

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 11, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

Toby Thomas asked if they could appoint someone to take the place of the fiscal officer when she is unable to attend a meeting.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to appoint Steve Ball as a substitute clerk in the absence of the Fiscal Officer. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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. Cooke made a motion to approve the agenda. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the December 28, 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 if there were any public questions or statements.

Marvin McCallister asked where the village was with the investigation on the former police chief.

Toby Thomas replied that he would have to contact the Huron County Sheriff's Department because they were the ones in charge of the investigation. Toby Thomas thought that there was nothing within the department. He thought they were still working on the investigation but wanted to check with Chief Joe Hicks to make sure the New London Police Department was not taking part in the investigation.

Joe Hicks verified that the New London Police Department was not dealing with any of the investigation. Any investigation on the former chief was being done by the Huron County Sheriff's Department. His understanding was that the BCI had turned their portion of the investigation over to the Huron County Sheriff's office as well.

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. I would like to thank those who have submitted letters of support for this project. It will help with the funding agency.
- Water Main – 12/29/20 crews fixed a water main at the corner of West Main & Johnson Drive.

- Raw Water Main – crews discovered a leak in the raw water main going into the water plant from the reservoir. The leak is right at the foundation wall of the plant and is expected to be a major project.
- The OEPA has announced a Principle Forgiveness program that will allow communities to eliminate lead services within the distribution systems. We know we have several of these within our systems and we would like to apply for this funding. The first step of this is to hire an engineer. I am asking Council's permission to advertise for qualifications to hire an engineer for this project and permission to apply for this funding?

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.
- Working on the Compost Annual Report, to be submitted by the end of the month.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – held a pre-proposal meeting last Friday, January 8, 2021 @ 11:00 am at the Reservoir. Two contractors attended. Proposals are due by 11:30 am on January 22, 2021 and will be opened and read at 11:45 am. This will happen in Council Chambers.
- Project Leadership – I was contacted by a representative inquiring the use of the Hileman Building. They are asking to use it free of charge or a discounted rate for 3 events this year. Project Leadership is a Huron County 501(3)(C) organization that holds classes throughout the County mentoring future leaders.
- Community Wi Fi – the Mayor and I will be meeting with Brad Romano and team this Friday about the installation of Wi Fi on the top of our water tower. Brad Romano was successful in getting a grant through the State of Ohio to allow this to be done.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to advertise for qualifications to hire an engineer for the Principle Forgiveness Program that will allow lead services to be eliminated within the distribution systems and apply for funding for the program. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Council then discussed allowing Project Leadership to use the Hileman Building for three events during 2021.

Janice Myers made a motion to allow Project Leadership to use the Hileman Building free of charge for three events during 2021. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated he didn't really have anything to report but he was working on the State of the Village report that he would present at the next council meeting.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Hicks stated he didn't have a whole lot. He stated that things were getting easier and the transition was getting better. It will take some time but things are getting easier each day. Chief Hicks continued by saying that the police department was moving forward with Lexipol regarding updating the police policy manual. This will entail approximately 8-10 web meetings with a customer service representative over the next two to two and a half months. He is not sure when he will get to the point where they are utilizing the new manual but he is hoping it will be by spring or summer.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the Ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated there had been 64 total runs for December. There were 36 in the Village of New London; six in New London Township; nine in Fitchville Township; seven in Troy Township; five in Ruggles Township; and one Mutual Aid. Total runs for 2020 were 661 runs. It was a very busy year for Firelands Ambulance. She concluded by thanking all the volunteers for the great service they provide for the community.

There was no zoning report.

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. Thank you to Brian Cucco and the water guys for their help.
- 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.
- Emailed council rates and hoping to get them approved and asked for council to consider discussing 2022 rates over the summer so they can be determined before the campers leave in October.
- Would like council's approval to pave roads at the reservoir by using the majority of funds from the Friends of the Park money and just \$5,000 of village recreation money.
- Park Board meeting for the upcoming Wednesday would be at 7:30 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

It was determined that an ordinance would need to be passed to change and approve the recreation rates for the 2021 year. It was also noted that no motion was necessary to allow the roads at the reservoir to be repaved but council was in favor of Joe Thomas' plan.

Toby Thomas then reported that he and other village employees had attended the calling hours for Bob James and had been able to give their condolences to his family.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-01 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Temporary Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

Stuart Cooke asked for clarification on what Ordinance 2020-01 was for.

It was explained that this ordinance would allow the Fiscal Officer to move money from the General Fund into the Police/Fire Fund. Transfers take place several times throughout the year because the Police/Fire Funds needs support from the General Fund.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-01 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. 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. There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Stuart Cooke thought council should be thinking about what they would like to do about the police chief job and he also thought they should discuss advertising for a new Zoning Inspector.

Toby Thomas stated they would be talking about some of that during the executive session that was on the agenda but he continued by saying that his intention was to let Joe Hicks get comfortable and see where they go from there. Zoning would be discussed during the executive session.

The next topic was the 2021 Committees. Toby Thomas had questions on a couple of the committees.

Council began discussing the Shade Tree Committee. They discussed why it had originated and how it was used. Janice Myers was on the committee as a member of council. Toby made sure she was fine with being on the committee as long as she was a member of council.

Janice Myers agreed.

Council then discussed the Income Tax Board. Toby Thomas stated they would need to replace Linda Roeder since she had moved out of town but she was due to come off the board at the end of 2020 anyway. The empty seat was a council appointment so Toby Thomas asked council to think about who they would like to have on the committee and bring it to the next council meeting.

Stuart Cooke stated he would like to appoint Marvin McCallister to the board.

Marvin McCallister agreed to be on the Income Tax Board.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to appoint Marvin McCallister to the Income Tax Board. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The next committee discussed was the CRA Council. Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth to explain a little bit about the CRA Council.

Shawn Pickworth gave a brief overview on the committee and how it originated. He explained that currently only commercial properties were eligible for the CRA. Shawn Pickworth reminded council that they could always change it and allow residential properties to be eligible as well. He continued by saying he didn't think the committee had met since Firelands Electric built their new building. He thought they should meet sometime soon.

Toby Thomas asked what council thought about allowing residential properties to be eligible for the CRA.

Janice Myers and Stuart Cooke thought they should meet and discuss it.

Shawn Pickworth added that he would like to invite Carol Knapp to the meeting as well. She was the one who had helped them establish the CRA Council.

Toby Thomas stated there were three openings on the committee. Two were appointed by the mayor and the other one was the Zoning Inspector. He asked council if it would be okay to wait to fill those openings until after the committee met and decided what they wanted to do about residential properties so they could take care of everything at once.

Council agreed that would be fine.

Toby Thomas stated the last committee he wanted to discuss was the Monument Board which has to do with the Veteran's Memorial by the library. The village did not have an ordinance as far as he could see defining the board and how the members are chosen. The members are Steve Ball from council and resident John Longbrake and resident John Martin but other than that there is no information telling him what the village needs to do with the committee because there is no ordinance. He knew it had started with the American Legion and John Martin had worked with the legion. Eventually, the Legion gave the remaining funds to the village to handle but there is no ordinance or any regulations on the committee or upkeep of the monument or anything. Toby Thomas asked council if they wanted to tackle that.

Stuart Cooke wanted to verify that Shawn Pickworth had been involved in the money aspect when the memorial project first began.

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes he was. At first, all the money went through the American Legion. They raised all the money and at some point they turned the money over to the village. The money is now in its own fund at the village. All proceeds from the sale of memorial bricks go into the Veteran's Memorial Fund. When a flag is replaced or anything else at the Memorial Park that is where the money comes out of. The previous year they had replaced the flags and reimbursed the girl scouts for the flowers they planted at the memorial.

Stuart Cooke asked Steve Bond if they should do an ordinance putting guidelines in place for the committee.

Steve Bond replied that they could if they wanted to.

Stuart Cooke asked if they needed to.

Steve Bond stated that he didn't know what the board was supposed to be doing.

Toby Thomas asked if they didn't do anything what would happen. The memorial is on village property so the village takes care of it. Nobody really knows what the board is for. Toby Thomas thought that if something needed replaced the village would just take care of it.

Steve Bond added that unless there was something in the deed when it was given to the village that stipulated there would be a board, he doesn't know why it was created.

Shawn Pickworth did not think there was anything like that in the deed.

Toby Thomas stated that other than the fact that there was a member of council on the board, he had it marked as a non-village committee so that he knows there is nothing in the village ordinances about it. He wanted to know if he should leave it that way because he didn't think it would be a village board because it doesn't even say who does what. He just wanted to know what happens if one of the board members came forward in the future asking for money to fix something because they aren't really part of the village.

Steve Bond replied that he didn't know why they were appointing people to something the we don't even know what it is.

Stuart Cooke wondered if they should eliminate the board.

Steve Bond stated they could do that.

Toby Thomas asked if they eliminate the board then the Memorial Park is just a village property and it would be up to the village administrator to take care of the property the way the village does.

Steve Bond replied that was correct unless someone finds something in writing that states otherwise.

Toby Thomas wanted to verify that the village takes care of it all now including the statue that was already there.

Shawn Pickworth verified that was correct.

Toby Thomas thought they may not need the board. He thought maybe it had been established because he knew John Longbrake and John Martin had put a lot of work into the project.

Stuart Cooke stated he knew they were both involved when the memorial park was being redone.

Toby Thomas noted that John Martin still sells the memorial bricks for the park. He didn't think they would need a committee for that. He thought all the money was delivered to the village office and then the fiscal officer took care of depositing the money. It was confirmed that was what happened. Toby Thomas asked if he should just tell them that the village was doing away with the committee and they would care for the Veteran's Memorial Park as a village property.

Steve Bond agreed they could do that.

Stuart Cooke stated that before they did away with the board, he thought Toby Thomas should contact them and let them know what they had discussed and see if they have any additional information that might change council's decision.

Toby Thomas agreed that he would do that.

Stuart Cooke thought that if there was no further information they would do away with the board.

Toby Thomas stated he would contact them and report back at the next council meeting.

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. Willis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Jennifer Ball 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. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked if there was anything else before they entered into executive session.

Steve Bond stated council needed to elect a president pro tem.

Gullett made a motion to elect Stuart Cooke as council president pro tem for 2021. 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 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.

Adam Gullett 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.

Myers made a motion to hire Mary Oney as the Reservoir Campground Manager at a rate of \$14/hour and working at least an average of 30 hours per week. She will also be offered the full-time benefit package. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion.

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, January 25, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Marvin McCallister, Joe Hicks, 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 January 11, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas stated that John Martin had submitted a question for the meeting. He wanted to know if there was anyway council could meet at the Hileman Building or someplace where people from the community could attend the meetings but still be socially distanced. Toby Thomas stated he had talked to Mr. Bond about the idea and Mr. Bond stated the problem was there is still technically a 10-person limit on meetings.

Stuart Cooke stated he thought that while the 10-person rule was still in place they should continue to keep meetings closed to the public for everyone's safety.

Toby Thomas agreed and continued by saying that as the leaders of the Village of New London he thought they should be in obedience to the governor as much as possible.

Stuart Cooke replied that hopefully by sometime in April the village would be able to open the meetings back up even if they have to move them to a different location.

Toby Thomas agreed and added that it's not that they don't want to relocate the meeting, it is the fact they really don't want to break the 10-person rule more than they have to.

Toby Thomas concluded public questions by telling Marvin McCallister thank you for videoing the council meetings for the village. The village now has a new system that records every meeting so he wouldn't have to tape them anymore. Toby Thomas was very appreciative of Marvin McCallister's willingness to help until the village was able to set up something permanent.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth then reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Critical Infrastructure Grant funding application has been submitted to the State.

- Water Main – crews fixed a water leak off South Railroad.
- ODNR – the Village will be invoicing ODNR for \$117,482.38 for costs dating back to 2015. It appears that the State has gotten the program that was lost or out of date rebuilt and running that will allow them to get up to date with payments owed.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – A conference call was held last week with all parties involved in getting this project ready to go to bid.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- Annual Compost Report submitted to the OEPA.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- I learned last week that the State has done away with the local/county CDBG allocations for the future. We are unsure if and what it will be replaced with. The Village has been very successful with this funding in the past. The village has been able to repave streets using this funding. If it is not replaced with something, it will take away one of the few funding sources for paving streets.

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – the proposal bid opening was held on January 22, 2021. One contractor submitted a proposal. Janotta & Herner proposed a replacement of the deck at \$109,200.00. I am in contact with the insurance company to see if they will be sending us the additional amount from the claim.

Stuart Cooke stated he had gotten a lot of calls about the water.

Shawn Pickworth explained the village had been in violation with the EPA for a missed chlorine contact time. This happens from time to time. It is required by the EPA that the village notifies the public about the violation. He emphasized the water was still safe and noted that it doesn't happen very often.

Toby Thomas then presented his State of the Village Address which gave a recap of 2020 on a department by department basis.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Hicks stated he would like to begin by offering his condolences to the family of Sal Midolo, who passed away over the weekend. Sal served as police chief for the village from 1987-1997. Chief Hicks also wanted to thank the numerous safety services and community members who came out to pay their respects to the family of Officer Velazquez during yesterday's funeral. He also wanted to thank the New London Alliance Church for the use of their facility.

Chief Hicks then asked for council's approval to move Officer Robert Lambert up to part-time from his current reserve officer status. Officer Lambert has served two stints with the New London Police Department. The first from 2006 until 2017, serving as a reservist and as part-time until his full-time employer forced him to resign, due to a policy change. In 2019 he came back as a reservist. Bob has approximately 18 years of law enforcement experience between Notre Dame College and the New London Police Department.

Gullett made a motion to move Officer Robert Lambert from reserve officer to part-time officer making \$12 per hour. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin had another meeting to attend that evening but he asked Toby Thomas to go over the Fire Fighter's Dependent's Fund with council. Two of the board members are required to be members of council. In the past it has been Janice Myers and Stuart Cooke. He wondered if they would be willing to continue serving on that board.

Janice Myers and Stuart Cooke both agreed to continue as a member of the Fire Fighter's Dependent's Fund Board. No motion was needed.

There was no ambulance report.

There was no zoning report.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation. Joe Thomas provided the following typed report to council in his absence.

- ALL SEASONAL SPOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED AT THE RESERVOIR
- BCU ELECTRIC WAS AT THE RESERVOIR WORKING ON THE ELECTRIC FOR THE 3 NEW SEASONAL SITES ACROSS FROM THE GROUP AREA. NOW THEY ARE JUST WAITING ON US TO DIG THE TRENCH AND PUT THE CONDUIT IN.
- A CHECK FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE PARK FOR \$10,000 WAS GIVEN TO NANCY FOR THE DONATION FOR THE NEW SEWER SITES AT THE RESERVOIR.
- WE ARE STILL MAKING PROGRESS ON THE NEW SITES DOWN BY THE CABINS.
- WE PUT UP A NEW FLAGPOLE AT THE RESERVOIR WHERE THE OLD TICKET BOOTH WAS. I THINK IT LOOKS VERY NICE THERE AND IS MORE WELCOMING TO OUR CAMPERS.
- ALL THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT THE PARK HAVE BEEN TAKEN DOWN AND PUT AWAY FOR THE YEAR.
- WITH THE DONATION OF SOME NEW FLOORING AND THE HELP OF A SEASONAL CAMPER. THE LAUNDRY MAT AT THE RESERVOIR IS LOOKING MUCH NICER. MARY PURCHASED SOME NEW LINOLEUM LAST YEAR AND JOHN LILES INSTALLED IT LAST WEEK. HE IS COMING BACK THIS WEEK TO FINISH UP A FEW SMALL DETAILS, BUT IT LOOKS VERY NICE.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-02 An Ordinance Authorizing a USDA-Rural Development Water & Environmental Program Grant and Loan Agreement with the United States Department of

Agriculture, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-02 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. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-03 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2019-24, Setting the 2021 Fees for Campsites at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-04 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Fitchville to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Jennifer 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 2021-05 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Clarksfield to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-06 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of New London to Provide Fire Response Services 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 2021-07 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with the Lowest and Best Bidder for the Replacement of the Terry Wilson Memorial Deck, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Toby Thomas stated that per council's request at the last council meeting, he had contacted John Martin concerning the monument board. He told John Martin that there were no ordinances about the monument board specifying any details that could be found. John Martin felt that they should not do away with the monument committee since he was still involved with the monument; however, he did not know where specific information on the board could be found. John Martin also explained to Toby Thomas that the monument board had been in place for a long time. Toby Thomas reminded council of their discussion at the previous meeting and how the village administrator currently would take care of any issues with the monument and all money received is run through the village. He thought there would be no problem with John Martin being involved with the bricks if he still wanted to do so. Toby Thomas then asked council their opinion on the Monument Board and what they would like to see done.

Stuart Cooke thought that if an issue came up it could be run through the village administrator and village council.

Toby Thomas asked if there were any other opinions.

Jennifer Ball replied that she thought if there was no information on the board and if they hadn't met in a long time, she thought there was really no need for the board.

Toby Thomas thought the board had been meeting and then he asked Steve Ball since he was on the committee.

Steve Ball stated that the committee had not met in the last year.

Toby Thomas wanted to verify once more with Mr. Bond that there was no ordinance with any information on the Monument Board.

Steve Bond verified that they had not been able to locate any ordinances.

Shawn Pickworth stated he thought the monument board had been made when they started discussing redoing the monument. There were multiple people involved and those people then became the board. Now that the project is done, there isn't much activity other than the bricks that are still sold which John Martin takes care of.

Toby Thomas asked if the girl scouts helped with things at the monument like weeding and keeping it looking nice.

Shawn Pickworth replied that the girl scouts take care of the landscaping at the monument. The village pays for the landscaping out of the Veteran's Memorial Fund. The girl scouts do the labor and the village pays for the supplies.

Council decided the monument committee was not needed. It was determined that no motion would be needed to disband the committee since there was nothing in writing about the committee to begin with.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas stated he would like to set up a work session with council before the next council meeting. He has talked with Mr. Bond on two or three ordinances that they think can be improved upon. He would like to discuss those ordinances with members of council.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to schedule a workshop at 6 p.m. prior to the next council meeting on February 8th to discuss several ordinance updates. 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. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the Then and Now Bills under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. 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.

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, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Workshop – Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion on repeal of ordinance 901.04. After some discussion, repeal of 901.04 as proposed will be added to the agenda of the next regular meeting.

Discussion on proposed changes to ordinance 143.07 regarding employee vacation. After discussion, Solicitor to change proposal to allow only 80 hours of vacation carryover (with Administrator approval). Updated proposal to be added to agenda of next regular meeting.

Discussion on proposed changes to ordinance 143.08 regarding employee sick leave. After discussion, the proposed change will be added to the next regular meeting agenda as presented.

Discussion on Zoning ordinances. After discussion, no proposed changes to the zoning ordinances at this time.

Workshop was adjourned.


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Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, John Chapin, Don Patton, Deedee Marschall, Dale Marschall and Lynne 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 January 25, 2021 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.

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

Deedee Marshall addressed Council regarding late fees applied to her utility bill due to USPS delays. She provided documented proof that the bank had sent the check prior to the due date. Council discussed the matter as well as looking into the Village being able to accept electronic bank fund transfers to eliminate postal delays from the equation. After discussion, a motion was made to refund Mrs. Marshall's late fees and late fees for other residents who could provide proof that postal delays were the reason for late payment. Motion – Gullett, 2nd by Willis Roll call: J. Ball yes, Gullett yes, Willis yes, S. Ball yes, Myers abstain, Cooke abstain.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth then reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Critical Infrastructure Grant funding application has been submitted to the State.
- Crews installed 2 large meters in the water plant.
- Add will be in papers this week requesting RFQ's from potential engineering firms for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. RFQ's are due by February 25, 2021 @ 3:00 pm.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Council has some legislation before you tonight required for the USDA-RD funding. Received prints and spec. books to be delivered to Richland County Building for permits needed.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- Don Patton and I interviewed potential candidates for our opening in our Street & Sanitation Department last Tuesday.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- An email was sent to all the Villages of Huron County Mayors regarding OPWC, District 9 Representative. The Mayors of the County are to nominate and vote on who they want to be this representative. This is a 4-year term.

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – contract and notice to proceed has been sent to Janotta & Herner. I expect construction to begin sometime this spring.
- Joe Thomas and I met with Representatives from Poggemeyer Design Group last week to discuss potential Nature Works Grant projects through ODNR. Applications are due in May.
- Mowing – we need Council approval to enter into contract with Pott’s Mowing Service for the 2021 mowing season for the amount of \$15,500.00.
- On February 22, 2021 the Village will have moved from ACC Norwalk to Great Lakes Computer for IT support.

After Shawn Pickworth’s report council discussed web hosting for the Village of New London’s webpage and the money ODNR owes the village which had been reported at the last council meeting.

Toby Thomas stated he didn’t really have anything to report. He asked if anyone had any questions for him. There were none.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

The past 2.5 months have been very busy for the police department on the administrative side. In early December an audit of the evidence room was conducted by an outside contractor, at my request. A great deal of time has been spent in correspondence with OPOTA to get certain paper work updated. This is still on-going as responses have been slow due to COVID.

The police department recently had our new radio system installed by Cleveland Communications. This included a new station antenna, a base unit for the office, 4 cruiser radios, and 17 portable units. The system, once in operation will be digital, allowing for clearer communication. It will also allow for a more stream-line communication with all agencies in the county and fewer dead spots.

This has been funded by the 911 levy, which also now covers the cost of our dispatching fees paid to the sheriff's office, saving us over \$5,000.00 a year. To be 100% operational we are waiting for dispatch to be equipped with their base unit and are awaiting price quotes for the portable radio cases. At the same time calls for service continue and we are at a rate more consistent to our pre-COVID numbers.

Training is a high priority for myself and the officers. Sgt. Lance Capiot attended a first-line supervision course in January to assist him with his recent promotion. He and Ofc. Coty Bravo will also need to attend an evidence technician school to assist them with newly appointed responsibilities. I will need to attend a Chief's school, which is put on by the state at least bi-annually. This became a requirement in 2018 and is required to be done within 6 months of appointment.

Furthermore, we will be holding in-service training on Saturday, February 27, 2021. With the assistance of Mr. Bond, all officers will receive certification to administer oaths. We will also conduct our annual taser recertification and discuss general departmental changes and procedures.

I want to conclude by thanking several of our local first responder entities for their recent assistance from funeral processions and traffic control to police coverage and lifesaving efforts: Sheriff Corbin and his staff at the Huron County Sheriff's Office, Lt. Hoffman and his staff at the Norwalk Post of Ohio Highway Patrol, Chief Dorsey and Ofc. Aaron Smith of Greenwich Police Department, and the staff of Firelands Ambulance for all of their efforts back on January 17th.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin stated the report Chief Joe Hicks had given on the radios was the same for the fire department except the fire department's funding was different. John Chapin explained the radio system and how it was going to work.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball shared some details of the January Run Report for Firelands Ambulance.

There was no zoning report.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation. Joe Thomas gave the following report.

- We just went today and picked up the lift station for the sewer project. We are hoping to start as soon as the temps get a little warmer.
- I have been working on some of the events for the summer. Rockn the Rez is scheduled for July 17th. The bands will be TAGR, Bad JuJu, and Second Helping (Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute). Country Music Concert is scheduled for June 26th. The bands are Aiden Albaugh, Ava Rowland, Vegas McGraw (Tim McGraw tribute). Both concerts will be at the New London Reservoir. There will be food vendors, a beer tent and fireworks for these concerts. For any camping, please call the reservoir at 419-929-8609.
- I am also working on another concert for Sept 25th called 3 Decades of Rock. The 3 bands will be a 70's band, 80's band and a 90's band. Still working on the details for this one.
- I booked a second AA campout for the summer august 5-8 and looking at doing a golf outing on October 2nd.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-03 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2019-24, Setting the 2021 Fees for Campsites at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks, 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 2021-04 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Fitchville to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. 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 2021-05 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Clarksville to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. 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 2021-06 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of New London to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Willis made a motion to approve the second reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-07 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with the Lowest and Best Bidder for the Replacement of the Terry Wilson Memorial Deck, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Potts Mowing Service for the 2021 Mowing Season. First Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-01 A Resolution of the Village Counsel of the Village of New London, Ohio Huron County Authorizing and Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Cost of Acquiring, Constructing, Enlarging, Improving, and/or Extending its Wastewater Plant Upgrades Facility to Serve an Area Lawfully within its Jurisdiction to Serve. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-01 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. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-02 A Resolution Adopting a Drug-Free Workplace Policy for Employees of the Village of New London. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-02 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 called for Old Business.

The Mayor opened discussion about whether to open Council meetings to the public. After discussion motion made to open meetings to the public with limited attendance to ensure social distancing, Mayor and Administrator to work out seating detail by Cooke, 2nd by Gullett, all aye no opposed

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

There was none.

Bills were not ready at meeting time, arrangements will be made for a quorum of members to sign the bills at village hall and formal approval at next regular meeting.

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.

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.

Motion to approve offering the open sanitation position to Clint Cherry first and if he declines to Derek Smith by Gullett, 2nd by Myers, all aye no opposed.

Motion to set the Chief of Police starting salary to \$57,000.00 per year by Gullett, 2nd by Willis, all aye no opposed.

Cooke made a motion to adjourn. Myers 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 22, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Joe Thomas, John Martin, John Longbrake and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the February 8, 2021 workshop were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

John Martin stood and requested a waiver on the three-minute rule because he believed his topic would take longer to discuss than three minutes. Toby Thomas granted him permission to exceed three minutes for his statement.

John Martin then read the following statement:

Although the monument committee has no ordinance covering said committee, this committee has been filled since the 70's when a legion member asked about placing a fence around the existing monument and installing a sidewalk. I am not certain as to who this member was but he was on the monument committee along with a Village Council member until he resigned and Mr. Vaughn Neel became a part of this committee along with a member of Village Council. Vaugh remained on this committee and I was assigned to this committee as the Village Council member in 2006.

In the fall of 2014, a group had presented plans to dedicate a memorial for a soldier that died in the Gulf Wars. This group presented these plans to the Village. The monument committee had told them it was not proper to dedicate a spot in the park to any one person and the monument was to honor all. The group decided to take their request to the American Legion to be erected there, but the same decision was made there. The monument committee was brought back in and changes were made to upgrade the existing memorial site to accommodate all that served from the community along with those serving the community in safety.

The monument committee made decisions concerning the monument park and were then presented to Village Council for approval. The subject of criteria so names could be added to the stones was contested and the monument committee set up a Criteria Committee that wrote up the criteria needed, signed off on the criteria and presented it to Village Council for approval on July 25, 2016. Council approved the criteria format, signed the format and adopted the same date. It was then given to the Mayor for acceptance.

On the oversight portion of the Criteria, it stated:

The Memorial Committee may review all submissions. This committee has the power to turn down a nominee or reject paver/brick wording as inappropriate. Fees will be refunded in such cases if the applicant does not make changes suitable to the Committee.

The Memorial Committee is appointed by the Mayor and consists of (1) council Member, (1) American Legion Member and (1) New London Village resident. This Committee makes the final decision on any additions but may be overruled by New London village Council if they chose to hear an appeal.

I understand the Mayor has turned over the care of the memorial to the Village Administrator and am sure the administrator can handle names to be added to the Safety Forces in the event of a loss while serving New London, but then may have to ask for assistance where a military loss comes into play.

I am respectfully asking you to consider re-establishing the Monument/Memorial Committee along with an ordinance to protect the committee in the future.

John Longbrake then stood and said he was representing the American Legion. He wanted to know why it had been decided to discontinue the monument committee and who would represent the different factions and maintain the criteria that was established for the monument committee.

Members of council and Mr. Bond discussed the matter and the future of the committee. There were a couple different opinions but nobody had wanted anyone to feel like the committee was not wanted. They had just thought it was not needed any longer. After much input, it was determined the signed criteria that had been signed by council members would be given to Mr. Bond in order to write an ordinance concerning the Veteran's Memorial Committee.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth then reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Critical Infrastructure Grant funding application has been submitted to the State.
- Crews repaired a major water leak on Johnson Drive last week. Job Well Done.
- Add will be in papers this week requesting RFQ's from potential engineering firms for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. RFQ's are due by February 25, 2021 @ 3:00 pm.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Council again has some legislation before you tonight required for the USDA-RD funding. Prints and Spec. books delivered to Richland County for permits needed. We are out to bid for this project. Bids are due at the Village Office's by 1:00 pm, March 23, 2021. A pre-bid conference/meeting will be held at 10:00 am, March 9, 2021 at our Maintenance Facility (Hover Building) at 101 W. Fir Street, New London, Ohio 44851.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- I would like to say Thank You and Job Well Done to the Village Employees who worked snow removal last week. We had two trucks out starting at 8:00 pm Sunday night with three more coming in Monday morning at 3:00 am and normal operations starting at 7:00 am.
- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not being addressed. 419-929-4091.

Other

- We would like to welcome Clint Cherry to the Village. Clint was offered and accepted the Street & Sanitation position. Clint started last Tuesday.
- I would like to recommend to Council to remove Daison Gough & Raymond Goostree from probation and to hire both fulltime.
- There is some interest in the old school property. Would Council be willing to take proposals on use and development of this land?

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to remove Daison Gough and Raymond Goostree off probation and hire them on at full-time status. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to move forward and gather more information concerning selling the old school property. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated he did not really have a report for the meeting but he wanted to second what Shawn had said about the excellent job village employees had done with the snow removal during the last snow event. He appreciated the hard work they put in.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

During December 14th's council meeting, I had requested and received approval to hire a full-time officer to replace the vacancy of Ofc. Jacob Johnson, after he chose to resign his position. After consulting with our two other F.T. officers it was the general consensus that Ofc. Zach Ingraham would be best suited to fill that role.

Ofc. Ingraham graduated from the Medina Police Academy on August 28, 2018. He has been with the department since April 26, 2019. He has proven to be a quick learner and was promoted to part-time status within 4 months of his appointment date. He is a young, physically fit officer with great communication skills and a natural instinct for the job.

In addition to his OPOTA certification, he possesses a vast educational background for a young officer. This includes:

- * Fire 101 Certification (served as fire explorer in CA. and fire cadet in AZ.)
- * EMS Training (First Aid and CPR certified)

Some of you may recall in late July of 2019 a Village resident called 911 because she was in labor. Ofc. Ingraham was involved in that call and that child was successfully delivered on the sidewalk of a S. Main St. business, putting him in the national spotlight, with an appearance on Live PD.

I am asking council to approve this request and allow Ofc. Zach Ingraham to be appointed to full-time status, effective immediately. This would bring our F.T. staffing back up to 80%.

Adam Gullett made a motion to allow Chief Hicks to hire Zach Ingraham as a full-time police officer beginning February 23, 2021. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball absent.

Toby Thomas asked for an update on zoning. There have been no applications submitted for the Zoning Inspector position. Shawn Pickworth has been handling all zoning issues.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation. Joe Thomas gave the following report.

- Things have been a little slow with our projects at the reservoir due to the weather.
- We are starting on the sewer project at the reservoir tomorrow. We will set the lift station first and then start putting in the pipe.
- We are going to have our first golf scramble for the parks system this year on October 2nd at millstone hills golf course - 8 am start \$75/person.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-03 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2019-24, Setting the 2021 Fees for Campsites at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-05 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Clarksfield to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Gullett 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 2021-06 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of New London to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Potts Mowing Service for the 2021 Mowing Season. Second Reading. Willis made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-09 An Ordinance Repealing Section 901.04 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to the Village-Wide Sidewalk Construction Program. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-10 An Ordinance Amending Section 143.08 of the Codified Ordinances and the Village Employee Handbook, Relative to Sick Leave. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, No; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-11 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,156,000 Sanitary Sewer System Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 by the Village of New London, Ohio, Pursuant to Section 12, Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution for the Purpose of Paying Part of the Cost of Certain Sanitary Sewer Improvements of the Village; as Additional Parity Bonds Secured by the Provision of Ordinance 13-27, Passed December 9, 2013; and the Mortgage and Franchise Authorized Thereby Dated December 16, 2013, Prescribing the Form of Such Bonds; and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-11 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. Myers 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.

Toby Thomas recommended that council hire Joe Hicks permanently as Chief of Police.

Willis made a motion to permanently hire Joe Hicks as the Chief of Police for the Village of New London. 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. Steve Ball 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 under Schedule B. Steve Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The bills from the February 8, 2021 Council meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the bills from February 8th. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Cooke made a motion to adjourn. Myers 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 8, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Joe Thomas, Marvin McCallister, John Chapin and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the February 22, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Marvin McCallister stated the downtown area was becoming exceedingly busy which at times is making parking an issue. He stated there were some cars parking downtown permanently and he believes the parking spaces are a maximum of two hour parking. He also stated one of the parking spaces being taken up permanently is a handicap space and he thought those spaces would be a maximum of two hours as well.

A short discussion was held and it was determined Police Chief Hicks would follow up on the situation.

Ellen Simmons then announced there would be a Community Club meeting the following day at 2:15 p.m. at the Wildcat Café. The club decided to move their meetings to the afternoon in hopes of having better attendance.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Water/Sewer Superintendent John Chapin presented the following report in the absence of Shawn Pickworth:

EPA inspection at the Water Treatment Plant March 3rd. Walk through inspection only. Everything was OK.

Main cylinder went out on one of the garbage trucks, \$3000.00 to repair it. Don took it to a repair shop in Savannah and got it fixed for \$400.00.

We are filling the reservoir. Should be full by the weekend.

Power outage yesterday went well with all the village buildings and plants.

Pre-bid meeting tomorrow March 9th at 10:00 at the Wastewater Plant if any of you wish to attend.

Concerning the power outage, Chief Hicks asked John Chapin about a way to keep power to the police garage during an outage. They had not realized that there was no generator for the police garage and they had a difficult time getting the cruiser out of the garage while the power was off.

John Chapin stated he was not sure how that would work but he will check into it.

Toby Thomas stated he did not really have a report for the meeting but he gave a short statement about Covid as he is hoping the restrictions will soon be coming to an end. He stated he appreciated everything the village employees had done to follow guidelines to keep everyone safe.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

I would like to start off by thanking Village Council and Mayor Thomas for their decision to promote me to the position of Chief of Police. I appreciate their support along with the support of my family, the community, the officers within, and my law enforcement colleagues around the area. Although I will be leading the department, it will take a team effort to maintain success. I'm confident we have the staff to do it.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have received four new Panasonic Tough Book computers (MDT's) with docks. These will update the current MDT's that are at least six plus years old. The new computers were purchased with Covid Funds. I would like to thank Shawn, John, and Nancy for their insight there. We hope to continue making improvements as time and funds allow.

Reserve Officer Arik Ubienski, who was hired in December 2020, has notified me he is taking a paid position with the Creston Police Department and will be resigning later this month.

Lastly, in an effort to be as transparent as possible, I would like to ask Council what their desire would be when it comes to the hiring and resignations of reserve officers. The turn over with these positions is frequent. I know in the past these hires and resignations have not always passed through Council. In the short time I've been in charge, I've presented several roster changes, primarily involving reservist.

Do you wish to have me continue this format with our volunteer officers or would you rather I only bring it to you when requesting to hire part-time and full-time officers, or have received their resignation?

Through Mr. Bond's insight, it was determined reserve officers just need to be passed through the mayor so Chief Hicks stated he would not bother council with the turnover of the reserve police officers.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin said it had been quiet so he had nothing to report.

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

There was no zoning report.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation. Joe Thomas gave the following report.

- Would like council to approve the following employees for the reservoir 2021 season. Kelly Deppen, Brittany Roeder, Grace Popa, Baylee Cucco, Charley Crawford, Frank Murr, Andy O'Dell and Jori Hunter.
- I would like council to approve the following employees for the recreation park for the 2021 season. Tom Howell and Eric Mitchell.
- We have been working very hard on all the projects at the reservoir. We have put in all the sewer main line and all the laterals, which is more than 1500 feet of pipe for phase 1 of the sewer project at the reservoir. The lift station has been placed in the ground and the 2" line was directional drilled this past Saturday. The 2" line goes from the lift station to a man hole up by the sled hill which then gravity feeds into the main sewer system. We have also put in 350' of conduit to run the electric line in for the lift station. BCU started today installing the electric for the new sites down by the cabins. Those 12 sites should be complete here in the next 2 weeks.
- I hope everyone at the reservoir will be patient with us during the cleanup process. It is very hard to not make a mess this time of the year. We will get everything leveled, seeded or more gravel added to all the areas needed.

- With the weather starting to get a little nicer, we have had a lot of people at the park. I would like to remind everyone that they need to be very careful while driving in the park. The speed limit is 10MPH in the park. It is posted at both entrances.

Janice Myers made a motion to hire Kelly Deppen, Brittany Roeder, Grace Popa, Baylee Cucco and Jori Hunter to work in the Reservoir office for the 2021 camping season. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mike Willis made a motion to hire Frank Murr, Charley Crawford, Andy O'Dell, Tom Howell and Eric Mitchell for parks/reservoir maintenance and lawn care. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Pott's Mowing Service for the 2021 Mowing Season. Third Reading. Jennifer 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 2021-09 An Ordinance Repealing Section 901.04 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to the Village-Wide Sidewalk Construction Program. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-10 An Ordinance Amending Section 143.08 of the Codified Ordinances and the Village Employee Handbook, Relative to Sick Leave. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, No; Steve Ball, Absent; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-12 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-13 An Ordinance Adopting the 2021 Permanent Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

With only four council members present, a first reading was done instead of an emergency reading.

Willis made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-03 A Resolution Approving the Amendment of the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement Between the Village of New London, Ohio and Firelands Electric Cooperative Inc. and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Amendment to the Agreement, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

With only four council members present, a first reading was done on this ordinance as well.

Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Toby Thomas presented a proposed ordinance enacting the Memorial Committee for council's review. Members of council agreed that the ordinance should go forward with approval. The ordinance will be on the agenda at the next council meeting for a first reading.

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. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Absent; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Myers, Disqualify; Cooke, Absent.

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

Gullett 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
Special Meeting – Wednesday, March 10, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.

Steve Ball called the meeting to order.

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

Myers made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball presented Ordinance 2021-13 An Ordinance Adopting the 2021 Permanent 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 2021-13 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers 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 presented Resolution 2021-03 A Resolution Approving the Amendment of the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement Between the Village of New London, Ohio and Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Amendment to the Agreement, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-03 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. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to adjourn. Myers 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 22, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Naomi Hicks, Denise McConnell, April Hicks, Carter Hicks, Ethan Hicks, Ruben Hicks, Coty Bravo, Lance Capiot, Cheryl Householder, Duane Householder, Barb Graham 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 March 8, 2021 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.

The minutes from the March 10, 2021 special meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Abstain; Jennifer Ball, Yes; Myers, Absent.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Got some great news last week. The Village of New London’s application has been selected to receive the PY2020 Critical Infrastructure Grant Funding in the amount of \$480,300.00 for this project. This is one of 11 projects funded out of 18 applications throughout the state. This was the third time this project was submitted for funding and persistence did pay off. We would like to thank all the residents who submitted letters supporting this project. I would also like to thank Angie McConnell from GLCAP for all the help getting this application right, Alex White from GRW Engineering for all his hard work and our County Commissioners Terry Boose, Skip Wilde and Joe Hintz for their support and allowing the Village to apply for this funding 3 times in a row.
- A low service pump was pulled from our pump station and sent in for repairs.
- Annual Sanitary Survey – the OEPA conducted their annual survey at our water plant on March 3, 2021. No major issues.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – a pre-bid meeting was held on March 9, 2021 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Bids are due in our office by March 23, 2021 @ 1:00 pm. Bid opening will be held in Council Chambers. Bids then will be turned over to Jones & Henry Engineering for review. Building permits picked up from Richland County.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- **Spring Cleanup** – The Village will be having spring cleanup this year starting Sunday, April 18 – Saturday, May 1, 2021. This year spring cleanup will be a little different. We will have set times that rubble can be brought to the City Garage, 101 West Fir Street, adhering to the guidelines that follow. Dumpsters will be set out behind our fenced in area where New London residents (only) will be able to bring their rubble. We will have an employee onsite to direct residents and to check drivers' license. The times are as follows:
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Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not being addressed. 419-929-4091.
- We are in the process of restocking our salt supply. We will put 100 tons into storage this week for next winter and Council has before them tonight legislation to allow the Village to enter into contract with ODOT for the 2021-22 salt bids.

Other

- CRA Housing Committee – committee met tonight before Council to discuss the possibility of offering Residential Housing to our CRA program.

Toby Thomas stated he did not really have a report but he shared the following recreation report in the absence of Joe Thomas:

- Phase 1 of the sewer project is complete at the reservoir. We just have a little cleanup to do. We are hoping to start phase 2 this year sometime after the power is turned on so we can locate everything.
- BCU electric finished the electric on the new sites by the cabin and it was inspected and passed last Friday.
- We are planning to turn the water on at the recreation park next week.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

I conducted some follow-up to the downtown parking complaint made at the last council meeting on 03/08.

On 3/17, 3/18, and 3/19 I gave special attention to the downtown parking areas along E. Main St. as well as the parking area to the rear of the building on the North side. I conducted periodic checks and noted parking along the storefronts of E. Main St. was busy at times, but for the most part the vehicles appeared to be in compliance with the 3-hour parking restriction.

The rear parking areas were utilized to capacity in most cases, excluding private property. The vehicles parked at the rear were normally business owners, employees, or downtown residents.

In regard to handicapped parking: I noted one space commonly being utilized by a downtown resident, who possesses a handicap placard. Even this vehicle was moved off E. Main St. in most instances and was using the designated handicapped spot along Railroad Ave. Additionally; another downtown resident was also using the secondary street for parking most of the time.

A "residence parking permit" is available to individuals who live downtown and comes at no cost. The permit can be obtained from the police department and is good for one year. Interested parties need to provide their current address along with the vehicle information.

I would also like to make a request to fill our final full-time roster position with Ofc. Ryan Ginley who will be returning from boot camp in GA on 03/25. Ginley has worked with our agency since 03/19/2020. Prior to that, he worked with N. Olmsted PD for 1.5 years. During his time with us, he has demonstrated he is very capable of handling anything that he has been faced with.

Adam Gullett made a motion to allow Chief Hicks to hire Ryan Ginley as a full-time police officer for the Village of New London. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball asked Chief Joe Hicks if there was anything new on the status of the police department's Facebook page. The police department had been blocked from using Facebook recently. Joe Hicks stated he did not know how long it would last. He has not gotten any notifications about it. Chief Hicks added that he had no idea why Facebook had even suspended them.

Toby Thomas then stated he would then give Chief Joe Hicks the oath of office making him the permanent Chief of Police for the Village of New London. April Hicks came forward with Chief Joe Hicks while Mayor Toby Thomas swore him in.

Shawn Pickworth asked Toby Thomas if they could go back to his Administrator's report because he had mistakenly skipped over a topic he had wanted to discuss.

Toby Thomas said that would be fine.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – RFQ's have been reviewed. I am asking Council's permission to allow us to hire Poggemeyer Design Group for this project. We have worked with Poggemeyer in the past on a number of projects and feel they will do a good job with this project. The first step is nomination of the project to State and Funding Agency.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Poggemeyer Design Group for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had the February run report to share. There were 45 runs for February. There were 28 runs in the Village of New London; 2 in New London Township; 8 in Fitchville Township; 3 in Troy Township; 3 in Ruggles Township and one mutual aid.

Toby Thomas stated they would be discussing zoning later in the council meeting, but he wondered if Shawn Pickworth had anything he wanted to report on zoning.

Shawn Pickworth stated that zoning had been steady over the last couple of weeks. He had been receiving many calls on zoning issues.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-09 An Ordinance Repealing Section 901.04 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to the Village-Wide Sidewalk Construction Program. 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 2021-10 An Ordinance Amending Section 143.08 of the Codified Ordinances and the Village Employee Handbook, Relative to Sick Leave. Third Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Absent; Willis, No; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-12 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-14 An Ordinance Enacting a New Chapter 957 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Memorial Committee. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-15 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-15 to be passed on an emergency measure. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Absent; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. 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 Resolution 2021-04 A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2021. First Reading. Willis made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-05 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-06 A Resolution Allowing the Village of New London to Apply for Financial Assistance Through the Ohio NatureWorks Program. 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 called for Old Business.

Toby Thomas stated he had emailed to all members of council a resume from Buddy Workman. So far, this is the only resume they have received for the zoning position. Toby Thomas asked council how they wanted to proceed. Members of council decided they would like to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to further discuss the zoning applicant.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

There was none.

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.

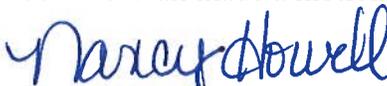
Toby Thomas then presented the bills under schedule B, Then and Now. Willis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

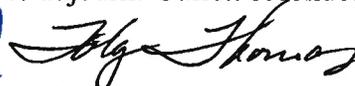
Steve Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the possible employment of a Zoning Inspector. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Absent; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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

Cooke made a motion to hire Buddy Workman as the Zoning Inspector for the Village of New London. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 12, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Buddy Workman, Joe Thomas, John Chapin and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the March 22, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Jennifer Ball, Absent; Myers, Abstain.

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

Ellen Simmons asked when the reservoir campground would be opening.

Joe Thomas replied that it would be opening on April 30th.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Last week I found out we have a grant agreement from the State which allows the environmental study to move forward. Once this is completed we will be ready to go to bid on this project. Hoping to go to bid mid-summer.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Don Patton, John Chapin, Cole Risner, Brian Cucco and I met with engineers from Poggemeyer Design on March 24, 2021 to kick off this project. Council has legislation before you tonight for this project.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Bid opening was held on March 23, 2021. The project had 3 bids ranging from the lowest being \$2, 125,606.00 to \$2,585,000.00. Council has some legislation before them tonight. USDA-RD has given the okay for the contacts to be sent out for signing. Hoping to get this project started by late spring, early summer.
- OWDA is offering a refinancing program for any USDA-RD Loans at a lower interest rate. This could potentially save the Village over \$686,000.00 in interest over the term of the loan. It will increase our yearly payments by around \$10,000.00. The cost to apply for this funding is \$1500.00. Council has legislation before you tonight to allow us to apply for this funding.

Stuart Cooke asked if it would shorten the length of the term of the loan.

Shawn Pickworth replied that it would shorten the term by 10 years.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- **Spring Cleanup** – The Village will be having spring cleanup this year starting Sunday, April 18 – Saturday, May 1, 2021. This year spring cleanup will be a little different. We will have set times that rubble can be brought to the City Garage, 101 West Fir Street, adhering to the guidelines that follow. Dumpsters will be set out behind our fenced in area where New London residents (only) will be able to bring their rubble. We will have an employee onsite to direct residents and to check drivers' license. The times are as follows:
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Note: Brush Clippings will be picked up at a different time.

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Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

Other

- Asking Council permission to purchase a 2005 International for \$10,000. This will be set up as our main project vehicle. I have provided council with pics of the truck.
- Terry Wilson Deck – replacement of the Terry Wilson Memorial Deck will begin around the end of the month. Project is expected to be completed around June 1st.

Janice Myers asked what the mileage was on the truck he wanted to purchase.

Shawn Pickworth answered that the mileage was around 79,000.

Toby Thomas stated he did not really have anything but he wanted to encourage everyone to continue following the pandemic guidelines. He thanked everyone for the work they have done to keep the village residents and employees as safe as possible.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

In 2019 House Bill 1 was created pertaining to sealing and expunging records. Part of that bill also included procedures for restraining pregnant and postpartum females. This bill was signed into law in December, 2020 and went into effect today, 04/12/2021.

As a result, New London officers have been busy reviewing this new law and watching a video that was created by the state outlining these new requirements and repercussions if the new law is not followed.

Part-time officer, Jacob Johnson has also submitted his resignation effective immediately.

As a result of his resignation, I would ask that members of council allow me to hire Andrew Pettry, part-time at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. Andrew is current on all of his state requirements. Furthermore, he has nearly 5 years of law enforcement experience. That includes serving with New London from 06/03/2016 until 08/16/2018. He also has experience with Smithville Police Department and LaGrange Police Department.

My intentions would be for Ofc. Pettry to assist with 3rd shift coverage in the absence of Ofc. Ginley when he is tending to his National Guard duties, along with any other vacancies that may exist along the way.

Respectfully,

Chief Hicks

Stuart Cooke stated that he had been contacted with a concern about certain trucking companies speeding in the early morning hours.

Chief Joe Hicks asked if it was a certain area on South Main Street and asked which trucking companies it was.

Details were given and Chief Joe Hicks promised to keep an eye on the situation.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow Chief Joe Hicks to hire Andrew Pettry as a part-time police officer at a rate of \$12 per hour. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin stated it had been a quiet year so far which is a very good thing. He also wanted to update council on some firefighters that had been added to the department but due to Covid had not been able to complete the necessary training. These firefighters will begin their certification at the end of April.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball absent.

Toby Thomas then introduced Buddy Workman the new zoning inspector for the Village of New London.

Buddy Workman stated he had hit the ground running and had already received several complaints.

It was noted that anyone needing the zoning inspector should contact the village office. The village is looking into a possible cell phone to be used specifically for zoning.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation.

Joe Thomas presented the following.

- The water at the reservoir and park were turned on last week. We only had one leak that needed fixed.
- At the rec park we have been working hard getting everything mowed and round-up sprayed around everything. We have also been using the leaf vac to get all the leaves cleaned up. The rain we got last week slowed us down a bit but we will get them cleaned up.
- We also have put up the sand volleyball nets at the park.
- Once again, the park is starting to get very busy every night so please watch your speed, the speed limit in the park is 10mph.
- At the reservoir Mary and the guys are working hard to get things in order for opening day.
- We installed a new swing set at the reservoir last week. It will be a nice addition to the playground by the beach.
- Boca construction will be grinding some roads tomorrow, on Thursday Riley construction will start the paving. I would like to thank Boca for donating their time for this project.

Steve Ball asked Joe Thomas if they would be opening the campground for cleanup weekends.

Joe Thomas replied that the campground would be open April 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th. He also noted that since the weather had been so nice he had opened it a few times already to allow people to start the cleanup process and he thinks it has helped because the campground is looking very nice.

Joe Thomas then asked for council to approve the pay scale for the seasonal recreation employees.

Shawn Pickworth stated that Joe Thomas has completed his probation period so he would like council's permission to take him off probation and become a permanent full-time employee for the Village of New London.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to hire Joe Thomas as a permanent full-time employee. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to approve the following pay scale for seasonal recreation employees.

Charlie Crawford	\$10.50
Frank Murr	\$10.50
Andy Odell	\$10.50
Brittney Roeder	\$10.50
Tom Howell	\$10.50
Eric Mitchell	\$10.50
Bailey Cucco	\$10
Jori Hunter	\$10
Grace Popa	\$10

Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-12 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. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-14 An Ordinance Enacting a New Chapter 957 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Memorial Committee. 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 2021-16 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with North Bay Construction, Inc., for the Construction and Installation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks and Process Improvement Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-16 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. 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 2021-17 An Ordinance Authorizing a Cooperative Agreement for Construction of the Village Sanitary Sewer Project Between the Village of New London and the Ohio Water Development Authority and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-17 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-18 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into a Cooperative Agreement Between the Village of New London and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the Refinancing of Village Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project the Proceeds of Which Were Used for the Purpose of Construct or Reconstruct Improvements to its Existing Sanitary Sewer System at Various Locations Within the Village and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-18 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. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-04 A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2021. 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 Resolution 2021-05 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. 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 Resolution 2021-06 A Resolution Allowing the Village of New London to Apply for Financial Assistance Through the Ohio NatureWorks Program. Second Reading. Willis made a motion to approve the second reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-07 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Agreement on Behalf of the Village of New London, Huron County, Ohio for Planning, Design and/or Construction of Water Facilities; and Designating a Dedicated Repayment for Source for the Loan and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-07 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers 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.

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Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to purchase a 2005 International Truck for \$10,000. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Willis 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. Steve Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Myers, Disqualify; Cooke, Abstain

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

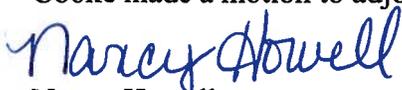
Janice Myers stated before they went into executive session, she has had several people ask when the Village Office will be opening.

Shawn Pickworth answered that the village was finishing up with some changes to the office to allow a safer environment for employees and customers from Covid-19. Once the changes are complete, the office would be opening. He thought it could possibly even be by the end of the week.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to enter into an executive informational session to receive information relative to potential commercial development. No discussions or deliberations by council will be permitted. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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

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, April 26, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Joe Thomas, Shannon Dyer and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the April 12, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call: Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Jennifer Ball, Abstain; Myers, Yes.

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

Shannon Dyer stated she would like to address some parking issues concerning her Airbnb. Currently, the only option for her guests is to park along the street. With the concerns that had previously been brought up about parking downtown, she wanted to be proactive. She had talked with Shawn Pickworth and Police Chief Joe Hicks about some options to ensure her Airbnb guests can park on the street overnight without receiving a ticket. She was hoping that something could be put into place before there was an issue.

Council, Mr. Bond and Chief Hicks discussed different options. It was mentioned that she may need a variance. Residents residing in the downtown area are able to receive one free parking permit per household. Shannon Dyer had requested two permits. One idea was to have a generic pass that could be displayed in the windshield. Mr. Bond will change the ordinance once council decides on a solution. Members of council were in agreement that a generic permit for the windshield would be a good idea.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – we are in the process of working with GLCAP who will be conducting the environmental study for this project. This process can take a while but once it is complete, we should be ready to go to bid for this project.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services to be added to this project. Information collected will be forwarded to the engineers. We are also busy working on the funding application and hope to be able to submit by the end of the week, first of next week.
- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OEPA rules and guidelines.

- Hydrant Flushing – spring hydrant flushing has been completed.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – We are getting close to kicking off this project. I believe the last 2 pieces of legislation is before Council tonight that will allow the USDA-RD to schedule a closing meeting for this project.
- OWDA Refinancing program for USDA-RD Loan - lower interest rate. We worked most of last week on this application. Hopefully, this week we will be ready to submit the application to the State.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- **Spring Cleanup** – The Village will be having spring clean-up this year starting Sunday, April 18 – Saturday, May 1, 2021. This year spring clean-up will be a little different. We will have set times that rubble can be brought to the City Garage, 101 West Fir Street, adhering to the guidelines that follow. Dumpsters will be set out behind our fenced in area where New London residents (only) will be able to bring their rubble. We will have an employee onsite to direct residents and to check drivers' license. The times are as follows:
Weekend Hours - Sunday, April 18th, Saturday, April 24th, Sunday, April 25th and Saturday, May 1st – hours of operation will be **9 am – 7 pm**.
Weekday Hours – Monday, April 19th thru Friday, April 23rd and Monday, April 26th thru Friday, April 30th hours of operation will be **8 am – 7 pm**.

There will be no curbside pickup.

Rules:

1. **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN NOT BE DISPOSED OF IN THE DUMPSTERS:** Asbestos materials, Gas or Fuel Tanks, Chemicals, Paint, Yard Waste, Sod/Dirt/Rocks/Concrete, Tires or Batteries.

Note: Brush Clippings will be picked up at a different time.

This clean-up is for New London Village Resident Only.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – I got an email from the State confirming our scoring at the Small Government Funding. We scored a 70 for this project, looking at projects that have been funded in previous years the project should get funded. This should be made official sometime the end of May first of June.

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – we ran into some issues with the level of the water in our reservoir. During this time of year, the water levels are at the highest levels. As we go through the summer the level will drop as much as 3' going into the fall. Because of the work needed to be done we feel it is best to wait until the end of August, first of September to resume this project.

Toby Thomas stated he did not have a report but he shared the following report from Zoning Inspector Buddy Workman.

Zoning Permits - we had 2 issued in the last couple weeks. Both have been for fences.

Complaints - I have received 13 verbals. No action is taken unless the complaint is put in writing with a signature. Out of the 13 I have received 7 in writing. Of those 7 I find 2 that are major violations. A warning letter has been issued and a 30-day warning has been issued.

Last week for New London Clean up contest. So far, I have received 2 entries we need 25 for the sponsor to pay out the winner.

Buddy Workman
NL Zoning Inspector

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

Regarding the speeding complaints along S. Main St. area from last meeting:

The officers and myself have provided random traffic enforcement of the S. Main Street area to include Park Ave. During the past two weeks we have stopped 9 vehicles. Of those 9 stops 6 were for speeding infractions, 1 for equipment, 1 for a registration violation, and 1 for failure to yield. One of the stops resulted in two warrant arrests and narcotics being seized with a criminal summons issued for possession of marijuana.

We will continue to provide traffic enforcement in that area.

(This was discussed above during public questions and statements) Shannon Dyer has contacted me regarding a request for **two parking permits** for her Airbnb located at 2 E. Main St. She explained the rental is done strictly on-line and there are times when she's not available to meet with people. She was hoping for two generic parking passes for her business.

By ordinance (351.15), it appears a variance would need to be created for this purpose because the pass requires the following:

- *Name of applicant
- *Proof of current downtown residency
- *Proof of ownership for such vehicle
- *To be identified by license and model number
- * Only one permit per household/address shall be issued.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball shared the ambulance totals for March.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation.

Joe Thomas presented the following.

- Opening day for the reservoir is this Friday. The reservoir is looking really good and we are looking forward to a great year.
- I have had some campers ask about having a second refrigerator. There are many campers out there that have built in outdoor kitchens that allow campers to have that second refrigerator with no extra cost. Would council allow the other campers to have an extra refrigerator with no extra cost or even have one with a small fee to have one. Mary already said she could monitor it with a spread sheet and driving around with a daily check. We could get a sticker and put on the refrigerator with a date and a signature on it.
- Events coming up at the park. Softball leagues are starting May 14 and my first tournament is Memorial Day weekend which is already full. Both leagues and the tournament are already sanctioned. We are having a pancake breakfast Sunday May 30 at the reservoir from 8am – 11am. Public is welcome. June 26 is our country concert.

Members of council discussed the refrigerator situation and decided to allow the second refrigerator.

Adam Gullett made a motion to allow reservoir campers to have a second refrigerator no larger than 4.5 cu. ft. for a charge of \$50. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-14 An Ordinance Enacting a New Chapter 957 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Memorial Committee. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2021-19 An Ordinance Giving Approval and Granting Consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation Authority to, Apply, Maintain and Repair Standard Longitudinal Pavement Markings and Erect Regulatory and Warning Signs on State Highways Inside Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways Inside the Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Maintenance and/or Repair on State Highways Inside the Village Corporation. 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 2021-20 An Ordinance Increasing the Interest Rate and Adjusting the Principal Amortization of \$2,156,000 Sanitary Sewer System Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 Authorized by Ordinance No. 2021-11 Passed February 22, 2021, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-20 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; 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 Resolution 2021-04 A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2021. Third Reading. Willis made a motion to approve the third reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-05 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-06 A Resolution Allowing the Village of New London to Apply for Financial Assistance Through the Ohio NatureWorks Program. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the Third reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-08 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator and Superintendent of Wastewater to Execute Necessary Documents in Connection with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks and Process Improvement Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-08 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Joe Hicks asked if he could add something that he had not mentioned during his report earlier in the meeting.

Four of our newest officers just conducted Taser training. This was done inhouse through Sgt. Capiot, saving us money.

We also have our new MDT's set up and running.

Lastly, our Facebook page is still down. To put to rest any rumors, I have not opted to disband the page. I would like to continue to use our current page. However, it still shows "temporarily blocked". If I can't get it back into service soon, I will attempt to create a new page, but please be patient as I am consumed with the more pressing day to day activities.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas stated that since they had just done the third reading and passed the ordinance for the Veteran's Memorial he thought they should determine the member of council that will sit on that board.

Steve Ball replied that he had been on the board before it had actually been officially created and he would be willing to stay on the board.

Jennifer Ball made a motion for Steve Ball to be the representative from New London Village Council to sit on the Memorial Committee. 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 bills under schedule B, Then and Now. Myers made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; 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, May 10, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Brad Pickens, Doug Lang, Buddy Workman, John Chapin and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the April 26, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Waiting on the environmental to be completed.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services to be included in the project. Funding Application has been submitted.
- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OEPA rules and guidelines.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – We are ready to close on the funding with the USDA-RD. Closing has been set for May 19, 2021. An email has been sent out to all parties involved. Contractor will start moving equipment in this week.
- OWDA Refinancing program for USDA-RD Loan – application has been submitted. If approved the Village will save over \$600,000.00 over the life of the loan.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

- Spring Cleanup – 226.18 tons of trash was taken to the landfill during spring clean-up. Compared to last year's 256.15 tons.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – small government board will meet on May 13, 2021 to approve scores and award projects, we should know something the same day.
- We are updating our ratings of our streets. I feel it is important to have recent data available for funding opportunities should they become available.

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – the demo of the old deck has been completed. Construction of the new deck will happen late summer, early fall.
- We intend on opening the Village Office to the public on Monday, May 17, 2021. We have a few touch up items we want to finish on the lobby this week before opening.
- The Eagle's would like Council's permission to sell alcohol on June 26, 2021 at the Reservoir Park for the Country Concert.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Eagle's to sell alcohol on June 26, 2021 at the Reservoir Park for the Country Concert. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated he did not have a report but he wanted to thank everyone for their prayers for his wife Sherri.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

Regarding the proposed change to ordinance 351.15 (Downtown parking). I will draft a permit and speak with our local graphics company about making the permit out of a durable material to withstand the elements, while on display. If Council chooses, I can provide you with a copy of the prototype before it's made.

Last week I spoke with Steven Ricks of Statewide Ford in Van Wert, OH. regarding the purchase of a new police cruiser. They were awarded the state contract this year. He is in the process of getting me quotes for cruiser models from each of the "big 3". His quote will break down the cost of the cruiser in addition to the cost to outfit it. Once I receive that information I will present you with it at the next meeting.

I was also recently advised our dispatching fees are going up by \$20.00 per month. However, it should also be noted that these fees are now covered by the 911 levy funds, meaning no cost to the Village.

Steve Ball stated that if Chief Hicks came up with a professional looking prototype for the parking permit, he did not feel that it needed to be brought before council for approval. They would trust Chief Hicks in his choosing of the permit. Steve Ball also asked if the police department could be on the lookout for speeders on East Main as well as South Main.

Chief Joe Hicks assured Steve Ball that he would make sure an officer gave special attention to that area.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin shared the following report.

ISO is a company that inspects fire departments on their equipment, response, water supply and communications. This inspection happens every 10 years. Insurance companies use this rating to set their rates for the different fire jurisdictions. I have been through 5 of these inspections as either Supt. Of Water or Fire Chief or both. The first one was with Dean Bailey as Fire Chief and we were rated at a Class 8/10. Dean and the department worked hard and we were classified the next time to a Class 7/10. When I took over as Chief in 1994, the next inspection we made it to a Class 6/9 and stayed there for the next inspection. This year through the efforts of the active firefighters and big improvements in our communications through the county dispatching we were able to drop another class to a Class 5/5y. This newer rating has an effective date of August 1, 2021 and the residences in the village should notice a decrease in their insurance premium. Some insurance companies use this rating for structures within 2 miles of the station and some use 5 miles for their rate schedule. I want to thank the department and Sheriff Corbin for making this possible.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning. Buddy Workman shared the following report with members of council.

Issued 2 Zoning Permits 1 fence, 1 pool.

1 applicant has filed for a variance.

Address on First Street received a warning letter and since that date some improvements have been made.

Address on 92.5 South Main has been turned over to the Huron County Health Department.

Address on 100 South Main, currently trying to find the owner. Working with Chief Hicks on this complaint.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation.

Joe Thomas was absent but had presented members of council with the following report.

- The reservoir opened last weekend. All seasonal campers are paid. We have had a couple seasonal campers pull out so we have some seasonal spots to fill. Mary is working on the list and calling to fill them.
- I turned in an application for operation round-up at Firelands electric to build new picnic tables. We are in need of picnic tables at both the parks.
- I have been in the process of calling all the campers for Labor Day camping. Once I contact them, all the contracts for camping will be sent out.
- I went to B and L Firearms last week and paid for half of the guns for our gun raffle on Nov. 20. We are hoping to have a list of all the guns by the end of the week so we can get flyers and tickets printed.
- **Res project expenditure**
 - Stone \$14,112.35
 - Core & Main \$6,458.05
 - Keen pump \$12,374.30
 - Neilco \$29.30
 - RWW \$500.00
 - NORW \$1000.00
 - NORW employees \$1000.00
 - WOLF BROS \$3793.18
 - COUNTRY TOOL RENTAL \$79.10

STEINERS EQUIPMENT \$970.00

TOTAL \$40,316.28

- **Res project budget**

CSX FUND \$40,000

FRIENDS OF THE PARK \$10,000

NEW LONDON PARK IMPR. CORP \$1,665.11

TOTAL \$51,665.11

- Right now, we still owe BCU electric a total of \$25,716.00 that would put our total for the projects over or \$51,665.11. The total for our project is \$66,032.28. So, we would need an additional \$14,367.17 to finish the project. As you can see, that is almost what we spent on stone. That is one factor that I did not take into consideration. We had some old road grindings at the hoover building that we started with and they did not go as far as we thought. I was asking council to allow us to pay the rest of our bills for the project out of the CSX fund. We have done a lot of work out at the reservoir this year and things are looking great.
- I am sorry I was not here tonight but I am at a meeting at the American legion. I have asked them to help with some projects at the park and they asked me if I could come to their meeting tonight and talk about the parks and what our plans are. Thank you for all your support in the park systems.

Toby Thomas presented Ordinance 2021-19 An Ordinance Giving Approval and Granting Consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation Authority to, Apply, Maintain and Repair Standard Longitudinal Pavement Markings and Erect Regulatory and Warning Signs on State Highways Inside Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways Inside the Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Maintenance and/or Repair on State Highways Inside the Village Corporation. Second Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the second reading. Willis seconded the motion. Roll Call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-21 An Ordinance Amending Section 351.15 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Residential Parking Permits Within the Downtown Residential Area. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-22 An Ordinance Amending Section 143.11 of the Codified Ordinances and the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies, Relative to Hours Worked. First Reading. Gullett 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.

Steve Ball commented that he had noticed in Joe Thomas' park report that he was asking for permission to use more CSX money in order to finish the reservoir project currently being worked on.

Toby Thomas asked members of council if there was any discussion on the increase. There was none.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow for the additional expenditure from the CSX Fund. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas presented Pastor Doug Lang and Brad Pickens from the New London Alliance Church. They attended the meeting to present to members of council the church's vision of a community center for the surrounding area. The church is interested in purchasing the land behind Dollar General from the Village of New London. They presented information supporting their vision and all the services the community center would make available. They also expressed how the central area of the land they are interested in would be easily accessible to most everyone in the area.

Members of council appeared interested in their proposal. More information to come on this project.

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 monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Myers, Disqualify; Cooke, Absent.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills under schedule C, Then and Now. 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, May 24, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, John Chapin, Dave Finley, Linda Finley, Carol Knapp, Karmen Ross, Tom Gielow, Michelle Pellerin, Mark Chase, Tyler Kane, Don Patton 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 May 10, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Willis, Absent; Gullett, Yes; Myers, Yes; Cooke, Abstain.

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

Ellen Simmons stood and stated the Community Club had gotten their Village of New London Event Cards printed and handed them out to all in attendance. The cards had the events for the remainder of the year as far as the club was aware. She also stated she had more cards if anyone wanted some to distribute.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Waiting on the environmental to be completed.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services to be included in the project. New London is on the list for funding for this project. This should be 100% principal forgiveness.
- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OPEA rules and guidelines.
- A new fire hydrant was installed on Johnson Drive last Wednesday. This will improve water quality by giving the Village a point to flush the line.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Closing on the funding was held on May 19, 2021 here in New London. A Pre-Construction meeting was held on May 20, 2021. Contractor will begin moving on to the site to begin the project. Substantial Completion for the project is set for May 20, 2022.

- OWDA Refinancing program for USDA-RD Loan – application has been submitted. If approved the Village will save over \$600,000.00 over the life of the loan.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.
- Recreation Park – we have come up with a solution to address the flooding at our Recreation Park. It is our plan to complete this project this summer.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – this project has been awarded through Small Governments. Contracts will be sent out July 1, 2021. Council has legislation tonight allowing us to enter into contract with Poggemeyer Design Group for the engineering and bidding of the project.

Other

- Zoning & Planning Commission – a meeting is being scheduled for June 14, 2021 @ 6:00 pm. Items on the agenda will be as followed but not limited to:
 - Plats
 - Lot Splits
 - Dedication of Plats
- Clint Cherry has completed his 90-day probationary period. We would like to recommend to Council to remove Clint from probation and hire him full-time.
- I would personally like to welcome Tip Products and team to tonight's meeting who will be presenting to Council later on this evening.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to remove Clint Cherry from probation and hire him full-time. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated he had nothing to report so he then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

I recently inquired about purchasing or leasing a new police cruiser to begin the process of replacing our aging fleet. We currently have four cruisers that range from four to eight years old. Our newest cruiser is a 2017 Ford Explorer utility with just under 45,500 miles. Our oldest cruiser is a 2013 Ford Explorer utility with just over 120,000 miles. The other two cruisers, a 2014 Ford Taurus Interceptor and a 2015 Ford Explorer utility have approximately 85,000 and 83,000 miles. Please keep in mind that in addition to mileage, there is considerable idle time on these engines.

Although, these vehicles have proven to be reliable as well as suitable for police work in New London, they have not come without flaws. Three of the four vehicles have had to have the water pumps replaced (all 3 at

less than 100,000 miles). This comes at a cost of approximately \$1,300.00 - 1,470.00 per occurrence and the cruiser is typically out of service for 1-2 weeks.

Speaking with Steven Rick, sales rep. for State Ford in Van Wert, I requested a cost comparison for each of the "Big 3" and was advised that Chevrolet and Dodge only had their state bids open for 1 month at the beginning of the year, leaving us with Ford as the only option.

He provided me with a price quote of \$50,680.00 for the purchase of a 2021 Ford Explorer utility. This price is for what they call a "patrol ready" unit. This price includes a \$2,915 extended warranty option (5yr./100k). Attached is a cost for the unit and a cost for the "add-ons".

Additionally, he provided me with a quote for the lease of two 2021 Ford Explorers. As the lease option was explained it basically is the same as financing a vehicle and would be for a period of three years, in most cases. At the end of that 3-yr. term the cruiser can be purchased for \$1.00. In this instance it will cost us an additional \$8,372.12 in interest. Attached is also a breakdown for the leasing option.

Comparing the two quotes, I feel the outright purchase for the one unit is our best option, saving us nearly \$8,400.00 vs. the lease/finance option. I also believe the extended warranty would be a worthwhile purchase.

I have also attached a visual for the new cruiser's graphics design, which includes a New London Wildcat. The wildcat is an iconic symbol of our community and shows that we are vested in our youth and proud of our school system.

New London officers recently received their yearly firearms qualification. Officers will also be receiving CPR/First Aid training on June 5th through Firelands Ambulance Service. I would like to thank Jeff Vanderpool and the entire staff for all they do.

NLPD in collaboration with the Huron County Sheriff's Office conducted a drug related search warrant at a Westwood Dr. residence back on Sunday, May 16th. Several drug paraphernalia items were seized and charges are pending.

Lastly, for anyone who doesn't already know, we have a new Facebook page. We can be found at New London Police Department-OH.

Council agreed to let Chief Hicks move forward with purchasing a new police cruiser since it had been included in the budget for 2021. Mr. Bond stated an ordinance would need to be passed. The ordinance will be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball provided totals for the month of April and stated that it had been a very busy month with 74 total runs. She also stated that May had started out very busy as well.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation.

Jennifer Ball shared the following recreation report for Joe Thomas in his absence.

- Things at the reservoir are going well. It was a busy weekend this past weekend. Two of the cabins were rented, all of the water and electric spots were rented by the water and some of the new spots in our new area were rented.
- We are completely booked for the holiday weekend coming up.

- At the reservoir this weekend Aidan Albaugh will be playing Saturday from 7pm-10pm and on Sunday TARP will be playing from 7pm-10pm.
- Saturday we will also be having a pancake breakfast at the reservoir from 8am-11am. Everyone is welcome.
- Saturday at the rec park we are having a men's softball tournament. The first game is at 8am and the championship game is scheduled for 8pm.
- We would like to hire Dusty Swiger and Emily Stevens at the reservoir. Council approved us to hire an adult but Mary is having a hard time with scheduling because of conflicts with some of the younger girls. This would give here more options. She will not be scheduling more hours. She will be using that girl to work when others can't or on busy weekends.

Stuart Cooke made a motion to allow Dusty Swiger and Emily Stevens to be hired as seasonal recreation employees. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-21 An Ordinance Amending Section 351.15 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Residential Parking Permits Within the Downtown Residential Area. Second Reading. Gullett 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 2021-22 An Ordinance Amending Section 143.11 of the Codified Ordinances and the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies, Relative to Hours Worked. 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 2021-23 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with Poggemeyer Design Group for Professional Engineering Services in Connection with Development of Plans for the Reconstruction and Improvements of West Washburn Street, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-23 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. 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 2021-24 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-24 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. 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 2021-25 An Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of the Contracts with the County Sheriff to Conduct Dispatching Services for the Village Police Department and Fire Department and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the reading. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-09 A Resolution Approving the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement Between the Village of New London, Ohio and Tip Products, Inc. and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Agreement and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-09 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. Jennifer Ball 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.

Toby Thomas introduced Carol Knapp, Director of the Huron County Development Council. Carol Knapp thanked council for approving the resolution approving the CRA between the village and Tip Products. Because of this CRA agreement, Tip Products would be bringing their business to New London. She then introduced Tom Gielow the president of Tip Products; the general manager, Dave Finley and his wife Linda; Michelle Pellerin, office manager; Mark Chase from Janotta and Herner; and Karmen Ross the Assistant Director of HCDC. Carol Knapp stated she had first met with Dave Finley a couple years ago and Carol had shared with him some tools that they have to help with economic development and she was thankful the Village of New London had established a CRA so that Tip Products is able to bring their company to the village.

Mark Chase then explained where the Tip Products property would be located and the specifics about the building that would house the business.

Dave Finley came forward and gave details and the history of Tip Products, Inc. which is a wire harness manufacturer. Tip Products, Inc. has been in business since 1965. They manufacture electrical assemblies found in many small appliances and have been having a hard time keeping up with the demand. Tom Gielow and Dave Finley are majority owners of the business along with two silent owners. They are hoping to be in New London by December. They anticipate hiring at least 25 people.

Karmen Ross then shared their plans for holding a hiring fair on June 2nd in Council Chambers from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Everything will also be translated to Spanish to allow Spanish speaking individuals to be hired as well. Karmen also explained several different ways Huron County Job and Family Services will be able to help with wages and travel.

Toby Thomas thanked everyone for the presentation.

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

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

Steve Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to Consider the Discipline of a Village Employee and to Consider the Sale of Property at Competitive Bidding. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; 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, Absent; Gullett, Yes.

Cooke made a motion to accept the Village Administrator's recommendation to terminate Daison Gough for cause based on job performance issues as documented in personnel files. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 14, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Barry Overy, Kathleen Overy, Buddy Workman and Lynne Phillips.

The minutes from the May 24, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Cooke made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Kathleen Overy wanted to discuss their request to appeal the zoning permit for the building of a fence at 76 Third Street. Toby Thomas stated that the Overy's would be getting notification that their zoning appeal had been denied. The neighbor building a fence was not in violation of any village ordinances. The Overy's were questioning when the rules had changed and other concerns they had about their property and the neighbors property. Kathleen Overy stated she had come up with a possible solution but was not sure how to communicate the idea with the neighbors. Police Chief Joe Hicks proposed that both parties meet at the police department and discuss a solution that will appease both property owners. Kathleen and Barry Overy were fine with that option.

After a question by Stuart Cooke on the regulations for fences, Mr. Bond read what the current ordinance says. Kathleen and Barry Overy questioned the lack of a proper survey of the property lines and there was other discussion on the situation. In conclusion, Chief Hicks stated he would contact the Overy's and the neighbor and set up a date and time for a meeting.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Environmental is complete, at the end of June the County Commissioners will sign what is needed to get the funds released from the State. Once this happens, we will be able to go to bid for the project.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services and working with engineers to be included in the project.
- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OPEA rules and guidelines.

- Water Leaks – crews noticed that our water loss had been starting to rise over the last couple months. Crews began looking for leaks and were able to locate 2, one on Williams Street and one on Park Ave. Crews are preparing to fix the leaks tomorrow, June 15, 2021. Affected residents will be notified. The below statement was posted on the village’s social media page: The Village of New London Water Dept. will be repairing two water leaks on Tuesday June 15th which will result in low water pressure and or water being shut off. We will be starting at 8 am on Park Ave. which will affect 132 Park Ave. through 178 Park Ave, and 147 Park Ave through 193 Park Ave. After the repairs are complete on Park Ave. we plan on moving to James St. The affected area will include Council Chambers (11 James St) and 15 James St and also East Main from James to Walnut. James St. will be closed during times of repair. If in the event that the water is shut down a boil advisory will be handed out to the affected areas. If you have any questions please contact the village office at 419-929-4091.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Contractor has begun the process of ordering materials for the project.
- OWDA Refinancing program for USDA-RD Loan – it sounds like our application will be approved for this refinancing. I received an email last week from the funding agency and they are recommending for board approval that this loan be approved for an interest rate of .75%. Our present loan is at 2.125%. This will save the Village over \$835,000.00 over the life of the loan.

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.
- First Street – contractor is scheduled to pave before the end of the month.
- West Washburn Project – engineers are recommending that we do some base and soil testing ahead of the project. We have received 2 proposals from different companies that do this type of work. Engineers are reviewing and will recommend which one we use.

Other

- The American Legion would like Councils permission to sell alcohol at the Rockin the Rez event for July 17, 2021.
- Copies – we have a policy that states all requested copies for public records requests for the Village is .05 per copy. We would like to change this policy to say anything over 19 copies, .05 per copy will be charged. I need a motion to allow us to do this.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the American Legion to sell alcohol at the Rockin the Rez event on July 17th, 2021. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to change the public records request policy to state the first 19 pages are free and after that, copies are \$.05 each. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke stated he had been contacted about pot holes on North Railroad Street. Shawn Pickworth replied that he would make sure they were fixed.

Toby Thomas stated he would like to give his report time over to Zoning Inspector Buddy Workman so that he could leave the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Buddy Workman presented the following report.

1. Have issued 5 permits and have 6 coming.
2. Have received over 23 complaints. Village council needs to decide how far they want to proceed on the matters at hand.
3. Would like to change the current zoning ordinance on the placement of fences. The current law states fences are allowed on the property line. That, in a lot of cases in New London, is a safety issue and/or is hampering the owner of neighboring property the inability to maintain their lots.
4. Health Department would like Fire Marshall to make a call on 92.5 South Main.

Buddy Workman

Steve Ball also informed council that the Zoning and Planning Commission was working on changing the zoning ordinance. Currently, a zoning violation or non-compliance is fined. The commission would like to change it to say that failure to comply with the zoning code would be a minor misdemeanor. There will need to be a public hearing to discuss the change, but Steve Ball felt that if the change is made, it will be easier to address certain issues of noncompliance.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

Part-time officer Blake Gawlik has resigned his position effective immediately. Gawlik cited his reasons for resigning as his lengthy commute and his full-time job obligation.

I would like to replace Gawlik by hiring David Spanower as a part-time officer at \$12.00 per hour. Spanower currently works for Medina County Sheriff's Office as a corrections officer. He has previously worked for the New London Police Department between April of 2016 and December of 2018. He has a total of approximately 5 years of law enforcement experience.

John Longbrake, canteen manager of the New London American Legion, is requesting council's approval for alcohol sales during the Rockin the Rez concert on July 17th. Shawn and I have already signed off on this permit for submission to the state.

Over the past couple of weeks, myself, the Mayor, and both Village attorneys have had conversation regarding the creation of a couple of ordinances pertaining to *chronic nuisance activities* and *allowing drug abuse*. Mr. Bond has drafted the verbiage for these two tentative ordinances, which you should have copies of. Our desire is to have these become effective at the soonest possible date.

Janice Myers asked Chief Hicks about the Onewheel devices. She stated people had been riding them on the roads and wondered if they were allowed. They are motorized and wondered if they were legal to drive on the street.

After a discussion on the issue, Chief Hicks responded that he would need to check into them. He wasn't sure exactly what they were so he stated he would do some research and let council know what he finds out.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Chief of Police to hire David Spanower as a part-time police officer at \$12 per hour to replace Blake Gawlik. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had a few things. Firelands Ambulance just had five individuals go through an EMT course. She wanted to thank and congratulate Brandon Schwinn, Melanie Cucco, Jake Paynter, Keith Bailey and Amanda Swords. They will be added to the Firelands Ambulance staff soon. Jennifer Ball then stated that Firelands Ambulance had been awarded a Pediatric Training Grant. It will be used to purchase equipment to train and to use. Firelands Ambulance will be the only training facility in Huron and Ashland County. Jennifer Ball concluded by sharing the run report for May.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following recreation report for Joe Thomas in his absence.

- Labor Day preparations have started. We are hoping for a great year this year. All the contracts have been sent out for all events, camping and vendors.
- The recreation park continues to be busy on a daily basis with all the youth leagues.
- Our first AA campout is June 24-27. This will be the 38 annual New London campout.
- The reservoir has been very busy the last 3 weeks. Memorial Day weekend we were booked. The past 2 weekends the new area by the cabins only had a couple sites open as well as the group area. The new water toys and the new water sprinkler are a big hit. Our beach attendance is going up every day. Last weekend June 5-6 our beach attendance was almost 700 people.
- The country concert is June 26. The first band is Aidan Albaugh at 3pm then Ava Rowland at 5:30 and then Vegas McGraw is at 8pm followed by fireworks. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 4-17 and ages 3 and under are free.
- I would like to thank the New London American Legion for donating \$1500 for lumber for new picnic tables. I would also like to thank Firelands Electric and operation roundup for giving us \$2000 to also go towards picnic tables.

Steve Ball asked Shawn Pickworth if he had heard anything about the Dairy Bar at the Recreation Park. Shawn Pickworth stated he believed they were having issues with permits. He would like to see them open soon and he assured council they would still owe their rent. Council discussed the delay in receiving permits due to employees still working from home.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-21 An Ordinance Amending Section 351.15 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Residential Parking Permits Within the Downtown Residential Area. Third Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the third reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-22 An Ordinance Amending Section 143.11 of the Codified Ordinances and the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies, Relative to Hours Worked. Third Reading. Jennifer 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 2021-25 An Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of the Contracts with the County Sheriff to Conduct Dispatching Services for the Village Police Department and Fire Department

and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-26 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract for the Acquisition of a Police Cruiser, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-27 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-27 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. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-28 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-28 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. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Council discussed the following two ordinances concerning chronic nuisance activities and allowing drug abuse. These ordinances will help Chief Hicks with repeat nuisance activities. Several other cities have similar ordinances.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-29 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 521.13 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Chronic Nuisance Activities. First 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 presented Ordinance 2021-30 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 513.15 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Allowing Drug Abuse. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first 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. Myers made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

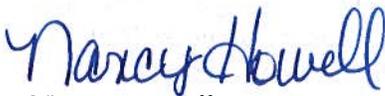
Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Willis, Absent; Gullett, Yes; Myers, Disqualify; Cooke, Abstain.

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

Gullett made a motion to enter into executive session to Consider the Compensation of a Village Employee or Official. 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 return to regular session. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Gullett, Yes.

Cooke 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 28, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Shawn Pickworth, Buddy Workman, Stephanie Rogers and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the June 14, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Stephanie Rogers stood and stated she was the owner of Circle P Creations at 23 East Main Street. She voiced her concerns on some illegal activities going on above her store. She and other business owners do not feel safe. She requested council pass Ordinance 2021-29 and 2021-30 on an emergency measure so they could go into effect sooner. These ordinances deal with chronic nuisance activities and drug abuse. She again stated she did not feel safe and that the illegal activities above her were hurting her business.

Stuart Cooke asked Mr. Bond if they would be able to pass the ordinances as an emergency measure. Mr. Bond stated there would need to be five votes and there were only four members of council in attendance.

Toby Thomas replied that he was not sure if passing the two ordinances would really make a difference in her situation. Marijuana use was not frequently prosecuted and only a misdemeanor.

Joe Hicks shared some insight and ideas on the situation. The department is working on developing a case and once the new ordinances are enacted, they will have more options.

Ellen Simmons stood and handed out brochures for Hometown Holidays. She assured everyone the event would not be canceled in 2021.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Environmental is complete, at the end of June the County Commissioners will sign what is needed to get the funds released from the State. Once this happens, we will be able to go to bid for the project.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services and working with engineers to be included in the project.

- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OPEA rules and guidelines.
- Water Leaks – crews fixed 2 water main leaks on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Crews were able to fix both leaks under line pressure which resulted in no boil alerts for affected residents. On Wednesday, June 23, 2021 crews replaced a main line valve at the intersection of Third Street and Maple Street and disconnected a leaking fire hydrant at the intersection of Third Street and East Street. This project did result in boil alerts and residents effected where notified. Crews are making plans to install a new fire hydrant across the street from the old one.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Contractor has begun the process of ordering materials for the project.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- No change in service due to the Holiday.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- First Street – AJ Riley paved Wednesday, June 23, 2021. I am a little disappointed in the quality of the work. To me road drives a little rough. We did contact the contractor about this.
- Johnson Drive – crews plan on repairing the street where it had been dug up to repair water mains this week.

Toby Thomas stated he didn't have a report to share but he felt there were a lot of good things going on and he appreciates the work everyone puts in to make sure those good things happen. He also shared he had spoke with John Chapin and he had been on a fire call at 3 a.m. in Wakeman. It had been a pretty severe fire and he wanted to thank John for his service with the fire department.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball absent.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from zoning.

Buddy Workman presented the following report.

- Citation issued on the owner of 92.5 South Main
- 80 Railroad St. Property is the Hands of the County taking steps to sell the property.
- 100 S. Main still unable to Locate the owner.
- Issued 2 Zoning Permits
- Received six complaints. Issued five of them a 30-day notice.

Buddy Workman
New London Zoning

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report in the absence of Joe Thomas:

- The country concert was a big success. We got a little lucky with the weather, but it ended up being a beautiful day. We brought in \$6350 in admissions, \$3220 in camping and \$900 in cabin rentals for a total of \$10470. Our expenses were \$300-Aiden Albaugh, \$300-Ava Rowland, \$2750 for Vegas McGraw, \$700 for the sound and \$3000 for the fireworks for a total of \$7050. We also had some concession sales and vendor fees. I would like to thank all the park board members, Shawn and all the office staff that helped at this event. I would really like to thank all of our sponsors. Without these sponsors it would be much harder to put on all these events.
- We also had the AA campout at the park this weekend. The turnout for this event was not what he would have liked but I think the rain on Friday really hurt.
- Our next event is Rockin the Rez on July 17 at the New London reservoir. Music starts at 3pm

After realizing he had not asked for a police report, Toby Thomas asked for a report from Chief Hicks. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

During the previous meeting there was a request to sit down with Barry and Kathy Overy and Andrew and Patience Columbus in an attempt to resolve a property dispute involving a privacy fence the Columbus' were wishing to construct. That meeting took place on 06/17 at the police department. Unfortunately, a resolution was not reached.

Additionally, I was asked to look into the laws pertaining to "one wheels". These electric powered boards are simply called one wheels. They range in price of 950.00 -1799.00 depending on the model. They can travel a range of 6-18 miles at a speed of 5-19mph.

There are limited regulations on these. Ohio law doesn't appear to have an exact definition for them at the moment. The closest definition by ORC is an ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE. By ORC they can be ridden in the road or on sidewalks and paths. However, local authority may regulate or prohibit this action. Furthermore, the definition is not an exact fit as it specifically states a self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device.

If we choose to regulate these vehicles, it's probably best to draft an ordinance.

Lastly, I am asking council to remove Sgt. Lance Capiot from his probationary status as Sergeant. His 6-month probationary period ended on May 14, 2021. He was given a performance evaluation on June 04, 2021 and received a very good rating. I'm asking that he receive a .50 cent increase for completing probation and an additional .50 cent performance raise. He has shown he is very capable of handling his responsibilities as the sergeant.

Members of council and Chief Hicks discussed the OneWheel devices. Stuart Cooke wondered if the village should require them to have a license. After discussing several ideas, council seemed to agree to wait and see how the OneWheel devices progress and also maybe contact other municipalities to see if they have anything in place concerning them.

Steve Ball made a motion to remove Lance Capiot from probationary status as Sergeant and receive a \$.50 raise for completing probation and a \$.50 performance raise. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-25 An Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of the Contracts with the County Sheriff to Conduct Dispatching Services for the Village Police Department and Fire Department and Declaring an Emergency. 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 2021-26 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract for the Acquisition of a Police Cruiser, and Declaring an Emergency. 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 2021-29 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 521.13 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Chronic Nuisance Activities. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-30 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 513.15 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Allowing Drug Abuse. Second Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-31 An Ordinance Approving the Plat for the Subdivision of Certain Property Owned by New London West, LLC, and Accepting the Dedication of the Plat for the Extension of Industrial Drive. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-32 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

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. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Cooke made a motion to enter into executive session to Consider the Employment of a Village Employee or Official. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Gullett, Yes.

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

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, July 12, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Shawn Pickworth, Buddy Workman, Ted Evans, Brad Booth, John Chapin, Mark Chase, and Lynne 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 June 28, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ted Evens stood and stated he lived at 57 Clyde Avenue. He recently filed a variance for a building he is trying to construct on his property. After a recent zoning meeting, there were some questions and he was asked to obtain an easement. He has spoken with several different attorneys and all of them stated they didn't know how he could obtain an easement because the building isn't going to be built on someone else's property. There is no way they can draw up an easement for something like that. The attorneys advised him that what he needed would be a variance which he has already filed. He stated he was in attendance at the meeting to request approval on his variance. The delay in the process has cost him around \$8400 since the beginning due to increasing prices of materials.

Stuart Cooke asked for opinions from Shawn Pickworth and Buddy Workman.

Shawn Pickworth stated that Ted Evans had accurately explained what had been taking place. The Zoning Commission had requested he get an easement because the building will be closer than five feet to the neighbor's property. Ted Evans' attorneys told him an easement couldn't be obtained because the building was not being built on someone else's property.

Members of council and Ted Evans discussed the location where the building was to be built. Ted Evans also stated he had obtained a letter from the neighbor stating he was fine with the building being closer than five feet to his property line. It would still be off the property line but only by a couple feet instead of the five feet that is required by the zoning ordinance.

Stuart Cooke asked Mr. Bond his opinion because he didn't think council could overrule what the Zoning and Planning Commission had decided.

Mr. Bond agreed and said that the Zoning and Planning Commission would have to approve the variance.

It was decided that Ted Evans should go back to the Zoning and Planning Commission and explain to them what he had found out from his attorneys and Mayor Toby Thomas stated he would call a special meeting to try to speed up the process.

Toby Thomas asked if anyone else would like to speak.

Brad Booth stood and stated he lived on West Washburn Street. He wanted to know whose responsibility it was to maintain Skellinger Creek.

Shawn Pickworth responded that by ordinance, it was up to the property owners to maintain the creek.

Brad Booth questioned some work the village had done to the bridge on Grant Street and how that was different.

Shawn Pickworth stated the village had done some work to the bridge that had caused some problems to the property owner so they were just fixing what they had caused.

Brad Booth then asked if West Washburn Street was going to be repaved this year.

Shawn Pickworth stated that hopefully it would be depending on funding.

Brad Booth asked if it was going to be ground down and then built back up.

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes it was.

Lastly, Brad Booth asked council to consider revising the ordinance that stated there were to be no ATV's or side by sides on the streets. Since golf carts were allowed, he asked council to consider allowing ATV's and side by sides as long as they were within the law.

Toby Thomas expressed his concern with the difference in the maximum speed of a golf cart as opposed to an ATV or side by side.

Brad Booth stated he realized they would have to stay within the law but he wanted council to consider his request.

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

Buddy Workman stood and stated he wanted to let council know that a new small business was going to be coming to town called Lifewise Academy. Lifewise Academy is a faith-based curriculum that will be coming to the school. Students will be able to enroll in the class during the regular school day. The academy will probably have three to four paid employees.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Waiting for funds to be released.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services and working with engineers to be included in the project. Finishing up the funding paperwork.
- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OEPA rules and guidelines.
- West reservoir bank has some erosion issues. We have contracted with Morton's to come in and helps us address the issues. We have gotten dinged on our last 2 dam reports about the issues.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Contractor has begun the process ordering materials for the project.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.
- We are looking at some future projects addressing more problem areas within the Village. One being West Main before the tracks and another being North Main.

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.
- Johnson Drive – crews repaired the road on Johnson Drive and at the intersection of Johnson Drive and St Rt 162. Other locations planned for repair this week.
- West Washburn Project – Waiting on the funding agreement with the State and release of funds.

Other

- Dr. Offices/Village Building – Fisher Titus has moved out of our building and it is now empty. I have continued to allow the Huron County Health Department to use the space 1 day a month for clinics. What would Council like to do?
- New London Eagles would like Council's permission to sell alcohol during our Labor Day Festival and the Friends of the New London Veteran's would like permission to sell alcohol at their event at the reservoir on August 14th.
- Applications for funding through the American Rescue Plan Act is now open. The Village of New London could receive up to \$247,003.00 in two payments. We are still learning what we can and cannot use the funds for. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like street paving will be an allowable use of these funds. I have signed up for a web training session on July 14th to learn more about this. Nancy will begin the process needed in order for the Village to receive the funds.
- Tipp Products will be having a ground-breaking ceremony on July 20th at 8 a.m. at their new address at 106 Industrial Drive. All members of council are invited.
- House Trailer located at our Reservoir Park – we have been talking about using the space that the trailer is located on for other purposes. The renter is a month by month renter with no long-term contract. If it is Council's wish we can send a letter to the renter informing them to remove the trailer from Village property.

Council determined that Shawn Pickworth would send a letter to the renter asking for the trailer to be removed by the end of the 2021 camping season.

Adam Gullett made a motion to allow the New London Eagles to sell alcohol during the New London Labor Day Festival and to allow the Friends of the New London Veteran's to sell alcohol at their event at the reservoir on August 14th. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated he didn't have a report to share but he wanted to remind everyone of all the good things going on in New London. Some of them include the New London Community Club planning for Hometown Holidays; Inspire New London had their Christmas in July over the weekend; there are concerts and food trucks at the gazebo on Tuesdays; Rockin the Rez is coming soon; and Tipp products are having their ground-breaking ceremony. Toby Thomas stated he thought all of these events were great for the Village of New London. It is exciting to see.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from police. Joe Hick stated he didn't have anything except for the two requests for permits to sell alcohol that Shawn Pickworth had already discussed.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from fire. John Chapin stated that Saturday, July 17th was Rockin at the Rez and the following day would be the fire department's fundraiser, Spill on the Hill. It will begin around 10 a.m. John concluded by saying he has been driving by the point in town and it looks fantastic. Rachel has done a great job with it and it looks absolutely beautiful.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from the ambulance. Due to being out of town, Jennifer Ball had nothing to share. She stated that she would have a full report for June and July at the next meeting.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from zoning.

Buddy Workman presented the following report.

1. Have issued 3 permits.
2. Have received over 5 complaints.
3. 92.5 South Main court date keeps getting moved.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation.

Joe Thomas shared the following report:

- Rockin the Rez is this Saturday, July 17th. We have a great line up of music. Kaitlyn Spiecher is playing from 2-3, Renegade from 3-5, Bad JUJU from 5:30-7:30 and Second Helping from 8-10 with fireworks to follow. It is \$10 for adults, ages 4-17 is \$5 and 3 and under is free.
- The reservoir is booked for this weekend so if anyone is wanting to camp they can still make reservations for the rec park.
- The reservoir and the rec park have both been busy with camping. It is nice to see more campers at the rec park throughout the summer.
- Labor Day is coming fast. If anyone is interested in helping with gates this year Lana Bateson and Janny Myers are in charge of getting all of our gate workers. We would not be able to have this event without the help of our community.
- The Huron county FARM show will be July 23-25 this year at the New London Recreation Park.
- I would like council to start thinking about camping rates for next year. I would like to get with Nancy and give you guys a projection of where we will be at the end of the year to help determine what we need to do. If we could decide what rates will be by the first meeting in August, that will give campers time to decide what they would like to do.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-26 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract for the Acquisition of a Police Cruiser, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Jennifer 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 2021-29 (Amended) An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 521.13 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Chronic Nuisance Activities, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-30 (Amended) An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 513.15 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Allowing Drug Abuse, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-31 (Amended) An Ordinance Approving the Plat for the Subdivision of Certain Property Owned by New London West, LLC, and Accepting the Dedication of the Plat for the Extension of Industrial Drive, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-31 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett 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 2021-32 (Amended) An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-32 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. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-33 An Ordinance Creating the Position of Reservoir Campground Manager/Village Office Assistant, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-33 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. 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.

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. Steve 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 bills under S hedule C, Then and Now. Steve 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. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Nancy Howell *Toby Thomas*

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, July 26, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister and Lynne 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 July 12, 2021 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.

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

There was none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Bid docs are being sent to the funding agency for review. The way is sounds, this project might not get done until spring of 2022. We can only go as fast as the funding allows us to go.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services and working with engineers to be included in the project. Finishing up the funding paperwork.
- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OEPA rules and guidelines.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Subcontractors have been on sites collecting data on the trickling filters and headworks tiles.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.
- Crews have been jetting and investigating problem areas around town.
- A new tile and catch basin have been installed at the Rec. Park.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – engineers will be in town Wednesday afternoon to review plans for the project.

Stuart Cooke asked how many properties were part of the lead line replacement project.

Shawn Pickworth stated there were around 100 and he then went into details explaining the project.

Toby Thomas stated he wanted to say how much he appreciated the village employees. Daisy drive had about 1 ½ feet of standing water during the rain event the previous week. The water had gone right down and the village employees had been out checking things and making sure they were doing everything they could do to help the situation at all of the areas that were experiencing flooding. He appreciated their diligence. Toby Thomas also gave members of council an update on his wife Sheri.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from police. Police Chief Joe Hicks absent.

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

Toby Thomas asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had June's run report. There were 75 total runs (New London Village-42; New London Township-8; Fitchville Township-13; Troy Township-4; Ruggles Township-3; Mutual Aid-5).

Toby Thomas asked for a report from zoning. Buddy Workman was absent but had given the following report to members of council:

1. Have issued 3 permits, 1 Pool, 1 Deck, 1 Fence.
2. Have received over 7 complaints.
3. 92.5 South Main. Has received orders from Huron County Health Department to vacate the residence. As well as citations from the Village.
4. Have issued 4 – 30 -day notices for property maintenance.

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-34 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-34 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. 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.

Stuart Cooke and Shawn Pickworth discussed locating storm sewer laterals on the east end of Birch Park Drive.

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 bills under Schedule B, Then and Now. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Gullett 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 9, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

Council President Stuart Cooke called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Toby Thomas. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, John Martin, Joe Hicks, Brett Harrenton, William Given, Buddy Workman, Joe Thomas and Lynne Phillips.

Stuart Cooke 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 July 26, 2021 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.

Stuart Cooke asked if there were any public questions or statements.

John Martin from 37 Park Avenue stood and asked for approval from council to add Officer Wilson Velazquez to the monument at the Memorial Park. The cost would be approximately \$180. Secondly, John Martin stated he was looking at possibly re-etching the wording in memory of the war veterans with a certain type of paint that will hold up better. The cost of the paint would be around three or four hundred dollars. John Martin then requested that the village plant two new shade trees to replace the two large Maple Trees that had been cut down. He also requested a sign for the Memorial Park that would prohibit skate boards and other similar devices from being ridden on the bricks to prevent scratching and wear and tear. In conclusion, John Martin announced that the Monument committee would be meeting in the next week or two and he was hoping members of council would approve his three requests.

Janice Myers stated she thought there may be people interested in donating toward the cost of adding Officer Velazquez to the memorial since he had been very well liked by many.

John Martin replied that he would accept any donations.

Stuart Cooke stated that he didn't see any problem with John Martin's requests but asked him to return after he had exact prices for what he was proposing. At that time, council would make a decision.

Bill Given then stood and requested council's permission to purchase the village's property on Park Avenue. He has already purchased the adjacent land from the Methodist Church. He would like to turn a section of the land by the school's weight room into a public walkway and then donate it to the school. The rest of the property would go toward whatever project worthy of pursuing. He would like to offer \$28,000 for the land.

Stuart Cooke stated that council would discuss the request with the village solicitor and get back with him.

Bill Given added that according to the village's zoning regulations, the land was a non-conforming property.

Stuart Cooke called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Right now we aren't planning to go to bid for this project until later this year, early next.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services and working with engineers to be included in the project. Finishing up the funding paperwork.
- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OEPA rules and guidelines.
- Crews will be pumping out and cleaning our wet wells at the pump station south of the reservoir starting Wednesday.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Contractors have been working on the new fence installation. Crews are also slip lining tile going into our treatment plant.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.
- Crews working on Charles Pwy. right now installing new 15" tile.
- Birch Park Drive – crews repaired a section of failed tile.
- East Washburn – crews installed a new catch basin.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – Engineering continues with this project. The way it is looking most of this project will not be done until spring of 2022. A lot of things come into play when planning and bidding a project. Also, I was contacted by Columbia Gas and they are planning on doing a small project on West Washburn during the 4th quarter of this year in which we would want completed before we begin the road project.

Other

- Met with Janotta & Herner last week regarding utilities on Industrial Drive for the Tip Products Project.
- We have begun the interview process for the Office/Campground position advertised and continue to interview candidates for the Street & Sanitation position.
- Invoice Cloud – The Village would like to add on to our Munilink software with Invoice Cloud software. It will give customers more options to pay their utilities and taxes online. We can even

set up Zoning Permits, Camping and Building Rentals with online payments. The software will even allow customers to sign up for payment reminders that they will automatically get every month through email or text. The cost of this add on is minimal to the Village.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from police. Police Chief Joe Hicks reported the following: Part-time officer Robert Lambert submitted his resignation effective July 14th for a job with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office.

I would like to hire Brett E. Harrenton as part-time to fill that position. Ofc. Harrenton graduated from the Medina Police Academy on July 16, 2020 and has been with our department since 03/25/21. During this time, he has completed more than the minimum 320 hours required by our department to be released from his FTO training period.

I am also requesting an executive session to discuss the possibility of placing an additional full-time officer at New London Local Schools as a school resource officer. I have met with Superintendent Brad Romano to discuss some options. This is the result of Huron County Sheriff's Office relocating the current deputy to another school district.

Myers made a motion to promote Brett Harrenton to part-time officer effective August 9, 2021. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin absent.

Stuart Cooke asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had July's run report. There were 81 total runs (New London Village-48; New London Township-6; Fitchville Township-10; Troy Township-10; Ruggles Township-4; Mutual Aid-3). It was a very busy month.

Stuart Cooke asked for a report from zoning. Buddy Workman gave the following report to members of council:

1. Have issued 2 Permits - 1 Fence, 1 Porch
2. Have received over 2 complaints.
3. 92.5 South Main court date set for August 18th. Myself and Chief Hicks are required to attend.
4. Have issued 2 – 30-day notices for property maintenance.
5. 100 South main Notice has been posted on the residence. Village will go in to clean up the property hopefully before Labor Day Parade.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from Recreation. Joe Thomas presented the following report:

- The park board is still looking for volunteers for working the gates for the Labor Day Festival. If you are interested please contact Lana Bateson or Janny at the hardware store.
- The Labor Day parade is at 1pm Saturday September 4th. There was a mistake on the flyer that says noon.
- The Friends of the Veteran's concert is this Saturday. If anyone is interested in tickets contact Buckeye Korner.
- September 25th is the reservoirs next concert 3 Decades of Rock. The 70's band is Renegade, 80's band is Flash Back Band, and 90's is Bad Juju. Music will start at 3pm.
- The parks gun raffle is November 20th. We just received our tickets. We will have them for sale at the marathon station, the hardware store and any park board member. Tickets are

\$10 or 6 for \$50. Ticket includes your entry into the drawing and lunch. We will have many side raffles going throughout the day.

- The duck blind draw will be before the next council meeting August 23rd at 6pm.

Stuart Cooke then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Stuart Cooke then called for New Business.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow the village to add on to the Munilink software with Invoice Cloud software. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Stuart Cooke 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, Absent; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Myers, Disqualify; Cooke, Abstain.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to Consider the Employment of a Village Employee or Official. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Absent; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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

Cooke made a motion to allow Police Chief Joe Hicks to begin the search for an officer to fill a full-time position at New London Schools. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Stuart Cooke
Council President

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Special Meeting – Wednesday, August 16, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Stuart Cooke called the meeting to order.

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

Myers made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

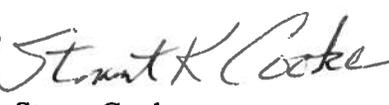
Stuart Cooke presented Resolution 2021-09 An Emergency Resolution to Accept the Material Terms of the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement Pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and Consistent with the Terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-09 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. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Shawn Pickworth asked council's approval to hire Justin Marshall for the street/sanitation department effective August 30, 2021 at a beginning wage of \$15 per hour.

Cooke made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Justin Marshall as a full-time employee in the street/sanitation department for the Village of New London effective August 30, 2021 at a beginning wage of \$15 per hour. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

No motion for an executive session was needed.

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

	
Nancy Howell Fiscal Officer	Stuart Cooke Council President

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, August 23, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

Council President Stuart Cooke called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Toby Thomas. He then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, John Martin, Joe Hicks, Joe Thomas, John Chapin, Scott Carroll, Jayne Carroll, Marvin McCallister and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the August 9, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the August 16, 2021 special 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.

Stuart Cooke asked if there were any public questions or statements.

John Martin from 37 Park Avenue stood and stated he was a member of the Monument Committee and he had brought price quotes for the items he had requested be taken care of at the previous council meeting. He shared the quoted amounts with members of council. He recommended using Ashland Monument for the plate for Officer Wilson Velazquez and to repaint the lettering on the monument. He was happy with their price. He is trying to get everything completed by October 2nd which is the date Officer Velazquez's family is holding a 5K run in the village.

John Martin continued by stating he had contacted nine different nurseries about Red Maple Trees. Windmill Nursery in Plymouth had given him the best price while speaking with them on the phone.

Ellen Simmons then announced that the Community Club would be meeting at 9 a.m. on August 31st at the Wildcat Diner. She also stated that she heard there had been complaints of Main Street being closed too often on the weekends. She asked members of council if they had heard anything. The Community Club had anticipated requesting to close Main Street for Hometown Holidays this year but since she had heard about complaints, she wondered what members of council thought.

Janice Myers replied that she had not heard any complaints about the road being closed but she had heard complaints about there being no empty parking spots when the venue downtown was rented for an event.

Stuart Cooke asked if there were any other comments.

John Martin raised his hand and stated he had forgotten to mention one thing. It had been suggested at the last council meeting for the memorial committee to request donations for some of the projects they were requesting the village to complete. He wanted to inform everyone to forward all donations to the village office.

Steve Ball then suggested they go back to the topic of the closure of Main Street. He thought that Hometown Holidays is a large enough event to close the street. He also thought maybe moving forward council should consider which future events warrant Main Street being closed and which events should allow the road to remain open.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from police. Police Chief Joe Hicks reported the following: The American Legion Broom-Wood Post 292 has requested a liquor permit for the 3 Decades of Rock concert at the NL Rez. on September 25th.

A job description for the New London Local Schools SRO position has been created and was posted to Indeed last week. We have received 3 inquiries as of this afternoon and we will begin looking into these applicants along with any others we receive.

Officer Coty Bravo has submitted a letter of resignation with an effective date of 09/06/2021. He will start with Huron County Sheriff's Office on 09/07/2021. Ofc. Bravo has served the department well since 04/06/2017. Upon his resignation it would be our desire to promote an officer from within to fill the full-time vacancy.

An Indeed posting has also been created to help supplement our reserve and part-time staffing levels as well. Those positions would be dependent on prior experience.

Stuart Cooke asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin stated he didn't have anything unless anyone had any questions for him.

Stuart Cooke asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had nothing at this time.

Stuart Cooke asked for a report from zoning. Buddy Workman was absent but had given members of council the following report:

1. Have issued 1 permit and 1 variance meeting request.
2. 92.5 South Main Street's court date was moved at Plaintiff's request.
3. Village Employees cleaned up 100 South Main.

Stuart Cooke then asked for a report from Recreation. Joe Thomas reported the following:

- They are busy getting ready for Labor Day. Gate workers are still needed for the festival. Anyone interested should stop at Gilbert Hardware and sign up for a time or contact Lana Bateson.
- September 25th is the Three Decades of Rock concert at the reservoir park. Admission will be \$5 per person.
- The Gun Raffle will be November 20th. Tickets will be available at the Marathon, Gilbert Hardware and through any park board member.
- He will be meeting with the ride company before Labor Day to go over everything since the festival had not been held the previous year.

Stuart Cooke then presented Ordinance 2021-35 An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of an "American Rescue Plan Act 2021-Local Fiscal Recovery Fund". Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-35 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.

Stuart Cooke then called for Old Business.

Steve Ball made a motion to approve the expenses John Martin requested for the Veteran's Memorial including a plate for Officer Wilson Velazquez, repainting the lettering on the memorial and purchasing two Red Maple Trees. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke realized the administrator's report had been overlooked.

Shawn Pickworth reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Right now we aren't planning to go to bid for this project until later this year, early next.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services and working with engineers to be included in the project. Finishing up the funding paperwork.
- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OEPA rules and guidelines.
- We met with the contractor that will be repairing the banks on the North and West sides of the Reservoir. Work is expected to begin this week.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Contractors have been working on the new fence installation. Crews are also slip lining tile going into our treatment plant.
- New London Ave Project – we have met with engineers and have gotten some preliminary engineering and costs. We then submitted this information to the County and have made the list to submit an application to the State for funding. We are hoping to install new sanitary sewers, new storm sewers, as well as paving the road when completed.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – Engineering continues with this project. The way it is looking, most of this project will not be done until spring of 2022. A lot of things come into play when planning and bidding a project. Also, I was contacted by Columbia Gas and they are planning on doing a small project on West Washburn during the 4th quarter of this year in which we would want completed before we begin the road project.

Other

- School is starting next week. Watch out for the kids going to school and your speeds through the school zones.

- The Legion would like permission to sell alcohol at the Decades of Rock concert planned for September 25th @ the Reservoir.
- We now have more than one person interested in the old school property which will force the Village into taking bids and proposals on land use for the property. If Council wishes to move forward we can advertise and set a date for bids/proposals to be turned in. The Village reserves the right to refuse any and all proposals.

Stuart Cooke then called for New Business.

Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to take bids and proposals on land use for the old school property. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the American Legion to sell alcohol at the Decades of Rock concert at the New London Reservoir on September 25th. 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. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Stuart Cooke then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B, Then and Now. Jennifer 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 enter into executive session to consider the employment and compensation of a Village Employee or Official. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

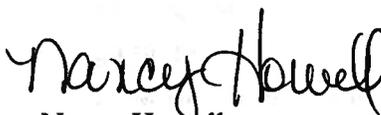
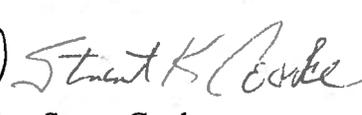
Jennifer Ball made a motion to return to regular session. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Dusty Swiger for the Campground Manager/Office Assistant position at an annual salary of \$31,200. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to change the Parks Director position to an exempt, salaried position from hourly. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the employee wage increases as proposed by the Village Administrator and amended for the Village Administrator position. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Stuart Cooke
Council President

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, September 15, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Shawn Pickworth, Buddy Workman, Marvin McCallister, Joe Thomas and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the August 23, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Myers made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis 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 reported the following:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Right now we aren't planning to go to bid for this project until later this year, early next.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – crews have been out investigating/identifying services and working with engineers to be included in the project. Finishing up the funding paperwork.
- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OEPA rules and guidelines.
- Dam Repair on the North and West sides of the reservoir has been completed. Contractor did a nice job.
- Pump Station wet wells have been pumped out and crews are in the process of cleaning. Project will be completed next week.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – a progress meeting was held on September 8, 2021 with engineering, contractor and USDA-RD representatives. Project continues to be on schedule. There are a few items we have requested to be moved ahead in the schedule due to getting into high flow months next spring.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – Engineering continues with this project. The way it is looking most of this project will not be done until spring of 2022. A lot of things come into play when planning and bidding a project. Also, I was contacted by Columbia Gas, and they are planning on doing a small project on West Washburn during the 4th quarter of this year in which we would want completed before we begin the road project.

Other

- I will be on vacation starting September 22, 2021 – October 4, 2021.

Stuart Cooke asked what the estimate was for the reservoir project.

Shawn Pickworth replied it was \$30,000.

Toby Thomas stated he didn't have a report to share but he wanted to thank Stuart Cooke for taking over the last couple council meetings while he was away. He also informed everyone that his wife was doing well and he appreciated all the prayers.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks presented the following report:

During the Firelands Festival from 6PM Friday until 11PM Monday the police department handled 68 calls. This included 4 arrests, two for domestic violence and two for disorderly conduct/intox. Overall, the festival went smooth and was considered a success.

Ofc. Coty Bravo resigned his position effective 09/07/2021. I would like to promote Ofc. Brett Harrenton to full-time status to fill his vacancy.

I have chosen Aric Ubienski to fill the position of S.R.O. as previously discussed. We had an opportunity to meet with superintendent, Brad Romano, and tour the school. This meeting went well and both sides are looking forward to starting this partnership as soon as possible.

Ofc. Zach Ingraham has successfully completed his 6-month probationary period, which ended on August 22nd. I am requesting he be removed from probationary status and given his one dollar raise.

Chief Hicks will be in Columbus from September 20-24th for chief's training.

Myers made a motion to approve the promotion of Zach Ingraham from probation to full-time officer as of August 22, 2021. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to promote Brett Harrenton from part-time officer to full-time status as of September 19, 2021. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from fire. John Chapin was absent but had sent the following report to council:

The New London Fire Department was part of a countywide FEMA grant last year in which we received 25 portable radios and 6 mobile radios. We have received these items but have not put all the portable radios in service. We are all working on moving to different frequencies and all the radios will need reprogrammed in the near future. The new countywide system will allow for better communication with all agencies that operate in the county. The final total cost of our portion of the grant is \$93,175.71. We owe 10% of the cost once the project is complete, \$9,317.57.

This year we received another FEMA grant totaling \$180,500.00. This is for replacing our current SCBAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus). We have 12 in service now along with 12 spare bottles. The grant will give us 25 SCBAs and 25 spare bottles. The increase is due to the program requirements of 1 SCBA for each seated position in all of the trucks. We were awarded a FEMA grant 17 years ago that gave us the 12 SCBAs that we are replacing now. \$3,500.00 of the total is for a grant writer that was used to prepare this grant. We will receive \$3,325.00 of this back through the grant. Our portion of this grant will be 5% of the total cost, \$8,595.24.

We continue to apply for grants as they become available. We will work with the same grant writer for our next FEMA grant. A majority of the grant writer fee is only paid if the grant is awarded.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had nothing but she would have a full report at the next council meeting.

Toby Thomas asked for a report from zoning.

Buddy Workman stated he wanted village residents to be informed that once they make a complaint concerning a certain property, there is a process that is required to be followed. If nothing happens right away, please be patient. The process sometimes takes a while to complete. Buddy Workman wanted residents to realize he is working on issues but it does take time.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation.

Joe Thomas shared the following report:

- Reservoir camping rates. Are we raising rates or are we leaving them where they are at? Right now, it is \$1900 for water and electric and \$2000 for a full hook-up. At the end of the season we are going to finish the sewer project which will gain us 21 more full hook-ups which will generate \$2100. We have done a great job this year watching our budget and I think we are way ahead of where we thought we would be. I don't see any need to raise rates at this time.
- Labor Day weekend was a big success. We set a record for the amount of weekend passes we sold and for the gates on Sunday. Saturdays gates were about normal but Mondays gates were down a bit.
- We had very few problems throughout the weekend.
- I would like to thank all the volunteers that made this weekend happen - all the park board members and council members that came out and helped and all the gate workers. I would like to give a special thank you to Chris Rowland and my sister Jill Mitchell. Chris runs the truck and tractor pulls and does an awesome job. My sister ran the fry stand for us this year. I would also like to thank SteveBall, Shawn Pickworth and Adam Gullett. They were in the depot all weekend. My last thank you is to my family. My wife and kids don't get to see much of me that weekend so Sarah is a single parent for a few days.

- Just because Labor Day is over doesn't mean the parks stop. Our next concert is September 25. The first band starts at 3pm with Kidd Renegade, at 5:30 is Flashback, and then at 8pm is Bad JuJu.
- Then our gun raffle is November 20th starting at noon. Tickets are \$10 or 6 for \$50 we will be raffling off 25 guns plus many side prizes. Tickets are at the marathon gas station, the hardware store and any park board member.
- Golf Scramble on October 2nd.
- I'm asking council when the land sells by the weight room if the parks could receive that money for whatever it sells for. The parks have been mowing that land for at least the last 10 years which has saved the village a lot of money. I feel the parks have saved the village anywhere from \$4000-\$5000 a year which is \$40,000-\$50,000 over the last 10 years. If the village would allow this I would put this money towards paving more roads at the reservoir and fixing some electrical problems.

Stuart Cooke asked Joe Thomas if he had checked the rates at any other campgrounds in the area.

Joe Thomas stated that no he had not.

Stuart Cooke had checked some prices and New London was the lowest around and he thinks that with inflation, they will need to maintain and keep up with a small increase each year to prevent a large increase at some point.

Members of council discussed the pros and cons of a rate increase. They discussed the cost of the new sewers that were installed compared to the increased revenue received.

Steve Ball stated he agreed with Joe because the New London Reservoir does not have the amenities that the other campgrounds in the area have.

Janice Myers was concerned about the increase in electric prices.

Adam Gullett stated he did not think the campground rates should be increased either.

Despite the conflicted opinions about the rates, all members of council agreed that Joe Thomas had been doing a great job. Steve Ball added that people have no idea what Joe does during Labor Day weekend and how hard he works.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to keep the New London Reservoir Campground seasonal rates the same as the current rates for the 2022 camping season. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, No; Myers, No; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-36 An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor, Fiscal Officer-Treasurer, and Administrator to Enter into a Contract with the Huron County Development Council for the Sale of Approximately 3.83 Acres of Land (the "Old School Property") and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

Stuart Cooke stated he had a couple things before they voted on this ordinance. He wondered when they sold the land, if they could include certain stipulations and time frames in the contract to prevent the buyer from purchasing the land and then not doing anything with it.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they would absolutely do that but the current ordinance was only approving an agreement between the Village of New London and the Huron County Development Council to use them as an agent. When they got to the point where they were actually entering an agreement with a buyer, they would include those stipulations and timelines.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-36 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. 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.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Jennifer 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: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Myers, Disqualify; Cooke, Abstain.

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

Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Myers 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 27, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

The minutes from the September 15, 2021 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.

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

Ellen Simmons asked for permission to close down Main Street Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Hometown Holidays. The Village of New London is being turned into Who London for the entire month of December. Ellen reported that everything for the event was coming along well.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

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

Recently the village employees from the Water/Sewer departments installed a few additional storm lines in areas where flooding has occurred with heavy rains. A tile was added west of Charles Parkway to Skellenger Creek and tied into the existing tiles with a new catch basin at the low point on Charles Parkway, about halfway down the street. Another tile was added at the park just west of the football field and ran to the northeast into a 24” tile. This was an 8” line with a new catch basin in the low point. The downspouts from the fieldhouse were tied in as well. A new catch basin was also added across the road from the foundry at the corner of Washburn and Walnut. There was no flooding at any of these locations with a 3.27” rainfall recorded at the wastewater plant last week. We are continuing to look at other areas that flood during periods of heavy rain and hopefully will end up with the same results as these areas just mentioned.

Two collapsed tiles were dug up and repaired. The first was on Birch Park Dr. west of Fairhome and helped with the flooding at that intersection. The second was at Cedar and North Main and helped with the flooding at Cedar and Lincoln.

Last week these same employees using some of the village’s newer equipment, the jet/vac truck, were able to clean the silt that had built up in the wet well at the pumping station located across the street from the southwest corner of the reservoir. Silt from the river gets carried into the wet well when we are pumping into the reservoir and settles out. This is something we have paid for in the past and can now do inhouse.

The sewer plant project has had no major progress since the last council meeting. Excavation equipment was moved in last week.

Toby Thomas stated that Police Chief Joe Hicks had completed probation and police chief schooling so he asked council to make a motion to remove him from probation and hire him as full-time police chief for the Village of New London.

Myers made a motion to remove Police Chief Joe Hicks from probation and hire him as full-time police chief. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then stated that normally, when an officer is taken off probation, they receive a dollar an hour increase. Toby asked council if they would approve a \$1/hour raise for Police Chief Joe Hicks.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to increase Police Chief Joe Hick's pay by \$1 per hour beginning October 3, 2021. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report.

I just completed Chief's training at OPOTA-London Campus on Friday. The forty-hour course focused on a variety of topics. During my absence things went smoothly and I credit our sergeant and officers for that.

Brad Romano and I have been working on the SRO position for New London Local Schools and are close to finalizing the MOU for placement of the SRO in the very near future. In speaking with Mr. Bond, it is recommended an ordinance be drafted to approve the MOU. We will attempt to have that in place at the next meeting.

The Police Department in collaboration with the Velazquez family is hosting the first annual Officer Wilson 5-K this Saturday at the Reservoir Park at 11:00 AM. It is a run/walk event for people of all ages. The entry cost is \$15.00 and includes a T-shirt. Following the 5-K will be a video gaming competition for the youngsters. This event will be held at the main pavilion of the reservoir and will last until 5PM.

I would like to thank Joe Thomas for allowing the use of the facilities and the help of our other volunteers and sponsors.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin stated he wanted to thank the firefighters who had helped over Labor Day weekend.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had the run report for August. There were 82 total runs for the month. New London Village had 47; New London Township 9; Fitchville Township 5; Troy Township 8; Ruggles Township 10; Mutual Aid; 3.

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

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-37 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriation Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

There were not enough council members to pass an emergency ordinance so a first reading was done on all ordinances.

Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-38 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Make Public Utilities Available to Permanent Parcel No. 26021B010110500, and Declaring an Emergency.

First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2021-10 A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. First Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Council discussed closing off Main Street for different events held in the village.

Steve Ball stated he would like council to approve all road closures in the future.

Police Chief Joe Hicks suggested that some activities may be able to be moved to the village parking lot instead of downtown.

Council agreed that could be a possible solution, but they thought Hometown Holidays would be a different situation and would warrant the road being closed.

Council continued their discussion and determined they would like someone to check with the Ohio Department of Transportation and see what the procedure was to close the main road through town.

Steve Ball made a motion to close Main Street for Hometown Holidays on December 4th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with ODOT permission. Jennifer Ball 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. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

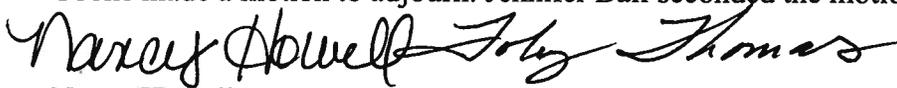
Toby Thomas then presented the bills under schedule B, Then and Now. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to Consider the Employment of a Village Employee or Official. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Ball 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, Absent; Gullett, Yes.

Myers made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Howard Mobberly Jr. as a Street/Sanitation employee beginning October 4, 2021. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Cooke 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
Special Meeting – Wednesday, September 29, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Toby Thomas called the meeting to order.

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

Cooke made a motion to approve and amend the agenda by adding Old Business. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas presented Ordinance 2021-37 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-37 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. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas presented Ordinance 2021-38 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Make Public Utilities Available to Permanent Parcel No. 26021B010110500, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-38 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. Myers made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas presented Ordinance 2021-40 An Ordinance Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village of New London and the Board of Education of the New London Local School District for Engaging a School Resource Officer for the 2021-2022 School Year, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-40 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 2021-41 An Ordinance Amending Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Fiscal Officer. 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 Resolution 2021-10 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. Myers made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-10 to be passed on an emergency measure. Cooke 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. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

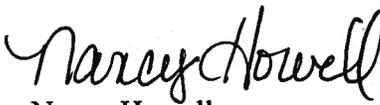
Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

Toby Thomas stated that he talked to Clint Cherry about closing down the road for special events. Clint Cherry doesn't think that the village parking lot will be large enough to hold the Halloween event. He told Toby Thomas that he will plan all of the events for 2022 at the beginning of the year and then submit them all at one time to council for approval. Clint Cherry also told Toby Thomas that the Rotary has asked him to

do what they did last year for Halloween. This will include a Jackolantern Jamboree and Business Trick or Treat from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. He also requested the road be closed from 3p.m. to 8 p.m.

Toby Thomas also wanted council to know that he had received an email from Mr. Bond stating that according to the Ohio Department of Transportation, the village has a right to shut down the road temporarily for parades and other events without ODOT's approval.

Gullett 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. 11, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members of Council present: Adam Gullett, Steve Ball, Stuart Cooke, Janice Myers and Jennifer Ball. Mike Willis was absent.

Also present: Mr. Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Chief Hicks, Joe Thomas

Chief Joe Hicks presented his 2022 budget for the Police Department. He went over the anticipated general expenses for 2022.

Some main topics discussed are as follows:

1. Request increase of \$200 each for full-time officer uniform allowance.
2. Request \$200 clothing allowance for part-time officers.
3. Request increase in training expenses to allow for continued professional training.
4. Request separate line item for police physicals to be paid out of.

Chief continued to go down through his budget line by line with council explaining how he planned to spend his capital outlay budget for 2022. He anticipates using it to upgrade the departments rifles, upgrade the police servers and desk tops and pay his body camera contract.

Joe Thomas then presented the 2022 budget for the Recreation Park Fund. He went over each line item with council members. He stated that his revenue was very dependent on what the weather was like so everything was his best guess.

The biggest change in the recreation budget for 2022 is that Labor Day will be exclusively run by the New London Park Improvement Corporation. The corporation will rent the village's facilities. There will be a contract between the Village of New London and the corporation and after Labor Day, the New London Park Improvement Corporation will pay a fee to the village. This fee is yet to be determined.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 11, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Steve Roeder, Shawn Pickworth, Joe Thomas, John Martin, Buddy Workman, Jen Hess, Kristina Moffit, Chet Blanton, Joe Hicks and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the September 27, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the September 29, 2021 special meeting were then presented for approval. Myers 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.

Chet Blanton stood and stated it had been brought to his attention that he needed to come and talk to council about the angel wings being painted on the side of his building downtown on Main Street. He stated that Jen Hess was in attendance to explain the project to council to get their approval to continue.

Toby Thomas explained that the village had an ordinance in place that required any mural on a building within the village limits to have council approval.

Jen Hess stood and explained that the angel wings represent children that have passed. The next phase of the project would be to add plates to the wings in memory of specific children. The plate would include the child's birth and death dates. The plates are for children 19 years old and younger and they are \$6 each. Anyone interested in purchasing one in memory of a child should contact Jen Hess.

Steve Ball made a motion to approve the Angel Wings project and mural as described by Jen Hess. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jen Hess thanked council for their approval.

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

John Martin stood and was upset that the seasonal camping rates at the reservoir had not been increased. He was concerned because all utilities are increasing. He wanted to know if council had taken that into consideration when making the decision about camping rates. Village residents are getting the increased utilities but there is nothing being done about it at the campground. He asked council for justification and he also wondered about individual electric meters for each camper.

John Martin continued by saying he also had received several complaints concerning concert tickets being given to seasonal campers. Currently, each seasonal campsite receives two concert passes to each concert at the reservoir during the season. He was concerned about the loss of income for the reservoir by giving complementary tickets to seasonal campers. John Martin stated that improvements to the roads and sewer

system were needed. He thought all these items justified an increase in seasonal camping rates. He was concerned and several residents in town were also concerned. John Martin and disgruntled residents are unhappy with the amenities and privileges that seasonal campers receive while the village residents do not receive them. John Martin concluded by thanking council for their time.

Toby Thomas thanked John Martin for his comments.

Adam Gullett replied that part of the money that the campers pay for seasonal rates would include entertainment. That is part of the experience of the whole campground. They want to be able to entice people to want to camp at the reservoir.

Jennifer Ball added that council saw the concert tickets as an amenity for seasonal campers because the New London Reservoir Campground did not have the amenities compared to other area campgrounds. She also didn't see the connection with comparing utility rates for seasonal campers with village residents. Members of council received the budget and they were in good standing so she didn't think they needed an increase at this time although she knew rates would need to be increased in the future.

Stuart Cooke stated he thought that seasonal rates should have been increased. There is a waiting list for the campground so they don't need to entice people to come camp. He thought all the factors should be taken into consideration when determining seasonal camper rates.

Steve Ball stated that he knows they need to make money and they don't receive tax support but at the same time it is a park. It is not a commercial campground trying to maximize its profit with investors. It is a park and it should provide a facility at a reasonable cost. Steve Ball also pointed out that department heads should be trusted to make the correct decision about their department.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We are ready to go to bid.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – working on engineering. We will be holding a conference call this week with Poggemeyer Engineering and the Village.
- Backflow/Cross Contamination Inspections – crews have been out in the Twp. conducting the annual inspections per OEPA rules and guidelines.
- Prospect Road Project – in preparation for this work, crews will be installing a mainline water valve Wednesday, October 13, 2021 @ 8:00 that will affect service on White Ave. and part of Clifton Street. Crews expect to have service restored by 2:00 pm same day. Information has been sent out to customers in advance of this project. If anyone should have questions or concerns, please contact the office at 419-929-4091.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction crews have been busy working on the Headworks portion of the project. A progress meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – we will be going to bid late 2021, early 2022 for this project.

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – construction has begun installing the new deck. Project is expected to be completed by November 1, 2021.
- Utility Payments – letters will be sent out to all landlords owning rentals within the Village to review our rules and regulations regarding payments received from rental properties.
- Hileman Building Project – We are asking Council’s permission to apply for funding for this project. Joe Thomas and I have been working with Poggemeyer Design Group on the possibility of remodeling and updating the Hileman Building and looking for funding that will allow us to do this. We are asking for letters of support from the community, council, school, and 501 C organizations from the area. Support letters can be sent to the Village at 115 East Main Street, New London, Ohio 44851. We are just in the beginning stages of planning this project. If anyone has any questions or concerns please feel free to contact either Joe Thomas or myself.
- Old School Property – Council was given the one and only proposal received for the possibility of the sale of the old school property. If the proposal is agreeable with Council we can start the process of the sale.
- Property Insurance – we are in the process of reviewing and renewing our insurance for the Village. We will be seeing a 14.9% market forced increase this year along with everyone else. 2020 - 2021 we paid \$44,008.00 next year, 2021-2022 we will pay \$49,435.00.
- The New London Park Improvement Corporation is asking Council’s permission to sell alcohol at the Gun Raffle on November 20, 2021 at the Hileman Building.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the New London Park Improvement Corporation to sell alcohol at the Gun Raffle on November 20, 2021 at the Hileman Building. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Gullett, Disqualify.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Chief Joe Hicks stated he didn’t have anything other than the question about closing main street for different events but he thought that topic had been discussed at the special council meeting held on September 29th. He verified with Shawn Pickworth that no permission from ODOT is necessary to close the road but they would like three days’ notice in order to reroute any potential wide loads scheduled through town.

The only other thing Joe Hicks had was he requested council's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding between the village and the school for the school resource officer.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated she had the run report for September. It had been a record-breaking month with 89 runs. New London Village had 56; New London Township 5; Fitchville Township 10; Troy Township 3; Ruggles Township 11; Mutual Aid; 4.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning. Buddy Workman stated he was waiting until the executive session.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation. Joe Thomas stated they had their golf scramble and it was a huge success. They ended up with 33 teams and they made \$6500. They are in the process of fixing a step on the boat ramp. The Gun Raffle is coming up. Tickets are available at Gilbert Hardware, Amoco and from any park board member. Joe Thomas continued by saying he has booked a Garth Brooks tribute band for the country concert on June 25, 2022. In conclusion, Joe announced there would be Trunk or Treat at the recreation park on October 23rd from noon until 2 p.m. This event is being sponsored by the New London Park Improvement Corporation.

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-41 An Ordinance Amending Section 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Fiscal Officer. 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.

Shawn Pickworth stated he wanted to say something about the resurfacing of the pavement in the village by ODOT. There are grant funds that are tied to the repaving of these roads for multiple things including sidewalks but a year does not give him enough time to apply for the funds. ODOT has agreed to move this project back to 2025 to allow him time to work on getting grant money to add to the repaving of the roads through town.

Council then discussed the old school property. It was decided to start over with the old school property advertising since the one proposal had not met the specifications required. The village will advertise for bids for the property without any specifications and the highest bid will be awarded the property. The village will be able to reject any or all bids and the final contract will be subject to approval by Ordinance, by Village Council.

Steve Ball made a motion to not proceed with the agreement with the Huron County Development Council for the sale of the Old School Property and the one proposal received and to proceed with advertising the property for sale to the highest bidder with the village reserving the right to refuse any and all bids. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Jennifer Ball asked if there was anything they needed to do for Chief Hicks with the MOU.

It was determined no motions needed to be made. Signatures were just required on the document.

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: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Willis, Absent; Gullett, Yes; Myers, Disqualify; Cooke, Abstain.

Toby Thomas then presented the bills under schedule C, Then and Now. Steve 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 enter into executive session to confer with legal counsel concerning a dispute involving the village that is the subject of pending or imminent court action. Gullett 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 return to regular session. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Yes; Willis, Absent; Gullett, Yes.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – Water, Sewer and Fire Budget Meeting – Mon., October 25, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Don Patton, Utilities Foreman, and John Chapin, Water/Sewer Superintendent and Fire Chief, presented the 2022 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

John and Don explained that the majority of the projects in the Water Department were being funded by grants. The main projects are a new water main on Park Avenue and a lead line replacement project.

In addition to the grant projects, the water department needs to replace several valves and may possibly need to replace a high-service pump. They also will need to replace some aging trucks in the coming years.

Water Tower Colocation Cooperation Fund

John and Don explained that this fund is where expenses for the antennae consortium are paid out of. This radio system is shared by seven different entities. Each entity pays a fee into this fund yearly to cover the cost of maintenance expenses.

Sewer

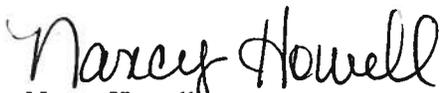
John Chapin and Don Patton began by saying the sewer project is underway and going well. They spent some time explaining the current project being completed at the sewer plant. That is currently the only existing project anticipated for the sewer department. If there is leftover money after the sewer project is complete, they plan on adding on to the Hoover building for additional storage. There were no other major changes to the budget.

Fire/Fire Fighting Facilities

John Chapin noted that the total Fire and Fire Fighting Facilities budget was the same as it had been for 2021.

In conclusion, John and Don thanked council for their support. They wouldn't be able to complete their projects without their approval.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

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

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

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

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

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

The minutes from the October 11, 2021 Police & Recreation Budget meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Steve Ball asked John Martin what the topic was about.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Toby Thomas thanked John Martin as he left.

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

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

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

Wastewater

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

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – we will be going to bid late 2021, early 2022 for this project.
- Downtown Improvements - The Village has an opportunity to submit a TAP application with the State (ODOT) for downtown improvements. The project will consist of new sidewalks, new lighting downtown from Prospect Street to the Railroad Crossing on St. Rt. 60 and from Energy Street to Park Ave. on St. Rt. 162. The engineers preliminary estimate is \$1,205,000.00. The Villages share would be \$160,000.00 and \$1,045,000.00 would be grant. This funding is highly competitive, but we believe we have a really good project that can compete. The question is how do we come up with the Villages share for the project?

Other

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

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

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

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

We currently have a 14-man roster.

*6 Full-Time

*5 Part-Time

*3 Reserves (Volunteers)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ordinance 2021-44 An Ordinance Approving an Educational Assistance Agreement for the School Resource Officer, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-44 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

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. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – County, Local, State Highway Tax, Street, Sanitation and Storm Budget
Meeting – Mon., November 8th, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members of council present: Janice Myers, Mike Willis, Adam Gullett, Stuart Cooke and Steve Ball.
Jennifer Ball absent.

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton and Steve Bond.

Don Patton, Utilities Foreman, presented the 2022 budgets for the County and Local Permissive Tax, State Highway, Street, Sanitation and Storm Sewer Funds. He went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund.

The main topic discussed was the continuing need to acquire funds for street improvement. Different options were discussed with the best option being an ordinance to increase the license plate taxes. This option would not generate enough money initially but it would begin to build up the street fund.

At the end of the meeting, Don Patton requested council allow the village to use the front of the office building for additional storage. The front of the village office building is not being rented out anymore and currently the village has items stored at other village office buildings. Don Patton would like to make storage available in the front of the Main Street building to allow for all records to be in one location.

Members of council agreed that would be a good idea.

The meeting ended by an updated review of the Recreation Budget.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 8, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Steve Roeder, Shawn Pickworth, John Martin, Joe Hicks, Don Patton, Marvin McCallister, Joe Thomas, Alan Girard, Tina Girard, Duane Mills and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the October 25, 2021 Water, Sewer and Fire Budget 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.

The minutes from the October 25, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Willis seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stood and began to hand out Hometown Holidays flyers. The event will start on Friday, December 3rd with the tree lighting ceremony and then continue on to Saturday. Saturday will begin with breakfast at the fire station with a parade to follow at 9 a.m. The main portion of Main Street will be closed to traffic. There will be many characters mingling with everyone in attendance. Shonna Gillenwater will be heading up vendors in the Community Building and Joyce Kidd Matson will be running vendors, crafts and other activities at the Hileman Building. The event will conclude at 2 p.m.

Toby Thomas thanked Ellen and asked if there were any other comments.

Duane Mills stood and requested council revise the current ordinance about utility accounts being in the land owners name. He has rental properties in two states and five other cities and none of them have the utility accounts set up the way the Village of New London does. He thinks the tenants should be able to have access to their bill and water usage.

Shawn Pickworth stated that currently all utility accounts are required to be in the name of whoever is the owner of the property. The village recently found out that utility bills are not public record so the village is not able to give information about the account to anyone but the owner.

Stuart Cooke agreed with Duane Mills that there needed to be a better solution for handling rental properties.

Steve Bond explained that the ordinance had been in place since 2017 and there was nothing illegal about the way the village had things set up. He went on to explain the change in the public records law.

A discussion ensued about the issue and it was determined that the topic would be brought up at the next council meeting under Old Business to discuss some possible solutions to the problem Mr. Mills was having.

Toby Thomas asked if anyone else had any questions.

Alan Girard and his wife Tina stood and stated they had moved from Tampa, Florida and taken residence of the trailer belonging to Donald Troisi which was on Village of New London property at the New London Reservoir. They had purchased the trailer with the understanding they would need to have the trailer moved to a new location but during their stay in New London, they have fallen in love with the community and wondered if it would be possible to keep the trailer at its current location. New London is close to highways that make travel easy for necessary doctor's appointments. They would be willing to pay rent and utilities to the village of New London.

Members of council discussed the idea and determined they wanted to use the space the trailer is currently on for added storage at the reservoir. Members of council appreciated the couple's comments and interest in the community but unfortunately, plans had already been made for the space so they would not be able to stay.

Alan and Tina Girard understood council's decision and thanked them for their time.

Toby Thomas asked if there was any other discussion.

John Martin stood and read the following statement:

The three-minute rule was established when many residents came to council to voice concerns as it took up much time to hear all concerns and meetings became very lengthy. When only one or two residents came to speak, Mayors did not stop them from speaking entirely unless it became repetitive. Mayors preside over the Council Meetings and should be the one determining the length of ones' questions or comments.

If the Council Meeting Agenda has been approved by Council and it DOES NOT state on the line item where it calls for public questions and/or statements allowing only (3) three minutes to speak AND when the Mayor opens the floor to public questions and comments, but fails to mention the (3) minute rule, the public should be given the right to speak to completion.

Getting cut short on a concern just doesn't seem right unless it becomes repetitive. I was not given the opportunity to speak entirely at the October 11 Council Meeting as the Mayor told me my three minutes were up unless I wanted to talk about another subject. He gave me the opportunity to speak further on a different subject, then why shouldn't I have been given the opportunity to make a last, one-minute statement and be finished? I WAS THE ONLY PUBLIC SPEAKER AT THAT MEETING.

At the October 25 Council Meeting, being the only PUBLIC SPEAKER, I asked for suspension of the 3-minute rule, and was denied account two Council members stated they had heard it all at the last meeting. They did not even know what the content was except that it was concerning the reservoir.

If Council and the Mayor read my letter to the editor in the New London Record, you would have seen otherwise. I have a copy of my letter available if you did not think it was important to look at in the paper. I THINK IT IS A GOOD ARGUMENT FOR GETTING A PARK LEVY PASSED. Will the Recreation Budget finish out 2021 in the red and will the Public be made aware?

My next question is: How many reservoir/recreation park campers are associated with the Village departments and if any Council Members are New London reservoir/recreation park campers, why are they not disqualifying themselves from voting on reservoir/recreation park concerns? These are my concerns and I hope the public becomes as concerned as I am and opens up and meets with Council as I invite them to any and all meetings!

Council members explained to John Martin that the recreation budget would definitely not be in the red but it would be in the black at the end of the year and there were no members of council who were seasonal campers at the reservoir campground.

The fiscal officer requested that John Martin stay after the meeting and discuss the recreation budget for more accurate numbers than what were listed in the newspaper.

Steve Ball added that the budgets were public record so anyone was able to come to the village office and request copies of any budget.

John Martin asked if the numbers given at the recreation budget meeting had been incorrect.

It was explained that at the time, those numbers were correct but more receipts had been posted since then because the recreation budget meeting is the first one. Significant activity still takes place after the budget meeting is held. That is why some of the numbers can look different before the end of the year. Again, John Martin was asked to stay after the meeting and the Fiscal Officer would explain the budget reports. John Martin agreed to stay and discuss the budget.

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

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We are ready to go to bid.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Funding application and information being submitted to the OEPA.
- Prospect Street Water Main – project is complete, crews just need to repair trench.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues. November's progress meeting will be held November 10, 2021 @ 9:00 am here in the Village.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – we will be going to bid late 2021, early 2022 for this project.
- Downtown Improvements – preapplication has been submitted.

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – deck is almost complete, waiting on final inspection.

Toby Thomas stated he had no report to share.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

At our last meeting I had requested to hire John Katitus as a part time police officer and Council approved that request. The following week, Mr. Katitus advised me he had accepted full-time employment with another police agency and would be declining our offer.

Since the last meeting I have requested and accepted the resignation of reserve officer Kyle Ancog because he was unable to meet our minimum monthly hours requirement. This currently gives us a total of 13 officers. At this time, I am requesting that Council allow us to continue to advertise for one part-time officer to fill the vacancy left by Katitus.

Officer Ryan Ginley has completed his 6-month F.T. probationary status. I have reviewed his evaluation with him and am requesting Council remove him from probation and give him a \$1.00 per hour raise.

Adam Gullett made a motion to remove Officer Ryan Ginley from probationary status to full-time officer and give him a \$1 per hour raise. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to advertise for a part-time officer to fill the vacancy left by John Katitus. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to accept the resignation of John Katitus as part-time police officer for the Village of New London. Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas asked Chief Hicks how the new School Resource Officer was doing.

Chief Hicks reported that he was signed up to complete CIT training pertaining to juveniles and SRO training. He was doing well and was building a rapport with the students and staff at New London Schools.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball absent.

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

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

- We will be shutting the water off to the reservoir and to the recreation park this Wednesday.
- All but 5 seasonals have paid their deposit for the 2022 season. Dusty is going to start calling the people on the list to fill those 5 spots.
- The gun raffle is coming up on November 20. Tickets are still available at the Amoco station and the hardware store and from any park board member.
- With the money raised from the gun raffle we would like to fix up the tennis courts. The cost of the tennis court is \$16,000 this includes leveling the low spots and lining the court and also putting lines in for pickle ball.

Janice Myers asked Joe Thomas if the waiting list for seasonal camper spots was on the reservoir website.

Joe Thomas stated it was not but it was readily available for anyone to look at any time. They are starting at the top of the list and that person has 48 hours to respond. He didn't know if it was a good idea to put names out on the website for everyone to see but he was willing to do it if that was council's desire.

Council decided the list should be available for viewing on the website but no phone numbers or any other information should be posted. It was decided a link would be placed on the website with the list and the date it was last updated. The list would not be available on Facebook.

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

Ordinance 2021-43 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. 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. There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Stuart Cooke stated he was approached about the side by side, four-wheel carts. The village currently doesn't have any guidelines in place for license plates or anything like they do for golf carts.

Joe Hicks explained that he and the gentleman had discussed the situation several times and he has been trying to come up with a solution.

After a discussion on the topic, it was determined that our current ordinance pertaining to golf carts should be amended to include side by sides. Mr. Bond would be involved in the process.

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 monthly bills for approval under Schedule B. Willis made a motion to approve Schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes; Myers, Disqualify; Cooke, Abstain.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – All Other Budget Meeting – Mon., November 22, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Fiscal Officer held the final budget meeting by discussing the General Fund, Cemetery Funds and all other remaining accounts. She went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund. Each budget was briefly discussed with no significant changes.

It was noted that the front of the Village offices is no longer being rented by Fisher-Titus so there would be no rental revenue going into the General Fund except for the rental of the Community Center.

The Fiscal Officer concluded the meeting talking about the village's procedures with landlords and rental properties concerning utility accounts.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

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

Water

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

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

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

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

- West Washburn Project – we will be going to bid late 2021, early 2022 for this project.
- Downtown Improvements – preapplication has been submitted.

Other

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

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

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

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-43 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. Third Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the third reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-46 An Ordinance Amending the Provisions for Employee Probationary Periods, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-46 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Absent; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Cooke made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-49 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Cooke made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-49 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Yes; Myers, Absent; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

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

Duane Mills was satisfied with this option.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

There was none.

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

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 13, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Lynne Phillips, Shawn Pickworth, Derek Johnson, Steve Roeder, Bill Given and Buddy Workman.

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

The minutes from the November 22, 2021 All Other Budget meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Abstain; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

The minutes from the November 22, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Abstain; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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

Ellen Simmons commented on the success of Hometown Holidays and thanked everyone for their help and attendance to the event.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We are ready to go to bid.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Funding application submitted to OEPA. We are out to bid for this project, bid opening will be on January 6, 2021 @ 2 pm in Council Chambers. Engineers estimate for this project is \$353,000 and it will be 100% principal forgiveness (grant).
- Crews repaired a 10" watermain break on Grant Street November 26, 2021. Well done.
- Pumps are running filling the reservoir.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- Routes will run as normal during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – we will be going to bid late 2021, early 2022 for this project.
- Downtown Improvements – full application is due by the end of the month. Please send us your letters of support, this is a huge part of the application. Council has legislation before them tonight officially giving me permission to apply for this funding.

Other

- Terry Wilson Deck – deck is complete, waiting on final inspection.
- 2022 is shaping up to be a very busy year with 3 major projects potentially being done at the same time. West Washburn Project, Park Ave. Waterline Replacement Project, Lead Service Line Replacement Project.

Toby Thomas reiterated what Ellen Simmons had commented about Hometown Holidays being a success.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

On June 5th, of this year New London officers received CPR and AED training through Firelands Ambulance Service. During that time, Jeff Vanderpool and I discussed the possibility of the police department obtaining an AED, as our officers are usually the first on scene during emergencies. On Tuesday, November 23, 2021 Firelands Ambulance Service allowed that conversation to become a reality, presenting us with a brand-new AED. The AED will be placed into service this weekend following our annual in-service.

I don't usually publicly broadcast the day to day events of the police department. We like to conduct our business and stay out of the limelight. However, the past few weeks have been a little out of the so-called "norm" for us. So, tonight I want to mention a few things that have happened recently and honor one of our own for his service.

During the early morning hours of Sunday, December 12th Officer Brett Harrenton stopped a vehicle along N. Main and E. Hooker St. after a registration check revealed it had been stolen from Euclid, OH. A high-risk felony stop was conducted on the four female occupants with the assistance of a Huron County Deputy. Three of the four females had warrants for their arrests. A search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of a loaded Glock 9MM hand gun with a 31-round clip. Two of the four suspects were arrested and transported to the Huron County Jail on felony charges of receiving stolen property and improper transporting of a firearm.

A second stolen vehicle was also reported in the Village on Thursday, December 9th. Officer Zach Ingraham handled that complaint and with the assistance of witnesses was able to determine the whereabouts of the suspect. Ofc. Ingraham with the help of Officer Brett Harrenton were able to locate the suspect at an Aster Ct. residence and take him into custody. He was transported to the Huron County Jail on felony charges of grand theft auto.

To conclude, I would like to honor Officer Derek Johnson this evening for a job well done. On Sunday, November 28th, shortly after 0600 hours, Ofc. Johnson responded to a call for an unresponsive infant. Upon his arrival, his training instincts kicked in and he began to administer CPR and back thrusts to this infant, which resulted in her regaining consciousness. We are happy to say the baby is back home with her family and doing well. For his actions I would like to present Ofc. Johnson with a letter of commendation.

Chief Joe Hicks then made his presentation to Officer Derek Johnson.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball shared November's run report. There were 77 calls for the month.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning. Buddy Workman had nothing to report.

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

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-51 An Ordinance Amending Section 331-45 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Off-Street Vehicles on Public Roadways, and Providing for an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-51 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. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-52 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Willis made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-52 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Gullett made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-53 An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies Relative to the Uniform Allowance. First Reading. Myers made a motion to approve the first reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-54 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Section 143.09(B) of the Codified Ordinances and the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies, Relative to a Health Insurance Supplement Benefit. 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 presented Resolution 2021-11 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Submit to the Ohio Department of Transportation Alternative Program Grant an Application for Funding Assistance for the New London Downtown Improvements Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-11 to be passed on an emergency measure. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; 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 called for Old Business.

Steve Ball asked that residents submit their letters in support of the downtown improvements. The village needs help to receive this funding.

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. 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, Absent.

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

Steve Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to Consider the Sale of Property at Competitive Bidding if Premature Disclosure of Information Would Give an Unfair Competitive or Bargaining Advantage to a Person Whose Personal, Private Interest is Adverse to the General Public Interest. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Cooke, Absent; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Ball 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.

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

 
Nancy Howell Toby Thomas
Fiscal Officer Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 28, 2021 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Lynne Phillips and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Willis made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Cooke, Abstain; Myers, Yes; Willis, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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

Ellen Simmons stated that since there was extensive painting done on the windows for Hometown Holidays they were going to be hiring someone to clean all the windows.

Stuart Cooke commented that his brother in California had mentioned to him that probably about eight different individuals had come to his golf club and talked about Who London.

Ellen Simmons was impressed that news of the event had traveled all the way to California. She then stated that the next Community Club meeting would be on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 9 a.m. at the coffee shop. All are welcome to attend.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We will be going to bid by the end of January. Bid opening is scheduled for February 17, 2022.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – We are out to bid right now for this project. Bid opening will be January 6, 2022 @ 2:00pm.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues. Got some good news last week about materials coming in ahead of schedule. This should pull the project weeks ahead of schedule.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- Routes will run as normal during the New Year holidays.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- West Washburn Project – hoping to go to bid late January, early February.
- Downtown Improvements – full application will be submitted by the end of the week.

Other

- I would like to say Thank You to Stuart Cooke, Jannie Myers & Mike Willis for their service over the years. It has been a pleasure working for and with you.
- Have a Safe & Happy New Year!

Stuart Cooke asked Shawn Pickworth if the plans for the Park Avenue Water Main project were out yet.

Shawn Pickworth replied that no they were not out yet but they would be going to bid for the project at the end of January.

Toby Thomas thanked Janice Myers, Stuart Cooke and Mike Willis for their years of service to the Village of New London by serving as members of council. Stuart and Janice both served as members of council for 16 years while Mike Willis had served for six. He wished them all luck with their future endeavors.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report.

On 12/01/2021 I applied for a grant through Firelands Electric Cooperative called Operation Round Up. I am pleased to announce that our application was approved by the Co-Ops. board. The request totaled \$3,631.70. This funding has allowed us to purchase the following items:

20 Gallon Air Compressor
10 Gallon Portable Air Tank
Gas Pressure Washer
Retractable Air Hose with Accessories
Car Cleaning Supplies
4 Latent Finger Print Kits
Evidence Bags
Barrier Tape
4 First Aid Kits for the cruisers
3 Cases of Dash Medical Gloves

In-service training on December 18 went well and our new AED has been placed into service.

I would like to close by thanking each of our outgoing council members for their years of dedicated service to the community of New London. We appreciate your commitment and dedication to the Village. I would like to personally thank you for our professional working relationship.

We want to wish everyone a safe and happy new year as we move toward 2022.

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

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

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

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-50 An Ordinance Enacting an Additional License Tax at the Rate of \$5.00 per Motor Vehicle. 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 2021-53 An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies Relative to the Uniform Allowance. Second Reading. Cooke made a motion to approve the second reading. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-54 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Section 143.09(B) of the Codified Ordinances and the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies, Relative to a Health Insurance Supplement Benefit. 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 2021-55 An Ordinance Authorizing the Administrator and Fiscal Officer to Enter into an Agreement for the Sale of Approximately 3.383 Acres of Land (The “Old School Property”), and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-55 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, Absent. 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 2021-56 An Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Temporary Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-56 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. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-57 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Myers made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-57 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. 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 2021-58 An Ordinance Amending the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2021-58 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, Absent. 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.

Stuart Cooke stated that a number of months ago, there had been discussion of not using Richland County for engineering and using a different county agency for those kinds of inspections. He asked Shawn Pickworth if anything had ever come of it.

Shawn Pickworth responded by saying that nothing had changed yet. He thought they had met with some opposition. He thinks Mayor White is still trying to make it happen but they are in a waiting pattern right now.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth if he had notified everyone that Carol Knapp would be leaving HCDC.

Shawn Pickworth stated he had let everyone know that she was retiring at the end of the year. He had spent some time over in Norwalk and brought home a lot of information on a thumb drive and he is hoping to learn the process until someone new is hired.

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 bills under schedule B, Then and Now. Cooke made a motion to approve Schedule B. 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.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor