the June Violations.
- 4 have been closed.
- 4 ongoing.
- Issued 3 new letters of Violations.
- Resent letters of Violations to 2 others after consulting with legal.
- 1 application for rezoning packets sent out to both the Zoning and Planning Commission and Council.
- Issued 1 Pool Permit, 2 Fence Permits, 1 Shed Permit.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire Jaxon Speicher as a seasonal cemetery employee at a rate of \$12.50 per hour beginning July 23, 2025. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Joe Hicks began by saying that he and Shawn Pickworth have been working together on zoning and they are making progress. He noted a particular residence that is in the process of making the necessary improvements to the property. It is a process and it takes time but they are seeing results. He expressed his gratitude to Shawn for the work he has done.

Joe Hicks then shared the following report:

The department received our new cruiser, a 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptor on July 01, 2025. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our council and community members for allowing this purchase. Your support means a great deal to us. With the new cruiser now in service, I would like to request approval to sell the old cruiser, a 2015 Ford Explorer Interceptor through an on-line auction. Upon approval, I will submit the necessary documentation to the solicitor for an ordinance to be drafted in the near future.

I would also like to request approval to advertise for the position of a full-time SRO at a rate of \$21.00 per hour. If the candidate has the basic SRO and DARE certification the starting rate would be increased to \$22.50. In the past, the cost of this position has been split between the school and the police department at a rate of 75% school and 25% NLPD.

In closing, I would also like to thank all of the youngsters who joined me at the library over the past 6 weeks for the summer reading program.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the police chief to sell the 2015 Ford Explorer Interceptor no longer in use through an on-line auction. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then made a motion to allow the police chief to advertise for the position of full-time School Resource Officer. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
6/1/2025	0750	0820	Submit May runs to SFM	Station
6/2/2025	0900	1130	Safety Town with Engine #425	School
6/2/2025	1343	1808	Barn fire	365 St Rt 60 S
6/4/2025	1840	1908	Removed kitten from vehicle	Station
6/4/2025	1908	1928	Lift assist with FAS	The Laurels
6/4/2025	1900	2000	Monthly meeting	Station
6/5/2025	0951	1017	Lift assist with FAS	80.5 First St.
6/6/2025	0729	0757	Lift assist with FAS	80.5 First St.
6/7/2025	1040	1101	Lift assist with FAS	96 Clifton St.
6/9/2025	1900	2000	Unloaded #422 for maint. trip	Station
6/10/2025	0630	1200	#422 to maint. shop	Washington Ct. House
6/12/2025	1351	1416	Lift assist with FAS	The Laurels
6/13/2025	0033	0123	Assist with cleaning roadway	US RT 250 & St Rt 162
6/15/2025	1522	1537	Assist FAS	N.L. Reservoir
6/18/2025	1900	2030	Training, pump operation	Station
6/18/2025	2046	2135	Wires down	973 Butler Rd S
6/22/2025	2145	2221	Fire/CO detector alarming	3883 Prospect Rd
6/24/2025	0552	0604	Removed kitten from catch basin	150 New London Ave
6/24/2025	1135	1210	New O2 sensor in 4-gas monitor	Norwalk Fire
6/28/2025	1741	1840	2 vehicle MVC	US RT 250 & TL 131
6/28/2025	1946	2038	Propane odor, nothing found	79 Exchange Rd
6/28/2025	2338	2344	FAS assist, canceled by NLPD	14 N. Main St

Engine 422 is still in the repair shop in Washington Court House. Hopefully, it will be repaired and back in service mid-month. The estimate is \$8,000.00. We are working on increasing the storage capacity of Rescue 441 and adding more hazmat equipment for motor vehicle crashes. The hazmat trailer is still going to store hazmat materials, but also adding grain rescue equipment.

John Chapin concluded by announcing the New London Volunteer Fire Department would be holding Spill on the Hill on Sunday, July 20th.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the ambulance service.

Steve Roeder had attended the ambulance meeting and while he did not have actual numbers, he stated it had been an average month.

The zoning report was included in the administrator's report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas was absent but the following topics were discussed.

- Saturday, July 19th will be Rockn the Rez.
- There has been a great response for the new horse arena. Horse shows during Labor Day are a possibility.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-21 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Ranges and Pay Rates for Village Employees, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-25 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2026 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-15 A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Proceed with an Election on the Question of Levying an Additional Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges of the Village, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-16 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-16 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder made a motion to bring Ordinance 2025-24 back to the table. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Roeder then made a motion to amend the agenda to include Ordinance 2025-24 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2026 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. Second Reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to suspend the rules to vote on Ordinance 2025-24 as an emergency measure. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Roeder made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2025-24. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, No; Roeder, No; Chapin, No; Anderson, No; Crabbs, No; Gullett, No.

Ordinance 2025-24 not passed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Shawn Pickworth announced that he would be on vacation from July 18th to July 26th.

Mike Crabbs asked who would be handling his responsibilities while he is gone.

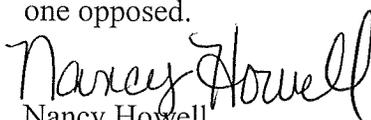
Shawn Pickworth replied that Don Patton and Cole Risner would be available for anything needed while he is away.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the discipline of a village employee or official. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to return to regular session. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Adam Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

	
Nancy Howell Fiscal Officer	Toby Thomas Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, July 28, 2025 @ 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: Roeder, Anderson, Crabbs and Gullett. Ball and Chapin were absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Jayne Carroll, Bob Cooke, Shawn Pickworth, Suzanne Cooke, Gayle Ashbaker, John Gerlak, Natalie Schulte, Susan Gerlak, Kenny Fannin, Trent Robuck, Haley Robuck, Lana Benci, Ashley Elliott, Ashley Bilton, Vicki Mack, George Nickoli, Christine Nickoli, Cory Young, Jeff Scott, Stephanie Lybarger, Chris Francis, Jennifer Francis, Stacy Crabbs and John Neel.

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

The minutes from the July 14, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Jane Carroll stood and addressed the mayor and members of council and expressed her displeasure with the mayor placing a non-resident on the zoning and planning commission and requested on behalf of many village residents and herself to abolish the zoning and planning commission and let the elected members of council and a resident zoning inspector work together to handle the zoning issues of the village. Jayne Carroll then addressed the mayor and stated that if he no longer valued the opinions and concerns of the village residents then maybe he should resign. She feels the residents of New London should be a priority.

Kenny Fannin then stood and asked why the village thought it would be a good idea to have a motocross behind his house.

Toby Thomas stated it was not the village's idea. The property was already zoned correctly and the new owner had done everything properly. There was no reason to stop it.

Kenny Fannin is concerned with the noise and it is 170 feet behind his house.

Toby Thomas stated that there is really nothing the village can do about the noise.

Kenny Fannin asked if there was a noise ordinance for town.

Police Chief Hicks stated they do but the noise is during the day and doesn't go late into the night.

Mike Crabbs asked what Kenny Fannin would like them to do.

Kenny Fannin would like something done about the noise.

Mike Crabbs stated he could talk to the property owner and see if he had any ideas that would help but that is all that can be done.

Kenny Fannin was not pleased with his answer.

Suzanne Cooke then stood and asked why it was so important to update the zoning and planning commission ordinance. She thinks it was done just so the mayor could place a non-resident on the committee.

Toby Thomas stated that was not true. The state of Ohio was the one who changed the wording.

Suzanne Cooke was displeased because the wording had been changed eight years ago but the mayor didn't change the ordinance until two weeks ago so he could place a non-resident on the committee.

Toby Thomas thanked Suzanne Cooke for her comments.

Jeff Scott stood and introduced himself and explained that he was there on behalf of Firelands Ambulance Service. He was making his rounds to all of the participants of the EMS district. It has been a very busy year. The staff is doing exceedingly well. There have been a lot of changes happening and response times are down. They are getting out the door faster to the residents. They have been blessed with several grants lately that have aided in increasing their capabilities and equipment. There are still a lot of needs for the agency including staffing. Volunteerism nationwide is down. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to him. He would be happy to get them his card.

Toby Thomas asked if there were any more questions or comments.

John Neal then stood and stated he was born and raised here in New London. He feels like the village does not listen to the residents. He thinks the residents should be more involved in the spending. He realizes that the village cannot make everyone happy but he feels there should be more transparency and he believes it is time for a change. Concerning zoning, he agrees with Jayne Carroll and believes that the zoning and planning commission should be comprised of village residents.

Steve Roeder asked how the village could be more transparent. He is all for transparency.

John Neal stated he never knew the village had placed a non-resident on the commission.

Steve Roeder asked for another example besides that.

John Neal thought the village participating in the Ohio Checkbook would be nice.

Members of council explained that the Fiscal Officer was checking into that and working on it.

John Neal stated that should have been done a long time ago. He feels if the village cared about the people, they would have already done it. He again emphasized he would like to see more transparency.

Gayle Ashbaker stood and stated that when she was mayor, she posted the financial statement on the bulletin board every month. Every dime that was spent was public.

Adam Gullett stated that anyone could request that information from the fiscal officer at any time and she will give them anything they would like.

Gayle Ashbaker asked why not just post it?

Adam Gullett replied that it could be posted, but also copies can be requested at any time.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Shawn Pickworth stated the New London Avenue project continues. There have been many struggles but he is hoping things smooth out soon. He was on vacation the past week so he spent most of the day catching up on emails and has several voice mails to return.

At the wastewater treatment plant, they have a broken line 18 feet in the ground. There is a contractor from Toledo who has agreed to come in and look at it. He is confident he can fix it. This will not be a permanent fix but it will give them time to hire an engineer and make a plan for a permanent fix.

There was a water main break on Shadyside and Sherman Street. It was difficult to find so they had to call in some outside help. It has been repaired.

Shawn Pickworth then stated he has a lot of zoning to catch up on. He will have more details on zoning at the next meeting. He also wanted to remind council about the two candidates who interviewed for the zoning inspector job.

Members of council stated they would decide on the zoning inspector later in the meeting.

The Fiscal Officer was absent but had provided members of council with the May and June 2025 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports through the end of June.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-25 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2026 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-15 A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Proceed with an Election on the Question of Levying an Additional Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges of the Village, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-17 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made; and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-17 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder

made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Members of council discussed the new zoning inspector.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire Mike Gerlak as the new Zoning Inspector beginning September 1, 2025. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Shawn Pickworth stated he will contact Mike Gerlak and get the ball rolling.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

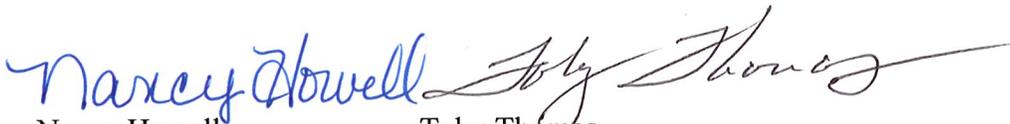
Steve Roeder questioned how council could go about abolishing the zoning and planning commission.

Village Solicitor, Natalie Schulte, stated an ordinance would need to be drafted and approved.

This ordinance will be on the agenda at the next council meeting.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, August 11, 2025 @ 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: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder and Gullett. Chapin and Ball were absent.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Bob Cooke, Jayne Carroll, Gayle Ashbaker, Suzanne Cooke, Laura Davidson, Kenneth Fannin, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Neel, Dawn Hess, Valerie Gadd and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the July 28, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Valerie Gadd stood and came forward. She stated she is a seasonal camper at the New London Reservoir Campground. She stated that she realizes the seasonal camping rate for 2026 was no longer going to be \$400 but she still thinks a \$200 increase is too high. She questioned what seasonal campers would be receiving in return for the increased price. She also questioned why nonseasonal camping prices had not been increased.

Steve Roeder explained some of the proposed improvements such as a new shower house, new bathrooms by the beach, new office building, beach improvements and improvements to the laundry facility.

Valerie Gadd thinks the seasonal campers are taking the brunt of the increase and they are not getting much in return that will benefit them.

Laura Davidson stood and asked Shawn Pickworth when he anticipated Clyde Avenue would be repaved.

Shawn Pickworth replied that he is hoping it will be next spring or early summer.

Laura Davidson then asked how much of the New London Avenue project had been completed. There is a lot of dust.

Shawn Pickworth answered that it was not quite 20% complete. The project has been a struggle but he is hoping it will speed up soon. He will request they put more calcium down to help with the dust.

Jayne Carroll then stood and addressed council thanking them for the ordinance abolishing the zoning and planning commission and asked them if it could be passed on an emergency measure.

Members of council assured Jayne Carroll that the ordinance was being passed as an emergency that evening.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- GAC's, new media has been approved and delivered. Contractor will be coming in to start replacing the media in 4 vessels. One vessel at a time will be taken out of service.
- Upgrades to our SCADA system being done at our Water Plant.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – project is crossing East Street. We are hoping all structures as well as pipe will be installed by the end of this week crossing this intersection so there will be no disruption of traffic for school.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant, we found a contractor that can come in and repair the broken section of the pipe and get us running back to normal.
- Crews continue to install new meters.
- Crews installed 2 new water taps.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. – project is complete as far as installing new pipe. We would like to allow this to settle throughout the winter then come back in and landscape. We have 1 more section of this storm that needs to be replaced and it runs underneath the parking lot of Primetals. We are hoping to tackle this portion next year.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- International Truck had to go in the shop for repairs to the hopper. Back in service.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091. Crews have been out trying to address potholes. The streets have taken a beating over the winter, please feel free to report any major holes to the office.
- Street Levy will be on the November ballot. If you want nice streets, we need this to pass.

Other

- Landbank – the Huron County Landbank is taking requests for next round demolition project. Project must be a house or former residence. If the project is selected then any out buildings will be eligible for demolition on the same property. Give me a call if you have something in mind.

- We have 1 more demolition project for this year. It is a Fitchville structure. And one big Brownfield project to be demolished on Shady Lane in Norwalk.
- Mitigation Legislation – this was a team project updating New London’s piece of the Huron County Plan. This is very important legislation to pass should there be a natural disaster.

Zoning – From July 14, 2025 – August 11, 2025

- Still have some Violations to follow up on.
- 1 has been closed.
- 1 ongoing with a conviction from the courts. Property has 30 days to comply or faces 30 days of jail time.
- 2 letters returned, no signature. Will resend using priority mail.
- No building permits issued during this time.
- 1 Pool permit issued.
- Mickey Mart on North Main Street is in the process of updating signage. Working with the company responsible for this process.
- Met with Mike Gerlak on Tuesday, August 5th for a few hours. Mike will begin training soon.

Mike Crabbs asked Shawn Pickworth if Cole’s Energy who owns 175 North Main Street would be mowing the property any time soon.

Shawn Pickworth stated the village has mowed it and will bill Cole’s Energy for it. He then discussed the project that Cole’s Energy has planned for the property that will involve an issue with the storm sewer in that area.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Joe Hicks shared the following report:

I want to take a moment to remind everyone to pay attention to the “No Parking” signs that are posted throughout the village. After our last council meeting, I received a parking complaint along James St. I checked the area and both sides are posted “No Parking”. The street department also replaced the sign on the west side of the street because it was extremely faded. I would ask that anyone attending our meetings utilize the surrounding parking lots.

The police department conducted in-service training last weekend, completing our annual firearms qualifications. I would like to thank Sgt. Ingraham for his assistance with this as our firearms instructor.

I have also been in conversation with Flock Safety, a company that provides cameras/license plate readers (LPR) for communities throughout the nation. In the coming months we will have six of these cameras placed throughout the village for a 60-day free trial period. One of these cameras will be placed downtown containing live feed, while the others will send alerts to officers based off of license plate hits. Items the LPR would alert to include missing persons, amber alerts, senior alerts, warrants, and stolen vehicles. Other features are available but with additional costs. Should we decide to move forward with any of these units it would be at an annual cost of \$3,000.00 per unit. I have been informed grant funding is also an option.

Our posting for a school resource officer yielded three candidates. In collaboration with NL Superintendent, Brad Romano, we interviewed the prospective candidate. We are pleased to say the interview went well. Sgt. Capiot is in the process of concluding this individual's background check. If all goes well, we would anticipate an early September start date with the candidate being in attendance for the August 25th meeting. During the interim, myself and the road officers will fulfill any needs and requests the school may have.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin was absent but had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
7/1/2025	0520	0545	Submit June runs to SFM	Station
7/2/2025	1900	2000	Monthly meeting	Station
7/3/2025	2136	2240	CO alarm investigation, CO high	5656 St Rt 162 E
7/3/2025	2246	2319	Grill fire, extinguished before arrival	1875 US RT 250
7/4/2025	1000	1200	#447 to Rochester parade	Rochester
7/5/2025	1000	1200	#447 & #446 Greenwich parade	Greenwich
7/7/2025	1310	1322	Lift assist with FAS	The Laurels
7/7/2025	1010	1044	Investigate electrical problem Apt. 109	Windy Acres
7/13/2025	2142	2209	Investigate overheated thermostat	5673 St Rt 162 E
7/15/2025	0408	0425	Car vs deer, canceled by NLPD	187 West Main St
7/16/2025	0923	1019	CO alarm, investigate, CO high	19 Aster Ct
7/16/2025	1123	1149	Prescribed fire investigation	Griffin & Chenango
7/16/2025	1900	2030	Training, accountability, RIT	Station
7/19/2025	1825	1848	Inspect fireworks	Reservoir
7/20/2025	0800	1300	Spill on the Hill	Reservoir
7/23/2025	1340	1410	4-gas monitor, new O2, LEL sensors, cal.	EMA, NFD
7/30/2025	1515	1520	#422 back in station	Station

Engine #422 is now back in service.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the ambulance service.

Jennifer Ball was absent

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas was absent but Marvin McCallister gave an update on the new horse arena at the recreation park. KC Rodeo out of Ashland County has booked seven shows for the remainder of the year. They are very pleased with the new arena.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-25 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2026 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. Third Reading.

Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, No; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-26 An Ordinance Abolishing the Zoning Commission and Transferring Such Powers and Duties to Council, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance 2025-26 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-18 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-18 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-19 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute and Deliver all Documents Necessary to Participate in Litigation Settlements with Opioid Manufacturers, Purdue Pharma, Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun and Zydus in the National Opiate Prescription Litigation, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-19 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-20 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Sell a 2015 Ford Explorer Interceptor AWD, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-20 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Gullett made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-21 A Resolution of the Village of New London Adopting the Huron County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation. Declaring it an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-21 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

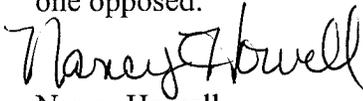
Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Roeder made a motion to approve the proposed zoning change at 0 Walnut Street, New London currently zoned for R1 Residential use to be changed to R3 Multi-Family Residential

use. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed. (This was determined to be an invalid vote after the council meeting and an ordinance will need to be passed.)

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to adjourn. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, August 25, 2025 @ 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: Roeder, Anderson, Crabbs, Ball, Chapin and Gullett.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Jayne Carroll, Shawn Pickworth, Natalie Schulte, Calvin Cross, Karen Cross, Adeline Cross, Dawn Hess and Laura Davidson.

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

The minutes from the August 11, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons reported the digitization project at the library is complete. The project was completely funded by donations. The library also has had new doors installed. Ellen concluded by announcing the library's annual book sale will be held in the new section of the library this year to eliminate the rental costs of a tent. The sale will be held Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Crews fixed a main line leak on West Washburn.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – a project meeting was held here in the Village on August 20th. Contractor, Engineering and the Village met to discuss the project and to resolve some of the challenges from the project. Progress has improved over the last 2 weeks, which is encouraging.

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. Crews have been out trying to address potholes. The streets have taken a beating over the winter, please feel free to report any major holes to the office.

- Street Levy will be on the November ballot. If you want nice streets, we need this to pass.
- Crews have spent a lot of time on storm clean up. I did open an insurance claim for cost recovery from the storm. Damage to Village property includes a destroyed dugout and fence damage at both the park and cemetery. We did rent a wood chipper to clean up downed trees. This cost will be paid for through the claim. Information for residents affected to put in a claim through FEMA can be found through the Huron County EMA Office. I would like to thank Art Mead and staff for their quick response. Also thanks to our Police Officers, Chief Chapin, Brian Cucco and our Street & Sanitation crew for your response.

Other

- It is insurance renewal time for both property and health insurance. This is a process we go through every year. Property must be completed by November 1st and Health by December 1st. We will be having our major structures reappraised on September 10th. We will be meeting with our Health Insurance broker on August 28th to kickoff this year's renewal process.
- Reviewed yearly propane contracts for 2025 – 2026. Agreements have been executed for this year.

Zoning – From August 11, 2025 – August 25, 2025

- I plan on turning 2 violations, maybe 3 over to the prosecutor to file with the courts.
- 100 South Main Street & 14 James Street & 9 West Washburn.
- Closing out 87 South Main Street – with the court order and work done I feel the property owner has brought the issues into compliance.
- 50 North Maple – property owner has completed the chip application to have improvements done to the main structure on the property. She should know if she is awarded within 30 days.
- I received an application for a variance for the property known as 0 Walnut Street. Notices have been sent out and a public hearing is scheduled for September 22nd and Council's approval or denial.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Fiscal Officer.

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the July 2025 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports through the end of July.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-22 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made; and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-22 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call:

Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-23 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute and Deliver a Memorandum of Understanding with the New London Local School District with Respect to the 2025-2026 School Resource Officer Program, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-23 to be passed on an emergency measure. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-24 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. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

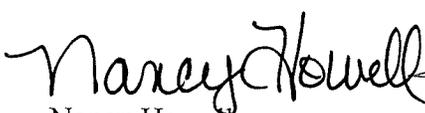
Police Chief Joe Hicks introduced Calvin Cross and his wife Karen and daughter Adeline. Calvin Cross is the candidate selected to fill the School Resource Officer position at New London Schools. Adeline will be attending New London Schools this fall. Joe Hicks noted that Calvin Cross will be sworn in at the next council meeting.

Members of council welcomed Calvin Cross.

Toby Thomas notified members of council that in addition to the council public hearing on September 22nd to discuss rezoning 0 Walnut Street and to consider a variance there will also be a council public hearing to discuss rezoning 118 East Main Street. The final meeting of the zoning and planning commission had voted to send this issue to council for approval.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Roeder made a motion to adjourn. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, September 8, 2025 @ 7 p.m.

Council President Pro Tempore, Steve Roeder, called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Toby Thomas. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder, Chapin, Ball and Gullett.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Laura Davidson, Natalie Schulte, Calvin Cross, Karen Cross, Adeline Cross, Viola Cross, Calvin Cross Sr., Steve Ball, Joe Thomas, Hunter Gregory, Taylor Ingraham, Mike Gerlak, Brian Ball, Don Patton and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the August 25, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder asked if there were any public questions or statements.

There was none.

Steve Roeder called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- The GAC (Granular Activated Carbon) vessels are scheduled to be changed out at the end of September first of October.
- Crews continue with the cellular meter changeouts.
- Crews continue with the required EPA backflow/cross contamination inspections in the Township. These are required every year.
- Joe Hovatter has resigned from the Village of New London. His last day was September 5th. The village is now on the hunt for a new water/wastewater employee.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – after a lot of discussion between engineers, contractor and the Village we have come up with a plan to best address the sewer laterals on the west end of the project. This will require an additional structure to be set. Structure has been ordered and we are hoping storm pipe will start being installed once again this week.

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. Crews have been out trying to address potholes. The streets have taken a beating over the winter, please feel free to report any major holes to the office.
- Street Levy will be on the November ballot. If passed, this levy will generate around \$149,000 per year that will go back into the streets. This will allow us to pave 2-4 streets per year.

Other

- Storm Cleanup – we still have a few trees that need to be removed from the cemetery. Most of the other cleanup has been completed.
- Downtown Project – An LPA quarterly meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 11th. Project design milestones will be discussed as well as future targets to meet.
- On Friday, August 29th I met with representatives for ODOD, Huron County Landbank, EnviroWorks, MaxSolve Consulting and the property owner about submitting for grant funding through ODOD to cleanup and demo a property on South Railroad Street. This was a very positive meeting and I am hoping that we can get this done for both the Village and the property owner.
- We had to hire some help with the Cemetery. I need Council's approval to hire Evan Sroka starting August 27, 2025 at the rate of \$12.00 an hour.

Zoning –

- From August 25, 2025 – September 8, 2025.
- I have not spent a lot of time on zoning the past two weeks. The projects, Labor Day and other responsibilities have been occupying my time. I apologize for this.
- Met with Mike Gerlak on September 4th. Mike Gerlak was then introduced as the new zoning inspector. We visited 52 North Maple Street for a Zoning Permit review.
- Met with a resident on North Main Street due to a zoning complaint received. Resident is in the process of remodeling the house. Encouraged the resident to keep things cleaned up as they go.
- Mike and I have a plan for training and onboarding him into his Zoning Inspector's position.
- I had a zoom meeting with a company called iWorQ Systems. They have a software for Zoning used in municipalities around the country. I was very impressed with the demo. This software could greatly help us with permit management and code

enforcement. The cost is a yearly subscription of \$2400.00 per year and a \$1600.00 onetime setup fee.

Mike Crabbs asked Village Solicitor, Natalie Schulte, if she would review the zoning software Shawn Pickworth is looking at. He also asked her if she could ask other communities she is involved with if they use any sort of zoning software.

Natalie Schulte agreed to look into his request and give some feedback at the next meeting.

Adam Gullett made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire Evan Sroka as a seasonal cemetery employee retroactive to August 27, 2025 at a wage of \$12 per hour. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then called for a report from police.

Joe Hicks shared the following report:

This year's annual Firelands Festival was another huge success from the police department's view point. It appeared to be one of the largest attended in recent memory. I think this could be attributed to the return of the horse shows and the absolutely perfect weather we experienced over the weekend. With the large crowds each day things were still relatively quiet for the police department. Some numbers from the holiday weekend are as follows:

40 calls in total

- 7 traffic stops
- 3 crashes
- 2 disturbances
- 2 assaults

These calls resulted in one traffic citation being issued along with two criminal summons'. Of the three crashes, one was a serious injury crash. The crash remains under investigation with alcohol believed to be a factor. I would like to thank all of my staff for their dedication to our community and their tireless efforts over the long holiday weekend. We also want to wish Officer Emily Cerovac well as she leaves for Navy bootcamp tomorrow.

Concluding this evening's report, I would ask that council approve the appointment of Calvin Cross as our new school resource officer at a rate of \$22.50 per hour. Per the MOU, he will generally only be working during the school year with very limited hours outside of that designated time.

Adam Gullett made a motion to allow Calvin Cross to be hired as the School Resource Officer beginning September 9, 2025 at \$22.50 per hour. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin was absent but had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
8/1/2025	0820	0830	Submit July runs to the SFM	Station
8/2/2025	0800	0830	Ordered Tactron helmet & truck tags	Station
8/3/2025	0800	1000	Reload #422, back in service	Station
8/6/2025	0514	0559	Tire fire	Ferry & Vesta
8/6/2025	1900	2000	Monthly meeting	Station
8/7/2025	2019	2047	Open burn complaint	2787 St Rt 162
8/9/2025	1000	1102	Eagles Car Show Engine 425	Eagles Club St Rt 162 & US RT 250
8/9/2025	1102	1132	2 vehicle MVC	4516 Sectionline
8/9/2025	1436	1501	EMS assist	1655 Crescent Rd
8/9/2025	1531	1622	EMS assist	2847 St Rt 162 E
8/11/2025	0212	0309	Single vehicle crash	Station
8/11/2025	1300	1310	Ordered tool boxes, tray for #441	Grove, Clifton
8/13/2025	0228	0429	Storm damage, wires/trees down	Sandusky
8/14/2025	0700	0900	Picked up tool boxes, sliding tray	Cemetery, Clifton
8/14/2025	1000	1300	Inspect storm damage, EMA, NWS	HC Fairgrounds
8/15/2025	0800	2200	Fair Watch	37 Prospect St
8/15/2025	2253	2300	Possible gas leak, canceled	96 Clifton Apt 109
8/16/2025	0514	0536	Outlet reported as smoking, nothing found	EMA Norwalk
8/18/2025	0900	1115	911 TAC meeting	School
8/19/2025	0930	0950	Small propane leak	School
8/19/2025	1302	1309	Fire alarm, flowing hydrants	206 East Main
8/20/2025	0735	0749	EMS assist	Station
8/20/2025	1900	2030	Training, accountability, radios	Library
8/21/2025	1105	1119	Person trapped in elevator	4441 St Rt 162
8/23/2025	0103	0208	Single vehicle MVC	109 High St
8/26/2025	1854	1951	Assist FAS crew	St Rt 545
8/27/2025	0830	0915	Picked up new tarps for 422 and 425	16 Shadyside
8/28/2025	2131	2206	Assist FAS crew	1011 Fitchville River
8/28/2025	2254	2350	MVC, search for driver	Village
8/30/2025	1300	1345	Labor Day parade	Rec Park
8/31/2025	1500	2200	Demo Derby	2281 Euclid Rd
8/31/2025	2308	0020	MVC, motorcycle vs tree	

For the ambulance report, Steve Roeder stated he had been the one to attend the meeting and he reported August had been an average month.

Steve Roeder then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas shared the following report:

We had a great Labor Day weekend. First off, I want to thank all the volunteers, the park board members who worked tirelessly all weekend, Adam and Shawn in the office, all the gate workers, the NLPD and NLFD and EMS, my sister Jill for organizing the fry stand, my wife and family for putting up with me during this time, and all the people that came to the festival. I

also want to thank all the village employees. They all helped with either the preparation of the festival or cleaning up after it was all over. I could not do this without their help.

- Events.
 - Demo-we had 103 cars that entered the demo this year and 38 power wheels. This was one of the biggest demos that we have had since I have been at the park.
 - Tractor pulls-We had 48 tractors on Saturday night that pulled in the brush pull.
 - OSTPA-the OSTPA added a class this year to the pull, so there were 4 classes. Once again this was a well-attended event for the festival.
 - Softball tournaments-we had 8 teams in the co-ed and 13 teams in the men's
 - Volleyball-there were 14 teams in the volleyball tournament.
 - Fireworks-as always, the fireworks were amazing. With a slight delay and some good entertainment during the down time, the village of New London saw one of the best fireworks displays around. We cannot thank Terry and his crew enough for all they do to make our festival great.
 - All our events I thought went as smoothly as they ever have. The only hiccup all weekend happened at the reservoir. We had a camper run over a water spigot and I had to go out and try and fix that. We ended up shutting the water off in that area until Tuesday.
- We had 116 campers
- We had 22 food vendors

GUN RAFFLE

- November 8th the raffle starts at noon, doors will open at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10 or 6 tickets for \$50. You can get tickets from any park board member, the hardware store in New London and the Amoco gas station in New London.

Steve Roeder then presented Resolution 2025-24 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. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then presented Resolution 2025-25 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-25 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then called for Old Business.

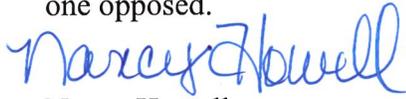
There was none.

Steve Roeder then called for New Business.

There was none.

Steve Roeder then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to adjourn. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Steve Roeder
Council President Pro Tempore

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Special Meeting – Monday, September 15, 2025 @ 6 p.m.

Council President Pro Tempore, Steve Roeder, called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Toby Thomas. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Roeder, Chapin, Anderson, Crabbs, and Ball. Gullett was absent.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Abby Burke and Don Patton.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a village employee or official. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Absent.

Alison Chapin made a motion to return to regular session. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Absent.

Alison Chapin made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire Matthew Hardy as a full-time Water/Wastewater employee beginning September 22, 2025 at a rate of \$26 per hour. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow Matthew Hardy to keep his original hire date, receive one week of vacation available upon hire and restore his unused sick leave he had accumulated during his previous time at the Village of New London. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Chapin made a motion to adjourn. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Steve Roeder
Council President Pro Tempore

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, September 22, 2025 @ 7 p.m.

Council President Pro Tempore, Steve Roeder, called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Toby Thomas. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Roeder, Anderson, Crabbs, Chapin and Gullett. Ball was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Jayne Carroll, Shawn Pickworth, Natalie Schulte, Dawn Hess, Steve Ball, Suzanne Cooke, Chad Blanton, Chad Blake, Mike Gerlak, Chris Francis, Amanda Cooke, Lori Guilmette, Jessica Guilmette, Taylor Ingraham and Laura Davidson.

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

The minutes from the September 8, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the September 15, 2025 special meeting were presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder asked if there were any public questions or statements.

Jayne Carroll stood and reminded everyone that public burning is not acceptable within the village. She urged village residents to contact the police department once burning is detected that is not within a fire pit or a grill etc. so that they can make sure the fire is put out.

Next, Jayne Carroll encouraged everyone to do their research on the Firelands Ambulance levy that will be on the ballot in November. She hopes residents will ask questions and become informed because they are asking for a significant increase from one to three mils.

Joe Hicks asked Jayne Carroll if she had observed open burning within the village.

Jayne Carrol explained two different incidents of open burning within the village.

Steve Roeder called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared that the village had removed a leaky valve on North Main Street and will be replacing a section of the main water line on White Avenue on Tuesday. The GAC (Granular Activated Carbon) exchange at the water plant will begin Wednesday, September 24th. They are also continuing with the Cellular Water Meter Project. Shawn stated that there were no major issues in the Street or Sanitation departments.

Crews are still spending a lot of time on New London Avenue. Despite several obstacles, Shawn is confident the project will be completed in the correct manner.

Shawn Pickworth then shared that he had attended a Zoom Meeting with ODOT concerning the downtown improvement project. This project is in Stage 4 and the final plans are due in October. Shawn stated he still has a lot to do for the project including schooling that he will need to complete. This project is right on schedule.

Shawn Pickworth concluded by addressing an email he had received from Jayne Carroll concerning the street levy that will be on the ballot in November. Jayne Carroll had asked what happened to the money that had been earmarked for the streets previously and what streets will be paved if the levy passes.

Shawn Pickworth began by explaining that the village has received an OPWC grant to help pave several village streets but there is a portion that the village will need to match. The street fund just does not have enough money to cover the match. When Shawn submits a project requesting grant money it always will have some sort of match required. If he submits a project with a 0% match it will not go anywhere. OPWC is the only source of street funding and there is a lot of competition for those funds. The bottom line is that the village's street fund does not carry a large enough balance to maintain the streets it has. The village still plans on using the grant, but council will have to decide where the match should be paid out of.

As far as what streets will be paved first if the levy passes, Shawn Pickworth stated it will be a team effort decision.

Ellen Simmons asked Shawn Pickworth what the grant amount was that was approved for the street project.

Shawn Pickworth explained that the total funding amount is \$478,000 and the village would be responsible to pay 13% of that amount.

Steve Roeder then asked for a report from the Fiscal Officer.

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the August 2025 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports through the end of August.

Steve Roeder then presented Ordinance 2025-27 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Service Agreement with IWORQ Systems Inc. for the Provision and Implementation of Zoning Software and Services in the Village, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then presented Ordinance 2025-28 An Ordinance Amending the 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2025-28 to be passed on an emergency measure. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then presented Resolution 2025-24 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. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then presented Resolution 2025-26 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Chapin made a motion to allow Resolution 2025-26 to be passed on an emergency measure. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Steve Roeder then called for New Business.

Adam Gullett made a motion to allow 118 East Main Street be rezoned from R1 Residential to R3 Multi-Family Residential. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to allow 0 Walnut Street or the corner lot at the intersection of Walnut and South Railroad Street, southwest corner to be rezoned from R1 Residential to R3 Multi-Family Residential. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Alison Chapin made a motion to allow a variance at 0 Walnut Street or the corner lot at the intersection of Walnut and South Railroad Street, southwest corner for the setback from the edge of the pavement to go from 40-foot to 20-foot on both Walnut and South Railroad. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Zoning Inspector Mike Gerlak went over some zoning issues he has handled. He sent a letter to a rental property on Clifton Street concerning a partially disassembled camper in the driveway on September 9th. That camper is now gone. Also, photos were taken of some vehicles without license plates. A phone call was made to the homeowner expressing his concerns. There have been a few calls for permits for an addition, a fence and a shed.

Steve Roeder then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Alison Chapin made a motion to amend the agenda to add an approval of the bills for Schedule B. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Abstain; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Roeder then presented the bills to be paid under Schedule B. Chapin made a motion to approve Schedule B. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Abstain; Gullett, Yes.

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

Steve Roeder made a motion to return to regular session. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Roeder made a motion to adjourn. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Steve Roeder
Council President Pro Tempore

New London Council Zoning Public Hearings September 22, 2025 @ 6:15 p.m. & 6:45 p.m.

Present: Mike Crabbs, Steve Roeder, Jason Anderson, Adam Gullett and Alison Chapin. Jennifer Ball was absent.

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Natalie Schulte, Mike Gerlak, Jayne Carroll, Dawn Hess, Suzanne Cooke, Chad Blanton, Ron Logan, Randy Ronez, Laura Davidson, Chad Blake, Cynthia Hay, Amanda Cooke, Lori Guilmette, Jessica Guilmette, Marvin McCallister, Steve Ball and Chris Francis.

Council President Pro Tempore Steve Roeder called the public hearing to order in the absence of Mayor Toby Thomas.

The purpose of the 6:15 p.m. hearing was to allow public comment concerning rezoning the property located at 118 East Main Street (Parcel #26019B010600000) from R1 Residential to R3 Multi-Family Residential.

Ron Logan stood and stated he thinks it will be good to add more housing to 118 East Main Street because it will bring in more tax money to the village. In addition, these new residents may want to become employed within the village.

Cynthia Hay stood and stated her concern of the need for additional and better housing within the village.

Chad Blanton stood and explained that he felt the town was packed and there is not enough housing. There is always someone looking for a place to live.

Chad Blake stood and explained different aspects of the new units he would like to build. They will be appropriate for the disabled and elderly. The units will not be low-income housing.

Members of council reminded everyone that the reason for the public hearing was to decide whether the property should be zoned for residential or multi-family use and not how the building would be constructed.

Jayne Carroll stood and commended members of council for their trustworthiness. She is glad the decision is in the hands of local residents and thanked them for bringing zoning back into their hands.

Dawn Hess stood and expressed how well the new units will be laid out. She takes care of an elderly lady and the layout of her home does not work well. The new units Chad Blake is proposing have an excellent layout for elderly residents.

Members of council concluded the first public hearing and stated they will make a decision and vote during the regular council meeting.

The purpose of the 6:45 p.m. hearing was to allow public comment concerning rezoning the property located at 0 Walnut Street or the corner lot at the intersection of Walnut and South Railroad Street, southwest corner (Parcel #26019B030390000) from R1 Residential to R3 Multi-

Family Residential. It was also to allow public comment on a variance request regarding 40-foot setbacks from the edge of the pavement. The owner is requesting 20-foot setbacks off the edge of the pavement on both Walnut and South Railroad.

No member of the public made a statement.

A decision and vote will take place during the regular council meeting.

There being no further questions or comments, the Meeting adjourned.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Steve Roeder
Council President Pro Tempore

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 13, 2025 @ 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: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder, Ball and Gullett. Chapin was absent.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Natalie Schulte, Joe Thomas, Mike Gerlak, Brian Cucco, Jayne Carroll, Dawn Hess, Chris Francis, Mark Davis, Carol Davis, Melanie Cucco and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the September 22, 2025 Zoning Public Hearings were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the September 22, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated she had a question about the new street that comes off Park Avenue and goes into the municipal parking lot. Is it one way? There are no signs and she has seen traffic going both directions.

Shawn Pickworth stated he doesn't consider it a street. It is a driveway owned by the library. He questioned whether it should be one way.

After some discussion, it was determined the village will provide the appropriate signs for the location.

Ellen thanked Shawn Pickworth.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth stated the only thing he had to report is the project on New London Avenue. The project is continuing slowly. There have been a number of challenges. The trenches will be patched but the paving will not be completed until the spring. There have been many challenges with receiving the funds from the state funding agency. It is becoming a problem because the village needs to pay the contractor for the work that has been completed. The funds from the first pay application have not been received yet and there are also two more pay applications on deck. It has been a struggle but the village will get through it. Another extension will have to be requested to allow the street to be paved in the spring.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin was absent but had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
9/1/2025	0810	0840	Submit August runs to SFM	Station
9/1/2025	1700	2000	Standby for tractor pulls	Rec Park
9/1/2025	1900	1920	Inspect fireworks	Rec Park
9/3/2025	0004	0109	Camper fire	2035 US RT 250 S
9/3/2025	0815	0905	Photograph, investigate camper fire	2035 US RT 250 S
9/3/2025	1900	2000	Monthly meeting	Station
9/9/2025	2040	2055	Gas leak from stove	99 Park Ave.
9/11/2025	1700	2100	County meeting, NL host, 911	Norwalk Memorial 721 Rome
9/14/2025	1911	1916	Auto alarm, canceled	Greenwich
9/16/2025	1133	1835	Residential Fire	107 Third St.
9/17/2025	1900	2030	Training, accountability, tabletop	Station
9/21/2025	0900	1010	Emptied 441 for painting touchup	Station
9/22/2025	1230	1240	441 to Carl's for painting	Carl's
9/23/2025	0600	0630	Scanned and emailed fire report X 3	Station
9/29/2025	1000	1045	Fire drill	Windy Acres

Toby Thomas called for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball stated that September was a busy month. The next board meeting will be Monday, October 20th at 7 p.m.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas shared the following report:

- The park's annual gun raffle will be on November 8th. Tickets are available at the Amoco gas station, the hardware store, the reservoir office and any park board member. Doors open at 10:00am and the raffle starts at noon.
- Camping season is coming to a close at both parks. We had a great Halloween weekend at the reservoir a couple of weeks ago. Just in our annual pumpkin roll, we had over 100 kids and adults participate in the event.

Toby Thomas asked Zoning Inspector Mike Gerlak if he had a report to share.

Mike Gerlak reported that he had issued three shed permits. He is also working on getting pictures of a few different properties so that violation letters can be sent out.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Street, Sanitation and Cemetery.

Brian Cucco began by thanking the sanitation crew for carrying the load for the past five weeks while being down one man due to a surgery. He then reported that 3,700,000 plus pounds of trash have been picked up and hauled to the landfill so far this year. There have been some minor repairs needed with the trucks and other equipment. There was 110,203 pounds of card board picked up during 2024 and that total should be close to the same for 2025. The new trash cans are working out well and the residents seem to be pleased with them.

For the cemetery, Brian reported that he had filed an insurance claim for storm cleanup and fence repair and for an additional seven trees that will need to be taken down due to damage during the tornado in August. This claim will include labor charges as well. Mowing the cemetery has been a challenge this year but the new parttime employee is working out great.

Brian ended his report with the street department. He reminded everyone that the brush and compost piles should not be used as a dumping ground for old lumber, flower pots, trash bags etc. This is a free service that the village provides for village residents. Please make sure only brush and compostable materials are placed in the piles.

Mike Crabbs asked if there was video footage that could be used to determine those that are dumping inappropriate items.

Brian Cucco replied that at times video footage can be used but there are many times that the footage is not clear enough to make a determination.

Brian then spoke about the street levy that will be on the ballot in November. With the growing concerns of high property taxes, Brian asked the village residents to chose wisely when voting. He and Shawn have been discussing the levy for many months and he feels they have come up with the correct rate. Brian urged residents to think about it not as a levy but as a commitment to the community.

There are five streets scheduled to be resurfaced in 2026 and they are hoping to go out to bid for this project by winter. The downtown streets will also be resurfaced as part of the downtown renovation project. Although they are primarily funded by grants, the village will have some expenses associated with these projects.

The street budget has been an issue for many years. The costs associated with the street department have skyrocketed out of control. The only funds received by the street department is the gasoline tax distribution received from the State of Ohio and motor vehicle license (MVL) fees received from the county. MVL fees come from license plate renewals from village residents. The street fund brings in approximately \$150,000 a year.

Expenses from the street fund include snow removal, salt and salt storage, equipment, cold patch, painting crosswalks and parking spots, trimming trees, storm work, signage, labor, health insurance, fuel and paving when possible. The village has about 77,603.53 feet of road way or 14.7 miles to maintain with this \$150,000. There are also six bridges that require inspections and maintenance. There are a number of streets in the village that have not been resurfaced in 30 years. The only funds available to pave streets are County Permissive funds held by the county. These funds can only be used for North Railroad, Miner, Euclid, and Park Avenue from the post office to the point. These funds need to be requested and approved by the county when the village would like to use them.

The street pays partial wages for four full-time employees who are also paid from sanitation. Winter weather is always uncertain so Brian is always frugal when it comes to winter storms. This past winter there were several ice storms requiring the use of more salt. He tries to have crews come in at the tail end of a storm instead of plowing throughout the entire event.

While the street and sanitation departments have some new equipment, there are trucks needed to plow that are 16 years old. With exceedingly increasing costs, Brian asked everyone to please support this 3.5 mill street levy. It is essential for the street department.

Mike Crabbs thanked Brian Cucco and told him well said.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-27 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Service Agreement with IWORQ Systems Inc. for the Provision and Implementation of Zoning Software and Services in the Village, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance 2025-27 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. 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 2025-29 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 118 East Main Street, From a “R-1 Single Family Residential” Zoning District Designation to a “R-3 Multi-Family Residential” Zoning District Designation. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-30 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 0 Walnut Street, From a “R-1 Single Family Residential” Zoning District Designation to a “R-3 Multi-Family Residential” Zoning District Designation. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-31 An Ordinance to Authorize Nominal Expenditures for Refreshments or Meals to be Served at Various Municipal Events. First Reading.

Mike Crabbs asked what brought this ordinance about.

The fiscal officer stated it would allow the village to use minimal funds for light refreshments at police trainings, community events and other village activities only. The police sometimes have all day trainings and this would allow the village to pay for a light lunch for them. If a community meeting would ever be held, the village would be able to provide light refreshments for the attendees.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-32 An Ordinance Amending the Village’s Employee Handbook to Address Changes to Vacation Time, Sick Leave, and Retirement, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-33 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook to Address Changes to Longevity Pay, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

After some discussion by the fiscal officer and members of council, it was decided to change this from an emergency reading to a first reading.

Steve Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All aye; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Mayor Toby Thomas asked members of council to think about what they would like to do in the future if a council meeting fell on a holiday. Since it was Columbus Day, Toby Thomas thought maybe council should consider not holding meetings when they fell on a national holiday.

Village Solicitor Natalie Schulte mentioned that some municipalities will have something passed in ordinance form noting what happens when a council meeting falls on a holiday. She stated she would work on something and send it out for members of council to review. There will be more discussion on this at the next council meeting.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 27, 2025 @ 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: Roeder, Anderson and Crabbs. Chapin, Ball and Gullett were absent.

Also present: Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Dawn Hess, Mike Gerlak and Chris Francis.

Mayor Toby Thomas made a statement of lack of quorum.

Meeting adjourned.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Workshop – Water, Sewer, Storm, Police and Fire Budget Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members of Council present: Steve Roeder, Alison Chapin, Mike Crabbs, Jason Anderson, Adam Gullett and Jennifer Ball.

Also present: Abby Burke, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Cole Risner, Joe Hicks, and John Chapin

Fire Chief John Chapin began the meeting by discussing the fire accounts.

John Chapin began with the Fire Fund. The money in the fire fund is sourced by the .5% police and fire village income tax levy. A portion of per run fees also go into this fund. He requested a few increases in his budget for 2026. Most increases were minimal with the most significant increase being for payroll. This fund holds the minimum to keep the fire department running. It covers day to day expenses. John also explained that he budgeted for two new sets of protective gear to be paid for out of this fund. Fire gear is only good for 10 years. After the expiration date, it is given to EHOVE for training. The gear can be used for training after the 10-year mark but for nothing else. He also explained that he is going to be applying for a grant to help purchase the needed protective gear.

John Chapin then went over the Fire Fighting Facilities Fund. He began by explaining that the fire departments main source of income is from the contracts with the townships and their per run fees. Currently, Clarksfield Township's contract is all inclusive and they pay one flat fee per year with no per run charges. The next time the contracts are up for renewal, John would like to transition New London Township and Fitchville Township to the same format. This fund will be carrying over a large balance. John stated that he has several vehicles that will need maintenance and repair in 2026. He is also planning on putting a coating on the floors at the fire station due to the disrepair of the current concrete floors. Also in 2026, John plans to take the 1991 Chevy pickup truck out of service. He also would like to start the process of replacing the 1987 fire engine. He will begin the process by looking at different funding options. He thinks USDA funding will be his best option. Before he can proceed with USDA funding, ordinances will need to be passed. He is also applying for a FEMA Grant. If FEMA funds are received, he will not need to finance the engine.

Police Chief Joe Hicks then took over to discuss the police funds.

Chief Hicks began by stating his overall budget for 2026 is less than his 2025 budget. His plans for his 2026 budget include a promotion for Lance Capiot to Lieutenant and raises for all other officers. He noted that his vehicle maintenance and repair budget was decreased since he primarily has a new fleet. Chief Hicks added that his Capital Outlay budget was also decreased. His Capital Outlay budget will be used for the department's body camera contract, Lexipol Policy and Procedure Manual and possibly a new breathalyzer system. Chief Hicks still is unsure if he would like to purchase the new system. The department has seen only one OVI in the past

year. He is also not sure of the accuracy of the new machine. One other item that Chief Hicks would like to budget under Capital Outlay is a Flock camera system. The department has started a free trial with the system. One camera has been installed at the reservoir park and they are waiting for the others to be installed. Once the free trial is over, Chief Hicks will evaluate the system and ask for council's input on whether to keep any of the cameras and discuss the locations that will be best for the village. He concluded by stating he was requesting an increase in his ammunition budget. The department has been increasing their shooting time at the range. They are completing more shooting range time than required by the state so that they are fully prepared for any situations they are involved in.

Don Patton, Water/Sewer Superintendent, and Cole Risner, Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent presented the 2026 budgets for the Water, Sewer and Storm Sewer Funds. They went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund.

The Reservoir Maintenance Fund was discussed. This fund is used for ODNR reimbursements. It is kept in reserve to do maintenance and upkeep at the water treatment plant and property. The funds are built up so they are able to be used for needed projects.

The Water Reserve Fund is a small emergency fund. Once it can, the Water Fund will put additional funds into this fund to be used for emergencies.

The Water Tower Colocation Fund is a fund that several different groups contribute to. This fund was created when the radio antennae was placed on top of the water tower. All groups using the radio antennae contribute to this fund. The village currently does not need to bill for this fund because the balance is almost \$20,000.

For the Storm Sewer Fund, Don and Cole explained that the charge on the monthly utility bills is what funds the Storm Sewer Fund. This fund is able to keep the storm sewers in the village up to date and is a cost savings to the Water and Sewer Funds. They hope to complete the storm sewer at Primetals and then all the village storm sewers will be updated. It was also noted that \$25 to \$30 thousand dollars needs to be earmarked from this fund for the New London Avenue Project. This fund is also used for a small portion of salaries.

For the Water Fund, Don and Cole stated that they were able to complete their budget without having to count on any carryover balance. They are planning to let the carryover balance build up for future large projects. This will do away with the need for loans. The Water Fund currently uses funds for a portion of a dump truck loan, a portion of an equipment lease, the Coleman Court Project loan, Water Treatment Plant Improvements Engineering loan, Harmful Algae Bloom loan and a Lead Service Line Replacement loan. One project the water department is currently working on is replacing all water meters with new cellular meters. The main increases in the water budget were for wages and utilities like electricity and propane.

For the Sewer Fund, Don and Cole emphasized the goal of staying within the budget without having to rely on a carryover balance like the Water Fund was able to do. The goal is to not have to take loans out for future projects. It was noted that the Sewer Fund also needed to earmark \$25 to \$30 thousand dollars for the New London Avenue Project. The sewer fund pays for a USDA

Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrade loan, a portion of a dump truck loan, a portion of an equipment lease and the refinance of a USDA loan for Sewer Treatment Plant improvements. Wages and utilities like electric and natural gas were increased. Some plans for the upcoming year include replacing a couple trucks and passing down a couple trucks.

Don Patton and Cole Risner ended the meeting discussing some projects that were completed during 2025. Several valve replacements have been done, 10 water main breaks were repaired, GAC Media was replaced and testing for the EPA was completed. The cellular meter project is 15% complete. The new cellular meters allow for the viewing of hourly water usage. There is six to seven years to total completion of the project. In 2026, the downtown revitalization project will be completed and they are hoping to replace a few fire hydrants. Don and Cole are working on a 100% Federally Funded study at the raw water pump station. They are working hard to receive that funding.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 10, 2025 @ 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: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder, Ball, Chapin and Gullett.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Mike Gerlak, Dawn Hess, Abby Burke, Don Patton, Taylor Ingraham and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the October 13, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the October 27, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated she wanted to follow up on her question about the signs for the new driveway that comes off Park Avenue and goes into the municipal parking lot. She noticed there were two small signs so people don't enter in the wrong way but that is it.

Shawn Pickworth stated that Brian Cucco was ordering the appropriate signs for the area.

Ellen thanked Shawn Pickworth for the information.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth stated he didn't have much to report. The New London Avenue project is to the intersection at Fairhome Street. It is going to be a mess this winter. Trench repair is expected to start and they would like to get the trench repairs done and then come back early spring to pave and finish the project. A plan will be submitted to the engineers and it will be discussed to make sure everyone is in agreement with putting the project on pause. They will clean up the area for the winter and then come back in the spring to finish it up. This project has been a tough one. There was a lot under the ground that they didn't know about. Shawn believes that the contractor is doing the best that he can. He believes it is best to stop the project for the winter after the trenches are complete and come back in the spring. That is the plan for now.

Shawn Pickworth then notified council that the land bank has offered Peggy Danison some Brownfield Funding to take down her facility at the tile yard. This funding would clean up the entire area along the railroad tracks. She is coming in on Thursday to sign paperwork. What Shawn needs from council and the community is letters of support of the project. The property

will be demolished and cleaned up. Peggy Danison will still own the property but the land bank will take care of cleaning it up.

Mike Crabbs stated that Shawn Pickworth had been working hard with Mr. Born on his facility in that same area of town and it was supposed to be torn down but it appears to be at a standstill.

Shawn Pickworth replied that yes, it is at a standstill. Shawn received an extra \$5,000 for that contractor to use for demolition but the relationship with the contractor has deteriorated. If anyone has any suggestions, he is open to them. Mr. Born has given permission for the facilities to be torn down and besides what is received from scrap metal, the land bank has promised \$5,000 to go towards the demolition of the facilities.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin was absent but had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
10/1/2025	0945	1025	Submit Sept runs to SFM	Station
10/1/2025	1800	2030	Monthly meeting	Station
10/4/2025	0730	0810	Jack stands for smoke trailer	Norwalk Fire
10/5/2025	1307	1343	CO call, 0 readings	5928 Fox Glove
10/5/2025	1344	1349	Field fire, canceled enroute	1595 Court Rd
10/9/2025	1331	1335	Fire alarm, canceled	1 Wildcat Dr
10/13/2025	1800	2000	LZ class, FAS, Setup	FAS, Park
10/14/2025	1804	1829	Vehicle fire, extinguished before arrival	106 High St.
10/14/2025	1900	1945	Snake dance, #425	School to Park
10/15/2025	0930	1000	4-wheeler back to FAS	Station to FAS
10/15/2025	1900	2100	SCBA training, RIT	Porter Farms
10/17/2025	0800	1000	Replace hose 422 (19)	Station
10/18/2025	1716	1759	Fire, extinguished	929 US RT 250 S
10/20/2025	0805	0809	MVC, canceled	St Rt 60 & TL 187
10/20/2025	1045	1105	441 back in quarters	Carl's
10/22/2025	1800	2100	Install tool boxes, slide out tray on 441	Station
10/25/2025	1600	1900	Trick or Treat drive around, Halloween parade	New London
10/27/2025	1900	2100	UH Paradigm Podcast live	Wakeman Fire
10/28/2025	1600	1630	New gear fitting for 05 & 22	Station
10/29/2025	1252	1357	Grain dryer fire, extinguished	1334 Exchange
10/29/2025	1352	1405	Auto fire alarm, canceled enroute	1 Wildcat Dr
10/29/2025	1830	2000	Fire Chiefs meeting	Norwalk Fire
10/30/2025	1300	1430	Evacuation/response training of schools' plans	NL Board Office US RT 250/ St Rt
10/31/2025	1607	1643	2 vehicle crash	162

Toby Thomas called for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball stated that she had no formal report but October was a busy month.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas was absent but Toby Thomas announced that the New London Parks Improvement Corporation's Gun Raffle had gone well.

Toby Thomas asked Zoning Inspector Mike Gerlak if he had a report to share.

Mike Gerlak reported that he had sent out three letters over the last couple of weeks and he mentioned that there was some good progress at the residence on East Main Street. He got the letter returned for the vehicle on New London Avenue. It has been hard contacting the owner but they finally were able to. A letter was sent out to a property on First Street for an abundance of trash. The village sanitation department took care of picking the trash up. He has been discussing storage containers with Shawn Pickworth. It is hard to separate what's what. He and Shawn are going to coordinate with Natalie Schulte and get a letter to put a date on those with storage containers. This letter would have a date that the container needs to be gone and it would need to be signed by the resident. The property where the house burnt down on the corner of Third Street and Maple Street is currently zoned as an R1 and will need to be changed to an R3. The owner plans on rebuilding. He has sketches and he wants to make sure things are done correctly.

Shawn Pickworth added that they had a kick off meeting with iWorq, the new zoning software. There will be weekly meetings until everyone is trained.

Mike Crabbs said it has been brought to his attention by several people that there is an abundance of overgrown brush at the old Firelands Electric building. He asked if there was something that could be done to talk to the owner of the property and ask him to trim it up and remove some of the brush.

Shawn and Toby Thomas agreed and will make sure the owner is contacted.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-29 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 118 East Main Street, From a "R-1 Single Family Residential" Zoning District Designation to a "R-3 Multi-Family Residential" Zoning District Designation. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-30 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 0 Walnut Street, From a "R-1 Single Family Residential" Zoning District Designation to a "R-3 Multi-Family Residential" Zoning District Designation. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Shawn Pickworth stated that property is now 47 Walnut Street. The ordinance will be changed to reflect the new address before the third reading.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-31 An Ordinance to Authorize Nominal Expenditures for Refreshments or Meals to be Served at Various Municipal Events. Second

Reading. Crabbs made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-32 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook to Address Changes to Vacation Time, Sick Leave, and Retirement, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-33 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook to Address Changes to Longevity Pay, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Crabbs made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-34 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook to Address Updates to the Cellular Telephones Policy, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading.

Members of council asked for an explanation for this ordinance.

Shawn Pickworth explained that the village would like to discontinue providing cellular telephones to employees and provide a yearly stipend instead. The only cellular telephones the village would continue to pay for would be one for the police department, one for the zoning inspector and one for the on-call water/sewer employee.

Steve Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-35 An Ordinance Amending Section 111.01 of the Village Codified Ordinances Relative to Council Meetings, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-36 An Ordinance Amending the 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance 2025-36 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-27 a Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made; and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-27 to be passed on an emergency measure. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-28 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to Execute and Deliver all Documents Necessary to Participate in a Settlement with Discover, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

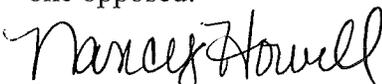
Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas stated that after the recent election, there was still one open council seat. Toby Thomas will speak with Natalie Schulte and see what process the village will need to follow to appoint the last member.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented vouchers 1-46 for payments dated October 28, 2025 for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the payments. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Abstain; Gullett, Yes.

Adam Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

	
Nancy Howell Fiscal Officer	Toby Thomas Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Workshop – Cemetery, Street, Sanitation, Recreation, General and all other
Mon., November 24, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Members of Council present: Steve Roeder, Alison Chapin, Mike Crabbs, Jason Anderson and Adam Gullett. Jennifer Ball was absent.

Also present: Natalie Schulte, Shawn Pickworth, Joe Thomas and Brian Cucco.

Brian Cucco, Utilities Foreman, presented the 2025 budgets for the Sanitation, Street, State Highway and Permissive accounts. He also presented the budgets for the Cemetery Funds.

Brian Cucco began by discussing the State Highway Fund. Nothing much has changed with this fund. Most of the money in this account is used for the purchase of salt. A small portion of this fund is used for the purchase of certain signage. Some of these funds could potentially be used toward the upcoming Downtown Project.

The Permissive Funds were then explained. There were no changes for the Local Permissive Fund but Brian Cucco explained that he was going to request the available balance of the County Permissive Fund. County Permissive funds are held by the county and can be used only on certain roads. Brian would like to use the County Permissive funds to resurface Euclid Road from the curve to the entrance of the reservoir. This will cost approximately \$133,242.00.

Brian Cucco then switched to discuss the Cemetery Funds. The Cemetery Endowment Fund has not been used in several years. The Cemetery Trust Fund receives \$75 of each grave site that is purchased. This is a difficult fund to budget because it is hard to anticipate how many cemetery plots will be sold.

Brian Cucco explained to members of council that he will be scheduling a cemetery board meeting soon because the current cemetery pricing needs to be increased. He is also considering doing away with Sunday burials. Brian stated he is also considering participating in the John Deere Lease Program. This would allow the cemetery to receive a new mower every year and there would be a consistent payment involved which would make budgeting easier.

Members of council thought it would be a good idea to participate in the lease program.

Brian Cucco then spoke about the Street Fund. In the past, the General Fund supplemented the Street Fund every year. The last several years it has not been necessary to supplement the Street Fund. Brian explained that he would like to reestablish receiving \$10,000 from the General Fund to supplement the Street Fund each year. He would like to build a salt storage building at the city garage. Half of this new building would be used to store salt which would alleviate the need to rent a building as the village currently does. Brian Cucco stated that the village currently has salt on order as soon as it is needed and the snowplows have been maintenance and are ready for the upcoming winter season. Brian also informed members of council that he would like to try for another street levy in the spring. He would like to decrease the millage being requested down to

one or one- and one-half mills for four years. Brian Cucco stated this would not be enough to do everything they would like but it would be better than nothing. There was much discussion on another street levy and a possible street committee.

The last fund Brian Cucco discussed was the Sanitation Fund. Brian thought the Sanitation Fund had experienced an okay year. He requested a new line item on the revenue side to be able to track the dumpster rentals. He stated he had increased his budget to allow for increased wages and landfill costs. Brian also requested an increase in his building and lands line item. The garage building is in need of a new ceiling and some insulation and he would like to possibly add a shower. One major expense expected for the future is the purchase of a new garbage truck. He would like to purchase a new truck through a seven-year lease. Brian noted that the price of a new garbage truck has increased by \$100,000 since the last time one was purchased. He concluded by explaining that the other half of the salt storage building would be used for the Sanitation Department so this fund would pay for a portion of any loan needed to construct the building.

The Fiscal Officer then presented the General Fund for discussion. There was one notable change to discuss. The village prosecutor has requested a change in how he is paid. He would like to go from a 1099 employee to a W-2 employee. This would cause some changes in the budget to allow for him to become an employee of the village. He would be considered a parttime employee and not eligible for health insurance or any other village benefits. This change will be voted on by members of council.

The Fiscal Officer then touched on several funds that are not commonly used. She briefly discussed the Veteran's Memorial Fund, Rainy Day Fund and CSX Fund.

Joe Thomas presented the recreation budget to council. He explained that 2025 has been a good year although camping was down slightly from 2024. Joe Thomas noted that camping rates had been increased to allow for some improvements to the reservoir. He has been working with a company that has drawn up plans for a new office building and renovations to the shower house. This plan also includes using the existing office as a game room and hospitality room. Joe Thomas contacted three different banks to get quotes on a loan. The best option he found is a loan with a 5% fixed interest rate. If the project comes in less than anticipated, Joe would also like to use funds to repave the entrance into the reservoir.

Joe Thomas then spoke to members of council about the future of the recreation park. He has spoken before about redoing the ball fields and he explained that he has a potential large donation for the project. If the project is ever approved and completed, the truck and tractor pulls and the demolition derby at Labor Day would be relocated to the old football field. Joe Thomas and Shawn Pickworth have worked extensively with OHM Advisors, an engineering company, and they have received a full plan for this project.

In conclusion, Joe Thomas stated he would like permission to get bids to start the reservoir improvement projects explained earlier. He also announced that Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Hileman Building on December 7th and there will be horse and carriage rides at the event.

Natalie Schulte will begin working on legislation that upon approval by council, will give Joe Thomas permission to go out for bid on his project.

The workshop was adjourned.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 24, 2025 @ 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: Roeder, Anderson, Crabbs, Chapin and Gullett. Ball was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Natalie Schulte, Dawn Hess, Mike Gerlak and Taylor Ingraham.

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

The minutes from the November 10, 2025 budget meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 10, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Marvin McCallister asked what the new camera system was that the Police Department was installing.

Police Chief Hicks stated it was the Flock Camera system.

Marvin McCallister asked how much they cost.

Chief Hicks stated they were \$3000 per unit per year.

Marvin McCallister asked how many units the department would be getting.

Chief Hicks replied that the number was to be determined. They are currently just using the cameras on a trial basis for 60 days.

Marvin McCallister wanted to make sure that Chief Hicks was aware of the accuracy issues the cameras could have.

Mayor Toby Thomas added that was why the village was taking advantage of the free trial so they could see how the units work and see how accurate they are.

Marvin McCallister stated there was also the potential for misuse of the units.

Police Hicks stated there is also the potential for misuse of the MDT devices in the patrol cars. It is important to be able to trust the officers. Chief Hicks emphasized that he is not trying to hide anything. At a previous meeting in August all of the details of the Flock Camera system had been presented to council.

Marvin stated he must have missed that meeting. He also wanted to make sure that Chief Hicks knew that the cameras are easy to hack.

Council assured Marvin McCallister that the Flock Camera system was a trial situation and they do not know how they will proceed once the trial is complete.

Marvin McCallister expressed his concern about privacy issues.

Chief Hicks replied that the Supreme Court has ruled that there is no privacy to a license plate.

Officer Taylor Ingraham explained an incident where they were searching for a domestic violence suspect. Due to the Flock Camera system and where the camera was placed, they were able to look for that individual and they were able to locate him in Medina. This system has the potential to truly help people and keep them safe.

Marvin stated he thinks the cost is the biggest factor.

Council assured Marvin that at the end of the trial period they will evaluate the system and see how they should proceed.

Joe Hicks explained several benefits of the system. After the 60-day trial some of the cameras could be moved or eliminated. There is a grant that is potentially available. He has not had a chance to look into it yet to see how it could help with the cost.

Ellen Simmons then announced that there would be a free dinner at the school tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and it is open to the public. There is no cost for the meal.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth presented the following report:

Water

- Crews eliminated a water leak on Akron Street and installed a new service. Still more work to be done to complete this project.
- Fixed a leak on New London Ave.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Project is buttoned up for the winter. We still expect the sewer lining crew to be in at some point.
- Crews have been working through some flow meter issues.

Sanitation

- Trash Holiday Schedules:
Christmas Week – Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday, December 24th.
New Year's Week – Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday, December 31st.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- I expect to go to bid on the 2026 paving project sometime after January 1st.

Other

- Holiday Schedule, I would like Council's approval for this year's holiday schedule as follows.
- **Christmas** - December 24th the Office will close at noon and reopen on December 29th at 8:00 am.
- **New Years** – December 31st the Office will close at noon and reopen on January 5th at 8:00 am.
- **Health Insurance** – Council has an ordinance before you tonight to approve this year's employee health insurance plan. We will once again be changing carriers but we are able to show a savings to both the Village and Employees of just over 19% from last year's plan cost and almost 40% compared to if we just renewed the one we have. Good news.
- **Property Insurance** – cost went up around 11% this year. We changed some of our deductibles to show around a \$5000.00 saving but increased our overall plan by \$3 Million. So, this year we will spend just under \$80 K on property and equipment insurance.

Zoning

- We are working on onboarding the new zoning software. Mike, Matt and I have had training 1 time per week for the last 3 weeks.

Shawn Pickworth concluded by commending the village team for working within their budgets over the past year. They went above and beyond and are coming in under budget for the year.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to approve the holiday hours of closing the office at noon on December 24, 2025 and reopening on December 29, 2025 at 8 a.m.; and closing the office at noon on December 31, 2025 and reopening on January 5, 2025 at 8 a.m. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then asked for a report from the Fiscal Officer.

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the September and October 2025 bank reconciliations to approve and also deposit and expense reports through the end of October. She then asked members of council what they would like to do about the December 22nd council meeting. The past two years council has canceled the second meeting in December and three members came in later to sign off on the payment vouchers.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to cancel the December 22, 2025 council meeting. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-29 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 118 East Main Street, From a “R-1 Single Family Residential” Zoning District Designation to a “R-3 Multi-Family Residential” Zoning District Designation. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-30 An Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located at 47 Walnut Street, From a “R-1 Single Family Residential” Zoning District Designation to a “R-3 Multi-Family Residential” Zoning District Designation. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-31 An Ordinance to Authorize Nominal Expenditures for Refreshments or Meals to be Served at Various Municipal Events. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-32 An Ordinance Amending the Village’s Employee Handbook to Address Changes to Vacation Time, Sick Leave, and Retirement, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-33 An Ordinance Amending the Village’s Employee Handbook to Address Changes to Longevity Pay, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-34 An Ordinance Amending the Village’s Employee Handbook to Address Updates to the Cellular Telephones Policy, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Crabbs made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-35 An Ordinance Amending Section 111.01 of the Village Codified Ordinances Relative to Council Meetings, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-37 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into Agreements with Health Care Provider(s) to Implement Healthcare, Dental and Vision Insurance Coverages for Eligible Employees of the Village, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance 2025-37 to be passed on an emergency measure. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-28 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to Execute and Deliver all Documents Necessary to Participate in a Settlement with Discover, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-29 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-29 to be passed on an emergency measure. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then called for Old Business.

Jason Anderson asked Chief Hicks if the notifications from the Flock Camera system come back for all cars.

Chief Hicks replied that yes, they should come back for all the units that are up and running.

Steve Roeder then called for New Business.

Mayor Toby Thomas asked Natalie Schulte, Village Solicitor, to explain to council the details of filling the vacant seat on council.

Natalie Schulte explained that council has 30 days from the election to fill the vacant seat. After the 30 days the mayor is able to appoint the sixth person who will sit on council. The 30 days will be up on December 4th.

Mike Crabbs expressed interest in holding a special meeting to select a new member.

A notice will be placed in the paper and on Facebook and the village webpage asking for letters of interest in the open seat. A special meeting will then be held to vote on the new member. Letters of intent will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to hold a special meeting on December 4, 2025 at 7 p.m. to appoint a new member to the New London Village Council. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid under Schedule B. Roeder made a motion to approve Schedule B. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Abstain; Gullett, Yes.

Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

New London Council Zoning Public Hearing
Monday, November 24, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mike Crabbs, Steve Roeder, Jason Anderson, Adam Gullett and Alison Chapin. Jennifer Ball was absent.

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Natalie Schulte, Steven Justavick, Alex Rankine and John Kegley.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the public hearing to order.

The purpose of the zoning public hearing was to allow public comment concerning a variance request for the property located at 52 North Maple Street (Parcel #26019B080220000). Owner Steven Justavick is requesting a variance for the 5-foot setback on the south property line (side) required by the Village of New London's Zoning Code to be reduced to 2 feet.

John Kegley from High Touch Homes Inc. came forward with the proposed house plans. Steven Justavick is purchasing a modular home and the property sits on a slight angle. If the home is not placed on the same angle as the property, Mr. Justavick will not be within code. He is requesting a variance for his property so that he will not have to place his home on an angle and so that he will be able to access his back yard.

John Kegley and Steven Justavick explained their proposal to members of council. They also noted that their proposal meets all fire codes.

Mike Crabbs stated that he believes that this is a unique situation.

Members of council discussed the request and expressed approval of the proposal.

No other members of the public made any comments.

Natalie Schulte, Village Solicitor, will begin writing the needed legislation for approval.

There being no further questions or comments, the Meeting adjourned.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Special Meeting – Thursday, December 4, 2025 @ 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: Roeder, Chapin, Anderson, Crabbs, Gullett and Ball.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Ed Fannin, Gwean Anderson, Joe Hicks, Mike Gerlak and John Gerlak.

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

Toby Thomas asked if there were any public questions or statements concerning the open seat on council.

There were none.

Steve Roeder made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the appointment of a village official. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Roeder made a motion to return to regular session. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Roeder made a motion to appoint Jon Harrison to the open seat on village council beginning January 1, 2026. Nobody seconded the motion.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to appoint John Gerlak to the open seat on village council beginning January 1, 2026. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Chapin made a motion to adjourn. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 8, 2025 @ 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: Crabbs, Anderson, Roeder, Ball and Gullett. Chapin was absent.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Mike Gerlak, Dawn Hess, Natalie Schulte, Alex Rankine, Joe Thomas, Kyle Davis, Ed Fannin, Chad Blake, John Gerlak and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the November 24, 2025 Budget Meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 24, 2025 Zoning Public Hearings were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 24, 2025 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the December 4, 2025 Special Meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Alex Rankine stood and stated that Mark Coriell, representative from Mickey Mart, had given a fine presentation about the benefits of building a new Mickey Mart building on North Main Street, but he felt he had minimized the aspect of such a building coming to a residential neighborhood. Mr. Rankine encouraged members of council to think if they would like to have a Mickey Mart across the street from where they live.

Members of council replied that it would depend on where they would be living.

Mike Crabbs emphasized that this new Mickey Mart would be a good opportunity for the village.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Crews finished up a project on Akron Street. Old 4" main is now abandoned.

- Crews fixed a water leak on New London Ave on 11/24/2025.
- Crews called in early morning hours on 11/30/2025 to fix a water leak on First Street. Crew did a great job while facing some harsh elements.
- We have a water main leak on Prospect Street. Locates have been called in and crews will be making repairs this week.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Sewer Lining is completed. There shouldn't be any more activity on the project until spring.
- Crews were out at 1:00 am Monday morning for some equipment issues at the treatment plant. All fixed and everything is up and running.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- Trash Holiday Schedules:
Christmas Week – Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday, December 24th.
New Year's Week – Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday, December 31st.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- I expect to go to bid on the 2026 paving project sometime after January 1st.

Other

- **Hometown Holidays** – this weekend December 13, 2025. Crews will be closing down St. Rt. 162 from the Traffic light to Park Ave. Friday evening around 4:30 pm to allow crews to start setting up for the event Saturday. Road will be opened back up after everything is taken down Saturday afternoon.
- I would like to thank all Council especially those leaving Jen Ball, Allision Chapin & Adam Gullett for their time and commitment to the Village that they have put in over the years they sat on Council. It was a pleasure working with you and I wish you the best. I look forward to working with the next Council on continuing to make New London a better place for the next generations. There is always work to be done. Wishing Everyone a Great Holiday Season.

Toby Thomas thanked everyone for a great year. He emphasized that the village needs more growth, job opportunities and housing so he encouraged everyone to strive for that and other opportunities for the village to incorporate new things. He concluded by thanking members of council, department heads, ambulance, zoning and the police department for all of their hard work.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report.

As we prepare to close out our calendar year, the police department has been busy with completing the last of its yearly training requirements and recertifications. We conducted some additional firearms proficiency training on November 8th and 16th. We recently completed Taser re-certification and reviewed our evidence collection and submission policy this past Saturday. I would like to thank Sgt. Capiot, Sgt. Ingraham and Officer Ingraham for their instruction on those three topics. I'm happy to say our department has also completed the required 24 hours of CPT that the state mandates each officer to complete by December 31st. That information was submitted to the state last week.

On the road side of things, I would project our year-end numbers to be roughly 2700 calls for service, which would put us somewhere in between the last two years. As some of you may have heard, we had a short vehicle pursuit back on October 24th. It began on W. Hooker St. as a traffic stop on the offender due to a suspended license. He failed to comply with the orders of Sgt. Capiot and Sgt. Ingraham and fled. The pursuit ended near the intersection of E. Fir and Ledgett St. after the suspect failed to maintain control of his vehicle, going through the intersection, and subsequently crashing through the fence at Cross Roads MX track. He fled on foot before being taken into custody after taser deployment. He was later charged with multiple misdemeanors and felonies to include fleeing and assault on an officer. No serious injuries were reported and the suspect was eventually incarcerated at the Huron County Jail.

On the morning of November 13th while the N. Main and Walnut St. railroad crossings were closed for repairs, we had a non-injury crash involving a single unoccupied vehicle. This occurred when the operator drove around the barricades on Walnut St. and the vehicle became stuck on the tracks. The operator was subsequently cited for driving on a closed road.

I have been in frequent contact with Flock Safety while they continue to install our camera systems in the village. We currently have two of the seven cameras active. There have been several delays with the installation and because of this I have requested an extension of our free trial period, which they have granted. At the present they have given us a 30-day extension, taking us out to February 6th.

In closing I want to inform community members of an upcoming change to our police uniform. At the first of the year the New London Police Department will be displaying a new uniform patch. This change has come about for a couple of reasons. I have always felt the patch should depict something symbolic of New London. Earlier this year we ran out of patch stock and upon attempting to reorder patches I discovered the company had gone out of business. At that time, myself and both sergeants discussed making the change. We settled on a patch that will display the village clock tower with the Ohio and American flags in the background. The patch will also have a different color scheme with the current yellow trim being replaced with royal blue.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin was absent but had emailed members of council the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
11/1/2025	0700	0735	Submit October reports to SFM	Station
11/3/2025	0930	1020	Tonneau cover frame for rebuilt #441	Savannah
11/5/2025	1900	2000	Monthly meeting	Station
11/6/2025	1330	1430	Evacuation drill, critique after	1 Wildcat Dr
11/6/2025	1436	1458	Auto fire alarm, false alarm	1684 Exchange
11/6/2025	1900	2000	2026 Budget meeting	Station
11/9/2025	0025	0059	Single vehicle MVC	74 Chenango Rd S
11/10/2025	0950	1011	Assist FAS with lift assist	4 Aster Court
11/10/2025	1800	1815	Fire Budget with Council	Council chambers
11/11/2025	0553	0721	Single vehicle MVC	856 St Rt 60 S
11/12/2025	0600	1015	Submit SCVFD grant application	Station
11/12/2025	1400	1411	EMS assist, canceled	259 US RTE 250
11/12/2025	1830	2000	HCCFA monthly meeting	Norwalk Fire
11/13/2025	0811	0854	Car vs Train	Walnut St. crossing
11/13/2025	2159	2311	MVC, car vs deer	1775 St Rt 13
11/18/2025	1211	1253	Assist FAS with lift assist	38 West Washburn
11/18/2025	1218	1248	Assist FAS with lift assist	32 Aster Ct
11/19/2025	1900	2030	Monthly training meeting	Station
11/23/2025	0830	1315	Annual pressure test all fire hose	Station
11/24/2025	1000	1130	Air compressor motor to KBZ	Mansfield
11/25/2025	0800	1000	Picked up repaired motor KBZ	Mansfield
11/25/2025	1300	1400	Installed motor on air compressor	Station
11/26/2025	1916	1934	Broken pole & wires down	366 Butler Rd
11/26/2025	1934	2027	MVC, car vs tree that fell in roadway	Cook Rd
11/26/2025	2125	2204	Lift assist with FAS	154 Pearl St.

The fire department will have a pancake breakfast on December 13th at the station from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball stated that she didn't have much. It had been a busy month with standard numbers. The next board meeting is December 15th at 7 p.m. at the ambulance station. She concluded by saying it has been a pleasure working with council and village employees. She has loved serving the community and thanked everyone for the opportunity.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas shared the following report.

- We had our breakfast with Santa yesterday. We had a great turnout. I want to thank everyone that attended and everyone that helped put it on.

- Adult prom is going to be March 21 2026. Anyone wanting to attend please contact me.
- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - March 29, 2026
- Country concert - June 13, 2026
- Rockn the Rez – July 11, 2026
- Labor Day weekend - September 4-7, 2026
- Park golf scramble - September 12, 2026

Toby Thomas then called for a report from zoning.

Mike Gerlak reported that he sent out four letters. He received a couple of the letters back. Currently, unlicensed vehicles and trash are problems in the village. He got the sidewalk opened up by the old Fireland's Electric building on West Main Street. Contact with the owner was attempted with no call back so he cut back the shrubbery himself. He has a few properties that he has letters that are getting ready to be sent out and he has been in contact with some home owners personally to try to avoid the letter system. These residents have promised to fix their violations. Hopefully these property owners will follow through.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-34 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook to Address Updates to the Cellular Telephones Policy, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-35 An Ordinance Amending Section 111.01 of the Village Codified Ordinances Relative to Council Meetings, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-38 An Ordinance Accepting the Dedication Plat for Parcel 26019B020010000 and Accepting the Reestablished Centerline Plat for the Purposes of the Road Right-of-Ways on S.R. 162 and S.R. 60 Pursuant to the New London Downtown Improvement Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance 2025-38 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-39 an Ordinance Adopting the 2026 Temporary Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance 2025-39 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-40 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to Enter into an Agreement with Croghan Colonial Bank for a Commercial Loan in the Amount Not to Exceed \$400,000.00 to Fund Construction and Improvements to the Reservoir Park & Campgrounds and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-28 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to Execute and Deliver all Documents Necessary to Participate in a Settlement with Discover, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-30 a Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made; and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-30 to be passed on an emergency measure. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-31 A Resolution Approving a Variance for the Property Located at 47 Walnut Street, New London, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Crabbs made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-31 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-32 A Resolution Approving a Variance for the Property Located at 52 N. Maple Street, New London, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-32 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, No; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, No; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas announced that two members of council are needed to fill the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Fund Board. Mike Crabbs and Jason Anderson volunteered to be the two legislative authority members on the board.

The Fiscal Officer then asked council's permission for Village Prosecutor Glenn Steven Palmer to go from being a 1099 employee to a W-2 employee as a part-time employee of the village.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to allow Glenn Steven Palmer to become a part-time employee for the Village of New London at a salary of \$2,750.00 per month beginning January 1, 2026. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow the property at 175 North Main Street to be rezoned from an R1 Single Family and M1 Light Industrial zoning designation to a C3 Commercial zoning designation. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve a variance for the property located at 118 East Main Street to reduce the setback requirements to a five-foot side yard setback and to remove the

twenty-five-foot rear yard setback. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, No; Crabbs, No; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills to be paid for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Adam Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

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New London Council Zoning Public Hearings December 8, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. & 6:45 p.m.

Present: Mike Crabbs, Steve Roeder, Jason Anderson, Adam Gullett and Jennifer Ball. Alison Chapin was absent.

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Natalie Schulte, Mike Gerlak, Dawn Hess, Chad Blake, Marvin McCallister, Alex Rankine, Mark Coriell, Domenic Maiani, John Gerlak and Kyle Davis.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the public hearing to order.

The purpose of the 6:30 p.m. hearing was to allow public comment concerning a proposed zoning change request at 175 North Main Street (Parcel #26021A040140000) Owner: DC Acquisition Company, LLC. The owner is requesting the property go from an R1 Single Family & M1 Light Industrial zoning designation to a C3 Commercial zoning designation to allow for the development of the property to include a c-store with a drive-up window, fuel dispensers and canopies and a QSR with a drive thru.

Alex Rankine stood and read a prepared statement listing many reasons why he is opposed to the requested zoning change. He also had presented a petition to members of council with several names and signatures of others who are also opposed to the proposal.

Mark Coriell from Mickey Mart then stood and stated Mickey Mart has been around for a long time. They have been doing business in New London for many years. Their current location is currently a small location and they believe the average consumer would like more parking. He noted that the majority of the property is already zoned light industrial and there is only a small part that is zoned residential. Since the small part already needs rezoned, they decided that they may as well try to rezone the entire property as commercial to be prepared for any future developments in the area. Mr. Coriell stated Mickey Mart does business in several small towns. They are a local company headquartered in Milan, Ohio. He also noted he patronizes local business in the area such as Millstone Hills Golf Course.

Mike Crabbs asked Mr. Coriell about the building that would be on the property.

Mark Coriell stated the building would contain a convenience store and possibly a Taco Bell.

Mike Crabbs then asked when they would be ready to break ground on the project.

Mark Coriell answered that he would like to say it would be in 2026 but he is not sure that will be the case.

Steve Roeder asked what will happen to the current location.

Mark Coriell replied that they will knock down the old building and take out the holding tanks. He assured members of council that they will leave the property in good shape and it will not be an eyesore.

Members of council concluded the first public hearing and stated they will make a decision and vote during the regular council meeting.

The purpose of the 6:45 p.m. hearing was to allow public comment concerning a proposed zoning variance request at 118 East Main Street (Parcel #26019B010600000) Owner: Chad Blake. Currently, R3 Multi-Family zoning code has a side yard setback requirement of 10'. Mr. Blake is requesting a setback of 5' to match the existing structures on the property. Additionally, R3 Multi-Family zoning has a rear yard set-back of 25'. Mr. Blake is requesting that this setback is removed for this property due to the two existing structures on the property that would allow him to add additional structures to the property.

Domenic Maiani, the owner of the property to the east of 118 East Main Street stated that he had no objections to Mr. Blake's request.

Mike Crabbs replied that he is not sure it is a good idea.

Adam Gullett stated that Mr. Blake has done everything he has been asked to do and he feels it would be wrong to say no at this point.

Jennifer Ball added that she was not opposed to the change either.

A decision and vote will take place during the regular council meeting.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting adjourned.

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Special Meeting – Thursday, December 11, 2025 @ 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: Roeder, Chapin, Anderson, Crabbs, Gullett and Ball.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Dawn Hess, Suzanne Cooke, Gayle Ashbaker and John Gerlak.

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2025-41 An Ordinance Confirming the Re-appointment of Natalie N. Schulte as Village Solicitor, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Roetzel & Andress, LPA to Provide Legal Services for the Village, and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Ordinance 2025-41 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-33 A Resolution to Approve a Then and Now Certificate for a Purchase Made, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-33 to be passed on an emergency measure. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-34 A Resolution Approving a Zoning Change Request for the Property Located at 175 North Main Street, New London, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-34 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2025-35 A Resolution Approving a Variance for the Property Located a 118 East Main Street, New London, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Resolution 2025-35 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, No; Crabbs, No; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, No; Crabbs, No; Gullett, Yes.

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor