

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

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

The Mayor then swore in Bill Curtis to his new term on council.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Curtis, Myers, Willis, Cooke, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Jayne Carroll, Scott Carroll, Marvin McCallister, John Martin, Jill Crandall, Duane Crandall, John Neel, Sheri Thomas, Mary Oney, Megan Sherlund, Chris Rowland, Bob James and Lynn Phillips.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda. Cooke made a motion to approve the agenda. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on December 23, 2019 were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements. He asked anyone with a question or statement to please step forward to the microphone and state their name before they begin speaking.

Jayne Carroll came forward and stated she lived at 123 New London Avenue. She had a picture of a snow marker that she wanted council to look at. She wanted council to verify if the snow marker would be considered the same as having a sign in her tree lawn.

Council wanted to know if she was basically asking if snow markers were allowed in the tree lawn.

Jayne Carroll stated that was all she wanted to know.

Stuart Cooke answered that he didn't think it was up to him to say whether snow markers were allowed in the tree lawn because it wasn't his property. It was the village's property.

Jayne Carroll replied that she realized that but she felt that if some snow markers were allowed throughout the village in tree lawns then they should also be allowed at 123 New London Avenue.

Council agreed with her.

Ellen Simmons then stood and stated that the Community Club would be meeting the next morning at 9 a.m. at the Wildcat Café. They are beginning to work on Hometown Holidays for 2020. She wanted to encourage everyone to come and also anyone interested could be added to her email list. Secondly, Ellen announced that the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) would be meeting on Tuesday, January 21st at noon also at the Wildcat Café. Everyone is welcome. The purpose is to bring everybody up to date on what is happening in the business community and also to determine what they would like to accomplish during the year.

Toby Thomas asked if anyone else had any public questions or comments.

Chris Rowland came forward and stated on February 2nd they would be putting on a demo at Firelands Electric. It is a car/pole scenario exercise on downed power lines to raise awareness. He also wanted to thank the village for their help with the downed tree on Third Street after the wind storm. The village and Firelands Electric have always had a good working relationship.

Toby Thomas asked if there were any more questions or statements. There were none.

Toby Thomas then realized they had never elected a Council President Pro Tempore. He then asked council for a nomination for Council President Pro Tempore.

Janice Myers nominated Stuart Cooke as Council President Pro Tempore for 2020. Bill Curtis seconded the nomination.

Mayor Toby Thomas asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn reported the following.

Water

- Water Tower Communication – Project is complete.
- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – applications have been submitted to the State. We are hoping to hear something around February.
- GIS Project – project continues. Village employee's will be training January 15, 2020 with representatives from GLCAP.
- Tower Improvement Project – We have received a release of funds letter from the State. This means the environmental came back okay and we can go to bid for this project.
- Train 4 – we have a set back with a new filter. About 5 weeks ago during a backwash cycle, water used to clean the filter started back flowing out of an air vent flooding the area. Crews shut down the process and found the inductor had failed. A new one was ordered and installed, and we still cannot backwash the filter as we should. The contractor is now on site removing the media from the tank to investigate what caused the failure. Once the repairs are made, new media will have to be reinstalled into the tank and the tank will have to be disinfected again before putting it back into service. This is all warranty work at no cost to the Village. We are hoping to have this train back in service soon.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – The Village met with Dan Miller from Jones & Henry to review the first set of engineered plans. Updates and changes are being made. Once the Village signs off on the designs they will then be sent to USDA-RD for engineering review and approval.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing Major.

Sanitation

- CDL – we now have another CDL driver. Congratulations to Clayton Englet for passing the test.

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

Other

Shawn Pickworth concluded his report by notifying everyone of a New London Avenue, Park Avenue and Fairhome project beginning by Columbia Gas. They are installing a new gas line in that area. There will be some directional boring in that area. He also stated the whole east side of the town will be getting new gas lines over the summer like the North and West sides of town had gotten a few years ago.

Steve Ball asked Shawn Pickworth if there was anyone at Columbia Gas to follow up with. When they did the north end of town they did a pathetic job of restoring the tree lawns. He wanted to make sure they would do a better job this time.

Shawn Pickworth stated that if any residents had a problem they needed to notify the village office right away because it is hard to get them to come back after a lengthy time. If any tree lawns are not repaired like they should be, the village will make sure they come back and do the job properly. Shawn Pickworth continued by saying that the village tells every contractor that comes to town that they need to make sure the finished project looks good but they can't do anything if they don't know about it. He encouraged residents to notify the village if they are unhappy.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated that he would be giving a mayor's report from time to time. Since this was his first meeting, he wanted to let everyone know what he had been doing to catch up with all of the things in the village. Toby then shared the following report.

General Stuff

- I've toured the Village with Shawn and been briefed on a million things that I've already forgotten!
- I went to a 911 meeting in Norwalk, so I'm beginning to learn how much work there is to do within the County to help our Village be better.
- I've also been in a meeting that discussed our sewage treatment.
- I am finding out just how awesome our village employees are as they serve all of us.

Personal Beliefs

- Please call me Toby and not Mr. Mayor.
- I am deaf in my left ear so I'm not ignoring you. I just can't hear you.
- Mark 10:45 – Therefore I see myself as a Servant Leader like Jesus. I am here to serve you. Anyone of you may call or text me at any time. I will get back to you, if I can't answer right away. (I do have another job!)
- If any of you have needs that I can pray specifically about, you may text me and I will pray for you concerning the matter.

Toby Thomas
Mayor
330-835-7503

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he wanted to put the sign dispute to an end. A sign is an object. It doesn't necessarily have to be written. It can be a marker. It is perfectly fine for the police department or a village employee to put something in the tree lawn because the village is responsible for the tree lawn. There is no selective enforcement at the New London Police Department. That was all he had unless someone had something for him.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Fire. John Chapin absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis reported there were 65 total runs for December. Of those runs, 35 were Basic Life Support and 32 were Advanced Life Support. They had six overdoses and five traffic accidents. He also had the yearly totals. For the year, they had a total of 693 runs. The top runs were for public assists, motor vehicle accidents, falls, breathing problems and chest pains. Sadly, there were 16 overdoses in 2019. The total calls were up by 55 from the year before. Firelands Ambulance is extremely busy.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund reported council had before them a list of Recreation Committee members but there were five names on the list that have not been approved yet. They were Denise Ball, Clayton Englet, Chet Blanton, Chad Blanton and John Martin. She was asking for council's approval of the new Recreation Committee members. Megan also reported they had their main acts for Rockin the Rez and the Country Concert. Rockin the Rez will feature a Lynyrd Skynyrd cover band and the Country Concert will feature a band from the Cleveland area called AC Jones. They have an EP coming out over the summer and they are using the Country Concert as a launch for the EP. Opening day for the reservoir campground will be April 10th. The seasonal camper's association is no longer active at the reservoir so Megan has taken it upon herself to have 13 different events for the children of the seasonal campers. The next Recreation Committee meeting will be on February 12th at 6:30 in council chambers.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-01 An Ordinance Amending the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies Relative to Uniform Allowance. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-02 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Temporary Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Curtis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-02 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2019-10 A Resolution Accepting the Gift from the Boy Scouts of a Log Cabin for the New London Recreation Park. Second Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the second reading. Jennifer 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.

Toby Thomas went through each committee to approve them.

Steve Ball made a motion to approve the Recreation Committee and specifically the new members, Denise Ball, Clayton Englet, Chet Blanton, Chad Blanton and John Martin. Cooke Seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor Toby Thomas asked council what they would like to do to replace Marion Paramore on the Zoning and Planning Commission.

Bill Curtis stated he would like to nominate Steve Ball to replace Marion and be on the Zoning and Planning Commission. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No on opposed.

Toby Thomas asked council if they were in favor of leaving Bill Curtis on the Ambulance Board. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated Tom Neel's term on the Records Commission had expired. Toby Thomas had spoken with Tom Neel and he stated he would remain on the commission.

Janice Myers made a motion to leave Tom Neel on the Records Commission for another term. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Bill Curtis made a motion to add John Martin as a member of the Monument Board. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas explained to council that George Eastman and Steven Fawcett's terms on the CRA Housing Committee were up so council needed to appoint two new members.

Stuart Cooke thought Toby Thomas should contact George Eastman and Steven Fawcett and see if they would be interested in serving another term on the CRA Housing Committee.

Toby Thomas stated he would check with George Eastman and Steven Fawcett and then they could talk about it again at the next council meeting. He then stated that he had spoken with Bob Johnson because his term on the Shade Tree Committee had expired. Bob Johnson was fine with continuing on the committee.

Bill Curtis made a motion to allow Bob Johnson to serve another term on the Shade Tree Committee. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated he spoke with Chief Marko and he is planning on retiring. The date is yet undetermined but Toby wanted to ask council when it would be an appropriate time to start thinking about a replacement and what needed to be done to begin the process.

It was determined the first thing to be done would be to advertise for the position.

Toby Thomas asked council if they felt that they should begin the advertising process. He asked Chief Marko if he was planning on retiring around March.

Chief Marko replied that he would stay on until the village found a replacement for him.

Toby Thomas asked Mr. Bond what the process would be.

Steve Bond answered that the first thing they would need to do would be to run an ad.

Stuart Cooke stated he thought it would be a good idea to state in the ad what the salary would be to cut down on the applicants that wouldn't be interested due to the salary.

Toby Thomas asked Mr. Bond if that would be okay to do.

Mr. Bond stated it would be fine.

Toby Thomas then brought up zoning. He thought Chief Marko had mentioned awhile back that it may be good to have the police do the zoning. He would like to have a conversation about that and he wanted to set up a workshop to talk more about it.

A council workshop was scheduled for January 27th at 6 p.m. before the next council meeting. Toby welcomed the public to attend.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Steve Ball – yes; Jennifer Ball – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule C. Cooke made a motion to approve Schedule C. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – January 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Steve Ball, Bill Curtis, Janice Myers, Jennifer Ball, Stuart Cooke, Mike Willis, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Lynn Phillips, John Martin, Bob James, Steve Bond and Don Patton

The mayor held a workshop to discuss a few items.

1. Move Village offices to the front of the building in the event Fisher Titus no longer desires to rent it.
2. Zoning Commissioner including possible change in pay from monthly instead of every six months.
3. Street Funding through raising the Village of New London income tax by .25% which would generate approximately \$105,000 per year.

Workshop was adjourned.



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Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Curtis, Myers, Willis, Cooke, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Jayne Carroll, Scott Carroll, Marvin McCallister, John Martin, Megan Sherlund, Tiffany Green, Eric Green, Nancy Kasicki, John Chapin and Lynn Phillips.

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held on January 13, 2020 were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas then introduced Eric and Tiffany Green who did a presentation on school choice. School Choice week was January 26th through February 1st. School Choice is the process of allowing every family to choose k-12 educational options that are best for their child. Eric and Tiffany Green then gave a quick synopsis of the different school choices. They discussed the traditional choice of Public School which encompasses about 85% of students. They then talked about Public Charter Schools. This choice is tuition free like Public School but it is unique because Public Charter Schools have extra freedom to innovate. Another tuition free choice is a Public Magnet School. This is a more specialized school and may require a test to attend and students must meet certain criteria. Private School is an option but there is tuition required at these schools. These schools are usually faith based. A more modern choice is an Online Academy where students communicate with their teachers digitally. This choice is technology based. The final option discussed was Home School. Approximately 3.4% of the school age population is home schooled. Depending on the state, there are certain criteria and certain things expected of Home School students. In Ohio, Home School students now have the ability to participate in their host school district's activities. There is certain documentation such as test scores that are required to be submitted every year to make sure the appropriate criteria are being met. Eric and Tiffany Green concluded their presentation.

Toby Thomas thanked Eric and Tiffany Green for their presentation and asked if anyone had any questions on school choice. There were none.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements. He asked anyone with a question or statement to please step forward to the microphone and state their name before they begin speaking.

Ellen Simmons came forward and stated she wanted to report on the CIC meeting that took place the previous Tuesday. It had been very well attended. They had representatives from the village and other businesses around town. They received lots of information. There should be an article in the next edition of the New London Record summarizing the meeting. She wanted to let everyone know the next meeting would be in April and she will let them know the date and time of the meeting once it is determined.

Toby Thomas thanked Ellen Simmons and asked if anyone else had any public questions or comments. There were none.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth started out by saying he wanted to add on to what Eric and Tiffany Green had discussed. He stated that Work Force Development was currently a huge topic at the county, state and national levels. Right now, there are more jobs than employees. It's a problem that is nationwide. For years, America has taught their kids that they have to go to college. It has back fired. They have industrial jobs and good trade jobs but no work force. Now everyone is trying to figure out how to fix the problem. There is now a big push to emphasize that there are good paying jobs available without attending college. It's a bigger problem than just the county. It is a state and national problem. The goal is to level the table so that more kids go into trade schools. He concluded that he wanted to put that out there because it is a huge topic right now and a huge problem.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – applications have been submitted to the State. We are hoping to hear something around February.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- Tower Improvement Project – We are out to bid right now for this project. Bid opening will be February 7, 2020 in Council Chambers.
- Train 4 – crews are still working to get this train back in service.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – engineering continues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing Major.

Sanitation

- Nothing Major

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

Other

- Gas Line Project – contractors have been working on Park Ave., Fairhome & New London Ave. Crews are doing the best they can to maintain traffic, expect delays. This is an inconvenience mostly for the residents living within the construction areas. For all others, there are other routes you can travel to avoid being delayed by this construction. This is only temporary. They have had reports of calls to the police department.

Scott Carroll asked if he could make a comment.

Shawn Pickworth allowed his comment.

Scott Carroll stated that the contractors were all very nice and doing a great job. They live on New London Avenue and they are doing well.

Jayne Carroll wanted to make it known that no calls of complaint had been from their residence at 123 New London Avenue. The contractors have all been very pleasant and have let them in and out. They have no complaints at all.

Shawn Pickworth stated he thought it was just growing pains. Every time they do an infrastructure project these kind of things are dealt with. They deal with them and continue on. It is for the betterment of the village.

Lastly, Shawn Pickworth stated that the Friends of the New London Veterans were asking councils permission to sell beer at their annual gun raffle. He requested a motion during New Business if council agrees.

Mayor Toby Thomas shared the following State of the Village Address for 2019. He had asked department heads to help gather the information in the report.

State of the Village 2019

- 1) Introduction: It is my privilege to report to the Village of New London the State of the Village for 2019.
- 2) Fiscal Report – Nancy Howell
 - a) 2019 Revenue-\$4,259,646.17
 - b) 2019 Expenses-\$4,153,204.42
 - c) 2019 Reserve-\$106,441.75
- 3) Departments:
 - a) Water Department – John Chapin
 - i) Average to RLCWA: 498,900 gallons per day
 - ii) Average to NORW: 136,400 gallons per day
 - iii) Average to New London: 300,000 gallons per day
 - iv) Completed a \$2,100,000 project at the water treatment plant that moves all the treatment to plant #2 and added Granular Activated Carbon filters. This greatly improves water quality and helps meet current and future Ohio EPA regulations.
 - v) Completed GIS mapping and training for the entire water distribution and sewer collection systems.
 - vi) Worked with RCAP on our mandated Asset Management Plan and training.
 - vii) Worked with GRW Engineering on plans to replace and abandon a 4” water main with a new 6” main and fire hydrants.
 - viii) The interior of the water tower was repaired and painted.
 - ix) The Sheriff, HC EMA, the school, FAS, Fire, Police and village utilities went together and moved all our radio communications to the water tower.
 - b) Sewer Department – John Chapin
 - i) Worked with Jones and Henry Engineering to design a new pumping station and other improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Aging equipment is in need of repairs or replacement.
 - ii) Purchased a new jet/vac truck for cleaning sewers and hydro excavation.
 - iii) Replaced continuous monitoring equipment.

- iv) Rebuilt the collector mechanism on both clarifiers.
- c) Street/Sanitation Departments - Don Patton
- i) We have 2 new employees in 2019 due to retirement and 1 going to ODOT.
 - (1) Brian Clime
 - (2) Clayton Englet
 - ii) 4 new dumpsters were purchased
 - iii) Johnson Drive, Pearl Street, Section of East and Village Parking Lot paved.
 - iv) 150 Tons of road salt contracted for the 2020 season.
 - v) Catch Basins – replaced or rehabbed – Village Parking lot, North Railroad, West Main, South Railroad, Downtown.
 - vi) Cooperative Purchasing with New London Twp. on street sign replacements.
 - vii) New Sidewalks on St. Rt. 162 and St. Rt. 60 over the railroad tracks.
 - viii) New Sidewalk from Laurels to UH Medical Building on West Main.
 - ix) 250 CU YDS of brush ground up and hauled away.
 - x) Grant Street Bridge – repaired, new guardrails.
 - xi) Prospect/Euclid/Minor Rd. – went to bid for resurfacing of around 2000 LF. of this road. Project to be done spring 2020.
 - xii) Replaced 1 new snow plow.
 - xiii) Light poles painted downtown.
- d) Recreation/Reservoir Parks - Megan Sherlund
- i) April 7th 2019 was a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event at the Hileman Building.
 - ii) The campgrounds opened in April.
 - iii) July 20, 2019 was the Rockin then Rez event where 3 bands played on the stage of the Reservoir, there were food vendors and a beer tent.
 - iv) July 27 - 28 was the F.A.R.M. tractor show at the Recreation park.
 - v) The Firelands Labor Day Festival was from August 30, 2019 - September 2nd.
 - vi) September 21st there was a Country Concert at the reservoir with Jessica Hannan, Ava Rowland and County Line Band.
 - vii) The Recreation park had its first ever trunk or treat event on November 2, 2019.
 - viii) The Campground closed on November 2, 2019.
 - ix) The 7th Annual Gun Raffle was held on November 16.
 - x) The park was decorated for Christmas Lane in early December.
 - xi) The annual Breakfast with Santa was held on December 15th.
- e) Fire Department – John Chapin
- i) We have 27 Volunteer Firefighters. (1 Chief, 1 Assistant Chief, 3 Captains, 4 Lieutenants, 18 Firefighters.)
 - ii) In 2019 we responded to a record 113 calls including mutual aid calls.
 - iii) All the electric was replaced and brought up to code in the station. The outside metal was replaced. Foam insulation was added on the interior and then new metal was added to the interior walls.
 - iv) A new standby generator was installed. We were connected to the generator at Firelands Electric and lost that connection when they moved. We wish to thank them for allowing us the usage of that generator for many years.

- f) Police Department – Mike Marko
- i) The Police department employees 14 officers. (The Chief of police, Lieutenant, Sergeant, investigator, and another full-time officer, three part-time officers, and six reserve officers.)
 - ii) In calendar year 2019 the New London Police Department answered 3,674 calls for service including traffic stops, search warrant executions, assaults, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, dogs at large, drug offenses, assisting other agencies including federal and state agencies, Firelands ambulance service, Volunteer Fire Department, Huron County Sheriff's office, and other police agencies in the county.
 - iii) All officers at the NLPD wear body cameras and activate them during all interactions with the public. They also carry a "less lethal" weapon known as a Taser. Police equipment such as body armor, bulletproof vests, computers, and service weapons have been upgraded with assistance from grants.
 - iv) The New London Police Department has a popular Facebook page with over 4600 friends and we urge others to become friends and read daily the "Police Calls for Service" section.
- g) In conclusion:

The information above represents thousands of hours of hard work by the employees of the Village of New London. It is to their credit that we are kept safe and sound in our own homes.

I want to thank Shawn Pickworth, Nancy Howell, Michelle Popa, Lucinda Biddinger for their hard work in the day to day running of the Village office and all the work that goes on behind the scenes.

We are fortunate to have such a good team of leaders and workers who are committed to making New London the best it can be.

Respectfully,
Toby Thomas
Mayor

Toby Thomas added that the Zoning and Planning Commission had met and elected officers. Jim Van Sickle is the Chairman of the committee. Marvin McCallister is the Vice Chairman and Cheri Raphael is the Secretary.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he was going to be losing a full-time officer shortly. Sergeant Seth Miracle's last day would be February 7th. He works the day shift and is chief Marko's right hand man during the day. Chief continued by saying he was going to ask council to hire a full-time officer. He believes one of the part-time or reserve officers will be ready to go. One thing about the police department is they are always prepared. He is going to leave the Sergeant position open but he would like to fill the full-time position. He will have a name for council as a recommendation at the next council meeting on February 10th. That was all Chief Marko had unless someone had something for him.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Fire. Chief John Chapin stated he had given everyone a spreadsheet of all the calls for 2019. He also included the calls from 2017 and 2018 so a comparison could be made. He stated they actually spend more time doing service work than firefighting. He concluded by thanking everyone who participated in the fire service. Not just the fire fighters but also their wives and their families who suffer while they are gone on calls and training.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated he didn't have anything but would have a full report at the next council meeting.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund shared the following report.

1. Getting quotes to resurface the drives in the reservoir campground. I would like to ask council to allow me to use the money that was once dedicated for the gate to get the drives completed. This money would be paid back in 5 years.
2. All shifting is done for existing campers. Would council like me to start contacting the outside list or would you like for me to let you review the available lots and determine what to do with each lot whether it be, keep it seasonal or change to transient.
Members of Council decided to have Megan gather information to determine which way would be more profitable and then present it to council.
3. Super Raffle prizes are purchased. Trying to sell tickets they are available at the Village Office, Gilberts, or any Recreation Committee Member. This year's dinner will be a Taco Bar.
4. Knock Out is giving us a quote on one large tree that is very damaged from wind near the playground at the rec park
5. Labor Day admission cost will be \$7/day. Derby area will be fenced off and there will be a charge of \$5 to get in to cover cost of renting bleachers.
6. Created new vendor concession agreement for Labor Day. Cost will be \$350 unless you are selling just one item then it will be \$200. All vendors are to be approved by the Recreation Committee and Parks and Recreation Manager.
7. McGinnis is locked in for another year of providing rides and entertainment.
8. Labor Day Camping. Executive board of the recreation committee has decided to make a recommendation that we change from the reservation style camping to a lottery first come first serve operation. There was much discussion due to a few concerns. First it has come to our attention that there are people who are on the reservation list but are not staying at their campsites and allegedly subletting them for additional money to someone else. Our mission is to operate the parks in the fairest possible way for the most amount of people. We believe that changing to a first come first served operation gives everyone a fair chance and opportunity to get a campsite on Labor Day. Change is hard but our efforts are based solely on the desire to give all citizens a fair and equal opportunity. If we did the lottery it would be on Aug 1st at 8am and they would be given out on a first come first serve basis and if we did not sell all the sites, then they would be open for renting until they are sold.

Stuart Cooke was concerned that people who had camped there for years and donated their time at the festival would lose their spots.

Megan Sherlund verified that they have about seven spots that are donated to individuals who provide some sort of donated service to the festival and those sites would still be donated to them.

Stuart Cooke added that the Labor Day campground had been filled every year for the last several years and he was afraid that the change would leave open sites.

Steve Ball voiced his concerns that there are a lot of people who would like to camp at Labor Day and the way it stands currently; they will never get a spot. He believes it shouldn't always be about money but he doesn't think they will have any trouble filling up the campground. They are trying to provide an equal and fair opportunity for every person to have a chance to camp at Labor Day.

Stuart Cooke and Janice Myers brought up the point that they do the same thing at the reservoir campground.

Steve Ball answered that the Labor Day camping was not the same because it wasn't seasonal camping.

Stuart Cooke wondered what would happen to those people who had been purchasing sites faithfully every year. He felt they would be throwing them under the bus.

Steve Ball replied that he understood that but he also doesn't think that it is fair that the same person gets the same site for 10 years and no one else gets a shot at it.

Stuart Cooke didn't agree. He feels that they have been there supporting the village and the park and should get to keep their spot. He stated he did not agree with the change.

Toby Thomas thought they could resolve the issue by bringing it to a vote.

Steve Ball made a motion to change the Labor Day Camping to a lottery system beginning August 1, 2020. Bill Curtis seconded the motion.

Jennifer Ball wanted to verify whether it was a first-come, first-serve system or a lottery system. Lottery would mean they throw all the sites in a hat and pull them out one at a time.

Steve Ball answered that the proposal wasn't really a lottery system. It was a first-come, first-serve system.

Toby Thomas thought they should amend the motion to read a first-come, first-serve system.

Steve Ball made a motion to amend the motion to read first-come, first-serve system beginning August 1, 2020. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call to approve the amendment: J. Ball, yes; S. Ball, yes; Willis, yes; Curtis, yes; Myers, yes; Cooke, no.

Toby Thomas commented that was only a motion to amend the motion from lottery to first-come, first-serve so he wondered if there was further discussion on the issue.

Jennifer Ball wondered how many spots would be available to each individual.

Megan Sherlund answered that each person would just be able to purchase one spot. If someone wanted more than one, they would need another person standing in line with them.

Stuart Cooke stated he didn't know how they could vote on something without anything in front of them. He thinks they shouldn't vote until they see something in writing.

Janice Myers stated she would like to hear from the community.

Shawn Pickworth added that he wanted everyone to understand that the decision was not made with the intention to make anyone mad. The intention was to determine what was the fairest thing to do for the entire community. He also commented that a lot of discussion had gone into the idea and it wasn't made hastily.

Stuart Cooke replied that before they went to the current system, the campground used to have empty spots. Once they started the current system they had no empty spots so they had guaranteed money. Ever since then it has grown in leaps and bounds.

Megan Sherlund felt that was more of a statement on how the festival itself has grown versus how the campground was being filled. The festival grew so more people wanted to come.

Stuart Cooke added that the friends of his that he has talked to said to have a campsite not only at Labor Day but any holiday, you have to reserve it far in advance.

Toby Thomas agreed and said that was definitely the way it was at the reservoir and then he asked everyone if there was an in-between. He wondered if they could still go to a first-come, first-serve but handle it in a different way. He brought up the point that anyone who wanted to make sure they still got their site could camp the night before to ensure they were the first in line so it wasn't totally limiting people from getting their current site. He wanted to check to see if there were any other ideas before they took a vote.

Bill Curtis stated that he had been on the park board for a long time and when he first started on it, they had a first-come, first-serve system and it really wasn't a problem. He thought they went to the current system to make it more easy. There used to be a reserve fee to reserve your site for the next year. It made it a little easier but it didn't make it any fairer because there were people reserving sites with no intention of camping there and there were a lot of them.

Stuart Cooke felt that the system they have isn't being applied the way they intended it to be applied and implemented.

Toby Thomas wondered if there was a way to still use the current system but only allow one site per person.

Steve Ball stated that no matter what system they use; it is impossible to police the sites to make entirely sure no one was camping that wasn't supposed to be.

Toby Thomas stated if there was no more discussion they would take it to a vote.

Roll call to approve changing Labor Day to a first-come, first-serve system: J. Ball, yes; S. Ball, yes; Willis, yes; Curtis, yes; Myers, no; Cooke, no.

Toby Thomas told Megan Sherlund that since the motion had passed, she could go ahead with that plan to start August 1st.

Stuart Cooke asked about the people who had already paid money last year.

Megan Sherlund stated those people would still receive their sites for one more year.

Stuart Cooke was unhappy that they had taken a vote on something that they had no forms or anything to look at. He didn't think that was what they should be doing.

Steve Bond suggested that for the future, the Recreation Committee should probably make recommendations in writing so everyone would know exactly what the proposal was.

Toby Thomas asked Megan Sherlund if she understood what Mr. Bond was saying.

Megan Sherlund understood and that will be done in the future.

Toby Thomas wondered if they needed to do something about the resurfacing of the reservoir roads that evening.

Stuart Cooke requested a proposal in writing.

Toby Thomas asked Megan Sherlund if she would put a proposal together in writing and they would bring it up at the next council meeting under Old Business.

Megan Sherlund agreed that she would.

Stuart Cooke asked Megan Sherlund if they were going to resurface with stone.

Megan Sherlund stated that she had three different quotes. One was a recycled pavement with roof shingles, one is typical asphalt pavement and then the third quote was to grind out what they have now and reuse that to form better drives.

Bill Curtis asked if there hadn't been a drainage issue at the campground that should be addressed before they redo the roads.

Shawn Pickworth replied that yes if they redo the roads there are a couple catch basins they will want to put in to divert the water. As far as the three options, of course paving would be the best, but recycled roof pavement is used at the Fitchville Cemetery. What he doesn't like about that option is if there is anywhere it isn't held in by soil, it breaks away and breaks up. He would like to see an example of the option where they make the regrind into asphalt before a decision was made.

Toby Thomas stated that Megan Sherlund would get all the information together and present it to council at the next meeting.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-01 An Ordinance Amending the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies Relative to Uniform Allowance. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-03 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule. First Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2019-10 A Resolution Accepting the Gift from the Boy Scouts of a Log Cabin for the New London Recreation Park. Third Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the third reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Toby Thomas stated George Eastman and Steven Fawcett had agreed to leave their names stand on the CRA Housing Committee. Toby Thomas then asked for a motion to accept them as committee members.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to accept George Eastman and Steven Fawcett as members of the CRA Housing Committee. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas introduced Nancy Kasicki who had come to talk about the 2020 Census. She had come to talk about the many jobs that will be available due to the census. These jobs will run from four to 10 weeks. There will be full and part-time positions. They are temporary and are between 15-40 hours per week. In Huron County they will be paying \$16.50 per hour with paid mileage and paid training. You can only apply online. No references are required. No resume is required. She offered to come with a computer and help interested applicants to apply online. She also asked council for permission to put up yard signs.

Toby Thomas asked Nancy Kasicki when the jobs would start.

Nancy Kasicki answered that training would begin in mid-March. The actual job will be April, May and June with flexible hours. The trainee will be issued a device such as an iPhone or Netbook and they will be following up with questionnaires not submitted on line or submitted by mail. Nancy Kasicki concluded by saying she felt it was a good opportunity and thanked council for having her.

Shawn Pickworth stated he had asked Nancy Kasicki to attend the council meeting because the census is so important to the village as far as funding.

Scott Carroll asked if the village had ever put anything out about that because he had not known the importance of the census to the village. He thought it would be a good idea to let people know.

Shawn Pickworth agreed.

Toby Thomas then asked council if the New London Alliance Church could continue to use the grounds of the village to have a Hope Community Garden that would provide free vegetables for the community. He also wanted to let council know that the Fitchville Methodist Church and the New London Methodist Church had expressed an interest in helping also.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the New London Alliance Church to use the village's grounds to have their Hope Community Garden in 2020. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Friends of the New London Veterans permission to sell beer at their annual gun raffle being held on March 14, 2020. Mike Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for a motion to replace the Zoning Commissioner.

Steve Bond stated they needed to make an opening for the Zoning Commissioner before a motion could be made to replace the Zoning Commissioner. Currently there was no opening.

Toby Thomas then asked for a motion to terminate the current Zoning Commissioner.

No motion was made.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule B. Cooke made a motion to approve Schedule B. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

New London Council Zoning Public Hearing
February 10, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Present: Janice Myers, Mike Willis, Bill Curtis, Steve Ball, Stuart Cooke, Jennifer Ball, Shawn Pickworth, Toby Thomas, John Martin, Steve Bond, Mark Chase

Mayor Toby Thomas called the public hearing to order.

Mayor Toby Thomas announced that the purpose of the hearing was to allow public comment concerning proposed ordinance 2019-21 to amend the Codified Ordinances, relative to signs in the right of way.

John Martin stood and questioned the ordinance and what changes were going to be made to the ordinance.

Mr. Bond stated that the public hearing was only for public opinion and not to actually make changes to the ordinance.

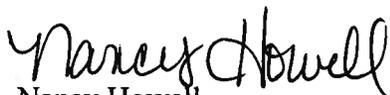
John Martin shared his thoughts about allowing auction signs to be larger so they could be seen more easily. He also thought signs for special events or one to two day sales that have received a permit from the village could be displayed for a short time. He did not think that auction signs, for sale signs or political signs should ever be allowed to be displayed in the tree lawn.

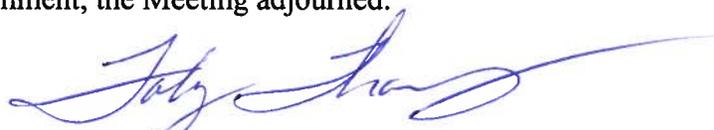
A short discussion ensued and it was determined that permits were not issued in the Village of New London for garage/yard sales.

Steve Bond added that they needed to be aware that the village could not discriminate between signs. You can't allow some signs and not others, based on the content of the signs.

Council will need to decide on what they would like the ordinance to say before the third and final reading.

There being no further public comment, the Meeting adjourned.


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 10, 2020 @ 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: Curtis, Myers, Willis, Cooke, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Scott Carroll, Marvin McCallister, John Martin, Megan Sherlund, Mark Chase, Jessica Khaledi, Pam Massie, Greg Massie, Brenda Filak, Jim Filak, Dawn Hess, Dr. Harwood, Bob James, Hazel Michowka, Tyson Wittman, Duane Tanner, Matthew Mattner, Maggie Anadell, Briana Anadell, and Lynn Phillips.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the agenda. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the January 27, 2020 Workshop were presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Before the minutes from the last meeting were approved, Bill Curtis wanted to make sure that there was a correction made. At the previous meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance had been done first before the invocation. He wanted to make sure that was corrected in the minutes. The minutes read that the Invocation was done and then the Pledge of Allegiance. The correction will be made.

A couple other questions about the minutes were asked but it was determined no other corrections needed to be made.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on January 27, 2020 were then presented for approval. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements. He asked anyone with a question or statement to please step forward to the microphone and state their name before they began speaking.

Greg Massie stood and stated he was told that the Labor Day Campsite procedure had been changed at a previous council meeting. He continued by saying he and several other Labor Day campers had come to the meeting because they wanted to know how they had received a letter the previous summer explaining how the Labor Day camping would be run and now they were being told it was changed. The letter they had received had stated that as long as the campsite was paid for by August 1st there would be no need to pay a reservation fee and the campsite would still be theirs. Now he was being told it was going to a first-come, first-serve system like they had previously done years ago. He then explained his reasons why that system does not work. He stated again how he did not know how they could change the procedure after the campers had already received a letter about the 2020 Labor Day camping. He doesn't know why they would want to change the system because it was working better than any previous system they had used.

Toby Thomas explained that from his understanding there was a change in leadership for the Parks and Recreation Department and Megan Sherlund, the current manager for the parks, had not been aware the letter had gone out.

A discussion between the Labor Day campers began about when the letter had been received and that it had come from the Village of New London.

Jennifer Ball commented that council had not known that campers had received a letter.

The upset campers began speaking all at once on issues they were not happy about.

Mayor Toby Thomas requested that they try to keep some order and asked that anyone wanting to speak come to the microphone and state their name and then begin with their comment. He then asked Steve Ball as chairman of the recreation committee, if he had anything to say in response to the campers.

Steve Ball began by saying none of the Recreation Committee had known about the letter that had gone out. He stated he didn't want to refer to it as a letter because it wasn't signed. It was a handout. He continued by saying, he had planned on discussing the situation again that night under Old Business and propose that they honor the letter for the 2020 Labor Day Festival. The Recreation Committee and Parks Director would still like the changes moving forward but they also want to be fair since they had no knowledge of the letter.

Stuart Cooke stated he had brought it up to the Parks Director in the last meeting before they had taken a vote. He had asked what would happen with the people who had already paid for their 2020 Campsite.

Steve Ball replied that Megan had answered that question at the previous meeting. Anyone who had already paid for their campsite, they would honor those. What he was talking about wasn't about those who had already paid, but this is based on a document that said you didn't have to pay a reservation. It was just necessary to pay before August 1st.

Stuart Cooke stated that he was on council when it had been changed to the way it was right now. They changed it because the first-come, first-serve system had been such a hassle and all the campers in attendance agreed.

Toby Thomas wondered if all those in attendance about Labor Day camping would want to wait until Old Business when they can bring the issue up and make any motion council decides to make. Then the campers can talk about the new motion made. If for some reason, no new motion is made, he will still give everyone the opportunity to voice their opinion.

The campers were fine with that idea.

Toby Thomas asked if there were any other public questions or comments that did not concern Labor Day camping. There were none.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – met with Alex White, Engineer at GRW to review prints. Still waiting to hear from the State on funding application. I was told last week we should hear something later this month or March.
- GIS Project – project continues.

- Tower Improvement Project – Bid opening for this project was held Friday, February 7, 2020 here in Council Chambers. We received a total of 6 bids ranging base bid from \$132,640.00 to \$325,000.00. Alternate bids ranging from \$6500 - \$20,940. Bids went back with Alex White for Engineering review. I will recommend one of these bids to Council at the February 24th Council Meeting.
- Train 4 – crews are still working to get this train back in service.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – engineering continues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing Major.

Sanitation

- Nothing Major

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

Other

- Gas Line Project – contractors have completed the install of the new gas mains. Crews will return in the spring to finish the landscaping.
- Equipment lease – our lease is up next month on our equipment lease and it is time to turn them in. We have been demoing new equipment for the last 6 weeks, gotten quotes (state bid quotes) for that equipment. I would like Council permission to move forward with the lease process. If so, there will be legislation for you to pass at a future meeting.
- The Mayor and I will be attending a meeting tomorrow night in Norwalk, called by our County Commissioners. This meeting is about economic development and the direction they vision for Huron County. If you haven't heard or don't know we have always been a part of HCDC (Huron County Development Council). New London, New London businesses have benefited over the years from being a part of HCDC. HCDC has always been partially funded by the Commissioners along with Community Funding, Private Partnership Funding and Fund Raisers. Back in December the Commissioners elected to no longer fund HCDC through their interim budget 2020, delivered by an email sent to Carol Knapp, Executive Director, Huron County Development Council. There is a movement from other Cities, other Counties to combined HCDC with their organization. This is very concerning as we depend a lot on HCDC here in the Village. The Villages and Townships cannot afford to hire our own economic expert and what I believe will be proposed will only benefit Norwalk, Willard, the Cities. Huron County boarders extend well beyond the city limits of Norwalk and Willard. Who will then look out for us smaller communities? Huron County Development Council serves the entire County not just the cities. Make no mistake this comes back to the almighty dollar; another organization wants the funding

from the Commissioners. The Commissioners have already committed to funding another economic organization for multiple years and this organization is based in Erie County & Norwalk City not Huron County. Why? And their commitment is far more than they ever invested in our own HCDC. Hopefully the Commissioners will remember that they were elected by the citizens of Huron County to serve the entire County and not just the Cities and do what is right, what is fair for the entire County. HCDC belongs to 4CG which is a partnership between Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky & Seneca Counties. I guess we will see what they have to say tomorrow night. More to come.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated that he had met with Brian Cucco and he wanted to share the stats for the cemetery with council. In 2018 there were 17 lots sold, 14 full burials and nine cremations. In 2019 there were 16 lots sold, 12 full burials and five cremations.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated the police department had lost a full-time officer and wanted to ask council's permission to promote a part-time officer to a full-time position. That was all Chief Marko had unless someone had something for him.

Toby Thomas asked Steve Bond what they needed to do in order to promote the officer.

Steve Bond replied that they would need a name and a pay rate and then council would need to make a motion.

Toby Thomas asked Chief Marko if he had that information.

Chief Marko stated the officer he wanted to promote was Coty Bravo. Coty has been with the police department for all of their search warrants. He is educated, trained and ready to go. His starting rate of pay will be \$15.34.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the Police Chief to promote Coty Bravo to a full-time position beginning on March 2, 2020 and starting with a pay rate of \$15.34 per hour with a raise to be determined once probation is completed. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Fire. Chief John Chapin absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated they had 39 runs in January. There were 22 runs in the Village of New London; 9 in New London Township; 4 in Fitchville Township; 1 in Troy Township and 3 in Ruggles Township. Of the 39 runs, 21 were Basic Life Support and 18 were Advanced Life Support. There was one overdose and one motor vehicle accident. He concluded by saying January had been somewhat of a quiet month.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James reported they had a meeting of the New London Zoning Commission prior to that evenings council meeting to revisit a variance request by Robert Travis. He had applied for a variance the previous fall but was denied because the lot was way too small. He has changed the way the lot would be split. He now has a 60-foot frontage and he is only nine feet short in the back which is less than 600 square feet. The Zoning Commission voted to allow the variance contingent on two items. He will need to have the lot surveyed to make sure the new lot sizes would be what he says they will be. He also will need to enlarge the building on the smaller lot to bring it up to code. Bob James then asked Steve Bond what other action they would need to allow the variance to go forward.

Mr. Bond replied that since the Zoning Commission had approved it, there was nothing else needed.

Bob James stated he didn't know if anyone had seen it but there was a big Senior Center sign that was on the vacant lot up town. He called the director and told him he had to remove it which he has already done. The reason he had to remove it was because the sign was too big. Bob James was bothered by the fact that someone had given them permission to place the sign there. The director did not know who had given them permission but Bob James stated he intended on finding out who it was.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund stated she had given council packets and also emailed them on three different items. The first item was about the available seasonal camping spots at the reservoir. Her recommendation was to keep the spots available as seasonal campsites and make them available to the outside list. The second item she gave council was the new campground brochure. With council's permission, she would like to get them printed at Shelby Printing. Her final item was for seasonal employment at the parks for 2020. She went over the positions she would like to hire back, some new positions and the pay rates she would like for them to receive.

Stuart Cooke requested an Executive Session at the next meeting with Shawn Pickworth and Megan Sherlund to discuss the seasonal employment for the 2020 season at the parks.

Toby Thomas stated that they would set that up for the next meeting.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2019-21 An Ordinance Amending the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Signs Within the Right of Way. Second Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-01 An Ordinance Amending the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies Relative to Uniform Allowance. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-03 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule. Second Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Toby Thomas asked Steve Ball if he wanted to talk more about Labor Day camping or make a motion to amend the previous decision.

Steve Ball suggested they take a step back. There were a lot of people that had attended the meeting with a lot more history on the issue than he has. They have a Recreation Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers. He wondered if the Labor Day campers would be willing to come to that meeting to discuss the matter.

Most of the campers were in agreement that they would go to the meeting.

Steve Ball thought they could discuss it with the Recreation Committee and then the Recreation Committee would come back to council with a recommendation.

Toby Thomas replied that he thought that would be good. He thought the campers should also be thinking about how someone new might be able to come and camp in one of the Labor Day campsites. He wondered if all of the campsites are always taken.

Jim Filak came forward and stated he had only been camping at Labor Day for five years. He was on the waiting list for two years.

Toby wanted to verify that there was a waiting list and people were able to get a spot that way.

Jim Filak stated that was how he had gotten his spot. He continued by saying that was the way it had been for years.

All the other campers agreed.

Toby Thomas added that they would be having the Recreation Committee meeting the upcoming Wednesday and encouraged everyone to attend. They all could work through the issue and the Recreation Committee would come back to council with a recommendation.

Maggie Anadell then came forward and stated she had just received her Labor Day campsite this past year. She had been on the waiting list for three years. Most of her brothers and sisters had already been camping there. She had been driving back and forth before she received her site. She and her brother live over an hour away and she doesn't know if Wednesday would work because of the distance they would have to travel.

Toby Thomas wondered if the other Labor Day campers would represent her at the meeting and mention all the things she would like to say.

Maggie Anadell responded that yes she thought they would. She had just received her campsite after being on the waiting list for three years. She was excited to receive her site so that she could camp with her family.

Stuart Cooke stated he thought Jim Filak and Maggie Anadell were two examples that need to be brought up to the Recreation Committee at the meeting on Wednesday. The Recreation Committee was concerned that new people were never able to obtain a site at Labor Day because there were never any openings. Stuart Cooke felt like Jim Filak and Maggie Anadell were both examples that new people can receive a spot.

Greg Massie added that he didn't think all of the spots had been taken the previous year. Several other Labor Day campers agreed with him. Greg Massie then commented that even the spot where the softball players used to camp was empty. He wondered if more campsites could be added.

Stuart Cooke stated that the Health Department has certain criteria that doesn't make it feasible to add more sites.

Greg Massie wondered about the back area where the primitive sites were. He thought there was a lot of room for more campers back in that area.

It was noted that almost all of the primitive sites had been purchased with the exception of maybe two or three. All of the water and electric spots were paid for. If there were a lot of empty spots, it wasn't because they weren't paid for.

Dawn Hess questioned the procedure for someone on the waiting list and specifically wondered about a friend of hers who had been able to purchase a primitive camping site the previous year.

It was explained that when someone requests to be on the waiting list, they are asked if they only want a water and electric site or if they would be ok with a primitive site. That information is noted so it is possible for someone further down on the waiting list to receive a spot as long as they are fine with it not having water and electric. All water and electric sites are called in the exact order they are put on the waiting list.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas stated that there were representatives from Fisher Titus there that evening to share about the new Fisher Titus Facility.

Dr. Jeff Harwood and Jessica Khaledi came forward. Jessica Khaledi announced that the new Fisher Titus building will be open to see patients beginning Monday, February 17th. The old building is scheduled to be demolished on February 28th. They will then follow up with asphalt sometime in mid-March if the weather allows. They are hopeful all phases will be done by the end of March.

Doctor Harwood then gave a Rail Trail update. The goal is to turn an abandoned rail bed between New London and Greenwich into a recreational trail. Dr. Harwood announced they had acquired a property last May and with the help of Bob Archer and Kent Sporting Goods they now own the property free and clear. They also had a generous donor give them \$10,000. They expect to start work on the trail in July or August. The New London site will begin at the West Main Street property location. The Greenwich site will be on Kniffen Street. He is hoping to generate more interest in the project and stated more people have been attending the work sessions and signed up to become members. Dr. Harwood thanked Stuart Cooke and his crew for their work. The goal is to have the first section done by mid-summer. He isn't sure how professional looking the surface grade will be, but it will be open. The last thing Dr. Harwood wanted to announce was thanks to a generous contribution by Fisher-Titus they have acquired the abandoned house on West Main Street that sits right where the trail will be. They will be clearing the brush around the property. Mark Chase and Janotta & Herner have taken on the task of figuring out how to demolish the building. They will also make a small parking area. They will keep the current garage as an equipment storage area. The project has been named the Fisher Titus AC & Y Trail Project. Dr. Harwood concluded by saying their 501(c)3 group working on the project is known as the New London-Greenwich Rail Trail Inc. He passed out brochures to council and thanked them for their time.

Toby Thomas then announced that the Zoning and Planning Commission would be meeting in council chambers on February 20th at 7 p.m. He would also like to have record of when any of the other village committees are meeting. He would like to get all committee meetings on a calendar and also add a calendar to the village website so the community can know when the different meetings will be.

Toby Thomas also wanted to let everyone know that they had begun getting in applications for Chief of Police. The members of council are listed as the Police Committee. He had talked to Stuart Cooke and they would like to have a smaller committee to do the interviewing process. He asked council to be thinking about that and they will discuss who should be on the smaller committee at a later date.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator permission to move forward with the lease process for new equipment since the current equipment lease will be expiring. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Steve Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Steve Ball – yes; Jennifer Ball – yes; Willis – yes; Curtis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule C. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule C. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 24, 2020 @ 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: Curtis, Myers, Willis, Cooke, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister, John Martin, Megan Sherlund, Pam Massie, Greg Massie, Ellen Simmons, Wendy Kidd, John Chapin and Lynn Phillips.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda. Stuart Cooke made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the February 10, 2020 Zoning Public Hearing were presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on February 10, 2020 were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements. He asked anyone with a question or statement to please step forward to the microphone and state their name before they began speaking.

Ellen Simmons stated she had handed out a town event card to all the members of council. She had also distributed them to businesses throughout town. She keeps them with her at all times and she has plenty of them. She would be happy to share them with anyone. Any church or organization that would like some should let her know. The Community Club makes the event cards. They are also the group that does Hometown Holidays and they recently had a successful Jungle Terry presentation.

Toby Thomas asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Waiting on an answer from the State.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- Tower Improvement Project – I am asking permission to enter into contract with D & M Painting Corporation. I forwarded the Recommendation of Award for the engineer to Council. Council discussed the wildcat logo being placed on the water tower. The cost for the logo came in higher than expected. The Athletic Booster Club was originally going to pay for the logo, but with the high cost, Shawn was unsure they would be able to. They went over different options and Shawn is going to check into the different ideas mentioned by council.

- Train 4 – Filter had media removed, contractor, engineers all met last Thursday to come up with what is needed to happen in order to correct the issues we are having. Wes Tech has taken back data to their engineers for them to run flow tests. Results from this should give us what our next plan of action is going to be.
- Tower Communication Project – the bills have come in for this project and are due. We have sent out bills to all the entities involved and should be receiving those payments soon. The total amount owed is right around \$79,000.00. Would it be okay if we used the CSX fund to pay the bill, then reimburse it as the monies from the entities are paid? This shouldn't take very long at all. If so, I would need a motion from Council that would allow Nancy to do this.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – engineering continues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing Major.

Sanitation

- Nothing Major

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

Other

- With spring coming we felt very uncertain about renewing the mowing contract with Pott's Mowing. I am asking Council permission to go to bid for the mowing of the cemetery, offices, triangle park and Memorial Park.

Actions –

- Motion to allow us to use CSX funds to pay for the communication project bills, until we receive the monies from the County, School, FAS, EMA.

Myers made a motion to allow bills for the Tower Communication Project to be paid out of the CSX Fund until the monies are collected from the other entities that are part of the project. The money will then be paid back to the CSX Fund. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Cooke made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to go to bid for the mowing of the cemetery, offices, triangle park and Memorial Park. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor Toby Thomas shared he, Shawn Pickworth and Steve Ball had attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Fisher-Titus building. He appreciated the work that Fisher Titus and Janotta & Herner had done on the facility. He then reported that the village planned on working with a couple churches to help clean up residential properties in the village. The New London Methodist and New London Alliance Churches are willing to send teams of people to homes during April to help with those in need of yard cleanup. Toby Thomas continued by saying he and the Zoning Commission had been discussing ways to revitalize some of the residential properties. The Zoning and Planning Commission has taken a look at some of the empty

homes whose owners live out of town. They are trying to work through absentee owners and abandoned properties. They are hoping the Huron County Land Bank will help with that. There are also some grants available from Great Lakes Community Action Partnership to do home improvements and weatherization projects. Anyone interested in any of these programs should call Toby Thomas or the village office. Toby Thomas concluded by saying they had received several resumes for the Chief of Police position. He asked if everyone would please be in prayer that the village would find the right replacement for Chief Marko. It will be a hard thing to do.

John Martin raised his hand and said he had a question on 33 Park Avenue. It is the residence beside his and it has been in question for some time. It has gone into a Lien Company and they have been asking for \$30,000. He was asking that since the village was offering a maintenance cleanup would they be able to get permission from the Lien holder to go onto the property and clean it up. There are a number of animals that live inside the house. It is flea infested. He has had Public Health go in but they can only do so much. He has had the police go in and they came out flea infested. The issue has been ongoing for years and he is wondering what Toby Thomas can do about it since he is talking about maintenance and upkeep of village residences. He needs to have something done. The Fire Chief has gone in and he cannot condemn it. The State Fire Marshal has been in the property and he has not gotten word back from him yet. He would like some kind of satisfaction on the house because it currently is nothing but a detriment to the properties surrounding it.

Toby Thomas stated that nobody would be able to go on the property without permission. He knows it is difficult to find out who buy up the liens. He suggested that John Martin seek help from Bob James.

John Martin stated he had done that and he had also gone through the County Auditor and through the state with no answers.

Toby Thomas replied that there wouldn't be much they could do. The group that is trying to help will be unable to spend that many hours on finding out who to contact to get permission to go on the property. The churches are more interested in those properties who have owners that are ready and willing to help. He wondered if maybe the Land Bank had been able to look at the property. He suggested that John Martin contact them.

Stuart Cooke reminded John Martin that he had been mayor for several years so he knew how much time had been spent on houses like the one next to him. He continued by saying they had to consider the legal rights of the village versus the property owner.

John Martin commented that it was the village's responsibility.

Toby Thomas replied that it would go back on the zoning inspector. He would need to find out who owns it and get it taken care of. Since the Fire Chief and State Fire Marshal had been at the property it seemed like people were looking into it. Other than that, he really didn't have any answers.

Stuart Cooke added that they always look for the Fire Marshal to condemn a property or the health department. If they aren't willing to condemn them, there isn't anything the village can do.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he didn't have anything unless someone had something for him.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Fire. Chief John Chapin stated he had applied for two additional grants. They had already received one for new radios. That grant was county wide and the village's share is 5% which is a little under \$4,000 for over \$75,000 worth of radios. The other grant is through FEMA for SCBAs. He thinks the last time they received SCBAs was in 2004 so he wanted to replace them with the grant. The other grant he applied for was an equipment grant through the State Fire Marshal for \$10,000

worth of gear. They may have to pay 5% of that one too but it would only be \$500. John Chapin concluded by saying that they would be having a pancake breakfast at the fire house on March 8th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Stuart Cooke asked John Chapin if water production was being effected by the problems they are having with train #4 at the water plant.

John Chapin replied that no it was not at that time. They have some issues. They run three trains at a time. The idea is to rotate the trains and take turns taking one out of service and they can't do that right now. They need to do some minor work on the other trains and they aren't able to do that.

Stuart Cooke asked John Chapin what would happen if they had to take one of the trains out for an emergency.

John Chapin answered that if that happened, they would be in a little bit of trouble. They do have a contingency plan if they lose a train. They would be alright for a short period of time but not an extended period of time. John Chapin thought the issue with train #4 had gone on long enough.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Bill Curtis stated he had nothing to report at that time.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund stated they had their Super Raffle over the weekend. She wanted to thank everyone who had come and volunteered their time. She also wanted to thank the businesses around town who had donated various items. She also thanked the village employees who came on Friday to help set up for the event.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2019-21 An Ordinance Amending the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Signs Within the Right of Way. Third Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the third reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-03 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-04 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the first reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-05 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with the Lowest and Best Bidder for Phase II-250,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Curtis made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion.

Steve Ball wanted to know what they were going to do about the Wildcat Logo on the tower since the price was so high.

Stuart Cooke and Shawn Pickworth discussed that Shawn was going to check with the boosters and meet with them before they made a final decision. Since this was just a first reading, there was time to make changes to the ordinance if necessary.

Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-06 An Ordinance adopting the 2020 Permanent Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-07 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Proceed with the Lease of Two New Kubota ZD1211-72 Inch Mowers and Authorizing the Village Manager to Auction Two Mowers Which Are No Longer Needed for Public Purposes, and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract for the Trade-In and Lease-Purchase of a Backhoe, A Mini-Excavator, and a Skid Loader, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-09 An Ordinance Amending Section 131.11 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Fees for False Alarms. First Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Bill Curtis, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Cooke, No.

Resolution 2020-01 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. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 2020-01 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Curtis, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Steve Ball stated that all members of council should have received a recommendation from the recreation committee regarding Labor Day camping. There had been many Labor Day camping representatives at the last Recreation Committee meeting and after further discussion the committee had decided to keep doing things the way they were with a couple exceptions. Going forward, there will be a limit of one site per person. For 2020 Labor Day camping, the sites can stay the same but those with multiple sites will be required to put the site in the name of the person who actually camps there. Only immediate family members as defined as spouse, partner and children, will be able to camp on the site. The only other change is starting in 2021 they are changing the payment due date to July 1st rather than August 1st. The reason for moving the due date forward is to allow anyone taking an available site to have plenty of time to prepare and plan.

Steve Ball recommended council approve the recommendation from the Recreation Committee to leave Labor Day camping as is but with the exception of one site per person and the earlier due date beginning in 2021. Bill Curtis seconded the motion.

Janice Myers asked if that meant they would be going back to reserved spots from now on.

Steve Ball replied that it would cover this year and next year but issues may change down the road and they may come back some time in the future with a new recommendation.

Janice Myers wanted to make sure it would be the same until it was brought back to council.

Steve Ball stated that if things change and down the road the Recreation Committee feels that a different thing should be done, they will come back to council with a different recommendation.

Toby Thomas wanted to verify that the main changes were that there was a limit to one site per person.

Steve Ball wanted to add that person and that person's immediate family as defined earlier in the meeting would be the only ones allowed to camp on that site.

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

Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Bill Curtis addressed Mayor Toby Thomas and New London Village Council and read the following letter.

"This letter is to inform you of my resignation from New London Village Council and all Council affiliated committees effective immediately. It has been an honor serving with you and serving the residents of the Village of New London. Sincerely, William H. Curtis Jr."

Toby Thomas thanked Bill Curtis.

Steve Ball made a motion to accept the resignation of Bill Curtis. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas thanked Bill Curtis for his years on council.

Bill Curtis stood and left his spot and took a seat in the audience.

Toby Thomas asked if there was any other New Business. There was none.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment and compensation of seasonal recreation employees and new Police Chief.

Myers made a motion to enter into executive session. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes.

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

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Charley Crawford, Frank Murr, Andy O'Dell, Mary Oney, Tom Howell and Kelly Pence to come back as seasonal recreation employees with a 5% pay increase and to allow the Village Administrator to hire five additional seasonal recreation employees at \$9 per hour. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to replace Bill Curtis on the Ambulance Board with Jennifer Ball. Mike Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Myers made a motion to adjourn. Willis 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 9, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Willis, Cooke, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister, John Martin, Megan Sherlund, Ellen Simmons, Don Patton, Adam Gullett, Brittney Gullett, Bob James, Jayne Carroll, Scott Carroll and Lynn Phillips.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the February 24, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Willis made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements. There were none.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Waiting on an answer from the State.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- Tower Improvement Project – Received a Notice to Proceed from the Engineer for the amount of \$153,580.00. This is the base bid of \$132,640 and Alternate 1 of \$20,940.00 paint upgrade. Number 2 Alternate has been pulled. We expect this project to be done late spring, early summer and to be completed around July 4th, 2020.
- Train 4 – Wes Tech, Kirk Bros. & Poggemeyer Engineering will be in the Village this Wednesday & Thursday, March 11th & 12th, 2020. The plan is to install new parts and perform flow tests, and hopefully get the media back in the tank.
- Water Leak on Park Ave. & Clyde Ave. – crews called in a located to repair water main this morning, plan is to dig it up and repair it Wednesday morning.
- Training – crew members attended training last Tuesday in Columbus and will attend training this Tuesday in Columbus. All Water/Wastewater operators are required so many education training hours per year. The amount of this training is depending on what level of license each operator holds by the State of Ohio.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – engineering continues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing Major.

Sanitation

- Spring Cleanup – Dumpsters will be out at the Village Garage starting March 30th thru May 1st at 3:00 pm. Curb side Spring Cleanup will be the week of April 26th. Please see the Village website www.newlondonohio.com or our Facebook page for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office 419-929-4091.

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching pot holes.
- Road Salt – the village is under contract for 150 tons of road salt this year. Orders must be in by April 30, 2020. This will restock our supply for the year.
- Catch Basin – Catch Basin on West Main Street has failed, crews making plans to replace.

Other

- The Village is currently out to bid for the mowing contract of Village properties. This includes Cemetery, Triangle Park, Memorial Park, Village Office & Council Chambers. Details can be found on our website, www.newlondonohio.com. Bids will be accepted until 12:00 PM, March 13th. If you have any questions, please contact the office 419-929-4091.
- The Village has begun the process of adding additional software to all departments. This software is called Dude Solutions. This is the next step in our Asset Management Planning, it will help us track what we do more accurately and more efficiently. It will help us plan future capital improvement projects, track costs, inventory, work orders and assets.
- The Ohio EPA was in town today to inspect our Compost Facility and our processes. Nothing major was noted.

Janice Myers asked Shawn Pickworth what the price of salt was this year.

Shawn Pickworth replied that it was \$85 per ton. That is an ODOT bid. They piggy back on the ODOT bid. Everyone receives the same price as long as they are part of the ODOT bid.

Steve Ball asked Shawn Pickworth about Train 4. He wanted to know what parts they were going to change. Were they going to change the back flush tubes to get the orifice size the same as the other three?

Shawn Pickworth stated that they were supposed to be bringing those with them and they are going to be installing the new inductor. They will be doing that first thing Wednesday morning.

Mayor Toby Thomas shared if anyone knows of anyone that would like help with their spring cleanup to please call into the village office to get on a list. Local churches are willing to help residents but they need to know who would like help. Once they are on the list, the churches will call them and set up a date to come and help with the cleanup. Secondly, Toby announced they had gone to a Huron County District Advisors meeting that morning. The Department of Health shared some information about the Coronavirus. They are encouraging everyone not to touch their face. The virus is not spread by skin to skin contact. It has to get into your body. Through your mouth, nose or eyes are the easiest ways to do that. That is why washing hands frequently is a good idea. He shared that there were three cases in Ohio and he wanted everyone to be aware.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he didn't have anything unless someone had something for him.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Fire. Chief John Chapin absent. Toby shared that John Chapin was doing well. He had a heart attack at the end of the previous week. He is home from the hospital but will be off work for a while.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated there were 54 runs in February. There were 29 in the Village of New London; 8 in New London Township; 6 in Fitchville Township; 2 in Troy Township and 9 in Ruggles Township. Of the 54 runs, 24 were advanced life support which means there was a paramedic on board.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James did not have anything to report.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund stated they had started the previous week to get their equipment ready for spring. Andy, Frank and Charley have been working on getting things ready and getting the restrooms ready to have the water turned back on. They will be working with Don Patton and Shawn Pickworth and various employees from other departments to make the roads at the campground better. They will be doing that in house this year. They are in a rush to get ready for the camping season. The campground will be opening in a month. They will be working hard to make sure everything is ready. They will also be getting the restrooms at the recreation park ready for the water to be turned on as well. With the warmer temperatures that day, it had been nice to see residents at the recreation park enjoying the day.

Ellen Simmons asked when opening day at the campground would be.

Megan Sherlund stated it would be opening on April 10th.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-04 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-05 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with the Lowest and Best Bidder for Phase II-250,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-06 An Ordinance adopting the 2020 Permanent Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-07 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Proceed with the Lease of Two New Kubota ZD1211-72 Inch Mowers and Authorizing the Village Manager to Auction Two Mowers Which Are No Longer Needed for Public Purposes, and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date. Second Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract for the Trade-In and Lease-Purchase of a Backhoe, A Mini-Excavator, and a Skid Loader, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-09 An Ordinance Amending Section 131.11 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Fees for False Alarms. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2020-10 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Auction Miscellaneous Equipment Which in No Longer Needed for Public Purposes. First Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the first reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Steve Ball – yes; Jennifer Ball – yes; Willis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule C. Myers made a motion to approve Schedule C. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

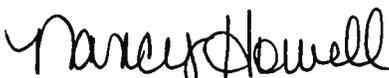
Toby Thomas asked for a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a new Police Chief and the appointment of a Village Official for the council opening.

Myers made a motion to enter into executive session. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes.

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

Steve Ball made a motion to appoint Adam Gullett to replace Bill Curtis as a member of council. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to adjourn. Steve Ball 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 23, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

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

The Mayor then swore in Adam Gullett to his new seat on council.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Myers, Jennifer Ball, Cooke, Gullett and Steve Ball. Willis was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, and Lynn Phillips.

Janice Myers made a motion to change the format of the meeting to be live streamed instead of open to the public due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then held a discussion on holding one council meeting per month until the village gets through the current emergency. He had spoken with Mr. Bond and as long as three council members signed off on a bill voucher, the bills could continue to be paid. If anything came up, a special meeting could be called. It was determined to schedule the next meeting for April 27, 2020.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow a once a month council meeting until further notice with the next meeting being scheduled for April 27th. This motion would allow three council members to approve check vouchers so bills can be paid in between meetings. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Stuart Cooke asked if a change could be made to the agenda in the future so that questions can only be asked during the Public Questions and Statements section.

Toby Thomas felt that it would be good to be able to answer questions at any time during the meeting.

A short discussion ensued considering the pros and cons of allowing questions during the entire meeting. It was finally determined that questions would be allowed only during the Public Questions and Statements section of the agenda from now on.

The minutes from the March 9, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements.

Ellen Simmons stated that as of 5 p.m. that day the New London Public Library would be closed until further notice.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – the State of Ohio has denied the project for Critical Infrastructure funding. We are now in the process of researching other funding sources that will allow us to continue this project.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- Tower Improvement Project – Notice to proceed has been signed. Next step will be signing contracts and scheduling a preconstruction meeting. We expect this project to start late spring, early summer and to be completed around July 4th, 2020.
- Train 4 – On March 11th & 12th, Wes Tech, Kirk Bros. Construction and Poggemeyer Engineering were all in attendance at our Water Plant to install a different underdrain system and new inductor on Train #4. Although progress was made, the Train did not perform as required and everyone left scratching their heads to what was different that this train won't perform as our other 3 trains perform. This week our team started working the issues and was able to find yet another design flaw from the manufacture of the system. Crews were able to trouble shoot and change some parts and were able to make great progress. We believe there are other issues that need to be address by Wes Tech, Kirk Bros. & Poggemeyer Engineering. We asked from the beginning of this project to have Train 4 built identical to our other 3 Trains and we feel they have missed the mark. We did make a call to Poggemeyer Engineering today and communicated what we have found and what we are expecting to be done.
- Water Leak on Park Ave. & Clyde Ave. – leak has now been fixed.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – engineering continues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing Major.

Sanitation

- Spring Cleanup – Dumpsters will be out at the Village Garage starting March 30th thru May 1st at 3:00 pm. Curb side Spring Cleanup will be the week of April 26th. Please see the Village website www.newlondonohio.com or our Facebook page for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office 419-929-4091.
- I want to recommend to Council to allow us to cancel curbside spring cleanup. We will still have the dumpsters at the Village Garage during the month of April that residents can use as much as they want. We are recommending this for the safety of our workers.

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
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- Crews have been out patching potholes.
- North Railroad – the Huron County Engineers office has reached out to us to see if we would be interested in having this street chipped and sealed? Cost expected to be between \$10,000 - \$11,000 for the project.
- Road Salt – we took delivery and have stored 150 tons of road salt.

Steve Ball asked what was the average amount of salt the village usually purchases.

Shawn Pickworth answered that it was 100 to 125 tons per year on average.

- Catch Basin – Catch Basin on West Main Street has failed, crews making plans to replace.

Other

- Mowing – I am asking Council permission to enter into contract with Pott's Mowing for the 2020 mowing season for \$15,000.00. This is the lowest and best bid received.
- Utilities Payments/Shutoffs – Do we suspend shutoffs? Do we charge the late fee's?

Members of council and the Village Administrator discussed the different options for water payments and what they felt was best for the safety of village workers and the residents of the village. It was decided it would be best to suspend water shutoffs beginning in March and suspend late penalties beginning in April. A concern of high bills was discussed because bills will continue to accumulate during this time. A possible payment plan option will be considered.

Janice Myers made a motion to suspend water shutoffs beginning in March and late penalties beginning in April until further notice. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

- We have been working as a team here in the Village to address the coronavirus and keep our employees as well as the public that we encounter as safe as possible. We are separating employees as much as possible. We have ordered thermometers that will allow us to take temps of each employee daily. We have been working/planning on how we will address worst case scenarios to provide safe drinking water/sewer treatment/sanitation services to all our customers during these trying times. We have dedicated employees and staff that will do whatever it takes during these times. We wish everyone to be safe and stay healthy.

Stuart Cooke asked Shawn Pickworth if Poggemeyer had a representative to oversee the installation of Train #4.

Shawn Pickworth replied that yes they did. What is frustrating is every one they have designed and installed is the same as the village's. There are other customers out there operating failing water systems. They aren't operating the way they are supposed to be operating.

Stuart Cooke stated he had met with John Chapin and they had discussed the problem.

Shawn Pickworth predicted they would need to get Mr. Bond to get involved in order to resolve the problem. The more research they do, the more things they find that are wrong. They recently found a problem with the air release on Train #4. The bed wouldn't rise like it should. They are now looking at every little thing that they have done to make sure it is correct.

Janice Myers asked if the village could subtract the village's hours off the bill.

Stuart Cooke stated that John Chapin had told him he is keeping track of the village's hours.

Adam Gullett asked if the engineering firm was asking for more money.

Shawn Pickworth answered that no they had not. Maybe they could hold money from the engineers in the future.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Pott's Mowing for the 2020 mowing season at a cost of \$15,000.00. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor Toby Thomas shared that the village is doing the best they can do during this time. They may switch some scheduling around to allow less people working at one time. He encouraged residents to use the phone and internet to contact the office with any needs.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he didn't have anything unless someone had something for him.

Toby Thomas stated that he didn't have anything but he wanted to let everyone know that they have suspended the search for a new police chief for the time being.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if he had any reports to share for Fire, Ambulance, Zoning or Recreation.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report from Megan Sherlund.

1. Upgrades and opening procedures for the park and reservoir are ongoing. Crews have been working on the roads, so far, we have bought and used over 150 ton of stone trying to improve some of the roads. Many trees have been cut down and trimmed.
2. We are working with the Boy Scouts, the Recreation Committee, and some individuals with community service hours to finish cleaning up of trees that came down over the winter.
3. All the letters went out to Labor Day campers informing them of the changes. Payments are still due August 1st and they will have to inform us of name changes on sites prior to the event. We will have campground employees manning the campers gate for check ins and ID checks.
4. The Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event is cancelled.
5. We do intend on opening the Reservoir Park and Campground on April 10, 2020 as of right now. We have been given no indication that we will not be allowed to open at this time. If the State of Ohio does add this to the closed list, we will follow the directions of the State and Huron County Health Department.
6. Campers have brought up the deck roofs at the Reservoir Campgrounds and would like Council to reconsider to allow them to construct a roof over their decks? Please see attached letter and sample print/draft.

7. Camping payments – we have received several requests from campers wanting to know if the Village would consider accepting payments for this year’s camping due to the health crisis hardships? Please see attached letter.
8. Should we be allowing people into the Reservoir Campgrounds with the States Stay at Home mandate in effect?
9. We would like to recommend to Council that we keep the restrooms closed at the Rec. park until further notice this spring.

Steve Ball stated that the former person running the concession stand/Dairy Bar at the park was no longer going to be running it. They had only received one bid from someone else interested in taking over the job. With the Stay at Home Mandate, he isn’t sure when the Dairy Bar would even be able to open. He just wanted to update council on that situation.

Stuart Cooke replied that the gentleman who formerly ran the Dairy Bar had come to him and said the wording in his contract had been changed and that was why he didn’t want to run it any more.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they had asked Mr. Bond to add wording to the contract to stipulate the Dairy Bar would have certain hours. The village had received numerous complaints over the years that the Dairy Bar was not open when it said it would be open. That is why they had specific hours added to the wording of the contract.

Stuart Cooke wondered if that wasn’t something that should have gone before council.

Shawn Pickworth agreed that yes it probably should have.

Stuart Cooke added that he didn’t know how the village could tell the person running the Dairy Bar how they had to run their personal business and how they could all of a sudden just change the contract.

Shawn Pickworth stated that the contract was only good for a year at a time.

Steve Ball added that the previous summer they had been closed frequently and he thought if the village was going to have a lease with someone to run the concession stand for them he thought they should be able to tell them that they wanted them to be open certain hours. It is the village’s Dairy Bar and village’s park. He didn’t think they should be able to just be open an hour or two here and there.

Toby Thomas stated he thought that was the question. If the village leases the Dairy Bar, then it really isn’t the village’s concession at the village’s park. He wanted to see if that was what Stuart Cooke was trying to say.

Stuart Cooke replied that yes that was correct. The money received by the Village from the person running the Dairy Bar was not to run the concession stand but to lease the building.

Jennifer Ball stated she agreed with some of what he was saying but she also thought that by renewing the contract yearly, the village had the right to have someone running the Dairy Bar that will be open.

Stuart Cooke wondered how they had advertised for bids to run the Dairy Bar.

Shawn Pickworth answered that he thought it had gone through the recreation committee. They had asked for proposals.

Stuart Cooke continued by saying he heard that it is a relative of a park board member or an actual member of the park board that would be running the Dairy Bar over the summer. He feels this makes the village look bad. The gentleman who formerly ran the Dairy Bar feels he is being run out.

Steve Ball agreed that it could look that way but he has heard that the former person had the attitude that it would be run his way or he wouldn't run it at all. The concession stand is there for the park and he doesn't feel they should have someone running it that feels they can do whatever they want. He would like to have someone in there that will be open more often.

Council members discussed the situation and it was noted that the former person had not tried to talk about the contract at all and had just emailed Megan Sherlund to say he did not want to run the Dairy Bar any more. Stuart Cooke felt that the contract should have gone before council before it had been sent out to make sure that members of council approved. Steve Ball had added that the recreation committee was planning on bringing the new person before council for their approval once they had a recommendation.

Toby Thomas stated that with the pandemic emergency, everything was on hold anyway so the Dairy Bar wouldn't be opening for a while. He wondered if they could put something on Facebook and request proposals.

Stuart Cooke felt that it should definitely be advertised. He added that the concession stand used to be run by the recreation employees but then they started losing money. The Park's Director at the time had recommended the concession stand be closed down and it remained that way for a few years. Then the former person offered to open it up and the building was in great disrepair. The gentleman spent his own money to fix the building so it could be used.

Janice Myers and Stuart Cooke both added that they had never put stipulations on the hours they were to be open because they were just happy to have someone willing to run it.

More discussion on the Dairy Bar was had and then Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth to ask Megan Sherlund to readvertise for proposals and to give them two or three weeks' notice to get the proposals in.

Toby Thomas asked what council wanted to do with the request the campers had about the deck roofs.

Shawn Pickworth explained why the original decision about deck roofs had been made and after some discussion, council decided to wait until the pandemic was over and things started going back to normal. They will discuss the subject again at a later date.

Toby Thomas then asked what council wanted to do about camping payments.

Council discussed several different ideas about the situation. They discussed extending the due date but not allowing anyone to camp until their fees were paid in full. Another option was allowing them to camp for just the amount of time they had paid for. They also discussed prorating charges. The final decision was to have the final payment due June 10, 2020 but campers would need to have 1/3 as a down payment. Campers would be allowed to divide their payments into three installments.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow campers to pay camping fees in three installments. One third of the fee would be paid up front and the final payment is due by June 10, 2020. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Council then discussed chipping and sealing North Railroad Street and different options for funding this project. More on this subject will come.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-04 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-05 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with the Lowest and Best Bidder for Phase II-250,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Jennifer 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 2020-07 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Proceed with the Lease of Two New Kubota ZD1211-72 Inch Mowers and Authorizing the Village Manager to Auction Two Mowers Which Are No Longer Needed for Public Purposes, and Providing for an Immediate Effective Date. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract for the Trade-In and Lease-Purchase of a Backhoe, A Mini-Excavator, and a Skid Loader, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the third reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-09 An Ordinance Amending Section 131.11 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Fees for False Alarms. Third Reading. Jennifer 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 2020-10 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Auction Miscellaneous Equipment Which is No Longer Needed for Public Purposes. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion.

Stuart Cooke asked Shawn Pickworth when he was planning on having the auction.

Shawn Pickworth stated he was supposed to be having Andy Suvar do the auction but now with everything going on he didn't know. It would be delayed until further notice.

Stuart Cooke questioned moving forward with the auction due to concerns about the economy.

Toby Thomas stated he thought they could still approve the ordinance with the understanding that they would not move forward with the auction until the appropriate time. He asked council if they were okay with that. Council agreed

Roll call – all ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-11 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-11 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2020-02 A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2020. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 2020-02 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a

motion to approve the emergency reading. Steve 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.

Steve Ball stated that the Governor of Ohio had reached out to all cabinet members to reduce spending and he thinks it will trickle down and affect counties and towns.

Stuart Cooke thought that as members of council they needed to ask the Village Administrator to reduce the budget in all departments. One suggestion was to allow no overtime.

Council discussed different ways to reduce spending.

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

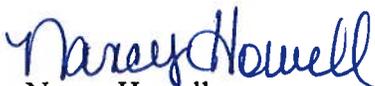
Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for a motion to enter into executive session to consider the Compensation of a Village Employee.

Steve Ball made a motion to enter into executive session. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Gullett, Yes.

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

Steve Ball made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Ball 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 27, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Jennifer Ball, Cooke, Gullett, Willis and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Bob James and Lynn Phillips.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the March 23, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements.

He checked his phone as the meeting was being live streamed to see if there were any questions or comments from any viewers and there were none. He stated that under the circumstances, if questions came in throughout the meeting he would make sure they got answered.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We are still looking at funding sources for this project. Request for a PTI has been sent to the OEPA for review and approval.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- Tower Improvement Project – Project has started. Crews have moved in and tower taken out of service. Project is expected to be completed around June 1st, weather permitting. In preparation for this project, crews installed a PRV at the water plant. This will allow us to control the line pressures throughout the distribution system a lot better. Water crews came in at midnight Monday night and worked through the night to install. This was done at night to reduce the impact on our customers. Everything went as planned and the project was completed by 6:00 am. Great job in planning and executing to our Water Crew.
- Train 4 – the week of April 12th WesTech and Kirk Bros. came to the water plant and changed out the underdrain system and media in the 2nd filter. For the most part work went as planned except for being around 20 bags short on media and an additional order had to be delivered. The Village also requested that the drain lines be lowered 6” to match the height of the lines on Train 1,2 &3. We feel the Train will perform as it should once this is completed. At this point the only remaining issue the Village has, or questions, is the underdrain system in the 4 GAC tanks

that were installed during this project. It only makes sense that because the underdrain systems were proven to be wrong in the 2 filters installed that these same underdrain systems must be wrong in the GAC's. It is our intent for WesTech to address this issue. Still more to come.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – design prints for this project has been sent from J&H Engineering to the Village for review. Once the review is completed and we are satisfied with the designs we will then forward the designs to the USDA-RD and the OEPA for approval and PTI.

Storm Sewers

- Crews have been out cleaning some storm sewers.

Sanitation

- Spring Cleanup – residents have a few more days to take advantage of the spring cleanup dumpsters at the Village Garage. This Friday, May 1st the dumpsters will be emptied and removed at around 3:00 pm.

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching potholes.
- Prospect/Euclid/Miner Road Project – this project is expected to be done mid-May. We will be closing the road during this project. There is 1 business and 2 houses within the project area and crews will work with these residents during the project. We expect to close the road 1 day for grinding and 1 day for paving. We expect the grinding to happen about 1 week before the paving, but the road will remain open between the two days. I have sent a request to the County Commissioners to release the funds for this project.
- Catch Basin – Catch Basin on West Main Street has failed, crews making plans to replace.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – I was notified on Thursday, April 23, 2020, that a contractor would begin work on the East side of town on Monday, April 27th and the plan is to have the pipe crews in town sometime mid-May to start installing new gas lines. I have not been given any other timelines. Supposedly residents affected will receive or have received a letter from Columbia Gas about the project. I did request through the contractor that Columbia Gas contact the Village and bring us up to date of the plans for this project. I will pass along any information as I receive it. I did receive a letter from Columbia and it appears the project area involves East Main including Downtown, South Main from the light to just passed Kirk Street, James Street, Park Ave. from East Main to just past the Catholic Church, Williams from James Street to Walnut, Walnut Street & Coleman Court.

Janice Myers asked Shawn Pickworth how Columbia Gas would be handling the downtown area.

Shawn Pickworth answered that he didn't know. He hadn't even known they were coming in the first place. He requested a call from them but they haven't called him yet.

- Park Model Camping Units – Do we allow these in our campground?

Toby Thomas asked if that would be for seasonal campers.

Shawn Pickworth stated yes most of them are used for seasonal camping. Shawn recommended that council approve them because he thinks they look nice.

Janice Myers asked Shawn Pickworth if he had a picture of what they look like.

Shawn Pickworth stated he did not but he thinks they look nice. A lot of them are sided and have metal roofs.

Steve Ball commented that they are meant to leave at one location and not to be moved from place to place.

After a short discussion, it was determined that since there were no specific rules stating what type of campers were allowed, council agreed they would be fine.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Park Model Camping Units to be allowed at the New London Reservoir Campground. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor Toby Thomas shared that he had a couple things he wanted to talk about. He began by saying he believes they are slowly going to be opening things back up beginning in May. The reservoir campground is not allowed to be open yet. He then asked Shawn Pickworth if he had heard if there was any kind of timeframe for when the campground would be allowed to open.

Shawn Pickworth stated that unfortunately he has not.

Toby Thomas thought that should be something everyone should be thinking and praying about because the campground provides much of the income for the parks. He continued by saying he thinks that Huron County and specifically the residents of the Village of New London have been doing a good job of following the guidelines put in place. He knows it is frustrating. He and Shawn Pickworth have been talking and they have determined the village really needs to tighten their belts. They have spoken with village employees and encouraged everyone to think of ways to cut costs. The pandemic is not just going to hurt the village now but also well into the future. Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if there was anything he wanted to bring up concerning village utilities.

Shawn Pickworth stated that since they currently were unable to do water shut offs, the village had 70 unpaid utility accounts. Of the 70 past due accounts, 25 are more than one-month delinquent and ranging up to around \$400. The delinquent utility bills add up to almost \$11,000 due to the village. Shawn continued by saying eventually all the restrictions will be lifted and the bills will be due. He encouraged everyone to pay if they can to avoid problems and extremely high bills that will have to be paid in the future.

Toby Thomas encouraged everyone to at least try to make partial payments on their bill.

Toby Thomas then talked about the paving of the streets. There is not enough money in the Street Fund to pave streets. Last year the village had tried to pass a levy and it didn't pass. The public needs to know that unless the village passes a levy or increases the income tax, there will be no way to repave the village streets. He stated he thought the village would need approximately \$100,000 a year to pave all the streets over a 10-year period of time. There was a possibility of receiving some grant money but not nearly enough for what

they would need. He wanted council to start thinking about if they would like to try to put another levy on in the fall or what their course of action should be.

Lastly, Toby Thomas asked council what they thought about continuing to have just one council meeting per month. He realized they would probably need Mr. Bond to write an ordinance allowing it to change but he wondered if the village really needed to have two meetings each month. He thought it was food for thought and wondered if council could touch on it in Old Business.

Stuart Cooke replied that he thought they seemed too out of touch when there was only one meeting a month and he didn't like it that way. Other members of council agreed. Stuart thought they should leave it at one meeting for the month of May and then revisit it at that time to see if they could return to two meetings a month.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated the search warrants that the police department has been executing have been slowly going through the criminal justice process. One of their search warrants from the previous spring just went through the criminal justice system and the police department will be receiving slightly over \$5,000 back from that warrant. It is a slow process, but the warrants are working through the criminal justice system. Chief Marko also talked about the police officer who had tested positive for the Coronavirus. The officer has not returned to work even though he could have returned two weeks ago. Chief Marko asked him to remain at home for an additional two weeks because he wanted to err on the side of caution. The officer received 80 hours of sick time from the state and Chief Marko donated sick time to allow the officer to still receive his pay. He also stated that the reserve and part-time officers would not be returning to work until at least June 1st since they all hold full-time jobs elsewhere. Chief Marko concluded by thanking council for their quick response in allowing him to call up two reserve officers that were not employed elsewhere to help take up some of the slack from the officer being off with the virus.

Toby Thomas asked Chief Marko if the money coming back to the village from the search warrant would be able to stay in the police fund.

Chief Marko answered that according to the state of Ohio, the money would need to go into the Drug Law Enforcement Fund.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if John Chapin had given him anything to report for the fire department.

Shawn Pickworth stated that John Chapin didn't really have anything to report except it had been very quiet and not a lot calls for the fire department.

Toby Thomas then asked for an ambulance report from Jennifer Ball. Jennifer Ball reported that for the month of March there had been a total of 53 runs. There were 33 runs in the Village of New London; nine in New London Township; three in Fitchville Township; five in Troy Township; and three in Ruggles Township. She also stated that Firelands Ambulance wanted to thank the following businesses for their donation of PPE: Thomas Creative Apparel, Stone Creek Dental, Knockout Tree Service, Makena Construction, Gilbert Hardware and New London Schools. She concluded by saying she thought there would be others, but that was the list they had so far.

Toby Thomas asked Bob James for a zoning report. Bob James stated he had nothing to report unless anyone had anything for him.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if Megan Sherlund had given him a report to share for the recreation department.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report from Megan Sherlund.

1. I spoke with the health department in regards to the concession stand at the downtown rec park and they said before a new operator opens for the season there must be new building plumbing and health department permits applied for. That would be the responsibility of the food stand operator not the village of new London, but having experience working for and with building and health departments I will gladly help them through the process.
 - a. We received 2 bids for the concession stand. It was advertised for on Facebook, the website, and the New London Record. The two bids we received were sent in by Alexis Hinckley and Kathleen Overy. They are included with this report. The state still has not given a date for social events to start happening so we are not sure if or when this establishment will be able to open for the season.
2. We started the process of turning on water at the reservoir and ran into some issues so we have Terry Granneman coming out to look at a leak that is located behind a water tank that we cannot access.
3. My team is continuing to prepare for when the parks are open. I'm hoping to start working with Jobs and Family services to obtain more employees for various positions to help with cutting costs this summer.
4. The recreation committee is recommending we cancel the Country Concert and Rokin the Rez this year. We will have to find some other form of social distancing fundraising to help with events like the Labor Day Festival, etc. We have come up with some of the following ideas.
 - i. T-shirt design contest and sale
 - ii. Drive-thru chicken dinner
 - iii. Fishing tournament
 - iv. Golf scramble
 - v. Around town scavenger hunt
 - vi. Some sort of online game
 - vii. 100 Club-50/50 raffle with only 100 tickets \$50/each
5. I am preparing to apply for the Nature Works grant, I will need an ordinance in May.
Proposed projects:
 - a. Outfield Nets for the softball field
 - b. Kitchen upgrades at Hileman
 - c. New Playground at reservoir back in seasonal camping area

Shawn Pickworth added that the electric was still off at the campground and asked council what should and should not be allowed at the campground during this time. Should the gates ever be open? Should campers be allowed back at their campsites to mow or clean?

Janice Myers asked if Megan Sherlund posted hours of when someone would be in the reservoir office.

Shawn Pickworth replied that yes the hours were posted.

Stuart Cooke thought that maybe they could allow seasonal campers in the campground only when an employee was there.

Toby Thomas commented that the campers would need to realize that they would not be allowed to stay the night.

Shawn Pickworth replied that was true and that was why he had not wanted the electric turned back on out at the reservoir yet. As soon as it comes on, it would entice people to want to stay out there. He wants campers to just mow or do whatever else they have to do and then leave. He also thought council should begin thinking about what would happen when the campground is allowed to open. He wanted them to think about

visitors and the public restrooms. He continued by saying the village did not have the man power to make sure the public restrooms were cleaned and sanitized like they would need to be. He thought the restrooms would have to remain closed. The seasonal campers had bathrooms in their campers they could use. He also thought it would be likely that they would not be able to allow visitors or weekend campers. He thought it would be good to check what other campgrounds are doing and conform to something similar. He wants to be fair to everyone but the village also needs to do what is right.

Toby Thomas thought it would be better for everyone if the village would make a time frame for when the reservoir would allow the seasonal campers to have access to their sites and the gates would be open. He thought Megan Sherlund should determine certain hours and post them so campers would be aware.

Stuart Cooke added that he thought they should have to be checked in and checked out at the office when arriving and leaving.

On another note, Shawn Pickworth also wanted council to be thinking about Labor Day. He doesn't know if the state will allow them to have the festival but he also stated that it takes at least \$30,000 to \$40,000 in advance to be able to hold the Labor Day Festival. He thought council should make a decision in June as to whether the village would be able to hold the festival or not. He guessed that the mass gatherings would be one of the last things that would be allowed by the government so the decision could be made for them.

Shawn Pickworth concluded by asking council to make sure they read through the information that had been given to them concerning the concession stand at the recreation park.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-10 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Auction Miscellaneous Equipment Which is No Longer Needed for Public Purposes. Third Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-12 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of the Income Tax Code to Incorporate Revisions Already Adopted in the Ohio Revised Code. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2020-03 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. First Reading. Willis made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Toby Thomas stated that Stuart Cooke had recommended that they have only one council meeting in May and then revisit the situation at that time and see if they could resume with two meetings each month. He asked Mr. Bond if they would need a motion to do that.

Mr. Bond stated that at the last meeting they had made a motion to begin having just one council meeting a month until further notice so they would not need a motion to continue in the same manner.

The next council meeting was scheduled for May 25, 2020 but it was determined that date would be Memorial Day.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to move the May council meeting to the 26th to avoid having the meeting fall on the Memorial Day holiday. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then announced that he thought the Memorial Day parade for the village had been canceled.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Jennifer Ball asked if council should make a decision whether to cancel the Country Concert and Rockin' the Rez since the Country Concert was coming up.

Toby Thomas asked if someone needed to make a motion to not have the concerts or they would just be canceled.

It was determined the concerts were events of the Recreation Committee and not of the village.

Toby Thomas thought they would not need a motion then if the Recreation Committee had canceled the concerts, they would be canceled.

Steve Ball commented that the only thing they had requested was for Megan Sherlund to publicize the cancellation of the concerts so people would be aware.

There was a short discussion on the Recreation budget reports that had been given to council.

Shawn Pickworth stated that the parks would lose around \$9,000 for every month they were shut down.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule B. Cooke made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve vouchers 1-68 for payments dated April 14, 2020. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Steve Ball – yes; Jennifer Ball – yes; Willis – yes; Gullett – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

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

 
Nancy Howell Toby Thomas
Fiscal Officer Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May 26, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Cooke, Gullett, Willis and Steve Ball. Jennifer Ball-excused absence.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, and Lynn Phillips.

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

The minutes from the April 27, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Willis made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements.

Toby Thomas explained that someone was supposed to be calling in during the meeting to discuss the Dairy Bar at the Recreation Park. He stated they could call in at any time and included the number they should call on.

Ellen Simmons reported that the library had opened on May 12th. It is open six days a week with limited hours. The first hour after opening is set aside for senior citizens and other at risk individuals. The staff are all wearing masks. They are requesting that everyone coming in to the library wear a mask but it is not mandatory. Ellen Simmons also announced that the side door of the library facing the Memorial Park was permanently closed for safety reasons. She then stated they were working on possibly having a summer reading program. For now, people are coming in and getting their materials and leaving. There are no meetings or anything like that. Lastly, Ellen Simmons commended the village on the work that had been done on Euclid, Miner and Prospect Streets.

Toby Thomas stated they were going to move on even though the individual wanting to discuss the Dairy Bar had not called in yet. He stated they were still welcome to call in at any time. No one ever called in.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We have received a PTI from the OEPA. Also, we sent an application to the State for all the funding agencies to review to see what they could offer the Village as far as funding this project. We got a good response from several of them, one was CDBG, Critical Infrastructure Funding. If you remember, this is the funding that we applied for originally and was denied. I got an email from a person from this funding stating that our project would be a good fit for this funding. I emailed back that this funding had been our first choice and were denied. Now that we have the PTI and are shovel ready, it seemed to make a difference. So, we reapplied and from what it sounds like we have a good chance of getting funding. This will be a \$500,000.00 grant with a \$47,000.00 match if needed.

- GIS Project – project continues.
- Tower Improvement Project – Phase 2 for the project is 98% complete. All that is left is some cement work at the base of the tower. While the tower was down, we had the inside inspected for warranty work from the project last year. The inspectors came back with some items that they recommend we have addressed before we put it back into service. The contractor who did the work has been contacted and will be on site later this week or next to address the issues.
- Train 4 – crew is still in the process of getting this train to run as expected. We found out that the wrong material was used in a layer of the media. The contractors seem to believe that this layer doesn't make that much of a difference, so we are in the process of collecting the data to prove that it does make a difference. We expect that the tanks will have to be emptied again and the correct media reinstalled. Once this happens, we believe this train will operate as it should.
- Water Main – a leak was repaired on West Main Street right in front of the new Fisher Titus Medical Office.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – getting ready to submit plans to the OEPA for PTI approval.

Storm Sewers

- Crews have been out cleaning some storm sewers.

Sanitation

- Spring Clean-up – the Village collected an additional 97.41 tons of trash the month of April. Landfill fees cost an extra \$5,260.00.

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching potholes.
- Prospect/Euclid/Miner Road Project – this project is complete.
- Catch Basin – Catch Basin on West Main Street has been replaced.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project is in full swing. Ours crews have been busy with locates, catch basin cleaning & storm sewer cleaning.

- Office reopening – the plan is to reopen our office to the public starting June 1, 2020 at 8:00 am. We have installed some safety barriers like you see at a lot of other businesses.

Mayor Toby Thomas shared that he wanted to restart the search for the new police chief.

Stuart Cooke felt that they should wait to restart the search until after the first of the month. He would like the interviews to be held before the council meetings. He also wanted to discuss going back to two meetings per month.

Janice Myers asked that since they had already set up four interviews previously she wondered if they could go ahead with those.

Stuart Cooke added that in the past, the police chief had not been part of the interview process, but he would like Chief Marko to be involved in the interviews for the new police chief. He feels he would have good insight since it is not just about being on patrol, but also about administrative skills.

Steve Ball thought they should only schedule two interviews at a time in order to get them in before the regular council meeting starts.

Toby Thomas thought that they may be able to do a zoom interview with the ones that live further away.

Steve Bond stated that in order to hold interviews before the regular council meeting with all of the members of council, they would need to call a special meeting and then go into executive session. After the interviews were complete they would go back into regular session and adjourn the special meeting. Then they could begin the regularly scheduled council meeting.

Stuart Cooke stated that he thought since two of the applicants were local residents, they should start with the applicants that lived further away. The local applicants could be scheduled at any time.

Council discussed the situation and Toby Thomas determined they would schedule a special council meeting for 6 p.m. before the regular council meeting on June 8, 2020. They scheduled the meeting and Toby stated he would see who was available to meet with council at that time but at least the meeting would be scheduled.

Toby Thomas then stated he wanted to encourage everyone to continue to do what they can especially with social distancing. He believes that has been a big help in controlling the virus. He added that he appreciates the golf course and how they are doing things to try to keep people apart. He knows that it isn't easy but we need to keep encouraging people to keep their distance. Toby Thomas concluded by stating the Thomas family appreciated the village allowing them to use the recreation park earlier that day for Shirley Thomas' drive by viewing.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he did not have anything unless someone had something for him.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if John Chapin had given him anything to report for the fire department. There was nothing.

Toby Thomas then asked if Jennifer Ball had given Steve Ball anything for the ambulance. There was nothing.

Shawn Pickworth stated that Bob James had asked him to share something on zoning. Bob James was able to acquire contact information from Tax Ease, LLC who was contracted through the county and is in the process of taking over several properties in New London. Bob James sent a letter to Tax Ease, LLC with a list of properties that are in violation of the zoning ordinance in New London. The letter stated that Tax Ease, LLC would have 30 days to bring the properties up to code or they would be turned over to the New London Police Department for criminal prosecution.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if Megan Sherlund had given him a report to share for the recreation department.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report from Megan Sherlund.

1. Hire New Employees, Grace Popa, Morgan Bednar & Zoe Farnsworth. I have had the Chief do an employment background check and all three came back acceptable.
2. Memorial Day was a successful weekend for the reservoir.
3. Can we add a cleaning fee of \$25 to the fee list for the Hileman Building that would be utilized when people use the building for something similar to a drive through showing for a funeral?
4. Health Department will be out tomorrow to do testing on the beach area and approve the swimming permit for 2020. The 2019 permit is good until May 31, 2020
5. I need a motion on roofs over decks at the campground. These roofs will need to have plans submitted prior to building, and will have to follow Ohio building code except they will have to be anchored only to the deck and not the ground for fast removal if needed.
6. Softball and T-Ball should be starting in June so we need to figure out a plan for the concession stand. Council was given 2 proposals at the last meeting. Can we have a discussion on those and a decision made in regards to the concession stand for the 2020 season.

Janice Myers asked how many hours a week the three new employees would be working.

Shawn Pickworth answered that they would work around 20-25 hours per week.

Janice Myers then asked what the hours of the reservoir office was and she wanted to verify that it was open seven days a week.

Shawn Pickworth replied that the office was open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. He also added that they wanted to have enough employees so that the same person didn't have to work every weekend.

A short discussion ensued and then Toby Thomas asked if someone would like to make a motion to allow the part-time employees to be hired.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow Megan Sherlund to hire Grace Popa, Morgan Bednar and Zoe Farnsworth as part-time seasonal reservoir office staff at \$9 per hour. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to bring the matter about deck roofs back to the table because they had previously tabled it. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball commented that he thinks the proposal is good. He thinks as long as they include it in the campground rules it would be fine. The camper would need to submit a proposal for the roof and it would also have to be inspected.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow roofs over decks at the reservoir campground. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if there was anything else for the parks that should be discussed.

Shawn Pickworth stated that council needed to make a decision about what they wanted to do about the concession stand out at the park.

Stuart Cooke commented that he thought Shawn Pickworth and the Recreation Committee should make the decision about that.

It was determined that Shawn Pickworth and the Recreation Committee would make that decision.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if the Health Department had given permission to open up beaches.

Shawn Pickworth stated they had been given permission but the Health Department would like everyone to continue following social distancing rules.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-12 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of the Income Tax Code to Incorporate Revisions Already Adopted in the Ohio Revised Code. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-13 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-13 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-14 An Ordinance Authorizing Agreements with Special Counsel and Chicago Title Agency of Huron County, Inc., in Connection with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2020-15 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village administrator to Execute an Agreement for and Participate in the Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2020-03 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Stuart Cooke stated he thought council should get back to their regular schedule of two meeting a month.

Steve Ball thought they could go back to two meetings a month but should still keep the same format of keeping the meetings closed to the public.

Toby Thomas asked Mr. Bond his opinion because he thought there may be new rules in June.

Mr. Bond replied that there was a possibility that by June there could be new rules but right now there were not so they should keep the same format.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas stated that he had noticed that Bill Curtis was still listed on three committees as a member of council. He wanted to see what council would like to do. He was on the Audit Committee. Toby Thomas asked Mr. Bond if they could just substitute Adam Gullett's name in place of Bill's or if they needed to do something special.

Mr. Bond replied that they could just change the name to Adam Gullett.

Toby Thomas then asked Steve Ball about the Recreation Committee. Bill Curtis had been on the committee as a council member.

Steve Ball answered that there was nothing in the ordinance that stated council members had to be on the committee so he didn't think anything needed to be done with that committee.

Toby Thomas stated that the other committee Bill had been on was the Monument Board. He was on the board as a council member.

Steve Ball volunteered to take the place of Bill Curtis on the Monument Board.

Stuart Cooke made a motion for Steve Ball to replace Bill Curtis as the member of council on the Monument Board. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball asked Shawn Pickworth if he needed a motion to apply for the CDBG Grant.

Shawn thought that would be a good idea.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to apply for CDBG, Critical Infrastructure Funding. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball stated that according to the Ohio Revised Code if council does not vote to approve a member of council's absence as excused, their pay would need to be docked. He asked that Jennifer Ball's absence be marked as excused.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Jennifer Ball's absence to be excused. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Shawn Pickworth stated that there was a group at the reservoir campground that wanted permission to hold chicken BBQs over the summer to raise money for the sewers at the campground.

Council was okay with it and it was determined that no motion would need to be made to allow it.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule B. Cooke made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to approve vouchers 69-112 for payments dated May 12, 2020. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Steve Ball – yes; Jennifer Ball – absent; Willis – yes; Gullett – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

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

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

Stuart Cooke made a motion to terminate Steven Kwiatkowski due to unreported absence from work for five or more days. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to start the process to hire a replacement for Steven Kwiatkowski. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All yes; No one opposed.

Cooke 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 8, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Cooke, Gullett, Willis, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Marvin McCallister, Bob James, Megan Sherlund and Lynn Phillips.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the agenda. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements.

Ellen Simmons stated she was there representing the New London Community Club. The community club is the organization that puts on Hometown Holidays and does the town event cards. She announced that the club would be going forward with having the community garage sales on June 20th. They also still plan on holding Hometown Holidays in December. She concluded by announcing the club would be meeting the following day at the Wildcat Diner and everyone was welcome to attend.

Toby Thomas noted that no one had posted any questions online so he stated they would move on with the meeting.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We should hear from the State by the end of this month on funding.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- Tower Improvement Project – Cement work to finish at the base, then paint. Plans are to fill, disinfect and put back into service by the end of the week. We are very pleased with the results of the project.
- Train 4 – We are going to install new media in the Clarifier. Material has been ordered and is expected to ship in a week to 10 days. We feel confident once this happens the train will run as expected.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Plans submitted to the OEPA for PTI approval.

Storm Sewers

- Crews have been out cleaning some storm sewers.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- During summer heat, crews might elect to start the routes earlier in the mornings. Make sure you get your trash out early, best by 6:00 am.

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching potholes.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project is in full swing. Ours crews have been busy with locates, catch basin cleaning & storm sewer cleaning.

Janice Myers asked Shawn Pickworth if Columbia Gas would be repairing the streets that are in disrepair due to the project.

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes they would.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if he wanted to discuss the Hileman Building rentals or if he wanted to wait until New Business.

Shawn Pickworth stated that things in Ohio were starting to open back up and he wanted to know council's feelings on renting the Hileman Building. Andy Suvar is considered to be in the same category as retail so he is allowed to start having auctions again. Someone has also requested to have a craft show in the Hileman Building. Shawn felt like these events should be allowed since people would be in and out during the events. While he felt those events wouldn't be a problem, he wondered about council's thoughts on events such as class reunions, graduation parties and wedding receptions. He felt that those type of events would be hard to have with the restrictions in place. He wondered if council would allow them to hold the events that would be allowed or if they wanted to keep the Hileman Building closed to all rentals until everything was allowed.

Council discussed the rules currently in place. Wedding receptions are allowed, but due to the many restrictions some members of council wondered if they should chance opening up the Hileman Building for them. Members seemed to agree that the building should be opened back up for any event that would fall under retail but continued discussing the other types of events held in the building.

Megan Sherlund stated she had recently talked to the Huron County Health Department and the Hileman Building was able to be rented for events that the governor had opened back up. She also stated that the health department had also told her that the village would not be held responsible if someone rented the building for a reception and did not follow the guidelines in place by the governor as long as they had signed something stating they would. It would fall back on the person renting the Hileman Building.

Toby Thomas asked Megan Sherlund if there was a maximum occupancy that should be observed at the Hileman Building.

Steve Ball commented that the guidelines currently in place stated that for any event, the tables would have to be six feet apart. He felt anyone renting the building would need to adhere to those requirements.

Stuart Cooke stated that he had been to many places where social distancing was not being observed and he asked Mr. Bond if he would check into the situation.

Mr. Bond stated that someone could possibly make a case against the Village of New London over something like that, but it would also be very hard to prove. He continued to say the village also had insurance and sometimes you need to say that is why there is a need for insurance.

Toby Thomas stated he thought all the businesses in town were doing a good job of following the social distancing guidelines. He was happy with the way everyone was dealing with the guidelines for the most part. He wanted to let everyone know he appreciates their efforts.

Stuart Cooke stated he had a question for the mayor. He stated he had met with Toby Thomas about the police chief search and Toby had told him he was going to do one of the interviews over the internet.

Toby Thomas answered that there were three candidates that were over an hour and a half away. He thought he would do the initial interviews by Zoom meeting to make sure they were even in the ball park for the job.

Stuart Cooke asked Chief Marko how far he had driven for an interview when he was searching for a police chief job.

Chief Marko stated he had driven over two hours three different times when he was looking for a position.

Stuart Cooke replied that since he had time to think about things, he thinks that if the mayor does a Zoom meeting with some of the candidates, then he will need to do one with all the candidates. He feels it is a poor way of doing an interview. He feels that if they really want the job, then they should be willing to drive to New London. He continued by saying you can read a lot from a person in a personal interview. He thinks it should be a fair process for everybody.

Toby Thomas stated he would make all six interviews a Zoom meeting to begin with and then for second interviews he would call them in for a personal interview.

Stuart Cooke then commented that initially the mayor thought he and council should work together in the hiring process for a new police chief and he feels that now the mayor has taken council out of the equation.

Toby Thomas stated it was his understanding that it was the job of the mayor to nominate the police chief to council and then get their advice and approve the hire.

Stuart Cooke stated he agreed with that but he didn't understand why the mayor would not take advantage of people who had been through the process already. He asked Toby Thomas if he had been through the process before.

Toby Thomas replied that he had not.

Stuart Cooke explained that many members of council had already been through the process of hiring a new police chief and also the current police chief has a wealth of knowledge to use in the process. He didn't understand why Toby Thomas would want to take on the process all by himself.

Toby Thomas stated he understood what Stuart was saying but he also believes that council should let the village employees do the jobs they were hired or elected to do and it is not council's job to interview every police chief candidate. It is council's job to trust the mayor to do his job.

Stuart Cooke stated he didn't have a problem with that but he doesn't think Toby Thomas has the experience needed.

Toby Thomas replied that he had invited the police chief to be a part of the interviewing process.

Stuart Cooke stated that council had hoped Toby Thomas would have Chief Marko involved in the interviews and he was also hoping that the mayor would bring more than one nomination for council to look at once the interviews were complete. He continued by saying it seemed like Toby Thomas didn't want council to be involved but no one would be approved without council's permission.

Toby Thomas agreed with Stuart Cooke and said he would bring the nomination before council and they would be able to deliberate and ask questions and then make their choice. He then asked Mr. Bond what his thoughts were because when he first started calling the candidates for interviews, some of them had been surprised to hear that members of council would be involved.

Steve Bond replied that he had seen it done both ways. He knew previously in New London; council had been consistently involved with the police chief interviewing process but he had also seen it done with the mayor taking over the interviews by himself. He stated the other thing he wanted to mention was that the environment and whether people at the village get along or not would play into whether someone would want to come to the village and take over the position.

Stuart Cooke asked Toby Thomas what kind of time line he was looking at.

Toby Thomas replied that he had three interviews set up for the upcoming Thursday and they were all Zoom meetings. He is just looking at them as initial meetings. He wants to try to get to know them. He and Chief Marko had gone over the questions and he had invited Chief Marko to be a part of the interviews.

Stuart Cooke stated that council would appreciate it if the chief would attend the interviews.

Chief Marko replied that he had an issue with having Zoom interviews. He would prefer to see them in person. From the police work he has done over the years, he can tell a lot about a person by their body language. He also did not like the fact that the mayor only wanted him to attend for part of the interview. He said his opinion was that council should be part of the interviewing process. He concluded by saying he didn't want any part of the Zoom meetings. If the mayor would like to invite the candidates to a personal meeting with council in attendance, he would make sure he was there too but otherwise, he did not want to be involved.

Toby Thomas stated that Chief Marko would not be involved then since that was his wish.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he did not have anything unless someone had something for him.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from Fire. Chief John Chapin absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated that she had the report for May. There were a total of 56 calls. There were 31 in the Village of New London; 7 in New London Township; 10 in Fitchville Township; 4 in Troy Township and 4 in Ruggles Township. She also stated that they would be able to resume ambulance training in June for EMT's. They would be practicing social distancing but they are able to start the training back up.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he wanted to update council on Tax Ease LLC acquiring seven properties in the village. Shawn had discussed the situation with council at the last council meeting. Since then, Shawn Pickworth had sent Bob James a copy of the contract the county has

with Tax Ease LLC. Bob James learned that Tax Ease only owns the liens on the properties until they are actually foreclosed on. Until then, the property owner still owns the property. Once the property is foreclosed on, Tax Ease LLC takes ownership. Two of the seven properties have been foreclosed on so Tax Ease LLC has ownership of the property at 33 Park Avenue and at 137 High Street. Bob James stated he had given Tax Ease LLC a copy of the zoning ordinance because they are responsible for those two properties. The problem with the old parsonage on Park Avenue is that the owner is deceased so they can't get ownership of the property. It needs torn down because it is a safety hazard. It's a big problem. Bob James wondered if council was willing to take on the liability for the five other properties in the village that had not been foreclosed on yet.

Shawn Pickworth suggested they call the county because the county's contract with Tax Ease LLC was up at the end of the year. He wondered if the contract was up, would the properties go back to the county.

Bob James explained why the county would not get the properties back and stated that the county had basically washed their hands of the properties.

Shawn Pickworth was upset because it seemed like the county messed things up with these properties.

Bob James added that many counties in Ohio were in the same boat as they were.

Shawn Pickworth asked if there was an ordinance the village could pass forcing the owners to do something with the properties.

Mr. Bond stated they were already in violation of the ordinance the village has in place. They can file a citation against them and get a court order. That would work with the two properties that Tax Ease LLC had ownership of but not with the other five.

Shawn Pickworth wondered if the county had any liability for putting the village in the mess with these properties.

Mr. Bond asked Shawn Pickworth about the Land Bank.

Shawn Pickworth answered that since the Land Bank was so new, they did not have a lot of funds available but the village will continue to work with the county and the Land Bank to come to a solution.

More discussion was had on the subject and Shawn Pickworth concluded that it was frustrating because the Land Bank would have loved to have all of the properties. There are people who are interested in the properties and several of them have a lot of potential but the county makes it so that the Land Bank cannot get their hands on the properties.

Toby Thomas stated they would continue to work on the issue but the village didn't want to spend a lot of money on the properties especially not knowing if they would get any of it back.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund shared the following report.

1. There are three sites that have not paid for the 2020 season. Two of those sites are empty and one has a camper. He has contacted myself and the mayor with a problem with the provided discount of a daily rate for 25 days. I will call him again tomorrow to inform him of the amount due and that he will be asked to leave the campground if he cannot pay that amount in full by Wednesday.
2. After reviewing the rules and regulations given for small town festivals, the Recreation Committee and myself believe the 2020 New London Firelands Labor Day Festival should be cancelled. We are not able to secure a ride company. We are hoping to still host events separately this fall after

restrictions have lifted but we are already behind in the planning process and the funds are just not available for deposits and other upfront costs.

3. We have had some electrical work that has been beyond our capabilities but BCU has come in and completed those things.
4. We are getting ready for baseball/softball. We have some lights that will need replaced on the softball field and Steve Ball installed new speakers.
5. We have a few people from the community stepping up and hosting events in the parks this past weekend and for future dates and I want to thank them for taking the time and energy out of their own businesses and personal lives to try and help the parks and the people of New London.

Members of council discussed Labor Day. Steve Ball commented that it would be a huge financial gamble to hold it. The Recreation Committee recommends that it be postponed until 2021. There is still a chance there could be a three-day softball tournament or possibly a parade or fireworks, but the traditional Labor Day Festival that the village knows and loves would be postponed until next year. Even though camping is open, they would not be able to allow as many campers as they usually have for Labor Day. There were so many unknowns at the time they thought it would be best to postpone it.

Adam Gullett made a motion to postpone the New London Firelands Labor Day Festival until 2021. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke asked Megan Sherlund what kind of electric work had needed to be done.

Megan Sherlund replied that they had an underground line go bad. They had Firelands Electric come and they found it. BCU along with village employees did the work to fix it.

Shawn Pickworth commented that they basically had a short under the ground.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-12 An Ordinance Amending Various Provisions of the Income Tax Code to Incorporate Revisions Already Adopted in the Ohio Revised Code. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-14 An Ordinance Authorizing Agreements with Special Counsel and Chicago Title Agency of Huron County, Inc., in Connection with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-15 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute an Agreement for and Participate in the Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-16 An Ordinance endorsing the State Policy Against Using Public Funds for Political Actions and Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Same. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2020-03 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Shawn Pickworth wanted to revisit the Dairy Bar at the recreation park. The Recreation Committee wanted to recommend someone to take over the Dairy Bar, but since it was already June and they would have considerable startup costs, they would like council to consider a multiyear contract. Due to the late start of opening, they would like council to consider a 3-5-year contract instead of a year by year contract.

Council discussed the contract. Steve Ball stated the new renters would like to have a chance to make a return on their investment. Mr. Bond added that the contract was set up that they would be making a contribution to the village. Stuart Cooke voiced some concerns considering what had happened with the previous person running the stand.

Toby Thomas asked if the previous renter had submitted a proposal?

Shawn Pickworth answered that he had chosen not to.

Steve Ball added that even when they had opened the Dairy Bar back up for proposals, the previous renter did not submit anything. He told council the hours the new renters were planning on having.

Shawn Pickworth asked if the parks closed at dark.

Steve Ball thought they closed at 11:00 p.m. He continued by saying the candidate they would like to recommend is willing to stay open later for special events being held at the recreation park. They also will not close early when there is a lack of events at the Recreation Park.

After more discussion, Janice Myers and Jennifer Ball thought it would be okay to allow a three-year contract.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow a three-year contract with the new Dairy Bar renters. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, No; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Shawn Pickworth concluded Old Business by saying the auditors had been at the village for four days the first week in June.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Stuart Cooke wanted to discuss Hileman Building rentals. He thought the village should allow the building to be rented for any event but he felt they should have to sign something related to COVID 19 stated they knew they were having the event at their own risk. He asked Mr. Bond if he would write up something.

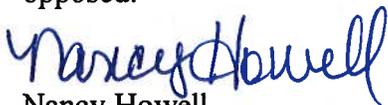
Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow the Hileman Building to be rented for all events with the understanding the renters would know they were having the event at their own risk. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Gullett – yes; Steve Ball – yes; Jennifer Ball – yes; Willis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule C. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule C. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Ball 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 22, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Cooke, Gullett, Willis, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Marvin McCallister, Megan Sherlund, Don Patton and John Chapin.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the June 8, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements.

Toby Thomas noted that no one had posted any questions online so he stated they would move on with the meeting.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We should hear from the State by the end of this month on funding.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- Tower Improvement Project – Project complete.
- Train 4 – New media was installed last week; crews are working to get the train online now.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Plans submitted to the OEPA for PTI approval.

Storm Sewers

- Crews have been out cleaning some storm sewers.
- Grant Street – we have hired Ott’s Excavating to do some work in the waterway on the west side of the bridge. A couple of years ago we had some work done that has caused some issues downstream that we feel needed to be addressed by the Village.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

- During summer heat, crews might elect to start the routes earlier in the mornings. Make sure you get your trash out early, best by 6:00 am.

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching potholes.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project is in full swing. Ours crews have been busy with locates, catch basin cleaning & storm sewer cleaning.
- Audit – the state audit has been completed and results have been emailed to you from Nancy. Does Council want a post audit meeting with the Auditors?
- Utility Bills – the OEPA and State of Ohio has lifted the restrictions starting July 1st on delinquent fees and shut offs. The Village will begin enforcing our Ordinances and rules in July. Late fees will apply after July 15th and shutoffs will begin July 27th.

Toby Thomas asked council what they would like to do about a post audit meeting. Members of council and the Fiscal Officer discussed the audit and what had been noted by the auditors and it was determined they would not need to proceed with a post audit meeting.

Toby Thomas stated he had been holding interviews for the police chief job and he only had one more to do and the first round of interviews would be complete. He continued by saying that once he had completed the last interview he will determine what will be done for the second round of interviews. The second round will all be in person interviews.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he had a few things. The first thing he wanted to discuss were the bones that had been found in the old barn across the street. The project that has the bones have been able to find a full DNA profile. They will see what happens. They may know something soon or it may be years down the road but at least things are moving forward. He is very thankful for New Life Project and the work they are doing to help find answers on the bones.

Next, Chief Marko discussed three interesting calls for service in the last week and a half. The first call was anonymous about a suspicious male at Dollar General. Officers quickly were at the scene and upon running the license plate, they found the car the suspicious male was driving to be stolen. The male had a warrant out for his arrest. As they began to pad him down, they found a very realistic BB gun in his pocket. Chief Marko was very confident the man had intended to rob Dollar General even though he wouldn't admit to it. He stated the police department was very thankful for the anonymous caller that reported the suspicious male.

The second call was to report an unconscious lady slumped over in her car. The officers found her to be overdosing. She was administered Narcan and was brought back to life. Chief Marko stated it was excellent police work on the officers' part. The woman later came into Chief's office to thank him for what the officers had done for her. While she was there, Chief asked her if she would like to see the body cam footage of the officer bringing her back to life. She and a friend came in to watch the footage. Upon viewing the video, both women became very emotional and Chief is hoping the footage will help the woman make better

choices in the future. Chief was pleased with how quickly the officers were on the scene and that they knew exactly what to do.

The third call was on a male and a female fighting on Westwood Drive. The officers went down to check things out. Neither party was cooperative. After the male's information was run in the system, they saw he was wanted in Florida on several felonies. The male was 33 years old and had a 48-page criminal history. He had everything from murder to passing bad checks on the report. There was excellent police work on this call as well.

To commend the officers on a job well done, Chief Marko issued a Meritorious Service Unit Citation commending each officer. Chief read the citation and stated it was for every officer in the New London Police Department because it takes a team to provide such commendable service.

Toby Thomas thanked Chief Marko and asked if anyone had any questions for the chief.

Stuart Cooke stated he didn't have a question for the chief but he did have a question for the mayor. He wanted to know how many interviews the mayor had done for the police chief position

Toby Thomas responded by saying he had done five interviews and he had one more to do.

Stuart Cooke thought that he had said previously he would be doing four interviews.

Toby Thomas stated that at the last council meeting he had said he would be holding six interviews. Three of the interviews were long distance and three were fairly local.

Stuart Cooke and Janice Myers had not thought they had discussed that, but they were going to check through paperwork from previous meetings.

Stuart Cooke asked Toby Thomas how many of the five interviews he had done had been in person.

Toby Thomas answered that two had been in person and three had been through Zoom. He talked to all three candidates that had their interview by Zoom and explained to them that three of the interviews would be over Zoom and three would be in person and they were all fine with it. He continued by saying that it was just the first interview to narrow the field down.

Stuart Cooke wanted to make sure that all second interviews would be held in person.

Toby Thomas replied that yes they would all be in person.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from Fire. Chief John Chapin stated he had one thing. The house at 107 West Main has been in the process of being torn down. It belongs to Rails to Trails. On July 11th they will be doing a county wide live fire training. They will start early in the morning and then at the end of the day they are going to burn the house down. During the training, they will have one lane closed on West Main. When they go to burn the house down, they will have to have both lanes closed for a while.

Toby Thomas thanked John Chapin for everything the fire department does and asked him how many different fire departments would be involved in the training.

John Chapin replied that there would be as many as 10 different departments involved.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated that she didn't have anything but she would have a full report at the next council meeting.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent. Toby Thomas thought Bob James was planning a zoning committee meeting to be held before the next council meeting to discuss a few things.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund shared the following report.

1. Chicken BBQ on June 14th raising money for new sewer sites at the reservoir made \$831. Money given to NLPIC to hold until full amount raised.
2. Another BBQ scheduled for July 19th from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
3. Concert on July 18th with one band, no bar, multiple food vendors, t-shirt vendor, also other game tournaments, horseshoes, corn hole. Will be paid for by NLPIC and donors.

Megan also shared with council a report showing how she was managing the hours of the seasonal employees. She showed a comparison of the previous year and the current year and how she had reduced hours and eliminated overtime while still making sure the office was fully staffed. She also showed council how she was under budget in almost every line item in the recreation fund. Due to the virus, the village had to refund several campers due to a delay in opening. Megan Sherlund wanted to make council aware that the recreation department was taking every precaution to reduce spending.

Stuart Cooke asked where the reservoir got its propane from and how much it cost them.

Shawn Pickworth answered that they purchase their propane from Linden's and he would have to check on what the price was.

Stuart Cooke stated there was a new propane company that had just started up and suggested the village check into them because he had heard their propane was very inexpensive.

Megan Sherlund said she knew about the company and would contact them for more information.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-14 An Ordinance Authorizing Agreements with Special Counsel and Chicago Title Agency of Huron County, Inc., in Connection with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the third reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-15 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute an Agreement for and Participate in the Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-16 An Ordinance endorsing the State Policy Against Using Public Funds for Political Actions and Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Same. Second Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-17 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 123.06 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Deposit of Public Money Pursuant to Revised Code Section 9.38. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-18 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations and

Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-18 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2020-04 A Resolution Authorizing the Village to Receive Funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 2020-04 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Toby Thomas brought up whether they should consider opening council meetings back up to the public since wedding receptions and other such events are now allowed. He thought they could separate everyone. They should be able to allow around 25 people in the meeting and still observe social distancing.

Stuart Cooke wondered if they should consider limiting the number of people allowed in the building.

Toby Thomas agreed and stated that Chief Marko could possibly be at the door and not let anyone else in once the chairs are full.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to open council meetings back up to the public with social distancing being observed which could limit attendance. Janice Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business. There was none

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

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule B. Willis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Trent Yates and Jacob Paynter for the Street/Sanitation Department pending a background and drug test. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to move Clayton Englet from the Street/Sanitation Department to the Water/Sewer Department effective June 29, 2020. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Council concluded the meeting by discussing Labor Day. They affirmed that the 2020 Labor Day Festival would be postponed until 2021. Other groups may plan their own events however.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, July 13, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Cooke, Gullett, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball. Willis was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Marvin McCallister, Megan Sherlund, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips and Bob James.

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

The minutes from the June 22, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements.

Toby Thomas stated he had received a text that day from John Martin. He was asking the mayor about his transparency with village residents and council. Toby Thomas answered his question by saying he tries to get out and do things. He attends events with the Golden Agers, the New London Alliance Senior Luncheon, Rotary, CIC and Community Club. He also corresponds with residents through his Facebook page. As far as being transparent with council, Toby Thomas continued by saying he thought council knew he tried not to pull punches and didn't go behind their backs to do things. He restated what he had said in a previous council meeting. He believes members of council need to do their job and he needs to do his job. He thought that was as transparent as he could get. He concluded by saying he hoped that answered John Martin's question. He hoped he was listening and he thanked him for asking it.

Stuart Cooke stated he would like to make a statement as a resident and business owner in New London. He brought up a meeting the mayor had asked him to attend where residents could come in and ask questions to the Chief of Police candidates. He explained to the mayor that he wouldn't be a part of the meeting unless all of council was part of it. He was upset that there were only two people in attendance that were from New London. In addition, Stuart had thought that Chief Marko should have been a part of the meeting since he has over 40 years of law enforcement experience and 30 years with the police academy training officers around the state. When Chief Marko started at the village, he reduced the police budget. While he has been chief, he remodeled the entire police department and built a police garage while staying within the reduced budget. Stuart Cooke thought Chief Marko was not only an extraordinary police officer, but very knowledgeable with the budget as well and he wanted the papers to hear what he had to say. Stuart thought that out of everyone, Chief Marko should have been on the panel for the hiring of the new police chief.

Toby Thomas thanked Stuart Cooke for his comments.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Found out we will not hear from the State on funding until sometime in September. We are ready to go to bid once this happens.

- GIS Project – project continues.
- Water Tap Repair – crews dug up and repaired a water tap on Third Street.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Plans submitted to the OEPA for PTI for approval.

Storm Sewers

- Crews have been out cleaning some storm sewers.
- Grant Street – project started today. Should be done by the end of the week or early next week.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- Freightliner Garbage Truck – truck has been in the shop for a couple of weeks. New front axle installed. Hoping to get the truck back in service this week.
- Two new hires started last week. We want to welcome Jacob Paynter and Trent Yates to the team. Clayton Englet has moved to the Water & Wastewater crew today.

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching potholes.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project continues. Restoration crews have started repairing properties today.
- Care Act Funding – the Village has been granted \$85,985 from the Cares Act for Covid-19 costs. Anything we have spent for Covid-19 we can reimburse ourselves for, and we need to buy anything we need for Covid-19 from now until the end of the year. Any monies left over the Village has the option to give as grants to local businesses up to \$10,000. The County Commissioners have offered the option to pool the extra monies with theirs and that would give New London access to a larger amount and we could help more businesses. There are some restrictions on who can get the grants. 1. Must have less than 50 employees. 2. Grant must be for the creation or retention of at least one employee. 3. Business must have a yearly revenue of less than \$1,000,000. 4. Business cannot have applied for and taken any other funds due to Covid-19. We need to be very aggressive in using this money up as quickly as possible due to the fact if we do the Village would be eligible for additional funds late October early November.

- Utility Bills – the OEPA and State of Ohio have lifted the restrictions starting July 1st on delinquent fees and shut offs. The Village will begin enforcing our Ordinances and rules in July. The late fee will apply after July 15th and shutoffs will begin July 27th.

Steve Ball asked Shawn Pickworth if he had any idea how much money the village had spent already on safety items for the coronavirus.

Shawn Pickworth stated that he would estimate it to be around \$8,000. He then told council that if they did not want to pool the village money in with the county's money that was fine. He wanted to let council decide what they wanted to do. He also let them know that they didn't have to offer the entire \$10,000 grant amount to businesses. They could divide it up into smaller amounts to be able to help more small businesses.

Stuart Cooke asked Shawn Pickworth if they pooled the village money with the county what the chances were that any of the money would be used in the New London community.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they had created a board and they would make sure that someone from the village would be part of the board so they would have a say on where the money was spent.

Stuart Cooke replied that the village had been on other boards in the past and it didn't help them get anything.

Shawn Pickworth and members of council discussed the Cares Act money and different ideas on using the money. In the end, it would be up to council to make the decisions about the money. It is also possible that the village will receive additional money through the Cares Act that could have fewer restrictions for its use.

Toby Thomas then reported that the search for the new police chief was ongoing. He concluded the interviews with the panel discussion. He did not have a recommendation yet but he would let council know when he did.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he had a few things. Chief Marko asked council for their permission to promote a reserve officer to part-time status. Ben Keener had been working for the village as a reserve officer for the last few years and he would like to promote him. Also, Chief let council know they had issued a criminal summons to a property on First Street who failed to clean up their property. Chief noted this was the third time the resident had been issued a criminal summons. He thinks there could be jail time after this instance. He should find out the outcome the next day.

The last thing Chief wanted to discuss with council had occurred back in March. He found out on a Sunday that one of his officers had tested positive for COVID. Because of the positive test, it had been necessary to promote two reserve officers to part-time. Chief had received permission from council president, Stuart Cooke, to promote the officers but nothing had ever been formally done in a council meeting. Blake Gawlik and Ryan Ginley were promoted to part-time at a full-time pay rate because of the additional hours worked due to COVID 19. Once the additional hours were no longer needed, they would return to the regular part-time rate of pay.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if John Chapin had given him anything to report for the fire department.

Shawn Pickworth reported that the house fire training they had done while burning down a house on West Main Street had gone very well. There were many trainees who received much experience.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had the June report. There had been 51 calls for service. She also broke down the number to correlate with the area the service call was in.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he had turned 137 High Street and the property on Park Avenue owned by Tax Ease over to the police to be issued a criminal summons for their failure to clean up the properties. Bob had also received a complaint on another property in town which he had given a certain amount of time to comply. The resident at the property had asked Bob James for some additional time to finish due to the heat. Bob James allowed the additional time as long as he could see that the work was continuing.

The last thing Bob James discussed was about zoning meetings. He had not known about the previous zoning meeting that had been planned. There currently are some issues with Rails to Trails and there are some new ordinances in the works so he asked if he could be informed of any zoning meetings in the future.

Toby Thomas stated that Jim VanSickle was the head of that committee and with the changes in the status of the county with the Coronavirus, he had decided to cancel the meeting.

With the problems with Rails to Trails, Bob James is getting questions and he doesn't know how to answer them and he would really like to be informed of any meetings so he can address different questions.

Stuart Cooke thought the village had a property that had the same thing that the Rails to Trails property had.

Bob James agreed that it did but that zoning didn't pertain to village property. That was why they were trying to make some changes to the zoning ordinances.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund shared the following report.

The contract with Coles for propane is saving us almost \$0.50 per gallon, also adding a propane exchange cage to the office by the reservoir.

We have received the diagram and installation instructions for the swing set for the reservoir.

We have to take down the wooden playground in the middle of the reservoir due to safety precautions but I am preparing applications for grants to replace it with commercial graded equipment.

We have filled the reservoir camping for three weekends in a row and are continuing to put more and more people at the Rec Park.

I will be updating Google and our websites to add campground at the end of the name for recreation park so people can find it when googling campgrounds. Rebecca with Maad Impressions is making a metal sign that will hang below the existing sign on Euclid that will say if interested in camping here go to reservoir office to register.

Events we have upcoming are:

Social distancing concert with Bad Juju this Saturday hoping to start at 5:00 p.m. but we'll push back if it's too hot. There will be a \$5 admission. We will have our park shirts that were designed by the help of the public for pre-order. We will have a few food stands, corn hole boards, horseshoes, and Jill Crandall has volunteered her time to run a couple 50-50 raffles.

We would like to start a softball league, volleyball league and corn hole league in the beginning of August.

On August 22nd we will have a fishing tournament. Registration will be from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Fishing will be from 7:00 a.m. and last boat in at 2:45. Details, rules and regulations will be posted on our website

September 11th, 12th and 13th will be a camp and sell event at the park for small businesses or anyone to come. It will cost \$25 a night. You can camp at your site or you can just set up a booth. We will not charge an entry fee but we will have raffle baskets that people can purchase tickets to win.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-16 An Ordinance Endorsing the State Policy Against Using Public Funds for Political Actions and Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Same. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-17 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 123.06 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Deposit of Public Money Pursuant to Revised Code Section 9.38. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2020-05 A Resolution Establishing a New Local Coronavirus Relief Fund, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 2020-05 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Ball asked if the Frontier charges on the Approval of Bills report were for long distance charges.

It was explained that the charges were not for long distance. They were for fax lines, credit card lines and regular telephone lines.

Steve Ball replied that answered his question. He just wanted to make sure the village wasn't spending a lot of money on long distance charges.

Steve Ball then made a motion to promote Ben Keener from Reserve Officer to part-time status. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to retroactively allow Chief Marko to promote Blake Gawlik and Ryan Ginley to part-time at a full-time pay rate because of the additional hours worked due to COVID 19. Once the additional hours are no longer needed, they will return to the regular part-time rate of pay. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Gullett – yes; Steve Ball – yes; Jennifer Ball – yes; Willis – absent; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

Cooke 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, July 27, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Cooke, Gullett, Jennifer Ball, Willis and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Marvin McCallister, Megan Sherlund and Lynn Phillips.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the July 13, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements. Toby Thomas checked the live feed and there were no questions from the public.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Found out we will not hear from the State on funding until sometime in September. We are ready to go to bid once this happens.
- GIS Project – project continues.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Plans submitted to the OEPA for PTI approval.

Storm Sewers

- Crews have been out cleaning some storm sewers.
- Grant Street – project is complete.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – with the crazy up and down temps. and the amount of moisture that is under the road we are going to have a lot of potholes. Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching potholes.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project continues.
- Utility Bills – the OEPA and State of Ohio have lifted the restrictions starting July 1st on delinquent fees and shut offs. The Village has begun enforcing our Ordinances. Shutoff day was today.
- Met with Vicki Missler. She is working on our renewals for employee insurance. Hopefully she will be able to present to Council sometime in August.
- We met with a Rep. from Keen Pumps out of Ashland to price out a pump station for the Campgrounds.
- Firelands Electric changed out all the security lights at the Reservoir Campground.
- Mower – I am request Council permission to buy a mower attachment for the Mini that will allow us to mow around the inside of the Reservoir and ditches. The cost is around \$9,300.00. We have gotten 2 quotes for similar mowers and they are within \$200.00 of each other. We also believe we can turn the cost into the State of Ohio, ODNR for an 80/20 match. So out of pocket cost should be no more than around \$2000.00.
- You have a list before you on supplies for the Fire Department that they would like to purchase with the Covid Funds. It has been recommended that Council approves this list for documentation reasons. As other departments finish coming up with lists we will ask you to do the same.

Land bank – a total of 3 properties have had purchase agreements signed and turned over to the new owners within the Village. The Land bank is now looking at the list for the third round of properties within the county. Not sure yet what New London properties will be included. Properties available can be seen on the Huron County Land Bank website- huroncountylanbank.com

Toby Thomas asked if there was a motion to allow the purchase of a mower attachment for the Mini Excavator.

Cooke made a motion to allow the village administrator to purchase a mower attachment for the Mini Excavator that will allow the village to mow around the inside of the reservoir and the ditches. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Myers made a motion to approve the list of supplies the fire department would like to purchase using the Coronavirus Relief Fund monies. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Members of council and Shawn Pickworth had a brief discussion concerning the benefits of owning the mowing attachment versus paying the township to mow the ditches.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he didn't have anything unless someone had something for him.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if he had anything to report in the absence of the fire chief John Chapin. He had nothing.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she did not have anything but would have a full report at the next council meeting.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund shared the following report.

The concert went well at the reservoir. We made good money and had no issues. We are going to try and do more of these as we can in August and September. Upcoming events are a fishing tournament on August 23rd and Camp and Sell September 11-13. The Laurels of New London are donating the white board to use for the fishing tournaments. We have been working with the Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities on social distancing activities and have placed 5 caches in the park for the geocaching app. That has brought quite a few people into the town and park/rez who have never been here before.

Under the recreation report, Shawn Pickworth wanted to talk about a pavilion being built out at the reservoir campground. Shawn addressed council and stated they all had copies of the prints for the pavilion. He continued by saying he had mistakenly approved the building of the pavilion. He had thought it was going to be a deck. He had gotten side tracked when he had approved it but he does not want it at the campground. Before the pavilion began being built, a large tent occupied the space. A tent could be removed quickly, but he feels a pavilion cannot and he thinks it should not be allowed. He apologized for his mistake.

Stuart Cooke stated that Greg Massie, the camper building the pavilion, had come to talk to him. Stuart Cooke agreed with Shawn and thought the plans looked like they were for a roof on a porch. He thought Shawn Pickworth had no way of telling from the drawing that it was not a roof for a porch.

Steve Ball replied that he saw things a bit differently. He didn't know why council would care that it was a pavilion and not a roof on a deck.

Janice Myers thought it did not meet the requirements of being a deck roof because it was freestanding and not up against another building.

Steve Ball wondered why council would care as long as it was built correctly. He wondered what difference it made.

Members of council discussed whether the pavilion should be allowed or not. There were several arguments for and against the pavilion. Some members of council were afraid allowing the pavilion would open a can of worms. Other members of council thought they would be able to control similar situations without letting them get out of hand.

Toby Thomas added that he thought the bottom part of the pavilion had been in place for several years as a deck. He wondered if there was another way to design the pavilion to make it more palatable for everyone. He also thought it was an odd sized lot.

Shawn Pickworth answered that it was a standard size lot but it was one of the biggest lots at the campground. He thought the first problem was the actual camper had been allowed to be placed on the lot in the wrong position.

Stuart Cooke agreed that the camper sits in a strange position on the lot.

Steve Ball stated he thought that the roof that was currently being placed on the pavilion would look nicer than anything else that could be used.

Members of council continued to discuss the situation and ways to prevent any similar incidents in the future. They discussed putting in place different rules and regulations and adding more questions to the form among other items.

After more discussion, Toby Thomas asked if anyone was going to make a motion for anything.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow the personal pavilion at the reservoir campground to remain as is without any changes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Willis, No; Myers, No; Gullett, No, Cooke, Yes.

Since the vote was tied, the mayor was to make the determining vote.

Toby Thomas stated that since they had let the pavilion slip through the cracks, he thought they should go ahead and approve the pavilion. He continued by saying that they should figure out how not to let the same situation happen in the future. The final vote was to allow the personal pavilion stay as originally planned.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-17 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 123.06 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Deposit of Public Money Pursuant to Revised Code Section 9.38. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-19 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-19 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-20 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-20 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis 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. There was none.

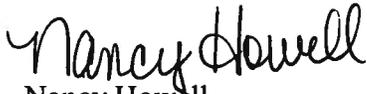
Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the then and now bills for approval under Schedule B. Willis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Steve Ball made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Ball 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 10, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Cooke, Gullett, Jennifer Ball, Willis and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Marvin McCallister, Megan Sherlund, Steve Bond, Lynn Phillips, Brian Cucco and John Chapin.

Stuart Cooke had a request that before the agenda was approved, he would like to make sure that Chief Marko was going to be attending the executive session. He made a motion to change the agenda so that Chief Marko would be included in the executive session that was on the agenda. Myers second the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda as changed. Cooke made a motion to approve the agenda. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

The minutes from the July 27, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Willis made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements.

Ellen Simmons stated that the Community Club continues to work on Hometown Holidays. They had a meeting the previous Thursday and their next meeting would be Thursday, August 20th at 9 a.m. at the Wildcat Diner. She encouraged anyone who is interested to come. They have a lot of things going on and even if someone would just like to be on their email list, let her know.

The next thing Ellen Simmons discussed was at their last meeting, the topic of Christmas Tree Lane had come up. The Community Club is over whelmed with Hometown Holidays so they are not able to take on that project any more but they do have someone who is willing to take on Christmas Tree Lane and Megan Sherlund was willing to help as well. Ellen Simmons encouraged everyone to get involved. It was a very nice thing for the Village of New London and it draws people into the village and it also gives businesses and churches an opportunity to get their names out without a large expense. Anyone interested in getting involved with the Christmas Tree Lane Committee should let her know.

Stuart Cooke asked Ellen about a community Christmas Tree. He had received a call asking him if he would move a tree to the vacant lot across from the Pizza House.

Ellen Simmons replied that the community Christmas Tree was still in the discussion stage. They aren't sure if that land will be available yet and they aren't sure if that will be the best place for it. They do have someone who is willing to donate a Christmas Tree.

Stuart Cooke added that he would agree to donate his time to move the tree to the spot they would want it placed.

Ellen Simmons stated she appreciated Stuart Cooke's willingness to help but added that the community Christmas Tree may not work for this year.

Toby Thomas then stated that they had a zoning complaint come into the office. Bob James has been out of town and unable to be reached. Mr. Bond had advised Toby Thomas that there was not much they could do regarding the complaint until Bob James had been advised of it and is able to look at it. He wanted to let the people who complained know that if they were watching the livestream of the council meeting, he would get back to them as soon as he was able to discuss the situation with Bob James.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Found out we will not hear from the State on funding until sometime in September. We are ready to go to bid once this happens.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- Grove Street Project – crews plan on tying in some waterlines at the corner of Grove Street and First Street. There will be outages, mostly on First Street.
- West Main – resident replaced a water service. Crews had to connect it back into the main.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Plans submitted to the OEPA for PTI approval.
- Sludge Beds – beds cleaned off; sludge is being hauled to the landfill this week. Planning to repour the beds this week.

Storm Sewers

- Crews have been out cleaning some storm sewers.
- Crews repaired a catch basin on Daisy and one on at the corner of West Fir and Charles Parkway.

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.
- Signs – crews are in the process of installing some new signs around town. Lots of school bus stop signs. These signs were part of a grant from the State that we partnered with the Twp. for.
- OPWC Funding – I would like Council's permission to submit an application to repave West Washburn along with some storm upgrades. Project cost estimate is \$172,000. There will be some legislation that will need to be passed soon. I have a meeting tomorrow afternoon with District 9 to review this year's project scoring criteria.

- CSX Rail Crossing, St. Rt. 60 – I received notice from a PUCO inspector that CSX is planning to upgrade this crossing sometime late September, early October.
- Crews will start painting the parking spaces and crosswalks around town next week.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project continues.
- Vicki Missler will be in our office Wednesday, August 12, 2020 working with employees on insurance applications.
- Village Insurance – a Rep. from our insurance company will be in the Village on September 2, 2020 to do a Risk Assessment on all our buildings and equipment. This is usually done every other year.

Toby Thomas stated the only thing he had was that there would be a Zoning and Planning Commission meeting on Monday, August 17th at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. The meeting is being held to begin working on an ordinance to clarify the wording on Park Districts for the Rails to Trails location on West Main Street. Currently the location is zoned residential and they would like to get it changed so that it is zoned parks.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he wanted to request council's permission to use some of the Coronavirus Relief Funds for the Police Department. He wanted to request the police fund be reimbursed for the part-time officers that had to be paid full-time hours for a few weeks while there was an officer off with the virus. He also wanted to request reimbursement for the extra time the employee that cleans the police department had to spend to do extra cleaning and sanitizing when the pandemic first began. That was all he had.

Toby Thomas asked if council would like to take care of approving that at that time but Mr. Bond added that they should approve his request with an ordinance that would allow the money to be transferred from the Coronavirus Relief Fund into the Police Fund. This ordinance will be on for approval at a future council meeting.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from John Chapin. John Chapin expanded on the water line repair that Shawn Pickworth had spoken about in his administrator's report. There is a leak at the corner of Grove and First Streets. The repairs will begin on Tuesday, August 18th. They will have to shut off the water for everyone on First Street, the alley and Windy Acres. They are hoping to shut the water off at 9 a.m. and be able to turn it back on after four or five hours.

The second topic John wanted to discuss was the sirens. The weather sirens had not worked in a long time. After getting everyone coordinated, they are now fixed.

The last thing John asked was for council's permission to allow him to put Melvin Deppen on the Fire Department. They had interviewed him and he interviewed well so he would like permission to put him on the Fire Department.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had the July report. She stated that July had been a very busy month. There had been 71 runs. The record is 73 runs. There were 47 runs for New London Village; two for New London Township; 11 for Fitchville Township; five for Troy Township; five for Ruggles Township; and one Mutual Aid.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James Absent.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund shared that the previous weekend they had held the Bluegrass Benefit that was put on every year. The event had gone very well and they raised around \$3,800. The Friends of the New London Veterans would be holding a concert on August 15th at the reservoir. There will be four bands performing. There will be a fishing tournament on August 23rd. There will be a Camp and Sell event at the Recreation Park on September 11th through the 13th. As far as the insurance assessment taking place on September 2nd, Megan wanted council to know that they were doing some things around the parks that would be addressing some safety issues. They are getting some new emergency lights with battery backups and they are fixing some of the benches that are broken along with a few other things. In conclusion, Megan asked council's permission to hire Bailee Cucco to replace an employee who had resigned.

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

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to submit an application to OPWC to repave West Washburn along with storm upgrades. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to hire Melvin Deppen as a Volunteer Fire Fighter for the Village of New London. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Bailee Cucco to be hired as a seasonal reservoir office employee. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Gullett – yes; Steve Ball – yes; Jennifer Ball – yes; Willis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

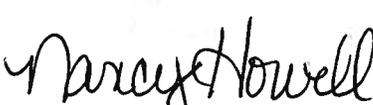
Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now bills for approval under Schedule C. Steve Ball made a motion to approve Schedule C. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Myers made a motion to approve the refund under Schedule D. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to adjourn. Steve Ball 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 24, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Cooke, Gullett, Jennifer Ball, Willis and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Megan Sherlund, Bob James and Lynn Phillips.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of the agenda.

Stuart Cooke stated that he saw there was an executive session on the agenda. He asked Toby Thomas if the executive session was about the police chief.

Toby Thomas answered that yes it was.

Stuart Cooke continued by saying he thought Toby Thomas had alienated council from the process of hiring a new police chief but members of council were the ones who had to approve the new police chief.

Toby Thomas replied that was why they were having an executive session, so that members of council could meet with the candidate.

Stuart Cooke stated that the mayor had left council out of all the interviews and had alienated them so until he allowed council to be a part of the process, he would not be able to get any candidates approved. He then made a motion to take the executive session off the agenda for the evening. Janice Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, No; Steve Ball, No; Willis, No; Myers, Yes; Gullett, Yes, Cooke, Yes.

Since the vote was tied, the mayor made the determining vote. The executive session was left on the agenda.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Willis, Yes; Myers, No; Gullett, No, Cooke, No.

The vote was tied again so Toby Thomas made the final vote to approve the agenda.

The minutes from the August 10, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements.

Ellen Simmons stated the next Community Club meeting would be September 10th at 9 a.m. at the Wildcat Diner.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Found out we will not hear from the State on funding until sometime in September. We are ready to go to bid once this happens.
- GIS Project – project continues.
- Grove Street Project – project went very well, good job of planning and execution.
- St. Rt. 60 & Section Line – another valve was found to be leaking. Crews repaired this today.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – The OEPA has approved the plans, now the plans will go to the USDA-RD for approval.

Storm Sewers

- Crews have been out cleaning some storm sewers.

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.
- CSX Rail Crossing, St. Rt. 60 – it appears that CSX will be repairing the crossing sooner than we were told. As of right now the crossing is slated to close on Monday, August 31st. Estimated completion is Saturday, September 5, 2020.
- Painting – crews have begun painting the parking spaces, cross walks, stop bars, etc. This is expected to last a couple of weeks, weather depending.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project continues. The office entrance off East Main will be closed tomorrow, August 25, 2020 due to crews installing a new service line to our buildings. Customers can enter the Village parking lot off Williams Street.

Toby Thomas stated he had been asked to remind council and the people of New London that September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. This year approximately 191,930 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States alone and roughly 33,330 will die this year from the disease. In Ohio an estimated 7,030 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed and an estimated 1,200 deaths will occur in 2020.

Toby then reported that Hometown Holidays is well underway. The Community Club is planning on focusing most of the activities in the Downtown area and the Hileman Building on the first Saturday in December. In conclusion, Mayor Thomas stated the Rotary Club had been having some discussions about the replacement of the Terry Wilson Observation Deck and he will be discussing it more with Shawn Pickworth.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated a couple months ago, Bob James had handed over a couple properties to the police department for criminal prosecution. One property was on Park Avenue and the other on High Street. Steve Palmer, the village's prosecutor, was reluctant to file charges on a holding company on a foreclosed property. His suggestion was for the village to file a civil

nuisance abatement. Chief Marko commented that Steve Palmer was a very good prosecutor so he wanted to stand behind him and support his decision.

Chief Marko continued by saying that around two or three times a week, the police department receives goodies from supporters of the New London police. A lot of the time, they will leave them in the lobby with a note and they usually want to remain anonymous. Chief Marko wanted to tell the donors how much he and the other officers appreciate their support.

Toby Thomas asked Chief Marko if he could get the information to Mr. Bond on the two foreclosed properties so they can begin looking into filing a civil nuisance abatement.

Chief Marko said he would do that.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from fire chief John Chapin. John Chapin was absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she would have a report at the next council meeting but Firelands Ambulance was remaining very busy. She also wanted to let everyone know that Firelands Ambulance had a Facebook page and they would be starting something called Firelands Facts where they would post little bits of information and fun facts about the ambulance service.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated that the previous Monday the Zoning and Planning Commission had held a meeting to review amending the zoning ordinances to allow the New London-Greenwich Rail Trail property to be zoned as a Public Parks and Open Space Zoning Use District. The commission voted unanimously to amend the ordinance. A Zoning Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 21st at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund shared the following report.

1. Concert this Saturday is Roxie Mae & TARP
2. Concert Sept 26 is TAGR and Bad Juju
3. Labor Day – free Fireworks; Inspire New London will have Food Trucks and Bands; Steven Fawcett would like to rent the Hileman building for a Little League fundraiser on Monday as well
4. September 11-13 is the camp & sell flea market
5. We have purchased some product to put on the gravel roads at the reservoir that will help with dust/debris
6. Streets/Sanitation/Water Depts. helped fix the swings at the rec park, they have sunk over time and became unlevel
7. Duck Blind drawing will be August 31 at 6 pm at the reservoir. Letters will be mailed out to previous applicants and notices will be put on Facebook, the website, and at local stores. Ordinance on agenda for changes to regulations.
8. Hire Jori Hunter to replace Zoe Farnsworth

Council discussed the duck blind drawing and different ways to handle the hunters that do not take down their duck blinds at the end of the season. The ordinance on the agenda that night would make it so any hunter not removing their blind would be unable to return and have a blind at the reservoir. Members of council were in agreement that was the best way to handle the situation.

Adam Gullett made a motion to allow Jori Hunter to be hired as a seasonal campground employee. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-21 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-21 to be passed on an emergency measure. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes;

Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-22 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-22 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-23 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Section 955.24 of the Codified Ordinances. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-23 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2020-06 A Resolution Authorizing Administrator, Shawn Pickworth, Village of New London to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required. Declaring it an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 2020-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke 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.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow Chief Marko to be in the executive session. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the then and now bills for approval under Schedule B. Steve Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a village employee or official. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, No; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-24 An Ordinance Amending Section 129.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London Relative to Conditions of Employment Relating to Chief, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-24 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mike Willis made a motion to appoint Lt. Joe Hicks as the new police chief of the Village of New London. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, No; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, No; Myers, No; Willis, Yes; Gullett, No.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to adjourn. Steve Ball 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 14, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Cooke, Jennifer Ball, Willis and Steve Ball. Gullett was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Megan Sherlund, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister and Lynn Phillips.

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

The minutes from the August 24, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for any public questions or statements. He stated there was one person who had joined the Google Meet but there had been no questions submitted. He then continued to say that he had received around 41 letters and emails in support of Lt. Joe Hicks. Toby Thomas read a couple of them and asked council if they would like him to read each one. Council agreed that they had received the same letters and emails so it wouldn't be necessary for him to read each one.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Got an email last week from the State informing us that we did not get funded for this project. We are now looking at other sources of funding.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – The OEPA has approved the plans, now the plans will go to the USDA-RD for approval. I would like to schedule a workshop with Council on September 28, 2020 at 6:30 pm to discuss the project.
- Prospect Street – crews dug up and repaired a sewer.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

- CSX Rail Crossing, St. Rt. 60 – project is complete.
- Painting – crews will continue with this project. We had a paint issue that set us back a bit.
- Salt Storage – a new owner has bought the building we store our winter road salt in. When we first started to rent this space we paid \$400/per/quarter, it was increased to \$460/per/quarter last year and this year it increased to \$400/per/month. I believe we can build our own storage facility at this rate. I have been getting price estimates to make this happen and will present to Council once I have all the information.
- OPWC Funding – we are working on the funding application for the West Washburn Improvement project. Applications are due first week of November.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project continues. Our entrance to our parking lot from East Main will be closed starting September 16, 2020 and will be closed for at least 1 week. Customers can use the Williams Street entrance.
- Employee Insurance – Met with Vicki Missler last week and she was able to get a plan, very similar as last years for our employees saving the Village and employees around 10% compared to renewing our current plan. This plan runs from January to January instead of November to November so it will have to be renewed at the first of the year. Council has legislation before you tonight to approve this.
- Cares Act Money – the Village received \$85,985 in funds from the Cares Act and we will be getting another \$40,000 in funds supposedly this week. I would like to suggest to Council that we put up \$90,000 for grants to Community Businesses and 501 (C)(3) organizations that qualify. I would like to have HCDC administer the grant process like they are doing for the County and the City of Willard. I believe Willard has agreed to pay the amount of 10% of the total amount of money granted. This will leave the Village with over \$35,000 to do what we need to do within the guidelines of what we can use the money for. This is still the first round of funds, word is that a second round will be coming sometime in late October, November.
- Bonding – the State has passed a bill that we can now bond our employees through our insurance company, and it would be renewed every year along with our policy. This is bonding the position not the individual.

Toby Thomas then let council know that he would be going on vacation beginning Monday, September 21st. He would be back before the next council meeting. He also stated that since Adam Gullett was on vacation, he had asked that there be no discussion about the new police chief until he returned. That way all six members of council could be in attendance. Toby Thomas concluded by saying they would revisit the police chief position at the next council meeting on September 28th.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated the police department had resumed their in-service training and he would like to promote reserve officer David Jones to part-time status.

Toby Thomas asked Chief Marko if he could tell them a little bit about David Jones.

Chief Marko explained that David Jones was an experienced officer with a number of years in the police force. Chief thought he probably had about nine years of experience. He thought the only thing he would need to learn is the lay of the land in New London. Chief added that the community had always been very supportive of all the officers. Chief Marko then continued by saying he had heard that his integrity was being questioned on social media. Chief Marko thought his record speaks for itself. The police officers are well trained and well educated. He did not think his integrity should be questioned.

Toby Thomas replied that he was not questioning Chief Marko's integrity but it seemed to him that David Jones had some issues a few years ago when he was working in Vermilion. He asked Chief Marko to tell them about those issues.

Chief Marko explained some questionable behavior about the officer dating a dispatcher but he thought some of the claims were rumors and untrue. Chief Marko talked to the police chief for Vermilion and he gave David Jones a good recommendation.

Toby Thomas asked if David Jones had been fired.

Chief Marko thought he hadn't been fired but he resigned. Chief Marko determined it would be up to council whether they would let him be promoted to part-time status or not.

Toby Thomas just thought everyone should know about the allegations. He then asked Chief Marko if the dispatcher involved had been fired.

Chief Marko stated he did not know that information but he continued by saying if he went by skeletons in the closet there probably would be no police officers wearing a badge. There are times when there is a police officer with a questionable past. Over the years he has been able to let things like that go and he has always had excellent officers. He would never hire anyone for the village that he thought wouldn't make a good officer but that was up to council on what they would decide. If they didn't feel they should allow him to work as a part-time officer that was fine with him but Chief Marko felt he would make a good officer and do an excellent job.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Fire Department. Fire Chief John Chapin absent.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund shared the following report.

1. I would like to thank the Boy Scouts and their leader Dick Murr for all the amazing work they do around the recreation park for us each year. They cut down trees and use to sell for their own fundraising but also they have helped with firewood at the reservoir campground. They clean up the campground area as well as the playgrounds etc.
2. Camp & Sell Flea Market went well. We are looking at doing a few more next year
3. Concert on Sept 26 at Reservoir
4. Fishing Tournament Sept 27 at Reservoir

5. Trunk or Treat October 24
6. A few seasonal campers would like to ask the council to keep the reservoir park open a week or 2 longer than the original close date of October 17th. This would be either Oct. 23rd or 30th. I recommend if you decide to allow this they pay the weekly rate of either \$200 or \$300

Council discussed with Megan Sherlund some of the pros and cons of extending the camping season. After their discussion, they determined they would extend the camping season for seasonal campers only.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to extend the camping season for seasonal campers only who would then pay the regular weekly rate until October 31, 2020. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then made a motion to promote officer David Jones to part-time status for the New London Police Department. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Council then had a short discussion about giving grants with the CARES Act money. It was determined that no motion was necessary until it was decided who would be receiving the grant money and the amounts of the grants. Shawn Pickworth wanted to make sure the word got out to all small businesses and 501(c)3 organizations. He wanted to encourage everyone eligible to apply for a grant.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-25 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement to Renew Employee Health Insurance Provided by United Healthcare, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-25 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Absent. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-26 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-26 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Absent. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-27 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Willis made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-27 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Absent. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-28 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with the Ohio Attorney General for Delinquent Debt Collection Services. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Myers 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 Ball wanted to determine what the village should do about trick or treat. He wanted to see if they should have trick or treat and the parade. He also thought they should discuss switching the parade before trick or treat to allow more time and so families didn't have to rush to make it to the parade in time. It was

also noted that the Recreation Committee would be holding Trunk or Treat at the Recreation Park on October 24th.

Ellen Simmons then added that the Community Club was waiting to see what the village was doing about Trick or Treat before they decided what they would do about the parade. If there isn't going to be Trick or Treat, then there isn't going to be a parade.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Trick or Treat would be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on October 31, 2020 with the parade being before that time. The Community Club would determine how much time before Trick or Treat they would need and then decide on a time for the parade.

Toby Thomas asked if there was any more New Business.

Shawn Pickworth stated he would like to thank Vicki Missler for all she does to help them renew the village insurance every year.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Gullett – absent; Steve Ball – yes; Jennifer Ball – yes; Willis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

Toby Thomas then presented the then and now bills for approval under Schedule C. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule C. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

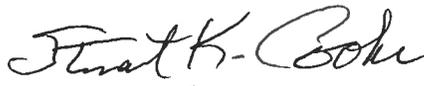
Cooke made a motion to return to regular session. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Absent.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to schedule a workshop for 6 p.m. in Council Chambers on September 28th before the next council meeting. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
~~Mayor~~


Stuart Cooke
Council President

mayor absent

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, September 28, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

In the absence of Mayor Toby Thomas, Council President Stuart Cooke called the meeting to order. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Myers, Cooke, Jennifer Ball, Gullett and Steve Ball. Willis was absent.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Don Patton, Bob James, John Chapin and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the September 14, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Stuart Cooke asked for any public questions or statements.

Ellen Simmons stated that the Community Club would not be using the ambulance building for Hometown Holidays this year. They had some concerns with the club using their building and Ellen understood their hesitation due to Covid-19. She stated the ambulance personnel had always been wonderful to them in the past. Instead of the ambulance building, they would be using Council Chambers to house a few vendors and some children's activities.

Jennifer Ball asked Ellen Simmons about the Halloween Parade because she had heard that it was canceled.

Ellen Simmons verified that yes the Halloween Parade had been canceled.

Janice Myers asked if trick or treat was going to be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Steve Ball answered that at the last council meeting they had determined that trick or treat would be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Janice Myers stated she had been receiving a lot of feedback from residents who were not happy with the time.

Members of council discussed the trick or treat time and considered if they should change it. In the end, they decided to leave the time the same. Trick or treat will be held on October 31, 2020 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Stuart Cooke then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Looking at our options for funding.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – The USDA-RD are in the process of reviewing the plans.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Painting – crews finished painting for the year Friday afternoon.
- Salt Storage – still waiting on some other quotes.
- OPWC Funding – we are working on the funding application for the West Washburn Improvement project. Applications are due first week of November.
- Crews are servicing equipment and getting ready for winter.
- Bridge Inspections – inspectors were in town today to do our annual inspections required by the state.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project continues.
- Cares Act Money – we need to form a Cares Act Grant review committee. This committee will meet to review and score the applications. They will then recommend to Council the results. We want to be able to recommend to Council at the first meeting in October so we can get the checks out before the October 15th deadline. Council discussed who should be on the committee. They also discussed what happens if a relative of a member of council would apply. Mr. Bond stated that anyone related to a member of council would automatically go to the bottom of the list and would only receive money if there was any left after all other eligible applicants. At the end of the discussion it was determined that the committee would consist of Shawn Pickworth, Nancy Howell, Don Patton and Adam Gullett.
- Council needs to schedule a public hearing for the rezoning of 107 West Main Street. Council scheduled a zoning public hearing for November 9, 2020 at 6 p.m.
- Reservoir Campground Sewers – we are planning to install a lift station in the campgrounds that will allow us to connect the unsewered lots during the off season, budget depending. The estimated cost of this project is \$20,000 - \$25,000. If we do not have the money this year would Council allow us to use CSX funds to install and allow the Rec. to pay back the funds with the extra funds it make from rent by adding the sewers. We could bring in an additional \$6000 plus per year. Council wanted to know how much the recreation fund currently owed the CSX fund. It was determined the fiscal officer would have that number at the next council meeting so that

council could go over that information when they were going over the recreation budget. The topic will be revisited in the future.

- The last thing Shawn discussed was Inspire New London wanted council's approval to start selling veteran banners to hang on the electric poles throughout town. Firelands Electric has given approval for the use of their poles. Inspire New London would take care of all the banner orders and taking the money and then the finished banners would be given to the village to hang. Council agreed to let Inspire New London proceed with the project.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he would like to acknowledge two of his officers. Officers Kristofor Pinkerton and Lance Capiot had received a lifesaving award for their act of service in saving the life of a two-week old infant. Their quick thinking and response earned them this award. Chief Marko congratulated them on a job well done.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from the Fire Department. Fire Chief John Chapin stated he would like council's permission to hire Chaddem Shenefield and Jacob Martz as two new fire fighters. This would bring the department up to 28 volunteers.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had the run report from August. There were 61 total ambulance calls and she broke them down by area.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James stated he had nothing to report unless someone had something for him.

Stuart Cooke then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Shawn Pickworth shared the following report with council in the absence of Megan Sherlund.

- Concert this past weekend went well
- Trunk or Treat on October 24, flyer on the website, Facebook, and around town
- Getting together grants due dates for submittals will need council approvals
 - Nature Works June 2021 – walking path from Euclid to rez driveway
 - CDBG - new playground at Rez with ADA accessibility
 - Home Depot/Lowes/Menards for picnic tables
 - Plus more
- Once we go into the extended season the office will only be open 10am – 6pm Monday – Friday.
- You will see the list of events for the rest of this year and the list of proposed events with dates for next year

2020 Parks and Rec Events October - December

TAGR & Bad Juju Concert	September 26
Fishing Tournament	September 27
Halloween Event	October 3
Costume Parade	1pm
Trick or Treating	2pm
Pumpkin Roll	3pm
Site Judging	7pm
Thanksgiving Dinner	October 10
Turkey	
Last weekend	October 17

Trunk or Treat	October 24 1pm – 4pm
Rec Committee Cookout	October 24 4pm -
Halloween Parade	October 31
Hometown Holidays Crafts in Hileman	December 5 10am – 2pm
Breakfast with Santa Hileman	December 13 9am – 1pm
Santa @ Cabin Boy Scout Cabin	December 18 & 19 6pm – 8pm

2021 Parks & Rec Events

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny	
Opening Day of Camping	April 17
Fishing Tournaments	May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15, Sept 18 Oct 17
Camp & Sell Flea Markets	May
Rockin the Rez	July 17
Country Concert	
Labor Day Festival	Sept 3 – 6
20 yr. 9/11 Celebration Recreation Park	Sept 11
Trunk or Treat Recreation Park	October 23
Halloween Parade	October 30
Gun Raffle Hileman Building	November 20
Hometown Holidays	December 4
Breakfast with Santa Hileman Building	December 12
Santa @ Cabin Boy Scout Cabin	December 17 & 18 6pm – 8pm

Stuart Cooke then presented Ordinance 2020-28 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with the Ohio Attorney General for Delinquent Debt Collection Services. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Ordinance 2020-29 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with the Huron County Development Council to Perform the Following Services Relative to the Administration of Small Business Grants Funded by the Federal Cares Act, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-29 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Resolution 2020-07 A Resolution Allowing the Use of an “Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty” Coverage document, Rather than a Surety Bond. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented Resolution 2020-08 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. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Resolution 2020-08 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then called for Old Business.

Janice Myers stated she didn't know if it would be considered old or new business but she had someone ask whether the village notifies people when they are going to get their water turned off for non-payment. Do they receive a text or call?

Shawn Pickworth replied that no the village does not. All the information that is needed including due date and shut off date is printed on the bill each month. It was also explained that the shut off procedure is exactly the same every month. It doesn't change so no calls are necessary.

Stuart Cooke then called for New Business.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the purchase of a new truck for Utilities Foreman Don Patton. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Myers made a motion to allow Fire Chief John Chapin to hire Chaddem Shenefield and Jacob Martz as volunteer fire fighters. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Stuart Cooke then presented the then and now bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – Police & Recreation Budget Meeting – Monday, Oct. 12, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Myers, Gullett, Jennifer Ball, Steve Ball, Cooke and Willis.

Also present: Mr. Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Chief Marko

Chief Michael Marko presented his 2021 budget for the Police Department. He went over the anticipated general expenses for 2021.

Chief Marko stated that the dispatch expenses would be going away as soon as the Huron County Commissioners signed off. This expense will be taken out of the new 911 levy in the future. He also requested to purchase a new police cruiser which council thought would be fine.

Chief continued to go down through his budget line by line with council with no other significant changes.

Shawn Pickworth then presented the 2021 budget for the Recreation Park Fund. He went over each line item with council members.

Electricity costs and new LED lights were discussed. Shawn also recommended that the village not add any new sewers at the reservoir campground in 2021. The budget did not allow for it. Labor Day and increased advertising for camping at the recreation park were briefly discussed.

Shawn Pickworth concluded by saying he was hoping to get back on track in 2021 despite the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 12, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Cooke, Jennifer Ball, Willis, Gullett and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Megan Sherlund, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Don Patton, Brian Cucco and Lynn Phillips.

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

The minutes from the September 28, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated that they had started posting information about sending in questions for council ahead of time so that they can be addressed during the meeting. Also, the village was still offering people to join the meeting via Google Meet. Toby stated that he had not received any questions so far and no one had joined Google Meet.

Ellen Simmons stated that the CIC would be meeting on October 20th at the Alliance Church at noon. They will be meeting to consider disbanding the organization. The following week on October 27th the Community Club will be meeting at 9 a.m. at the Wildcat Café.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Looking at our options for funding.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – The USDA-RD seems to have finished the plan review process and have started reviewing bid documents.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- I will be reviewing applicants with Council tonight during executive session for possible employment.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

- OPWC Funding – we are working on the funding application for the West Washburn Improvement project. Applications are due the first week of November.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project continues. Don and I met with the project manager last week. Crews are expected to finish for the year in the next month. At the time of the meeting, crews had around 60 services to replace.
- Cares Act Money – the Grant Review Committee met last Friday and review 8 applications. One application was recommended for approval; 7 others are on hold pending additional information needed per guidelines of the grant. The committee will be meeting again once the information needed has been collected. We would like Council's approval to have a second round for this grant funding for businesses and we would like to include all businesses within the 44851-area code. The Village has been given approximately another \$80,000 for the use of Cares Act Funding.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow a second round of grant applications for the Cares Act Money and to extend eligibility to the entire 44851 zip code. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated the only thing he had was he wanted to thank Stuart Cooke for running the previous meeting for him since he had been on vacation.

Toby Thomas then asked Brian Cucco for his cemetery report.

Brian Cucco thanked council for fitting him into the meeting that evening. He stated that the cemetery was in need of a rate increase. The cemetery board had met and he passed out a paper listing the new prices that would begin on October 19, 2020. Brian explained that mowing costs for the cemetery were increasing and the cemetery had not had an increase in prices since 2016. Brian Cucco concluded by saying the Friends of the Cemetery was beginning a fundraiser in November for future cemetery projects.

Toby Thomas asked Brian Cucco if a \$25 rate increase was enough.

Brian Cucco replied that what they really needed to do was come up with a schedule to have smaller increases more often instead of waiting four or five years for a rate increase.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he didn't have anything unless someone had something for him.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Fire Department. Fire Chief John Chapin absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated September had been another busy month with 52 runs. There were 36 runs in the Village of New London; three were in New London Township; seven were in Fitchville Township; five in Troy Township and one in Ruggles Township. Jennifer Ball then announced that Firelands Ambulance would have a levy on the ballot in November. It will be a replacement because it will be based off the new property values. The previous values were based on values from the 1980's. It is a tax levy of 1 mil for five years. Firelands Ambulance services about 5,500 residents and New London is very lucky to have them. They have a really good group of volunteers. Jennifer Ball finished by saying she just wanted to make everyone aware of the levy.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

Toby Thomas then asked Megan Sherlund for a report for the Recreation Department. Megan Sherlund shared that the reservoir was in its final week of camping. She also shared that they had created new tags for those who had paid for the extended camping. So far, there is only one seasonal spot open for next camping season. Trunk or Treat will be at the Recreation Park on October 24th. There will be food for sale in the Thomas Building for the event along with the opportunity to participate in Spooky Sales. For a \$10 fee, vendors can pass out candy and sell their products to those attending the event. They are looking at a possible Breakfast with Santa and the Recreation Committee will be using the Hileman Building during Hometown Holidays.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-28 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with the Ohio Attorney General for Delinquent Debt Collection Services. Third Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the third reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-31 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-31 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-32 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 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 suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-32 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2020-07 A Resolution Allowing the Use of an “Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty” Coverage Document, Rather than a Surety Bond. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Jennifer 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. There was none.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the bills for approval under Schedule B. Willis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Gullett – yes; Steve Ball – yes; Jennifer Ball – yes; Willis – yes; Cooke – abstain; Myers – disqualify herself.

Toby Thomas then presented the then and now bills for approval under Schedule C. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule C. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Raymond Goosetree and Daison Gough for the Street and Sanitation Department. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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


Fiscal Officer


Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – Water, Sewer and Fire Budget Meeting – Mon., October 26, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Don Patton, Utilities Foreman, and John Chapin, Water/Sewer Superintendent and Fire Chief, presented the 2021 budgets for the Water, Sewer, Fire and Fire Fighting Facilities Funds. They went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund.

The following was discussed:

Water Reserve

John Chapin explained that the Water Reserve Fund is only used if absolutely needed.

Water

John Chapin began by saying that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) had not responded to the village's request for the money that is due them. Documentation has been given to Mr. Bond so that he can proceed with action against ODNR. ODNR owns about 80% of the reservoir and the village owns about 20% so they are to pay 80% of costs for upkeep of the reservoir. The amount due to the village totals about \$108,000. Currently, ODNR will not communicate with the village. Since they will not respond, Mr. Bond is going to move forward with action. Most of the other revenue for the water fund is expected to be similar to 2020. John Chapin and Don Patton stated they would like to request a 3% rate increase to water fees due to increased costs to the village.

John Chapin continued by saying there was nothing extraordinary on the expense side except an increase in the budget for the village's SCADA system. Some anticipated projects for 2021 include replacing some valves and hydrants; provide water to a few new houses; replacement of some older trucks; and a possible meeting room at the water treatment plant.

Sewer

John Chapin and Don Patton began by explaining that if council wanted to proceed with the Sewer Treatment Plant Improvement Project, there would need to be a rate increase to sewer fees. John Chapin and Don Patton both thought the project was very needed. Much of the equipment at the Sewer Treatment Plant is outdated. They thought it was necessary to move forward with the project to allow the Sewer Treatment to be as up to par as the Water Treatment Plant is since the recent Water Treatment Plant improvement project had been completed. The project would require a 25% increase in the sewer rates but the increase would not be based on water usage. If council agrees, they would love to have the increase in place by January 1st. John Chapin and Don Patton stated they would be willing to allow a smaller water rate increase if need be to allow for the sewer project to be done.

On the expense side, John Chapin and Don Patton noted that the budget was about the same as it was for 2020. There were no major changes.

Fire

John Chapin noted that the total fire budget was the same as it had been for 2020.

Fire Fighting Facilities

John Chapin explained to council that this was the fund that was used to purchase fire trucks. It also was used to purchase protective gear. Protective Gear is only good for 10 years so John Chapin was hoping to buy a few new sets of gear each year. This would allow them to avoid having to get a loan to purchase all the sets of gear at one time.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.


Nancy Howell


Toby Thomas

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 26, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Cooke, Jennifer Ball, Willis, Gullett and Steve Ball.

Also present: Chief Marko, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Don Patton, John Chapin, Kyle Ancog and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the October 12, 2020 Police and Recreation Budget Meeting were presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the October 12, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Cooke made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; no one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked Marvin McCallister if any questions were coming over on his phone.

Marvin McCallister stated there were no questions coming through at that time but he had been asked when the council meetings would be opened back up to the public.

Toby Thomas replied that he thought it would be when the governor allowed it and he asked Mr. Bond his thoughts.

Mr. Bond stated that currently the state had not changed it's ruling on meetings.

Toby Thomas stated that the village was working on improving some things such as sound to make things easier for those trying to participate in the meeting online.

Ellen Simmons then announced that the CIC had been disbanded at their last meeting. Any money left in the treasury after all outstanding bills are paid, will go toward the outstanding balance owed to the village for the original Terry Wilson Memorial Deck. Secondly, Ellen Simmons stated that work had started on the new Terry Wilson Memorial Deck. The old wood had been removed and they were doing a very nice job so far.

Toby Thomas asked Marvin McCallister to let him know if any questions were asked online during the meeting.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Looking at our options for funding.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – The USDA-RD seems to have finished the plan review process and have started reviewing bid documents.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091. Proposed project to fix potholes in the downtown area. He would like to complete this project before the end of the year for the safety of residents.
- Proposed project to fix trenches on First Street. The trenches on the street have settled. Shawn Pickworth researched the price of fixing the trenches versus repaving the street. Repaving the street came in about \$1,000 cheaper than fixing it. There is not enough in the street fund to pave the street, but since the reason they had to trench the street was for the water and sewer departments, they would be allowed to use water and sewer money for the project. Shawn Pickworth asked for council approval to complete the repaving of the street.
- OPWC Funding – Application has been submitted. The total project cost estimate is \$171,600. We are writing the grant application asking for \$76,362 Grant, \$76,362 Loan and \$18,876 Village match. I believe this is our best chance of getting funded.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project continues. Crews continue to work on service connections.
- Care Act Money – 2nd round applications are due by Friday, October 30, 2020. Please, if you know of a small business that can benefit from this funding have them get online and fill out an application.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to proceed with the downtown pothole project and the repaving of First Street. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated the only thing he had to report was that the Community Club was busy working on Hometown Holidays. This year's event will include a Christmas Tree lighting on the Friday evening before. Due to the pandemic, there will be no costs associated with the weekend activities. Toby Thomas thought it should be a good kick off to the holiday season.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Police Chief. Chief Marko stated he would like to use about \$10,000 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to update the police department's policies and procedures due to the Coronavirus and any other future virus. Since the pandemic began, things have taken a drastic change and chief wants to make sure all the officers are protected. Chief Marko researched and found a well renowned company called Lexipol that he would like to hire to do the update.

Secondly, Chief stated he had closed the case on the bones that had been discovered in the old barn on East Main Street. The reason he closed the case was because they can't search all the samples when there is a law

enforcement investigation. Once he closes out the case, they are able to go through all the samples. The only thing they know right now is that it wasn't a homicide.

The last thing Chief Marko asked was for council to approve the hiring of a new reserve officer for the Village of New London Police Department. Chief Marko introduced Kyle Ancog to members of council and recommended he be hired as a reserve police officer. Kyle had just graduated from the police academy in August.

Adam Gullett made a motion to allow Chief Marko to hire Kyle Ancog as a reserve officer for the New London Police Department. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Chief Marko to use \$10,000 of Cares Act money to hire Lexipol to update policies and procedures for the New London Police Department. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Fire Department. Fire Chief John Chapin stated he had recently lost a volunteer firefighter due to serving in the military so he would like council's approval to add Jon Hess to the fire department.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow Jon Hess to join the New London Fire Department. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she would have a full ambulance report at the next meeting but she wanted to remind everyone about the levy for Firelands Ambulance.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

Toby Thomas then asked if anyone had anything to report for the recreation department in the absence of Megan Sherlund.

Adam Gullett reported that the recreation committee had held Trunk or Treat on Saturday and it had been very successful.

Shawn Pickworth added that they had shut the water off at the Recreation Park and the upcoming weekend was the final weekend for camping at the Reservoir Campground and then the water would be shut off there also. He stated that things were starting to wind down.

Janice Myers asked how many seasonal campers had paid their deposit and were staying for next year.

Shawn Pickworth stated he didn't have those numbers at that time.

Janice Myers wanted to verify that deposits needed to be paid by November 1st.

Shawn Pickworth replied that yes deposits were required to be paid by November 1st.

Janice Myers asked what happened if a deposit wasn't paid.

Shawn Pickworth answered that the seasonal camper would forfeit their site.

Janice Myers wanted to make sure that on November 2nd they would start calling those on the waiting list to take the sites that were not reserved with a deposit.

Shawn Pickworth verified that was correct.

Jennifer Ball wanted to make sure all campers were aware of the date the deposit was due.

Shawn Pickworth was positive that everyone had been notified of when the deposit was due.

Janice Myers asked if very many campers had paid their deposit yet.

Shawn Pickworth answered that there were quite a few who had already paid.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-30 An Ordinance Amending Sections 1116.01 and 1116.05 of the Codified Ordinances, and Rezoning the Property Located at 107 West Main Street, to a “Public Parks and Open Space Zoning Use District”. Second Reading. Willis made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-33 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-33 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2020-07 A Resolution Allowing the Use of an “Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty” Coverage Document, Rather than a Surety Bond. Third Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the third 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 Ball stated he had someone call him over the weekend who was renting the Hileman Building because the TV in the building was not working. He went out to take a look at it and found out the Time Warner Cable service had been disconnected. The village had disconnected the service over the summer to save money. He thought people were used to having the service so people renting the building would be expecting to use the television and cable services so he wondered if the village should have Time Warner reconnected in the building.

Members of council discussed the pros and cons of having cable available in the Hileman Building. Cost was a major concern. They discussed different possibilities that would allow for use of the television because they have a lot of nice audio visual equipment that is not getting used. Shawn Pickworth stated the he would look into the different options.

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

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

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

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

 
Nancy Howell Toby Thomas
Fiscal Officer Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Special Meeting – Monday, November 2, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Council President Stuart Cooke called the meeting to order.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Gullett, Jennifer Ball, Cooke, Myers, Willis and Steve Ball.

Also present: Shawn Pickworth

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

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

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



Shawn Pickworth
Village Administrator

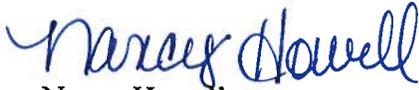
New London Council Zoning Public Hearing
November 9, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing was to allow public comment concerning proposed ordinance 2020-30 to amend Sections 1116.01 and 1116.05 of the Codified Ordinances, and Rezoning the Property Located at 107 West Main Street, to a "Public Parks and Open Space Zoning Use District".

No member of the public appeared to make a statement.

No member of council made a statement.

Meeting adjourned.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

**Workshop – County, Local, State Highway Tax, Street, Sanitation and Storm Budget
Meeting – Mon., November 9th, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Janice Myers made a motion to have Councilman Steve Ball chair the meeting due to the absence of the Mayor and Council President. Adam Gullett seconded the motion. All ayes; no opposed, motion passed.

Steve Ball called the meeting to order, members present: Janice Myers, Jennifer Ball, Mike Willis, Adam Gullett and Steve Ball.

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton and Steve Bond.

Don Patton, Utilities Foreman, presented the 2021 budgets for the County and Local Permissive Tax, State Highway Tax, Street, Sanitation and Storm Sewer Funds. He went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund.

The following was discussed:

Shawn discussed the continuing need to acquire funds for street improvement, and the possibility pursuing a streets maintenance/improvement levy was discussed.

Adam Gullett moved to adjourn the Special Meeting, second by Jennifer Ball. All ayes; no opposed, motion passed.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.


Steven N. Ball

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

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

Steve Ball called the meeting to order. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Myers, Jennifer Ball, Willis, Gullett and Steve Ball. Cooke was absent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Steve Ball then called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth then reported the following.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Looking at our options for funding.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – The USDA-RD seems to have finished the plan review process and have started reviewing bid documents.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- OPWC Funding – Application has been submitted.
- Street repair for East Main Street began today. Hopefully it will be back to normal tomorrow afternoon.

Other

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Steve Ball then called for Old Business.

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

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

Steve Ball then called for New Business.

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

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

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

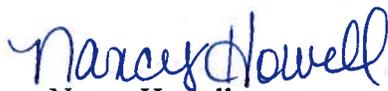
Steve Ball then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Willis made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

Council Meeting
November 11, 2020
6:30 pm

Call the Meeting to Order

Stuart Cooke called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

S. Ball _yes_ J. Ball _yes___ J. Myers _yes___ M. Willis _yes___ A. Gullet _yes___ S. Cooke _yes___

Executive Session

Steve Ball made the motion to enter into executive session. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Interview

Applicants were interviewed

Regular Session

Jen Ball made the motion to move back to regular session. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Motion to allow the Village to use Cares Act Funds for Hazard Pay for the Village Employees who worked March 2020 through December 2020 at the rate of Full-Time Employees \$200.00 per/month, Part-Time Employees \$100.00 per/month.

Adam Gullet made the motion

Janie Myers Second the motion

Vote: S. Ball- Yes

J. Ball – Yes

J. Myers – Yes

M. Willis – Yes

A. Gullet – Yes

S. Cooke – Yes

Motion to Adjourn – S. Ball, Vote – All Yes.

Shawn Pickworth
Village Administrator



Council Meeting
November 12, 2020
6:00 pm

Call the Meeting to Order

Stuart Cooke called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

S. Ball _yes__ J. Ball _yes__ J. Myers _yes__ M. Willis _yes__ A. Gullet _yes__ S. Cooke _yes__

Executive Session

Steve Ball made the motion to enter into executive session. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Interview

Applicants were interviewed

Regular Session

Janice Myers made the motion to move back to regular session, Second Adam Gullet. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Motion to hire Joe Thomas as Park Director effective November 30, 2020.

Jen Ball made the motion

Mike Willis Second the motion

Vote: S. Ball- Yes

J. Ball – Yes

J. Myers – Yes

M. Willis – Yes

A. Gullet – Yes

S. Cooke – No

Motion to Adjourn – S. Ball, Second – Jen Ball, Vote – All Yes.

Shawn Pickworth
Village Administrator



NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 23, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

Council President Stuart Cooke called the meeting to order.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Myers, J. Ball, S. Ball, Gullet, Willis, Cooke

Also present: Lt. Hicks, Ellen Simmons, Marvin McCallister.

Stuart Cooke asked for the approval of the agenda. J. Myers made the motion to approve the agenda. J. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed

Stuart Cooke then presented Ordinance 2020-37 An Ordinance Approving A Hazard Pay Supplement for Certain Employees of the Village, and Declaring it an Emergency. A. Gullet made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-37 to be passed on an emergency measure. M. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: J. Myers, Yes; J. Ball, Yes; S. Ball, Yes; A. Gullet, Yes; M. Willis, Yes; S. Cooke, Yes. S. Ball made the motion to approve the emergency reading. J. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then asked for Old Business. Shawn Pickworth asked Council to accept the Resignation of Park Director Megan Sherlund and that her last day with the Village would be November 25, 2020. J. Ball made a motion to accept Megan Sherlund's Resignation. S. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call- All ayes; No one opposed.

Lt. Joe Hicks then asked Council to remove Officer Coty Bravo from probation and to hire him as a regular full-time officer and to correct his pay back to September 2, 2020 when he should have been taken off probation and to increase his pay by \$1.00 per hour. A. Gullet made a motion to remove Officer Coty Bravo from probation and to correct his pay from September 2nd and approve a \$1.00 per hour pay increase. S. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

S. Ball addressed Lt. Hicks and told him if he and the New London Police Department needed anything from Council to please let them know. Lt. Hicks stated he was humbled by the support from the community.

Ellen Simmons addressed Council stating that the decision had been made to cancel Hometown Holiday's this year due to concerns of Covid-19.

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

Stuart Cooke then presented the then and now bills for approval under Schedule B. S. Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. J. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then asked if there was anything else that needed to be brought to Council? No one came forward.

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



Nancy Howell

Toby Thomas

Shawn Pickworth

Fiscal Officer

Mayor

Administrator

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – All Other Budget Meeting – Mon., December 14, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Shawn Pickworth, Village Administrator, and Brian Cucco, Cemetery Manager, presented the 2021 budget for the Cemetery, Cemetery Trust and Cemetery Endowment Funds. They went over anticipated revenue and expenses for each fund including a possible transfer from the General Fund to the Cemetery Fund if it is needed.

Shawn Pickworth then continued the budget meeting by discussing the General Fund and all other remaining accounts. He went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund. Each budget was briefly discussed with no significant changes.

Shawn Pickworth noted that he is hoping to use the remainder of the Revolving Loan Fund for a Park Avenue water main improvement project he is resubmitting to GLCAP. The first application he submitted had been denied due to it being incomplete. It was explained that he does not complete the applications. This particular application had been completed by someone at the county who was unfamiliar with the application process. Shawn Pickworth stated he was going to resubmit the application because he had been told it was a good project so he is confident it will be approved once the application is completed correctly.

Shawn Pickworth informed council that paver bricks are still being purchased for the Veteran's Memorial Fund.

The CSX Fund was briefly discussed and it was noted that the Recreation Fund is still repaying this fund for improvements to the Hileman Building and new cabins at the reservoir.

Shawn Pickworth concluded the meeting talking about the General Fund. Worker's Comp would be issuing a check to the Village of New London that will be deposited into the General Fund. The Cable Franchise fee is also deposited into the General Fund. Stuart Cooke wanted to make sure the village was receiving the maximum cable franchise fee it could receive. Mr. Bond verified that it was.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 14, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Jennifer Ball, Willis, Gullett. Cooke and Steve Ball.

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Joe Hicks, Joe Thomas and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the November 9, 2020 Zoning Public Hearing were presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 9, 2020 Street, State Highway, Permissive, Sanitation and Storm budget meeting were presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 9, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Cooke made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 11, 2020 Special Meeting were presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 12, 2020 Special Meeting were presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 23, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons then announced that the New London Public Library would be closing until January 4th. It was becoming increasingly difficult to staff the library due to the pandemic. The library would be open the following day until 8 p.m. and then it would remain closed until January.

Since there were no questions coming through online, Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth then reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We are working with GLCAP to resubmit this project to the State for Critical Infrastructure Grant funding. This would pay for most of the project.

- GIS Project – crews met with GLCAP (formally RCAP) representatives to correct some mistakes on our GIS mapping.
- Reservoir – pumps have been running for the past 2 months filling the reservoir.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Mr. Bond, John Chapin, Don Patton and I were part of a conference call with USDA-RD and Jones & Henry Engineering last Thursday, December 10, 2020. The purpose of the call was to discuss what else needed to be done before closing instructions would be issued by the USDA-RD. The goal is that we are ready to go to bid for the project sometime in January – February 2021.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- OPWC Funding – OPWC Engineering Review Committee met on Friday, December 4, 2020 for the scoring review of Round 35 project recommended to be funded by OPWC. Projects in Huron County making the list were: Huron County Engineer, City of Norwalk, City of Willard just like they have been in the past. Our project scored high enough to make the list of the 5 projects sent to Small Governments. We won't hear until May – June of 2021 whether we are funded or not.

Other

- Columbia Gas Project – project continues. Crews continue to work on service connections.
- Farming Contract – The farmer we have a contract with is wanting to put lime on the Village farmland. His contract is up in 2022 and the benefits of applying the lime is best at year 3. With him not knowing if he will be awarded the next contract he was wanting to know if the Village would be willing to take it off his rent?
- Care Act Grants- an application was missed while doing the grant process. The right thing to do is honor this application and allow it to be processed. Asking Council's approval to process the grant.
- With this being the last Council Meeting before Christmas, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Steve Ball asked Shawn Pickworth if instead of taking the cost of the lime off the farmer's rent, if they could extend his contract for a year.

Members of council and Shawn Pickworth agreed this would be a good solution.

Steve Ball made a motion to extend the farming contract in lieu of paying for lime for the fields. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated he didn't really have anything to report but he wanted to ask Mr. Bond what the proper way to address Joe Hicks would be. Since he was currently acting as police chief, should he be addressed as Chief Hicks or should he still be addressed as lieutenant since he had not been permanently named as police chief.

Steve Bond replied that it would be fine to address him as chief since he was acting in that capacity.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Hicks stated he had received a resignation from full-time officer Jacob Johnson. Jacob Johnson had requested he be allowed to remain a part-time officer for the village. Chief Hicks explained that once Jacob Johnson left, the police department would be operating at 60% capacity. He wanted to request permission to begin the search for a new full-time officer. Chief Hicks then continued by saying he had also received the resignation of part-time officer Kristofer Pinkerton. He wanted to also ask council for approval to start the search for another part-time officer. Chief Hicks explained that both officers had been exploring other opportunities for quite some time so their resignations were not a surprise. He also notified council that he and the other full-time officers were working on possibly changing the schedule to a 12-hour rotation unless it would require overtime.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Chief Hicks to move forward with replacing one full-time and one part-time officer due to recent resignations. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to honor and process one last small grant application that had been missed. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

It was noted that an ordinance would also need to be passed at the next council meeting.

In the absence of Fire Chief John Chapin, Toby Thomas spoke of the deck project the fire department had been working on. Everyone was happy with the project.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated there had been 59 total runs for November. There were 36 in the Village of New London; 5 in New London Township; ten in Fitchville Township; 4 in Troy Township; and 4 in Ruggles Township.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation. Joe Thomas shared the following report:

- We have received a \$1500 donation from the new London eagles for new picnic tables.
- Brian Cucco, Karson and I have been busy at the reservoir working on fixing up some camp sites and cutting trees.
- There are six camp sites at the reservoir that I heard you would like to turn into seasonal sites. Lot 10,11,12,14,55,56 weekend sites brought in \$9,983.24 last season. If they were seasonal sites they would have brought in \$11,400. We also would like to add an additional 3 seasonal sites which would bring in \$5,700 totaling \$17,100. I would also like to add some weekend spots out by the cabins. If we turn those 6 weekend sites into seasonal we need places for our weekend campers to go. I got a quote from BCU to do all

the electric on those 12 sites for \$23,500. With the 6 sites we are turning into seasonal we brought in almost \$10,000. I think we will bring in \$15,000-\$20,000 with the new 12 weekend sites by the cabins.

- One of our major priorities at the reservoir is to get sewer to all the seasonal sites. Don and John told me to put in sewer to all the campsites would cost \$25,000. This would add 35 more full hookup sites. This would include a pump station at the lowest end of the campground and all those sites gravity feeding to it and then pumping to the main sewer line. If we add all these sewer sites it will generate an additional \$3,500 per year. So the cost for the sewer is \$25,000 and the cost for the weekend lots is \$23,500 totaling \$48,500.
- The other thing I would like to present to council is changing the camping dates. The number of days would be the same just changing the dates. I would like to change it from April 16 – Oct 17 to April 30 -Oct 31. I feel it would give us and the campers better camping weather and hopefully better weather for opening the campground. I would also on the weekends of April 16,17,23,24 have a cleanup weekend. This would give campers the opportunity to come in before the season starts to try clean their site. We would have someone in the office while the gates are open and at the end of the day the gates would be locked.

WEEKEND SITES 2020

LOT 10 \$1878.72
LOT 11 \$1483.25
LOT 12 \$1194
LOT 14 \$1540
LOT 55 \$2606.80
LOT 56 \$1280.50

TOTAL \$9983.24

IF THEY WERE SEASONAL SITES \$11,400

IF WE ADD 3 MORE ADDITIONAL SITES THEY WILL BRING IN \$5700.

ALL 9 SITES TOTALING \$17,100

SEWER PROJECT

THE COST OF THE SEWER PROJECT IS \$25,000

THIS WOULD ADD AN ADDITIONAL 35 FULL HOOKUP SITES TO THE RESERVOIR
BRING IN \$3500 MORE PER YEAR

NEW WEEKEND SITES

WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD 12 MORE SITES DOWN BY THE NEW CABINS.

THE ELECTRIC COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$23,500.

WE BROUGHT IN \$9983.24 WITH THOSE 6 SITE. IF WE ADD 12 MORE I FEEL THAT
WE COULD BRING IN \$15,000-\$20,000 WITH THOSE NEW SITES

THE TOTAL COST OF BOTH PROJECTS IS \$48,500

IF COUNCIL WILL LET US BORROW THE MONEY THE FRIENDS OF THE PARK
WILL DONATE \$10,000 TO GO TO THE PROJECTS. BRINGING THE TOTAL TO
\$38,500. I ALSO FEEL THAT WE NEED TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN

COUNCIL AND THE PARK STATING THAT WE WILL PAY BACK \$5,000 PER YEAR UNTIL THE LOAN IS PAYED OFF.

Steve Ball asked if Joe Thomas would be using the \$1500 donation for picnic tables to buy lumber and then assemble them himself.

Joe Thomas stated he would be using the money to buy the lumber and he had a camper that was willing to help him assemble the picnic tables.

Adam Gullett stated that the campers at the reservoir had raised \$1600 over the summer to go toward the sewer project so that amount could come off the total of the project.

Joe Thomas explained to council that there may be an additional cost to the project for road grindings so he was asking to be able to borrow \$40,000 from the CSX Fund. Any unused money would go directly back to the fund.

Janice Myers stated she didn't have a problem with Joe Thomas' proposal.

Stuart Cooke agreed that it was a good project.

Janice Myers made a motion for the Recreation Department to use \$40,000 from the CSX Fund to create 12 new weekend campsites, change nine weekend sites to seasonal sites and install sewers to the remaining seasonal sites currently not having a sewer hookup. In addition, the Recreation Fund would make an annual installment payment of \$5,000 to the CSX Fund until the balance was paid in full including the previous balance borrowed from the fund for cabins and Hileman Building improvements. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mr. Bond was questioned as to whether an ordinance would have to be passed to allow the Recreation Fund to use the CSX money. Mr. Bond stated that if the purchases were paid directly from the CSX fund and no transfer would need to be made, the motion from council would be all that was needed.

It was agreed that all money spent would come directly out of the CSX Fund and a record would be kept of total expenses so the total to be paid back would be known.

Steve Ball made a motion to set the seasonal camping dates to begin April 30th and end on October 31st with cleanup weekends scheduled for April 16, 17, 23 and 24, 2021. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-35 An Ordinance Amending Section 921.10(a), 925.07(b), 931.02(d), and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Utility Services. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-38 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-38 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-39 An Ordinance Adopting the 2021 Temporary Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2020-39 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

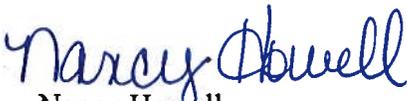
Toby Thomas then called for New Business. There was none.

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

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

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now Bills under Schedule C. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule C. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Ball 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 28, 2020 @ 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: Myers, Jennifer Ball, Willis, Gullett, Cooke and Steve Ball.

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Joe Hicks, Joe Thomas, Aric Ubienski and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the December 14, 2020 All Other budget meeting were presented for approval. Cooke made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the December 14, 2020 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer 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 then reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We are working with GLCAP to resubmit this project to the State for Critical Infrastructure Grant funding. We are looking for some residents along Park Ave. to help us out with the grant application. We need letters about the inconvenience the water main breaks have caused over the years. The letters will be submitted with the grant application.

- Crews fixed a water main break last Thursday on Akron Street. Good Job.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Everyone is working to finish up the funding requirements so we can close and go to bid for this project.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

- Thank You to the crews out Christmas Eve & Christmas Day plowing snow.

Other

- Cares Act Grants- grant closeout docs. are due. Carol Knapp has been in contact with those awarded grants to complete and turn in these closeout reports.
- Have a safe and Happy New Year.

Toby Thomas stated he didn't have much to report but he wanted to thank Shawn Pickworth for his hard work with the Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Hicks requested council's approval to hire Aric M. Ubienski as a reserve police officer for the Village of New London. Aric Ubienski has been an employee of the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center since 2017. He graduated in August from Medina County Career Center. His background checks were fine and his references spoke highly of him. Chief Hicks thought Aric would fit in well with the New London Police Department. Currently the department has 14 officers. There are three full-time officers, eight part-time and three reserve. Reserve officers are not paid by the village so it is a huge savings for the department. If council agrees, Aric will bring the total of reserve officers up to four. Currently, it has been difficult to fill all the shifts.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Chief Hicks to hire Aric M. Ubienski as a reserve police officer for the Village of New London. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then swore in Aric M. Ubienski as a Village of New London Reserve Police Officer.

Chief Hicks thanked council for their approval of Aric Ubienski.

Toby Thomas asked for a report for the fire department. Fire chief John Chapin absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Zoning. Bob James absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation. Joe Thomas shared the following report:

- Everything is going well at the reservoir. Out of the 9 new seasonal sites we have already filled 5 of them and calls have been made to the next people on the list.
- We have been working on the 12 new weekend camp sites by the cabins
- BCU is in the process of getting permits for the project.
- Shawn, Don, Brian and myself met with Keen Pump to review the campground for ordering the lift station to add all the sewer sites.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-34 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-40 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance on December 31, 2020 of Employee Paychecks, Otherwise Scheduled to Be Issued to Village Employees on January 1, 2021, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ordinance 2020-40 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-41 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to allow Ordinance 2020-41 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2020-42 An Ordinance Amending the 2020 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 2020-42 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2020-10 A Resolution Approving the Award of a New London Cares Act Small Business Grant, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2020-10 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now Bills under Schedule B. Steve Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor