NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Special Meeting – Tuesday, January 4, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

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

Roll call with the following members present, Steve Ball, Jennifer Ball, Steve Roeder, Alison Chapin. Gullett was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, John Chapin, and Steve Bond.

Mayor Thomas administered the oath of office to the newly elected Council members: Steve Roeder, Alison Chapin, and Jennifer Ball.

Motion by Jennifer Ball to appoint Adam Gullett and Steve Roeder to the Volunteer Firefighter Board, second by Steve Ball. All ayes, no opposed, motion carried.

Motion by Jennifer Ball nominating Steve Ball as Council President Pro-Tempore, seconded by Steve Roeder. Vote all ayes, no opposed, motion carried.

Jennifer Ball volunteered to perform the duties of acting clerk for 2022, in the Clerk's absence, second by Steve Ball. All ayes, no opposed, motion carried.

There was minor discussion regarding committee assignments and the proposed "Rules of Council" ordinance. No formal action taken.

Motion made to adjourn by Jennifer Ball, second by Steve Roeder. All ayes, no opposed, motion carried.

Steve Ball
Council President Pro-Tempore

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 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, Gullett, Chapin, Roeder and Jennifer Ball.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Steve Bond and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the December 28, 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 January 4, 2022 special meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Since the council meeting was closed to the public due to the spread of illness, Toby Thomas asked anyone with any questions or comments to please call his cell phone.

There were no calls.

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 13, 2022 @ 2:00pm.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues. Progress meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2022.

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 – hoping to go to bid late January, early February.

- Downtown Improvements – working on final application.

Other

- The Village Office is closed to the public at this time for illnesses. We are and have been battling a number of Covid cases within all our crews. Please be patient with us. We hope to open back up in a couple of weeks.

Toby Thomas stated he didn't really have anything but he emphasized the importance of keeping everyone safe during this time of increased Covid cases.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

After welcoming new members of council Alison Chapin and Steve Roeder, Police Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report:

The New London Police Department concluded the 2021 year with 3,344 service calls. That is exactly a 500-call increase from the 2,844 calls we fielded in 2020 and down 330 calls from the 3,674 handled in 2019.

The year posed some challenges and many unanticipated twists and turns, but also some positives. Some of the challenges have been turn over and covering shifts due to COVID, which we are still contending with.

The positives included the opportunity to work in conjunction with New London Schools to put a full-time officer out there, the purchase of a new cruiser (although, that too has posed a challenge because we are still waiting on its arrival nearly 9 months later). With council's approval we were able to get part-time and full-time officers wages increased to be slightly more appealing to outside applicants and be somewhat more competitive with other surrounding agencies, but still feel there is work to be done in this area.

We appreciate our community and look forward to what 2022 will bring.

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

Steve Ball commented that John Chapin had emailed everyone a full run report for the 2021 year so anyone interested in seeing that report can request a copy.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball stated Firelands Ambulance had 862 calls in 2021. This is the busiest year on record. There was about a 200-call increase from previous years. Jennifer thanked Firelands Ambulance for providing this service to the community.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation. Joe Thomas was absent but provided the following report:

- The Reservoir is full for seasonal campers for the 2022 season. At the end of the 2021 season we had to fill 5 spots and Dusty has done a great job of getting them filled. We have also booked a couple of seasonal campers that will be staying at the recreation park this year. We are hoping to get around 5 or 10 seasonals for the park.

- We have been working on getting some of the events and contracts out for the 2022 Labor Day Festival already.
- The country concert is booked for June 25th. We are opening with Aiden Albaugh and then Terry Lee Goffee (a Johnny Cash tribute) will play next and our head liner for the night will be No Fences a Garth Brooks tribute band. I think this could be one of our biggest country concerts yet. If you are interested in camping I would call and get your spots now.
- We have also booked the Rocking the Rez concert which will be on July 16th. Mike Stevens (TARP) will be opening. Playing second will be Monica Robins and the Whiskey Kings. Monica Robins is a channel 3 news anchor. The head liner for the concert is Pendulum which is a Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute band.
- We are reaching out to local businesses and any business in the surrounding areas that would like to be a sponsor for any and all of the park's events. If you are interested and do not receive a letter please contact me at the village office.

Toby Thomas explained a little bit about the ordinance procedure to the new members of council.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2021-53 An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies Relative to the Uniform Allowance. 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 2021-54 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. Third Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas skipped Ordinance 2022-01 for the time being and presented Ordinance 2022-02 An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Chapter 955 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Parks. First Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then moved back to Ordinance 2022-01 an Ordinance Amending and Restating the Rules of Village Council. First Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion.

Steve Ball then made a motion to amend the following in Ordinance 2022-01:
Paragraph 1.3 to strike residing officer and put mayor or president pro-tempore.; Paragraph 1.5 strike remainder of sentence and insert canceled in agreement of mayor and president pro-tempore; Rule 5 paragraph 5.2.1 stay at 5 minutes instead of 3 minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated that before he took a vote on approval of the first reading of Ordinance 2022-1 he wanted to discuss with council the possibility of moving to one meeting a month and also the possibility of moving council to a different day of the week.

These topics were discussed with pros and cons and the final decision was to leave council meetings as two times per month and they would also remain on Monday evenings.

Roll call was then taken to approve the first reading. All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas went over all the committees and council appointed open seats.

For the cemetery board, Tom Neal's seat was up. Terms for the cemetery board are three years. Council requested that Toby Thomas reach out to Tom Neel and see if he would be interested in serving another term. Toby Thomas agreed to reach out to Tom Neel.

April Maple's term on the Board of Income Tax Review was up. Council again asked Toby Thomas to reach out and see if April Maple was interested in remaining on the Income Tax Board for another term. Toby Thomas agreed to reach out to April Maple.

Steve Ball's term on the Monument Committee was complete. One member of council serves on this board. Adam Gullett made a motion to have Steve Ball serve another term on the Monument Committee. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The Recreation Committee is in the process of being revised with Ordinance 2022-2.

Council then discussed how they would like to receive information for council meetings. It was determined that council would receive physical copies of the agenda and approval of bill report. Everything else will just be emailed

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

Toby Thomas then presented 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.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to adjourn. Gullett 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, January 24, 2022 @ 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, Gullett, Chapin, and Roeder. Jennifer Ball absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Joe Thomas, Chet Blanton, Mike Dyer, John Chapin and Shawn Pickworth.

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 January 10, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated she was working on the town event cards. If anyone knows of any events to be on the card, please let her know. She hopes they will be out by the end of February. These cards are paid for by the Community Club.

Ellen Simmons then announced that the United Fund would be accepting applications for grants. Contact Mary Lou Harris or Brad Romano if your organization or group is interested in applying for funding.

Ellen Simmons concluded by explaining the upcoming rotary/music boosters March raffle. This year's profit will be split between Rails to Trails and an international project called Shelter Boxes. Ticket prices are $5 each. Each day in March a name is drawn and a cash prize will be given. Only 1,000 tickets are sold. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets can contact Ellen or any Rotarian or music booster.

Mike Dyer stood and stated he had recently purchased 24 East Main Street, the PNC bank building. The parking lot behind the building is used by many members of the community. Because of this, his request was that the village take care of snow removal in the parking lot.

Members of council, the mayor and Shawn Pickworth discussed the request. They asked for input from Mr. Bond. Mr. Bond suggested Mr. Dyer provide a license to the Village of New London allowing the parking lot behind PNC to be used as a community parking lot. This would allow the village to remove snow from that area. Mr. Bond will draw something up.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – We are out to bid now.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Bid opening was held January 13, 2022. Council has legislation before them tonight to award the project.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues.

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 – hoping to go to bid late January, early February.

- Downtown Improvements – application finished.

- Snow Events – we have had a couple of snow events so far this year. Crews are doing a great job keeping the snow cleaned up. Thank You. Reminder, help our plow drivers out by parking off street when a snow event is in the forecast and please give our drivers plenty of space to operate.

Other

- Village Office is closed to the public at this time for illnesses. We are and have been battling Covid within all our crews. Please be patient with us, we hope to open back up in a couple of weeks.

Steve Ball asked Shawn to pass on to the crews that their time has been noticed and the work they are doing is appreciated.

Steve Bond added that he had come from Cleveland and passes through many different municipalities. He did not feel safe on the roads until he entered the Village of New London. He thought the village crews had done a great job.

Toby Thomas had no report to share for the evening.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Police Chief Joe Hicks had nothing to report.

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 absent.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation. Joe Thomas stated he knew the "Old School Property" was in the process of being sold. He asked council if they would allow the recreation department to receive the money from the sale of the land. He was asking for the money because the recreation department had maintained the land over the years by mowing it to save the village thousands of dollars every year. Joe Thomas felt the recreation department should receive the funds as payment for the service that was provided. He would use the funds to upgrade some of the electric at the reservoir campground.

After discussing his request, it was decided to allow the recreation department to receive the funds.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the proceeds from the sale of the "Old School Property" to be deposited into the Recreation Improvement Fund. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas presented Ordinance 2022-01 (as amended) An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Rules of Village Council. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then approved Ordinance 2022-02 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Chapter 955 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Parks. 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.

Joe Thomas stated he had one more thing to add. He had been approved by the Fireland's Electric Peoples Fund for $2500 for lumber for picnic tables.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Shawn Pickworth presented Inspire New London's request to close Main Street on July 23, 2022 and October 29, 2022.

Gullett made a motion to close Main Street to allow Inspire New London to hold a Christmas in July event on July 23, 2022 and a Halloween event on October 29, 2022. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Steve Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the appointment of a Village Official and to confer with Village Legal Council concerning a dispute involving the Village that is possibly the subject of pending or imminent court action. Roll call: Gullett, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Jennifer Ball, Absent; Chapin, Yes; Roeder, Yes.

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

Gullet made a motion to accept Chet Blanton as the new member of council. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas presented Ordinance 2022-03 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Dirt Dawg Excavating, LLC for the New London Lead Service Line Replacement, and Declaring an Emergency. There were not enough council members to pass this ordinance on an emergency measure so only a first reading was done.

Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder 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

Special Meeting – January 26, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order.

Roll call with the following members present, Steve Ball, Jennifer Ball, Steve Roeder, Alison Chapin and Adam Gullett.

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

Toby Thomas presented Ordinance 2022-03 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with Dirt Dawg Excavating, LLC for the New London Lead Service Line Replacement, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-03 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Steve Ball
Council President Pro-Tempore

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, February 14, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

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

Mayor Thomas administered the oath of office to newly appointed Council member Chet Blanton.

Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Steve Ball, Gullett, Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball and Roeder.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Suzanne Cooke, Bob Cooke, Heather Young, Cory Young and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the January 24, 2022 regular meeting 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 January 26, 2022 special meeting were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Heather Young stood and introduced herself and stated her husband Cory and their neighbor Suzanne Cooke were also in attendance. The Young's purchased 92 South Main Street in June and since then they have had many issues with the property behind them owned by Sheree Thomas. Ms. Thomas owns a piece of landlocked property behind theirs and has to use their and another neighbor's driveway to access her property. There have been many problems during the nine months they have lived in their home. The police have been involved. Heather Young described some of the issues they were dealing with and she asked the village for their help.

Shawn Pickworth and Police Chief Joe Hicks explained how the property had become landlocked and how the village had pursued Sheree Thomas for zoning issues but they had done everything they could and now the matter would be a civil issue between Sheree Thomas and the Young's. Steve Bond also commented on the situation and agreed it was a civil matter.

Mr. & Mrs. Young continued to describe many problems they were having with Ms. Thomas and asked if the village couldn't help them what should they do?

Mr. Bond suggested they contact a lawyer and see if it would be worth it to pursue a lawsuit against Ms. Thomas. There was nothing else the village could do.

Toby Thomas asked if there were any other public comments.

Ellen Simmons stated the town event cards were close to completion. She encouraged anyone with events to add to the card to get them in as soon as possible.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – A pre-bid zoom meeting was held on February 3, 2022. Bid opening is scheduled for February 17, 2022.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – We are in the process of awarding the bid and signing contracts. Project is expected to begin early spring 2022.

- Crews have been busy tracking down multiple water main leaks last week. We called in Ohio Rural Water Association to help locate the leaks. Crews repaired one on North Maple, South Railroad & Twp. Rd 1281. Crews continue to look for one on Park Avenue. We will be calling the leak locators back in to help locate.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues. A progress zoom meeting was held on February 9, 2022, project continues to be on schedule.

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 meeting with Tim Bock from Poggemeyer Design Group to finalize prints and getting ready to go to bid.

- Downtown Improvements – application finished. Haven't heard anything yet.

Other

- Sidewalks – just a reminder that sidewalks should be cleared after snow events. Please be good neighbors and help the ones who can't.

Bob Cooke asked if there was an ordinance about snow removal on sidewalks.

Police Chief Hicks stated he was sure there was but he would have to look it up to verify.

Toby Thomas stated he wanted to emphasize how well the crews did with snow removal during the last snow event. They worked hours and hours and he appreciated everything they did. He also commended the water crews. He noticed all their work in finding the various leaks. He concluded by saying he appreciates the work of all the safety services. They all do a great job.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Police Chief Joe Hicks presented the following report:

Our department just completed in-service training Saturday for our annual Taser recertification. In addition to that, we watched a brief video and discussed the contents of the 4 Backing the Blue First Responder Sensory kits we received from Kayla Obenour, a speech language pathologist and former Miss Ohio.

These kits contain various items such as sun glasses, ear muffs, fidget spinners, a weighted blanket and a marker board to assist officers in communicating with individuals with varying abilities. The items in these kits are intended to help calm the individual in a time of need and stabilize a situation quicker and safer. These kits have been placed in each of our cruisers and can be deployed when needed.

Lastly, I want to thank our Village street crews for the tremendous job they did during our last big snow event along with the Village residents for complying with our parking ban order.

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 began by reading a letter submitted to the mayor, village council and the village administrator from Dan Bailey, the Firelands Ambulance Service Coordinator. Mr. Bailey asked the village to assist Firelands Ambulance Service with a portion of the ARPA funds the village received. Due to increased call volume, increased cost of supplies, increased outstanding accounts receivables and additional equipment needed, the ambulance service is currently within 15% of depletion. The letter concluded by asking the village to consider their request for financial assistance of any amount.

Jennifer Ball asked the village to consider helping the ambulance service and stated any dollar amount would be appreciated. She also wanted to know if council would approve Steve Roeder as an alternate to the ambulance board to sit in for her when she is unable to attend the board meetings. Having an alternate would ensure that there would always be a member of council present at the ambulance board meetings.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to appoint Steve Roeder as an alternate to the ambulance board. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball commented that he would like the village to assist the ambulance service if it is possible.

After a conversation discussing the needs of the ambulance service and the ARPA funds, it was determined a workshop would be held to discuss the ways the village should use their ARPA money.

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 presented Ordinance 2022-01 (as amended) An Ordinance Amending and Restating the Rules of Village Council. Third Reading. Gullett 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 2022-02 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Chapter 955 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Parks. Third Reading. Gullett 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 2022-01 A Resolution Appointing Sutton Bank as an Additional Depository for Inactive, Active, and Interim Funds, and Authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to Enter into Agreements and to Deposit Village Funds in Accordance therewith, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2022-01 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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.

Toby Thomas wanted to update council on a couple things with committees.

Steven Fawcett and April Maple have agreed to remain on the Board of Tax Review. John Chapin has the Volunteer Firefighters board in order and Adam Gullett and Steve Roeder are the council nominees on that board.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Jennifer Ball asked if they could set up a workshop to discuss ARPA funds.

A workshop was scheduled for February 28th at 6:30 before the next council meeting.

Steve Ball then stated that after reviewing the dates of the council meetings for 2022, he noticed the last council meeting of the year would be on December 26th. This day will be the observed legal holiday for Christmas since the 25th is on a Sunday. He wondered if there would even need to be a second meeting in December. He asked everyone's opinion about canceling the second meeting in December.

The only issue that would arise would be approving bills that would be going out before the end of the year. It was determined that three council members would come in and sign off on any bills needing to be paid before the end of the year. It was also noted that a special meeting could be called if anything else came up that needed attention before the end of the year. After consulting with Mr. Bond on the issue, a motion will be made at the first meeting in December to cancel the December 26th meeting.

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

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

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chet Blanton, Adam Gullett, Steve Ball, Jennifer Ball, Alison Chapin, Steve Roeder, Shawn Pickworth, Joe Hicks, Don Patton, John Chapin and Steve Bond.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the workshop to order to discuss plans for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the village.

The village received one installment of ARPA funds in August of 2021 and will receive a duplicate amount in August of 2022. The total amount received will be $247,003.00.

So far, the village has utilized these funds to provide utilities to Tipp Products and to upgrade the meter reading process for the utility department. Other proposed plans for the money are as follows:

- Down payment on a salt truck
- Battery Operated Jaws of Life for Fire Department
- New server, desktop computers and rifles for the police department
- Road updates at the recreation and/or reservoir parks
- Cemetery improvements

Workshop was adjourned.

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 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, Gullett, Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball and Roeder.

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

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

The minutes from the February 14, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Marvin McCallister asked about the ordinances. He wondered if the mayor only read the title of the ordinance when asking for approval of the readings.

Toby Thomas explained that the title of the ordinance generally included a brief summary of what the ordinance was about. If anyone wanted more detail he would provide it.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

<u>Water</u>

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Bid opening was held February 17, 2022.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Received contract docs to sign today. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled between the Engineer, Village and Contractor the first 2 weeks of March.

- Crews have been busy decommissioning the old water plant.

<u>Wastewater</u>

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – construction continues.

<u>Storm Sewers</u>

- 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 plan on going to bid March 8, 2022 with bid opening happening on March 23, 2022.

- Downtown Improvements – application finished. Haven't heard anything yet.

Other

- Demo Project – the Huron County Land Reutilization Corporation (Landbank) is looking for properties to demo. We will be applying for funds through the Ohio Department of Development. This is 100% paid for by grant funding. New London has been approved to demo a property on N. Railroad and Clifton Street. If anyone would like to add a property to the list for funding please get ahold of me asap. Owners will be required to sign a Right of Entry giving the Landbank and or its contractors permission to go onto the property. We are looking for Commercial, Residential and Brownfield projects. Again, contact me at 419-929-4091.

- Charles Tetrick is requesting Council to approve a 90-day medical leave of absence per the Village's employee handbook.

Gullett made a motion to approve a 90-day unpaid medical leave of absence for Charles Tetrick. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed

Toby Thomas presented Ordinance 2022-04 An Ordinance Adopting the 2022 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 2022-04 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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 2022-05 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2021-48, Relative to Hazard Pay Supplement for Certain Employees of the Village and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-05 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Gullett 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 2022-06 An Ordinance Amending the 2022 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 2022-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-07 An Ordinance Accepting and Confirming the Acceptance of the Dedication of a Portion of Wildcat Drive. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with BK Layer, LLC, for the Construction and Installation of the Park Avenue & West Main Street Water Replacement Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-08 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow $10,000 of the ARPA funds to go to Firelands Ambulance Service. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas asked Mr. Bond to explain the new legislature to once again allow electronic meetings.

Mr. Bond briefly explained the legislature and stated that if council wanted to implement electronic meetings, an ordinance would need to be passed.

Members of council did not think electronic meetings would be necessary.

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

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

Nancy Howell

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 14, 2022 @ 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, Gullett, Chapin, Blanton and Roeder. Jennifer Ball was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Joe Thomas, Sandy Sword, Lance Capiot, Oszvaldo Gonzales Jr. and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the February 28, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Sandy Sword from Park Avenue stood and stated she had a zoning complaint. Back in 2011 her neighbor had added to his garage. At the time, she suspected the garage may be on her property line so she questioned it. She was told by former Zoning Inspector Bob James that it was within zoning regulations and the addition was approved. When the village began making zoning changes, the Swords had their property surveyed. Upon the completion of the survey, it was determined that the neighbor's garage is not only close to the lot line, it is over it. The property has since been sold and Mrs. Sword wants something done. She also requested hard copies of the zoning code be available to residents who did not wish to utilize the online document located on the village website.

Steve Ball replied that the zoning inspector is not a surveyor so he does not verify lot lines.

Sandy Sword stated she thought the problem falls back on the village and thinks the Village of New London should take responsibility. She also complained about an issue with the golf course during the time the zoning map was being redone.

Members of council, the mayor and Mrs. Sword discussed the issue. Council did not really know what could be done at this point. Mrs. Sword was adamant that the village should take responsibility. It was recommended that Mrs. Sword work with her lawyer and her neighbor. It was also noted that hard copies of the zoning code would be made available at the village office.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

<u>Water</u>

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – The Huron County Commissioners approved to enter into contract with BK Layer, LLC from Perrysville, OH last Tuesday, March

8, 2022. We would like to again thank the Commissioners for supporting and allowing us to apply and receive this funding for this project.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Contractor would like to begin the project on March 22nd. Progress meetings for this project will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – a progress meeting was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Project continues to be on schedule as of right now. There are some concerns about some materials being back ordered.

- I am asking Council's permission to purchase a truck to replace the sewer on-call truck at State Bid pricing. This was budgeted for and discussed during our annual budget meetings.

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 are out to bid for this project. Bid opening will be on March 23, 2022.

- Downtown Improvements – application finished. Haven't heard anything yet.

Other

- Would like Council's permission to enter into contract with Pott's Mowing Service for the 2022 mowing season in the amount of $14,000.00. This does not include the trimming of the cemetery. Trimming will be done using summer help.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the purchase of a truck to replace the sewer on-call truck at state bid pricing as discussed in prior budget meetings. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to enter into a contract with Pott's Mowing Service for the 2022 mowing season in the amount of $14,000.00. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated the only thing he had was that he had received the resignation of Buddy Workman as zoning inspector as of April 1, 2022. The position has been advertised in the New London Record and

it has been placed on the village's Facebook page and the village website. Currently, there have been no applicants for the position.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police. Police Chief Joe Hicks presented the following report:

I would like to start off tonight by mentioning that I was in touch with our rep. from Statewide Ford last week. In an effort to keep costs down, Steve Rick came in last Friday to pick up some of the items that will be reused in our new cruiser. In speaking with him, I was informed our new cruiser has been delivered to their dealership and the outfitting phase of the build has begun. He estimated about a 3-week time frame before it is delivered to us in what is called "Cruiser Ready" status, simply meaning it will be ready for service. We anxiously await its arrival, as it's been nearly a year since we ordered it. Since late last fall we have been running with only a 3-car fleet because of various issues with car 4 that just don't seem feasible to fix and then turn around and sell it. Because of this there have been instances where the SRO has had to drive his personal vehicle to the school.

The rep also told me that lead times and prices are both expected to increase going forward and recommended that if we are looking to purchase a cruiser in 2023 it would be best to consider getting the order in now. I would like to start looking into this and receive a quote for the purchase of a cruiser in 2023.

I have also completed 6-month evaluations for two of our full-time officers, Brett Harrenton and Aric Ubienski. They both received very good ratings on their evaluations and we greatly appreciate the work they have done. I would ask that you approve removing them from probationary status and give them the standard $1.00 per hour raise.

Ofc. Harrenton's probationary dates were 09/07/2021 – 03/07/2022. I would ask that his pay increase be back dated to 03/07/2022.

Ofc. Ubienski's probationary dates were 09/15/2021 – 03/15/2022.

Continuing with personnel, I would also like to ask for council's approval to hire Oszvaldo Gonzalez Jr. as part-time at a rate of $15.00 per hour. Oszvaldo has 12.5 years of law enforcement experience. He currently works full-time with University Hospitals Police Department and has previously worked for Wakeman, Vermilion, and Cleveland Transit Police. The sergeant and I have interviewed him and feel he would be a great addition to our staff.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge Sergeant Lance A. Capiot with a commendation for his quick response and actions on Sunday, March 06, 2022. That evening he responded to a call for a kitchen fire at a Williams St. apartment. Upon his arrival, he was able to extinguish a grease fire using a fire extinguisher that we carry on patrols. Fire Chief John Chapin later told me that Sgt. Capiot's quick actions undoubtedly saved further damage to the structure, as the fire had begun spreading up the wall next to the stove.

Chief Hicks then called Sergeant Lance A. Capiot forward and presented him with a commendation.

Steve Ball made a motion to remove Brett Harrenton from probation as of March 7, 2022 and Aric Ubienski from probation as of March 15, 2022 and give them both the standard raise of $1 per hour. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Gullett then made a motion to hire Oszvaldo Gonzalez Jr. as a part-time police officer for the Village of New London at a rate of $15 per hour. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball recommended that Chief Hicks wait until the third quarter of the year to commit to a new police cruiser to see how the budget was looking.

Police Chief Joe Hicks agreed to wait.

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 are getting things ready at both parks to open for the season. Frank and Charley started today at the reservoir. They are working on getting the restrooms ready to open. In the uptown restrooms we have to replace 3 toilets and 3 of the flushers for the toilets.
- We will be turning the water on at the recreation park this Thursday. I have a couple of water hydrants at the park that have to be replaced before we get that water on. I did get one done today and hopefully can finish the other tomorrow.
- Right now, I have 6 men's teams for my Friday night softball league. That will be starting the middle of May.
- BCU started today on the new lights for the tennis courts. New tennis court lights and repair of the batting cages will be paid for by a generous donation from Fisher Titus Medical Center.
- I am meeting tomorrow with BOCA Construction to look at the roads at the rec park and the reservoir. They will be doing the grinding for the paving project. They bring all their equipment and employees and do it for free. It is part of their training and gives them an opportunity to make sure their equipment is ready for the season.
- The adult prom we hosted Feb 19th was a big success. We ended up making around $4500.

- We will be submitting our application for the Capital Bill Grant this week. We are going after funding to renovate the Hileman Building.

Steve Ball commended Joe on the tremendous work he does. He also asked Joe Thomas to announce one more time when the camping season starts.

Joe Thomas replied that opening day is on April 29th. Joe Thomas added that any seasonal campers wishing to clean up their sites before opening day were welcome to do so while the weather is nice.

Ellen Simmons stated she noticed the new light poles out at the reservoir and wondered if they were just lights or lights and cameras.

Joe Thomas replied they were just lights.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-07 An Ordinance Accepting and Confirming the Acceptance of the Dedication of a Portion of Wildcat Drive. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-09 An Ordinance Revising the Job Description for the Village Administrator to Clarify that the Contracting Authority Shall Follow the Standard Provision of State Law. 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 2022-10 An Ordinance Authorizing Expenditures from the ARPA-Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-10 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas asked Mr. Bond to explain the new law about fireworks.

Mr. Bond explained that fireworks are now allowed in Ohio. There are now 10 different holidays that village residents may shoot off fireworks. If council would like to stray from the original law with any stipulations on times or which holidays fireworks will be allowed, they will need to pass an ordinance stating these details.

After a lengthy discussion between members of council, Mr. Bond, Joe Hicks, Mayor Thomas and Joe Thomas it was decided to maintain the rule that no fireworks are allowed at the reservoir or recreation parks. Other than that, they would go by a case by case basis.

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

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

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 28, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

Council President Pro-Tempore Steve Ball 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: Steve Ball, Gullett, Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball and Roeder.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, John Chapin, Brad Booth and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the March 14, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stood and stated that the public event cards are out. She carries them with her and there are also several locations in town that have them too.

Brad Booth then stood and stated he lived on West Washburn Street. He has signs in his yard about the weight limit for the nearby bridge. The signs used to be smaller. The signs there now are much larger and he wanted to know why they changed.

Shawn Pickworth replied that after a bridge inspection, he had been required by the state to post larger signs.

Brad Booth wondered if the signs could be moved closer to the bridge.

Shawn Pickworth agreed to move the signs closer to the bridge.

Brad Booth then asked Shawn if they were going out for bids for the West Washburn Improvement Project.

Shawn Pickworth said yes and that he would be talking about the project in his report.

Brad Booth also suggested that the village allow residents to drive ATVs as long as they purchase a yearly permit. He thought this money could go into the street fund to help improve the streets.

Steve Ball thanked Brad Booth.

Steve Ball called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – waiting on contracts to be executed by the Huron County Commissioners.

- 2 main line valves on Walnut Street are scheduled to be replaced on April 5th. Reschedule date due to weather will be April 12th.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – contractor to start soon.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – project continues to be on schedule. The new pump station has been put into service, one of the trickling filters has been rebuilt, startup will happen this week then the second trickling filter will be taken out of service for rebuild.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

- Spring Clean Up – April 2nd -April 15th. Monday – Friday 8:00am – 7:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 11:00am – 7:00pm. Please check our website & Facebook page for additional information or contact the office at 419-929-4091.

Street

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

- West Washburn Project – bid opening was held on March 23, 2022. We received 3 bids with the low bidder being Erie Blacktop, Inc. at $156,904.75. I am asking Council permission to enter into contract with Erie Blacktop. There will be an ordinance for this at the next council meeting.

- We have had a contractor in town to give us some estimates on patching some road sections around town.

- Downtown Improvements – application finished. Haven't heard anything yet.

Steve Ball asked Shawn Pickworth if he had heard anything about the Hileman Building improvements grant application.

Shawn Pickworth stated he had not heard anything.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2022-07 An Ordinance Accepting and Confirming the Acceptance of the Dedication of a Portion of Wildcat Drive. Third Reading.

Steve Ball stated he believed Shawn Pickworth had some things to discuss concerning this ordinance.

Shawn Pickworth replied that Lifewise is no longer going to be putting a building on that portion of land. So, if the village takes over that piece of road it will really be for no reason.

Steve Ball stated council could either table ordinance 2022-07 or make a motion to pass the third reading.

Roeder made a motion to table Ordinance 2022-07. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2022-09 An Ordinance Revising the Job Description for the Village Administrator to Clarify that the Contracting Authority Shall Follow the Standard Provision of State Law. Second Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2022-11 An Ordinance Amending Sections 1519.04 and 955.22 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Fireworks. First Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2022-12 An Ordinance Amending Sections 921.10(a), 925.07(b), 931.02(d), and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Utility Services. First Reading. Gullet made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2022-13 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract for the Lease-Purchase of an International Chassis w/Dump Body and Plow, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-13 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Resolution 2022-02 A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded for 2022. First Reading. Gullet made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then called for Old Business

There was none.

Steve Ball then called for New Business.

Steve Ball stated that the village website needs updated with the new council members. It was noted and it will be updated.

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

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

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2022 @ 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, Gullett, Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball and Roeder.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, John Chapin, Joe Thomas, Don Patton, Wendy Kidd and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the March 28, 2022 regular meeting 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.

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

Toby Thomas stated that Marvin McCallister had submitted some questions for Toby to present at the meeting.

Marvin's first question was why was the ordinance for the Dump truck passed on an emergency measure.

Shawn Pickworth stated that it really wasn't an emergency. The main thing was to get the new truck on order. Even though the truck has been ordered, it will not be arriving until next spring or summer. The longer it took to pass the ordinance, the longer it would take to get the truck.

Marvin McCallister's second question was if the water and sewer rate increase would be passed on to the campers at the reservoir.

Shawn Pickworth responded that no the water and sewer rate increase has nothing to do with the campers. Camping rates are determined separately.

Marvin McCallister's third question was why the FBI had been in town.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he could not disclose that information.

Ellen Simmons then stated that the Community Club would be meeting the next morning.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

<u>Water</u>

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – contracts are being signed. Hopefully we will receive a "Notice to Proceed" this week.

- Two main line valves on Walnut Street are scheduled to be replaced on April 12th.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – contractor to start soon.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – project continues to be on schedule. Start up on the first rebuilt trickling filter went well and it was put into service, 2nd filter taken out of service for rebuild.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

- Spring Clean Up – April 2nd -April 15th. Monday – Friday 8:00am – 7:00pm, Saturday & Sunday 11:00am – 7:00pm. Please check our website & Facebook page for additional information or contact the office at 419-929-4091.

Street

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

- West Washburn Project – Council has legislation before you tonight to award and allow us to enter into contract with Erie Blacktop.

- I would like to ask Council to allow us to use $20,000.00 from the CSX fund to be used for road repairs. Targeted streets are Hooker, James, East, Clinton & Akron.

- Downtown Improvements – Haven't heard anything yet.

Other

- Safe Built – I met with community leaders throughout the county to discuss the possibility of moving away from Richland County for our Commercial Building Inspections. What would happen is Huron County would create their own building department then contract a third party (Safe Built) to handle all commercial building permits. One of the concerns is the initial cost of $50,000.00 to set this up and who is going to pay it? We are also getting some references from other counties that already have contracts with Safe Built to see what they like or don't like about the company and process. More to come.

Toby Thomas asked if the issue with Richland County is the fact that it takes them a long time to issue the permits.

Shawn Pickworth stated yes but the biggest issue with Richland County is that they are hard to work with.

- The Village heard talk of a farmer on Townline Road 189 that has plans to build commercial chicken barns. These barns if built will fall within our Water Protection Area. Don Patton has been working with ODNR, OEPA, Water & Soil to voice our concerns about this. The Village's pump station that is used to fill the reservoir is just downstream and we believe the nutrients added to the stream will cause an adverse effect on our raw water quality.

Shawn Pickworth turned things over to Utilities Foreman Don Patton.

Don Patton presented the following information to council.

- We have found out that chicken barns are going in at 1439 County Rd 16, New London (the old Walter Payne property).

- This location is 1.6 miles upstream from New London's pump station, where we pump water from Buck Creek to the up-ground reservoir. It is also 1.5 miles southwest of the New London Schools and in very close proximity to the Village, Recreation Park, and Millstone Hills Golf Course.

- The primary concern is for the safety of the drinking water for the Village and the surrounding areas that we service. Chicken farms produce high amounts of nitrogen, phosphates, and ammonia in the manure. These chemicals could potentially runoff into Buck Creek, the Vermillion River, and eventually Lake Erie contributing to the formation of harmful algae blooms.

- The reservoir holds 1.4 billion gallons of water. We normally pump into the reservoir from Buck Creek when the level is roughly 3 feet low. It usually takes a month to fill, pumping 24/7 at a rate of 4,200 gallons per minute around .3 billion gallons annually. We draw and treat water from the reservoir approximately 1 million gallons per day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

- Our total chemical cost to treat the water at our water treatment plant costs approximately $64,000 per year. Currently, we spend roughly $6,000 per season (May through October) at the water treatment plant just to treat the reservoir for algae blooms. This is done with a product called Green Clean Pro. The product costs $64.00 per bag and 10 bags are normally used for each treatment. Also, we spend around $10,000 per year at our sewer treatment facility for ferric chloride to remove the phosphorus in the water before we discharge it to the Skellinger Creek.

- We have voiced our concerns to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the EPA, the Ruggles Township Trustees, several Ashland County departments, Case Farms, and the landowner.

- It is our understanding that the Ohio Department of Agriculture regulations apply to any farms over 125,000 chickens and 3 barns. Since the chicken farm is agricultural the local zoning laws don't apply. The planned farm is to consist of 2 barns and 125,000 chickens or less. According to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, they have zero regulations for this size facility. The concern is that they will

fall between the cracks of any governmental regulations for the quantity or the quality of the manure runoff that will possibly leach into our source water protection area.

Adam Gullett asked Don Patton what the EPA thinks about the situation.

Don Patton replied that the village currently is checking with different EPA agents. He also has telephone numbers if anyone is interested in calling and voicing their concerns. The owners of the chicken farm will not be regulated putting the chicken barn in but the village will be highly regulated to get the chemicals out of the drinking water.

Steve Roeder asked if there was anything they could do as members of council.

Don Patton stated he was trying to make his concerns public and inform residents about the situation. If any members of council would be willing to call and voice their concerns he has numbers for them to call.

Shawn Pickworth then played a video about the pollution flowing into our water that comes from chicken farms and the increasing problem it has become.

Ellen Simmons asked Don Patton if he knew anything about he H2Ohio program. It is a state program. She stated it may be worth looking into.

Don Patton replied that he would look into it.

Ellen Simmons stated she had written a couple articles on the program and she would send them to Don Patton.

Steve Ball then made a motion to allow the village administrator to use $20,000.00 from the CSX fund for road repairs with targeted streets being Hooker, James, East, Clinton & Akron. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas stated he did not have anything to report. He then asked for a report from the police. Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he also did not have anything to report.

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

I want to say a big Thank You to all that donated their time and money at the pancake breakfast for the Shupp family. It was a great turnout and we will be able to help the family with some needed expenses.

I would also like to thank Firelands Electric Operation Roundup for helping us purchase 2 new thermal imagers for the Fire Department. They will be a big help in the future.

We have ordered a new set of battery-operated Jaws-of-Life. They should be here by the end of the month with training to follow. We did use our current Jaws last week to free an occupant pinned in a vehicle at a 2-vehicle crash on Rt. 162 west of 250. The firefighters did a great job.

We are getting ready to order 25 new SCBAs and 25 spare bottles. We received an AFG grant to cover 95% of the cost. Total cost was $180,000.00.

Hopefully in the next month we will be putting into service 25 new portable radios we received through a countywide AFG grant in which we still owe around $9,000.00. Our share of the grant was $76,000.00. I still have 2 grants out there. One for new gear and one to replace our grass truck.

We recently purchased a brush truck. It came back today from being painted and will be put into service very soon. I should be able to bring it to the next meeting for you to see.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance. Jennifer Ball shared the March run report for the ambulance service. There were 61 total runs for the month.

Toby Thomas stated there was nothing for zoning until the executive session.

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

- The water to the park and to the reservoir are now on. Mother nature threw us a curve ball with some extra cold weather. We had a couple of leaks from the freeze we had but everything is up and running.
- The next 2 weekends at the reservoir are cleanup weekends. Things are looking good out there right now. We are hoping by the end of the month we will be doing the paving. The entrance to the reservoir is in really bad shape so hopefully everyone can bear with us for a couple of more weeks and we will get it repaired.
- Our new batting cages should be delivered in the next couple of weeks. Once they are here there is a company that will be doing the installation for us.
- I attended an awards banquet Friday at the Huron County Chamber of Commerce. We received an $8,500 grant from Ralph and Ann Walters. Ralph and Ann were lifelong member of our community. There was money left for the park system in an account that is being handled by HCCF (Huron County Community Foundation). Each year we will receive the interest from that account.
- Park place, which is known as the Dairy Bar will be opening. Natalie Bowers will be running the concession stand this year. She has put a lot of time and money into the building and it is looking great.
- I want to thank all the park board members and Dusty Swiger that helped put on the pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny yesterday. It was a very successful day.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-09 An Ordinance Revising the Job Description for the Village Administrator to Clarify that the Contracting Authority Shall Follow the Standard Provision of State Law. 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 2022-11 An Ordinance Amending Sections 1519.04 and 955.22 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Fireworks. 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 2022-12 An Ordinance Amending Sections 921.10(a), 925.07(b), 931.02(d), and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Utility Services.

Second Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-14 An Ordinance Amending Sections 181.02, 181.03, and 181.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London, Renewing the Additional .50% Increase in the Income Tax by and for a Period of an Additional Four Years Only and Providing that the Revenues Generated by Such Additional Tax Would be Used for Police and Fire Operations. First Reading. Jennifer 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 2022-15 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Section 143.06 of the Codified Ordinances to Add Juneteenth as a Holiday. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one Opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-16 An Ordinance Authorizing Expenditures from the ARPA-Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-16 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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 presented Ordinance 2022-17 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Police Chief to Dispose of a Police Cruiser Which is No Longer Needed for Public Purposes, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-17 to be passed on an emergency measure. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Blanton seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-18 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Erie Blacktop, Inc., for the Construction and Installation of the West Washburn Street Improvements, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-18 to be passed on an emergency measure. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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 presented Resolution 2022-02 A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded for 2022. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2022-02 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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 2022-03 A Resolution Directing the Board of Elections of Huron County to Place Upon the New London Village Ballot at the General Election to be Held on November 8, 2022, the Question of Renewing the Levy of an Additional Fifty Hundredths of One Percent (.50%) Municipal Income Tax in Excess of the One Percent (1%) Income Tax Now in Effect, Providing that the Revenues Generated by Such Additional Tax Would be Used for the Purposes of Police and Fire Department Operations Only for a Period of Four Years Only. 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

Chet Blanton stated he had been approached by someone concerning a grate on Euclid Road.

Shawn Pickworth and Don Patton replied that they are working on it but it takes time. It will look really nice when it is finished.

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. Chapin 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.

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

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

Steve Ball made a motion to appoint Gary Hopkins Jr. as Zoning Commissioner. Roeder 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 Toby Thomas

Nancy Howell	Toby Thomas
Fiscal Officer	Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 25, 2022 @ 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, Gullett, Chapin, and Roeder. Blanton and Jennifer Ball were absent.

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

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

The minutes from the April 11, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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 shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – a preconstruction meeting was held with GRW Engineering, BK Layer Construction, GLCAP and the Village last Friday, April 22, 2022. Materials for project have been ordered. Contractor expected to start around the end of May.

- 2 main lines on Walnut have been replaced.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – contractor has had issues being able to order meter pits needed for the project. Project expected to start as soon as they get enough material.

- Pump Station – Buck Creek where our pump station is located south of the reservoir has some major erosion issues that we need to address before it jeopardizes our dam and pump station. We have engineers coming in May 5th that can hopefully help us with the issue.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – 2nd trickling filter has been completed and put back into service. Crews have now taken our 2nd primary tank out of service for rebuild. This is

the last major treatment process of the project to rebuild. Hopefully we will be wrapping up this project sometime in June.

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 – Contracts have been signed, waiting for a start date from the contractor.

- Downtown Improvements – Haven't heard anything yet.

Shawn Pickworth then shared the following recreation report:

- I would like council to approve the pay for all the park employees for the 2022 season. Joe, Dusty, Frank, Charley, and Andy at their current rate. Brittany Roeder at $11.50. Grace Popa, Page Wilson, Emily Stevens, Bailey Cucco, Eric Mitchell, and Tom Howell at $10.50. If we could, make this affective as of 4/17/2022. Thank you
- I would also like to present to council a couple of changes we would like to do at the reservoir.
    1. Any seasonal camper that brings a camper into the reservoir, the camper has to be at least 20 years old or newer. So, for this year the camper would have to be a 2002 or newer. Any camper in the campground right now will be grandfathered in. This is a way to hopefully continue to clean up some of the lots at the reservoir.
    2. If a camper wants to sell their camper and move out of the campground, the people that purchased the camper can receive the lot with the purchase of the camper. If the camper that is being sold is more than 20 years old the camper will have to be removed from the lot and a newer one will have to be purchased that meets our new rules.
    I have called many campgrounds and both of these rules are enforced at most of them.
- Both parks are up and running. The reservoir was very busy this past weekend. Many people were out cleaning up.

Steve Ball made a motion to pay Brittany Roeder at $11.50 per hour, Grace Popa, Page Wilson, Emily Stevens, Bailey Cucco, Eric Mitchell and Tom Howell at $10.50 per hour effective as of 4/17/2022. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Members of council discussed Joe's changes he was requesting in his report concerning campsites and campers.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow anyone purchasing a camper at the New London Reservoir to also receive the lot with the purchase of the camper and to mandate that all campers would need to be no older than 20 years. If someone purchases a lot with a camper older than 20 years, the camper will need to be removed from the lot and a newer one will have to be purchased. All current campers in the campground will be grandfathered in until the lot is sold. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with bank reconciliations to approve and deposit and expense reports for January and February 2022.

Steve Ball asked if there was any news on the audit that was being performed with the village. It was explained that the audit would not be complete until the end of June.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-11 An Ordinance Amending Sections 1519.04 and 955.22 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Fireworks. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-12 An Ordinance Amending Sections 921.10(a), 925.07(b), 931.02(d), and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Utility Services. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-14 An Ordinance Amending Sections 181.02, 181.03, and 181.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London, Renewing the Additional .50% Increase in the Income Tax by and for a Period of an Additional Four Years Only and Providing that the Revenues Generated by Such Additional Tax Would be Used for Police and Fire Operations. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-15 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Section 143.06 of the Codified Ordinances to Add Juneteenth as a Holiday. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one Opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-19 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. 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 2022-03 A Resolution Directing the Board of Elections of Huron County to Place Upon the New London Village Ballot at the General Election to be Held on November 8, 2022, the Question of Renewing the Levy of an Additional Fifty Hundredths of One Percent (.50%) Municipal Income Tax in Excess of the One Percent (1%) Income Tax Now in Effect, Providing that the Revenues Generated by Such Additional Tax Would be Used for the Purposes of Police and Fire Department Operations Only for a Period of Four Years Only. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Chapin 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. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call - All ayes; No one opposed.

Roeder asked if the police chief had anything to share.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he did not have anything.

Toby Thomas explained that departmental reports would generally be shared at the first meeting each month. The second meeting of the month would be more streamlined.

Gullett made a motion to adjourn. Roeder 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, May 9, 2022 @ 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, Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball and Roeder. Gullett was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Don Patton, Gary Hopkins Jr., Gayle Ashbaker, Bob Cooke, Marvin McCallister and Shawn Pickworth.

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 April 25, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated the Community Club would be meeting the next morning at 9 a.m. at the Wildcat Diner. They would be discussing the upcoming golf outing. All are welcome to attend.

Gayle Ashbaker stated her yard has been under water five times and would like something done about it.

Don Pan stated there is a way to drain Gayle Ashbaker's yard but it is a very detailed process and it would be at her expense. It would involve placing a catch basin in her back yard. Don explained that he had tried to come to her house and explain the process to her but she had not been home.

Gayle Ashbaker wondered why her payments she has made in to the storm sewer on her utility bill did not count for anything toward paying for the project.

Shawn Pickworth explained that the storm sewer was designed to drain roads and not back yards.

Gayle Ashbaker, Bob Cooke, Don Patton and Shawn Pickworth continued to discuss the situation. The village will not be able to fix Gayle Ashbaker's back yard but Don Patton is willing to explain the options she has to fix the yard herself.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

<u>Water</u>

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Contractor expected to start around the end of May.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – contractor has had issues being able to order meter pits needed for the project. Project expected to start as soon as they get enough material.

- Pump Station – met with an engineer from Poggemeyer Design Group on May 5th about the erosion issues at our pump station. All agreed we need to start the process of engineering as well as looking for funding opportunities for this project. I would like to thank Steve Roeder and Steve Ball for taking time out of their schedules to come and be a part of the meeting.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – new bar screen is in service. Crews continue to work on the Spiralhoff Primary Tank. Still looking to finish this project sometime in June. The next progress meeting is scheduled for 8:00 am on May 18, 2022.

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 – a preconstruction meeting will be held on May 18, 2022 here in the Village. Contractor expected to start by the end of the month.

- Crews are in town doing some road patching and paving. Job expected to be done this week.

- Downtown Improvements – we did hear from ODOT that our project will not be funded at this time. We have been invited to possibly resubmit the project in October.

Other

- The Village is getting a new website. We are hoping to have something Council can preview by the end of the month.

Toby Thomas stated he and his wife had been to Park Place at the New London Recreation Park to eat. It was good to see the previous Dairy Bar open again and it will be available for families attending ball games played at the park.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks presented the following report:

It has been a lengthy project, but after just over a year, our Lexipol manual has been completed and our officers have recently been issued the last of the policies. Starting in June, they will begin receiving daily training bulletins. These DTB's will consist of a 3-5-minute video followed by a short quiz, testing their knowledge of how the policy ties into the situation at hand.

Utilizing our ARPA funds, we have recently received and installed all of our new computer equipment. Additionally, we received our new rifles, which have been sighted-in and will be placed into service after range qualifications, which are scheduled for May 15th, weather pending. MAAD Impressions is in the process of installing new reflective vinyl decals on our three oldest cruisers, so they match new car 4.

In closing, with the warmer weather, I would like to remind motorist to be extra cautious of their surroundings when traversing through the park and around town as the pedestrian traffic has picked up.

Steve Ball asked if officers would have to qualify with each new rifle or if there would be one qualification for all of them.

Joe Hicks replied that as long as all the rifles were the same model, one qualification would be all that was needed.

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 April run report for the ambulance service. There were 31 runs in New London Village; one run in New London Township; 10 runs in Fitchville Township; 9 in Troy Township; one in Ruggles Township and one Mutual Aid.

Toby Thomas introduced the new zoning inspector Gary Hopkins Jr. and asked him if he had anything to share.

Gary Hopkins Jr. stated he had taken a couple of zoning complaints and has acted on one of them. He has also issued one fence permit.

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-14 An Ordinance Amending Sections 181.02, 181.03, and 181.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London, Renewing the Additional .50% Increase in the Income Tax by and for a Period of an Additional Four Years Only and Providing that the Revenues Generated by Such Additional Tax Would be Used for Police and Fire Operations. 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 2022-15 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Section 143.06 of the Codified Ordinances to Add Juneteenth as a Holiday. Third Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one Opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-19 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Steve Ball

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-20 An Ordinance Amending the 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-20 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Absent. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2022-03 A Resolution Directing the Board of Elections of Huron County to Place Upon the New London Village Ballot at the General Election to be Held on November 8, 2022, the Question of Renewing the Levy of an Additional Fifty Hundredths of One Percent (.50%) Municipal Income Tax in Excess of the One Percent (1%) Income Tax Now in Effect, Providing that the Revenues Generated by Such Additional Tax Would be Used for the Purposes of Police and Fire Department Operations Only for a Period of Four Years Only. Third Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Ball stated he had seen the post about the change in procedure for extra pickups. He voiced some concerns about having residents call in when then would have more than the allowed six bags or three 32-gallon containers.

Members of council, Don Patton, Shawn Pickworth and the Fiscal Officer had a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of the extra pickup procedure. There was concern from council about trying to clean up the village and the fear that residents would leave garbage piled up behind garages or leave in their front yard if they had to call to get it picked up. Before the change, the sanitation department hand-wrote all extra items on sheets of paper and gave them to the utilities clerk to enter into the system. Many discrepancies have been received from residents stating they did not have any extra items. The new system would prevent this from happening and a work order would be attached to the actual account that has the extra pickup.

Other concerns on this topic were the lack of a proper ordinance stating all the different extra pickup costs and also the current ordinance stating that residents are not permitted to transport trash on village streets without a permit.

More discussion will come on this topic and Mr. Bond will draw up ordinances for the issues of concern.

Jennifer Ball then asked if the village was having issues with being able to post council meeting videos on the website.

Shawn Pickworth replied that the Wi-Fi had been going in and out during council meetings creating a problem. He is looking into the issue.

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

Steve Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the Village or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize that security. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Absent.

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

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

Nancy Howell

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, May 23, 2022 @ 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, Gullett, Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball and Roeder.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Tyler Keathley, Gary Hopkins Jr., Marvin McCallister, Taylor Ingraham and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the May 9, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Marvin McCallister asked if in light of increased gas prices is the Village taking any measures to save fuel.

Shawn Pickworth answered that he receives gasoline prices every morning and that the village is taking measures to conserve as much gasoline as possible. For instance, the sanitation department is waiting until full capacity before they take a load to the landfill.

Toby Thomas added that employees ride together in village vehicles as much as possible to save on gasoline as well.

Marvin McCallister then wanted to know why Ordinance 2022-21 was on the agenda as being passed on an emergency measure.

Steve Ball stated that he wanted to have a discussion on that ordinance when they got to it.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

<u>Water</u>

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Contractor expected to start around the end of May.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – project is scheduled to start on May 31, 2022.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – progress meeting was held on May 18, 2022. Contractor has asked for an extension of final completion. Most of the construction will be completed by the end of June with a few items still waiting on materials.

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 – a preconstruction meeting was held on May 18, 2022. Project is scheduled to begin on May 31, 2022. Residents on West Washburn will be receiving information about what to expect and contact information from Erie Blacktop. Project is expected to last 4-6 weeks.

- Took delivery of and stored 150 ton of road salt. Ready for next winter.

Other

- American Legion is asking permission to sell alcohol on June 25, 2022 at the Reservoir Park & Campgrounds during the Country Concert.

Shawn Pickworth then introduced Tyler Keathley. Tyler has just finished updating the Village of New London website.

Tyler Keathley explained the updates on the new website and the website was displayed for all in attendance to view. Tyler went through all the different areas on the website and highlighted any changes and updates made to improve the site.

Steve Ball asked if the website would be able to adapt with mobile devices.

Tyler Keathley reassured Steve Ball that the website would be able to adapt except for large pictures, and other slight changes.

Shawn Pickworth announced that the new website Newlondonoh.com would be launched the next day.

Members of council were pleased with the new website.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with a bank reconciliation to approve and deposit and expense reports for March 2022.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-19 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances 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 2022-21 An Ordinance Amending and Restating Sections 959.02, 959.03, 959.07, 959.09, and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to Garbage Collection, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

Steve Ball stated he, Shawn Pickworth and Don Patton had met at great length about the garbage discussion from the previous council meeting. It was determined that the garbage ordinance needed to be brought up to date so that it matched what the village had already been doing for the last 10 or 20 years. It doesn't change anyone's rates. It needed to be passed as soon as possible since the village had already been operating in the manner the ordinance states. Now everything would match and be up to date. One addition to the ordinance is a new tier for sanitation pickup. For an additional $3 each month, residents may choose Tier II and this will allow them to set out either four cans or nine bags. This is an increase to the typical three cans and six bags. It is imperative to get the ordinance passed as soon as possible to bring it up to date. If existing rates were being changed, he would not recommend an emergency reading. After members of council discussed the changes in the ordinance, they agreed that the ordinance should be passed on an emergency measure.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-21 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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.

Police Chief Joe Hicks asked council's permission to hire Taylor Ingraham as a part time police officer for the Village of New London. Taylor is a 2018 Tri-C graduate and previously worked for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office. Chief Hicks believes that it will be beneficial to have a female on staff.

Gullett made a motion to allow Police Chief Joe Hicks to hire Taylor Ingraham as a part-time police officer for the Village of New London at a rate of $15 per hour. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the American Legion to sell alcohol on June 25th at the country concert being held at the New London Reservoir. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 13, 2022 @ 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, Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball, Gullett and Roeder.

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

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

The minutes from the May 23, 2022 regular meeting 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.

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

Ellen Simmons stated the Community Club would be meeting the next morning at 9 a.m. at the Wildcat Diner. She encouraged everyone to come even if they had never attended a meeting before.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – Contractor notified us that all the pipe has been delivered but they have some fittings and valves on backorder. Will start the project when materials have arrived.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – we will be meeting with the contractor and engineers tomorrow morning to review plans of starting this project. We expect that the contractor will be moving equipment in by the end of the week.

- Crews have been monitoring the water quality in the reservoir for algae blooms and treating when necessary.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – all major processes have been completed and put back into service. Installation of the automation is expected to start this week along with restoration of the project site. Hopefully we will be wrapping up all major components of this project by the end of the month. We do still have a couple of pumps that are on

backorder that will be replaced at our EQ basin. Those are expected to still be 8 – 12 weeks out and will be install by the Village.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Crews will begin routes earlier starting this week due to the daytime heat. Please have your trash at the curb by 6:00 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 – project is off to a good start. Contractor is installing the storm portion of the project. We expect this to be completed by next week. Then the road portion of the project will begin.

Other

- F. O. E. Firelands Arie 2869 is asking permission to sell alcohol on July 16, 2022, at the Reservoir Park & Campgrounds during the Rockin' the Rez. event.

- I have been working with 2 property owners on South Railroad Street about giving the Huron County Landbank permission to apply for Brownfield Funding. This consists of an asbestos survey along with Phase I & II environmentals and demo at no cost to the property owners.

- Utility Payments – in addition to customers paying by mail, drop box & in person payments customers can sign up through autopay and avoid any additional fees. All other online, phone or bank payments will have a service charge depending on type of payment and the amount of your bill. This is not controlled by the Village but is controlled by the software providers.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow F.O.E. Firelands Arie 2869 to sell alcohol on July 16, 2022 during Rockin' the Rez at the Reservoir Park and Campgrounds. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas wanted to acknowledge Shawn Pickworth for the great job he does getting grants for the village and also all the work he does with the land bank. Toby Thomas also stated he had enjoyed attending the Christian Concert over the weekend at the reservoir. It was good to see wholesome activities going on in the Village of New London.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks presented the following report:

As we approach the half way point in the year, I wanted to share our call volume numbers. As of this afternoon, we were 38 calls ahead of last year's numbers at this same time. We are at 1,415 calls for service. At this point last year, we had taken 1,377 service calls.

We've also been experiencing a problem with our light bar and siren box on our new cruiser as previously reported. Statewide Ford has been onsite a total of 4 times now and we are hoping this problem has finally been resolved. They have replaced the original siren box and installed a new power cord and conducted a firmware update. This has been a common issue for several agencies throughout the state from what we have been told.

I've also accepted the resignation of part-time officer Andrew Pettry, effective June 3rd for another perspective law enforcement opportunity closer to home.

Along with that, I have received a request from Officer Benjamin Keener to drop down from part-time to reserve status, due to his schedule and not being able to cover open shifts when asked. As a reserve officer, he will still be required to fulfill the required 16 hours minimum per month.

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

I hope you all saw the new brush truck.

I would like to add 3 new firefighters to our roster. We have had 5 leave recently. They are Bradley Hale, Trent Yates and Marcus Mayhorn. Bradley just moved to New London and was a firefighter with North Fairfield and has his certifications. The other 2 will attend Ehove this fall sometime.

We will be receiving our new battery-operated Jaws-of-Life this Wednesday. Training will take place the 23rd.

We have ordered some new gear with a $17,100.00 Equipment grant from the State Fire Marshal.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Fire Chief John Chapin to add Bradley Hale, Trent Yates and Marcus Mayhorn to the New London Fire Department roster. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Steve Roeder had attended the ambulance meeting in the absence of Jennifer Ball. Steve Roeder shared the May run report for the ambulance service. There were 30 runs in New London Village; nine runs in New London Township; 10 runs in Fitchville Township; eight in Troy Township; 10 in Ruggles Township and one Mutual Aid.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning.

Gary Hopkins Jr. shared the following report.

5/8/2022 – Zoning Complaint: 130 West Main Street (Improper Signage)
Action Taken: Site Visit- Signage was corrected while onsite
5/18/2022 – Zoning Complaint: 130 First Street (Junk in yard)
Action Taken: Site Visit- 30- day verbal notice to clean up yard
Permits Issued:
5/16/2022 – Pool Permit- for 135 North Main
5/19/2022 – Home Addition permit- for 58 Clyde Ave
5/23/2022 – Fence Permit- for 90 First St.
Also had six voicemail and seven email inquiries for the month of May.

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

- The reservoir hosted its first Christian concert this past weekend. It was a big success. I would like to thank any park board members that came out and helped. I would like to thank Dusty Swiger. She put a lot of time and effort into this concert. She did an amazing job.
- Our next concert is June 25th. This is our country concert. Aiden Albaugh will be opening from 3-4:30 then Terry Lee Goffee will be playing from 5-7 and for the head liner we have a Garth Brooks tribute band called No Fences. There will be a beer tent, food vendors and fireworks to end the night.
- I emailed the company again about the batting cages. They said they just got in the raw material to make the netting and it should be done soon.
- The campground has been very busy. It is nice to see all the campers out cleaning their lots and making the campground look nice.
- I am sure most of you already know but we have received a grant through the capital budget. We will be receiving $250,000 for improvements to the Hileman Building. We are not sure when this money will be released but we are very excited to get this project started.
- This Labor Day we will be bringing back the Labor Day Firelands Festival Pageant. This pageant will be for new London students that will be in high school for the 2023 school year.

Steve Ball then stated he wanted to thank Shawn Pickworth, John Chapin and Joe Thomas for working hard to receive grants for the Village of New London.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-22 An Ordinance Authorizing Expenditures from the ARPA-Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-22 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Gullett 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 2022-23 An Ordinance Amending Sections 181.01 and 181.18.2 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to the Village Income Tax. 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

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. 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. Steve Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. 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 27, 2022 @ 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, Gullett, Blanton, Jennifer Ball and Roeder. Chapin was absent.

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

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

The minutes from the June 13, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated the Rotary Club was looking for nominations for Citizen of the Year. Nominations can be given to any Rotarian.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – still waiting on contractor to give us a start date.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – project is off to a good start. Crews are working on New London Ave.

- Working on OPWC/Small Government applications for a water main replacement and road improvement project for Coleman Court. Applications are due September 1st.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – restoration continues. Crews have also been working on the automation and Scada systems.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Crews will begin routes earlier starting this week due to the daytime heat. Please have your trash at the curb by 6:00 am.

Street

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

- Crews worked at patching areas around town that pavement had been removed for utility work.

- West Washburn Project – storm portion of the project has been completed. Paving Contractor is expected to grind the road tomorrow and pave on Wednesday.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with a bank reconciliation to approve and deposit and expense reports for April 2022.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-23 An Ordinance Amending Sections 181.01 and 181.18.2 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to the Village Income Tax 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 2022-24 An Ordinance Restricting the Authorized Uses for the "Drug Law Enforcement Fund"; and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-24 to be passed on an emergency measure. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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 presented Resolution 2022-04 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 Source for Source for the Loan and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2022-04 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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 presented Resolution 2022-05 A Resolution Authorizing the Administrator, Shawn Pickworth, Village of New London to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required, Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2022-05 to be passed on an emergency measure.

Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Gullett 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. 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 monthly bills for approval under Schedule B, Then and Now. Steve Ball made a motion to approve schedule B. 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

Toby Thomas

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, July 11, 2022 @ 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, Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball, Gullett and Roeder.

Also present: Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Gary Hopkins Jr., John Martin, Ryan Ginley, Erin Ginley, Kathy Ginley, Thomas Ginley and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the June 27, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

John Martin stood and stated he was in attendance as a member of the Veteran's Memorial Committee. He explained that there were some issues with some of the paver bricks at the memorial park. There were a number of children bicycling and skateboarding on the bricks. He would like some signs placed at the memorial stating bicycles and skateboards were prohibited. There are some bricks that are now broken and will need replaced. John Martin's second issue was the lighting at the memorial. He stated the LED lights at the memorial had been out for five or six months and the light on the statue was too dim. John Martin also requested that the expense of the signs and lights come from the village's General Fund. He concluded by saying he hoped the issues could be corrected as soon as possible.

Steve Ball stated that the village administrator could call and order signs and contact BCU to fix the lights.

Shawn Pickworth agreed and stated he would take care of both items.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

<u>Water</u>

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – contractor started moving in equipment and material last week.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – project is moving along well with no major issues.

<u>Wastewater</u>

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – crews still finishing up hit list and continues to work on restoration.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Crews will begin routes earlier starting this week due to the daytime heat. Please have your trash at the curb by 6:00 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 – project is close to being complete. Very pleased on how this project turned out.

Police Chief Joe Hicks was absent but sent the following report to council:

The month of June provided several training opportunities for our staff. All Officers completed firearms range qualifications. We also had four officers become DataMaster Senior Operator Certified (Allowing them to conduct OVI breath tests). Two officers attended a counter homicide training seminar at Bay Village PD. This course was designed to train not only police officers, but other professionals in administration and leadership positions on how to spot the red flags of school shooters, mass murderers, and serial killers. One officer attended the Reid Course on Interview and Interrogation, held at Lorain PD. In addition to this, all officers are still actively working on completing the required 24 hours of CPT, on-line training that must be completed by the end of the year.

I have regretfully accepted the resignation of full-time officer, Aric Ubienski, who has been with our department since September 15, 2021. His final day will be Monday, July 25th. Aric served a vital role in the department and our school system as the school resource officer. He cited his departure as primarily being for financial reasons. I am requesting approval to immediately advertise for a full-time officer to fill this vacancy.

This evening I would like to also take a moment to recognize Officer Ryan Ginley for the lifesaving efforts he provided to one of our community members on Saturday, July 02, 2022. Ofc. Ginley was dispatched to an unresponsive persons call and upon arrival, found the man not breathing. He deployed the AED, which administered a shock to the man and he began performing CPR, until relieved by Firelands Ambulance personnel. The ER doctor later sent a text to EMS personnel stating "Excellent Save". Ofc. Ginley, we share those same sentiments. Great Job.

Toby Thomas called Officer Ryan Ginley forward and presented him with a Letter of Commendation for his life-saving actions.

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 June run report for the ambulance service. There were 38 runs in New London Village; four runs in New London Township; five runs in Fitchville Township; five in Troy Township; seven in Ruggles Township and three Mutual Aid.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning.

Gary Hopkins Jr. shared the following report.

6/13/2022 – Site Meeting with Scott Kidd and Shawn Pickworth at Kidd Tire to discuss rebuilding of Scott's mechanic's shop.
6/17/2022 – Phone conversation with Scott Kidd on how he wanted to proceed with building permit.
6/21/2022 – Per Scott Kidd's request, I found building code information and sent to Scott via email.
6/26/2022 – Issued a 30 - day written warning for yard housekeeping at 130 First St. Hand delivered to resident and discussed with tenant.
I received one phone and two email inquiries, replied to all.
There were no permits issued this month.

Gary Hopkins Jr. asked members of council if they would like him to use names in his zoning report or just addresses.

Steve Ball replied that addresses would be fine.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation. Joe Thomas absent but Steve Ball wanted to remind everyone about Rockin' the Rez on July 16th.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-23 An Ordinance Amending Sections 181.01 and 181.18.2 of the Codified Ordinances Relative to the Village Income Tax. 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 2022-25 An Ordinance Amending the 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-25 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Chet Blanton stated that the Friends of the New London Veterans would like permission to have a Beer Garden at the Rez Gone Wild event.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Friends of the New London Veterans to have a Beer Garden at the Rez Gone Wild event at the New London Reservoir on August 13, 2022. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Police Chief Joe Hicks to advertise for a fulltime SRO position starting at $18.50 per hour with a $1.00 per hour increase after probationary period, $.50 per hour increase for SRO certification and $.50 per hour increase for D.A.R.E. certification. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, July 25, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

Steve Ball, Council President Pro Tempore, 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: Steve Ball, Gullett, Blanton, Chapin and Roeder. Jennifer Ball was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Marvin McCallister and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the July 11, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated the chicken barns on County Road 16 had been constructed and the chickens would be arriving in a month or so. She continued by saying the Community Club golf outing had been successful. Unfortunately, the weather made it a nine-hole event but there was a good turnout especially with it being the first year.

Steve Ball called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – project has finally started.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – project is moving along well with no major issues.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – crews still finishing up hit list and continue to work on restoration.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Crews will begin routes earlier starting this week due to the daytime heat. Please have your trash at the curb by 6:00 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 – did a walk through with Tim Bock from Poggemeyer and came up with a punch list that we are asking the contractor to address before closing the project out.

Other

- Memorial Park Lights – The light at the base of the flags is shot. Water has gotten into the light and corroded it so bad it can't be fixed. The dim light on the statue also needs to be replaced. I called in BCU and they are working with their vendor to give us a quote for replacements. Also, the No Bikes & Skate Board signs have been ordered.

- I would like Council's permission to hire Tyler Webb into our Street & Sanitation Department.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from the Fiscal Officer.

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with a bank reconciliation to approve and deposit and expense reports for May 2022. Members of council were also presented with the completed audit report for the 2020-2021 audit.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2022-26 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2022-27 An Ordinance Adjusting the Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Blanton seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2022-28 An Ordinance Adjusting the Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Blanton seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Roeder, Abstain; Chapin, Abstain; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Ball then called for Old Business

There was none.

Steve Ball then called for New Business.

Gullett made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Tyler Webb as a full-time street and sanitation employee at $15 per hour. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Steve Ball then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B, Then and Now. Chapin made a motion to approve schedule B. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, August 8, 2022 @ 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: Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball, Gullett and Roeder. Steve Ball was absent.

Also present: Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Ellen Simmons, Joe Thomas, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Brad Booth, Kyle Sheehan, Jamie Sheehan and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the July 25, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons announced the Community Club would be meeting at the Wildcat Diner at 9 a.m. the next morning.

Brad Booth stood and stated he appreciated all the work done on West Washburn Street. He was pleased with everything and thanked the village for the project.

Marvin McCallister questioned several procedures concerning council votes. Marvin, Steve Bond and Toby Thomas discussed his questions and verified that the village council was handling various voting procedures correctly.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

<u>Water</u>

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – project is moving along good. Contractor has pulled off this week to finish another job but should be back by the end of the week, first of next week.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – project is moving along very well; contractor is close to completing the line replacements.

- North Maple – crews will be replacing a mainline valve Wednesday, August 10th. Affected residents will be contacted.

- Water Main – crews got called out Sunday morning for a main leak on West Washburn. Repair went well.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – crews still finishing up hit list and continues to work on restoration.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Crews will begin routes earlier starting this week due to the daytime heat. Please have your trash at the curb by 6:00 am.

Street

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

Other

- Memorial Park Lights – BCU has the new lights and is planning to install later this week.

- American Legion Post 292 would like Council's permission to sell alcohol during this year's Labor Day Festival.

Adam Gullett made a motion to allow American Legion Post 292 to sell alcohol during the 2022 Labor Day Festival. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the police chief.

Joe Hicks shared the following report:

On August 05, 2022 Ofc. Ryan Ginley departed for a 12-month deployment with the Army National Guard. We wish him well and are praying for his safe return. In addition to his absence, we accepted the resignation of F.T. officer Aric Ubienski in late July. With the departure of two full time officers in recent weeks, it has been a struggle to cover some openings.

However, we were anticipating some of the vacancies and have tried to prepare for them with job postings and a couple of part-time hires, but finding qualified applicants and getting them properly trained does take time, causing for overtime. I would ask that we be permitted to continue to advertise for additional part-time help.

Council agreed to let Chief Hicks continue to advertise for additional part-time help.

We have selected Kyle S. Sheehan as our F.T. school resource officer. Kyle interviewed well, has met with the school superintendent, and toured the campus and community. He likes the small town feel and has made it clear he wants a long-term commitment with the Village police department.

He lives in the Elyria area with his family and is currently finishing out his tenure with U.H. Bedford, where he has worked as a full-time officer for the past 7 years. Kyle also works as a part-time officer with the Monroeville Police Department, where he has worked for the past 4 years. This gives him the advantage of already being familiar with our county's reporting system and court system.

I have been working closely with staff members of the Ohio Collaborative in recent weeks and we are close to obtaining our certification. Being certified not only shows that we have policies in place, but that we are following those policies. It also allows us to be eligible for certain federal grants that we wouldn't otherwise be eligible for.

Toby Thomas called Officer Kyle Sheehan forward and read him the oath of office.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin was absent but presented council with the following report:

We were toned out for responses only 4 times in July.

Our new radios will be setup soon and looking to get the new system up and running by the end of October. We will be receiving 30 new pagers at no cost to us.

We are also looking to possibly use a company to rewrite and update our SOGs'. Several fire departments in the county use this company along with our police department. All are happy with the service that they provide.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball shared the July run report for the ambulance service. There were 73 total runs. There were 39 runs in New London Village; 8 runs in New London Township; 11 runs in Fitchville Township; 4 in Troy Township; 5 in Ruggles Township and 6 Mutual Aid.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning.

Gary Hopkins Jr. was absent but provided council with the following report.

7/1/2022 – Site Meeting at 130 First St. to check on written warning. Spoke with one of the residents and thanked them for complying to the written warning.
7/10/2022 – Site visit at 181 New London Ave. for inquiry about a shed permit.
7/17/2022 – Site visit at 63 Birch Park Drive for Fence inquiries.
7/30/2022 – Site visit to issue Fence Permit at 63 Birch Park Drive.
7/30/2022 – Site visit to 181 New London Ave. to issue Shed Permit.
I received two phone inquiries and no email inquiries this month. There were two permits issued this month.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas presented the following report:

- We have been busy getting ready for the Labor Day Festival. The ride company McGinnis Amusement is ready and excited. All the camping spots have been marked out and we are in the process of laying out all of the parking areas. we have all of our food vendors ready to come in

for the event. I actually think that we have a couple more this year. Something new for this year's event will be a mobile axe throwing station. I think it will be a big hit. Another new event this year will be a mud bog. This event will be on Monday. Signups for the event will start at 10am.

- Anyone wanting to sign up to work any gates for the festival can contact Lana Bateson. Her number is 419-577-1827
- Our second annual parks golf scramble will be Sept. 17th. Anyone interested in putting a team in can contact me.
- The new batting cages should be in soon. They had a problem getting the motor for the elevator that picks the balls up. It just got in last week. The product should be shipping out soon and hopefully installed shortly after.
- I would like to thank Bob Wilson Sr. for the donation of the new piers at the entrances of the park and the concrete for some of the benches. The new piers should be completed before Labor Day. We are waiting for the stones to be placed and the concrete caps to be put on.
- I have had more people ask about ordering more benches. If anyone would like to order one please contact me.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-26 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule. 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 2022-27 An Ordinance Adjusting the Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-28 An Ordinance Adjusting the Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Abstain; Chapin, Abstain; Steve Ball, Absent; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2022-06 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2022-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Absent; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

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

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

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

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Emergency Meeting – Monday, August 15, 2022 @ 3:45 p.m.

Mayor Thomas called the emergency meeting to order to stay within the state law for hiring full-time police officers.

Roll call with the following members present, Jennifer Ball, Steve Roeder, Alison Chapin, Gullett and Blanton. Steve Ball was absent.

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

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Chief Joe Hicks to hire Kyle Sheehan as the new School Resource Officer effective August 10, 2022. Chapin seconded the motion.

Motion made to adjourn by Gullett, second by Jennifer Ball. All ayes, no opposed, motion carried.

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, August 22, 2022 @ 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: Jennifer Ball, Gullett, Blanton, Chapin and Roeder. Steve Ball was absent.

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

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

The minutes from the August 15, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Chapin made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Adam Gullett stated his name and started a conversation about the renewal of the existing income tax levy for the police and fire departments. Members of council discussed possible ways to advertise for the levy. The most important thing for residents to remember is that the income tax levy is a renewal and not an increased or new tax. The village of New London Police and Fire Departments do a wonderful job for our community. It is crucial that the renewal passes in order to keep the existing quality of care and services village residents receive.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – project is moving along well. Contractor has a lot of the mainline bored and are in the process of pressure tests. Once this is complete, they will start tapping residents into the new line.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – project is wrapping up. Contractor is in the restoration phase of the project.

- North Maple – crews will be replacing a mainline valve.

- Crews drained and cleaned our underground water storage tank at the Water Plant.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – still working on hit list. Most of this is programming the equipment into the new control building.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.
- Crews are working at adding a storm sewer tap on East Main Street.

Sanitation

- Crews will begin routes earlier starting this week due to the daytime heat. Please have your trash at the curb by 6:00 am.

Street

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

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with a bank reconciliation to approve and deposit and expense reports for June 2022.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-26 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule. Third Reading. Gullett 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 2022-27 An Ordinance Adjusting the Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-28 An Ordinance Adjusting the Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Abstain; Chapin, Abstain; Steve Ball, Absent; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-29 An Ordinance Adjusting the Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees in the Police Department, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Jennifer 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 2022-30 An Ordinance Creating the Position of Police Corporal, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-31 An Ordinance Amending the 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-31 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Absent; Blanton, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, September 12, 2022 @ 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: Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball, Steve Ball and Roeder. Gullett was absent.

Also present: Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Ellen Simmons, Joe Thomas, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Gary Hopkins Jr., Herb James, Barb James, Tom Gross, Renee Stolarski, Holly Stolarski, John Stolarski, Christopher Stolarski, John Chapin, Val Chapin and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the August 22, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons announced the Community Club would be meeting at the Wildcat Diner at 9 a.m. the next morning.

Toby Thomas then explained Issue 1 and Issue 2 that would be on the ballet in November. Issue 1 pertains to Ohio courts and the amount of bail they issue. Issue 2 is concerning citizenship voting requirements. Toby Thomas encouraged everyone to study these two issues and vote on them in November. Both issues are important.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

<u>Water</u>

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – project is moving along well. Contractor is now starting to connect services to the new main.

- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – project is wrapping up. Contractor is in the restoration phase of the project.

- Submitted an OPWC/Small Government application for a new waterline down Coleman Court to the County Engineers office for scoring before it goes to District then State.

<u>Wastewater</u>

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – still working on hit list.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Crews will begin routes earlier starting this week due to the daytime heat. Please have your trash at the curb by 6:00 am.

Street

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

Other

- I would like Council's permission to hire Shannon Stevens as a seasonal employee for the cemetery effective August 26th @ 15.00 per/hour.

- I would like Council's permission for us to promote Brittany Roeder as Campground Manager through November 1, 2022 @ $15.00 per/hour. Joe and I will make a recommendation to Council about what we would like to do long term. Please if you have any suggestions or advice please let me know.

Mayor Toby Thomas had no report. He then called for a report from the police chief.

Joe Hicks shared the following report:

On August 10th and 11th the New London Police Department coordinated with the Huron County Sheriff's Office to hold a "Response to Active Killer" training on the campus of New London Local Schools. We want to thank New London School's Superintendent, Brad Romano, for allowing us the opportunity to use their facility. The training was four hours each day and consisted of classroom instruction followed by live scenarios using flash bangs and air soft weapons. Retired Norwalk Police Chief Mike Conney provided the instructions during the two-day event, which was well attended by:
New London Police Department
Huron County Sheriff's Office
Willard Police Department
The Ohio State Highway Patrol
New London Fire Department
Savannah Fire Department
Firelands Ambulance Service
Savannah Ambulance Service
I want to thank all of the agencies who participated in this training.

In recent months I have been working with a couple of the assessors from the Ohio Collaborative to obtain certification and recertification in groups 1,2, and 4 of the Ohio Collaborative. As of August 15th, I'm happy to say we have received final certification in those three groups which cover:
Safe Policing for safe communities
Use of force
Recruitment and hiring
Community engagement

Body worn cameras
Vehicle pursuits

Reporting on the Firelands Festival, things went very smoothly for the police department. It was a great weekend with the exception of the rain. Over the course of the three-and-a-half-day event, the police department recorded a total of 39 service calls. I want to thank Joe Thomas, the park board, and all of the volunteers for their time and effort put into this event.

Due to full time staffing shortages, as of Tuesday, September 6th the police department moved to 12 hour shifts in order to sustain 24-hour operations. This includes the Chief's schedule, so please be understanding if you don't see daily Facebook postings or receive an immediate response from emails or voice mail messages.

I would like to conclude my report by asking Council to allow me to hire Christopher Stolarski as a part-time officer. Chris has approximately 2 years of law enforcement experience, most recently working for the Put-In-Bay Police Department. Chris resides in the Strongsville area.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Police Chief Joe Hicks to hire Christopher Stolarski as a part-time police officer for the Village of New London at a starting wage of $15 per hour. 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 presented council with the following report:

I want to thank the firefighters that helped with all the events at the park for the festival and for fire watch at the Huron County Fair.

Last month was a slow month (all good) with only 4 calls for service.

There is an ordinance before you to enter into a contract with Fire Safety Services (FSS) for 25 new SCBAs and 50 bottles. We applied for and received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from FEMA for the cost of the SCBAs. Our share of the project would be 5% ($8,595.24). The total grant is for $180,500.00. We advertised and received 2 sealed bids on the 18th. The bid from FSS was higher but we received facepieces for the new SCBAs much earlier with ARPA funds.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball did not have a run report to share but she thanked all the Firelands Ambulance volunteers who had donated their time at the Firelands Labor Day Festival. The ambulance service did not have many runs over the weekend making it a good weekend for them.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning.

Gary Hopkins Jr. provided council with the following report.

8/20/2022 – Site visit at 163 E. Main to issue fence permit.
8/23/2022 – Site visit at 170 E. Main to look at property for possible lot split per owner request.
8/27/2022 – Site visit at 115 W. Main to issue shed permit.

I received eleven phone inquiries and no email inquiries this month. There were two permits issued this month

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas presented the following report:

- Labor Day Weekend - This is a big weekend for the Village of New London. A lot goes into putting on an event like this. It takes so many people to make it all happen. I'm sure I will forget someone but I'm going to try and thank everyone that helped make it all happen. I would like to thank all the village employees, rec committee members, the New London Police Department, Firelands Ambulance Service, New London Fire Department, Shawn Pickworth and Adam Gullett for sitting in the depot all weekend keeping everything organized and all the council members that came out and helped in some capacity. A special thanks to Steve Roeder. He helped do anything and everything from moving bleachers to cleaning the bathrooms to picking up trash. Thank you to Sam Willis for running the Miss Firelands Labor Day Pageant, which was a big success. Chris Rowland does so much for us this weekend. He runs the truck and tractor pull and he helps move bleachers which has gotten easier since we started renting bleachers. He runs around and gets water tanks for watering the track and the ball field and tractors from Wellington Implement and other places. It is nice to have someone like him on our side. I would also like to thank all the guys and ladies that Chris brings with him to help, Sean Cooper for running the cornhole tournaments for us, my sister Jill for running the french fry stand and all of the gate workers. Without these people we would not be able to have this festival. Last but not least I would like to thank my family. I did get to see them a little more this year because we moved our camper to the park so I could sleep there and not on the couch in the depot. Not only does my wife have to deal with the kids all weekend by herself but she also ran the sand volleyball tournament.
- In case you didn't notice, both entrances to the park look a bit different. I would like to thank Bob Wilson for donating his time and material for the new piers at the entrances.
- Our second annual golf scramble is this Saturday the 17th at Millstone Hills. We have 34 teams right now. It should be a great day.
- Our annual gun raffle is November 12th starting at noon at the Hileman Building. We will be raffling off 25 guns with lots of side prizes. Your tickets include your meal and we will be selling beer. With the money raised through this raffle, we would like to repave the road at the park that goes through the campground. You can purchase your tickets from any rec committee member or at the hardware store or the Amoco gas station in New London.

Toby Thomas asked Joe Thomas about the new batting cages at the recreation park.

Joe Thomas stated they were almost complete. They just needed to finish up some details with the coin boxes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-29 An Ordinance Adjusting the Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees in the Police Department, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Steve Ball

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-30 An Ordinance Creating the Position of Police Corporal, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Chapin made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-32 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Fire Safety Services, Inc. for the Acquisition of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Equipment, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-32 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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 Resolution 2022-07 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. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Ball made a motion to give the village administrator permission to hire Shannon Stevens as a seasonal employee for the Cemetery effective August 26, 2022 at a rate of $15.00 per/hour. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the village administrator to promote Brittany Roeder to Campground Manager through November 1, 2022 at a rate of $15.00 per/hour. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Abstain; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Absent.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Chapin 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. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then read the oath of office to new part-time police officer Christopher Stolarski.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to confer with village legal counsel concerning a dispute involving the village that is the subject of pending or imminent court action. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Absent.

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

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

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, September 26, 2022 @ 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: Jennifer Ball, Gullett, Blanton, Chapin and Steve Ball. Roeder was absent.

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

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

The minutes from the September 12, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated the Rotary Club would be starting their United Fund campaign this week.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth was absent but John Chapin shared the following report:

This coming Wednesday, the 28th, the water will be turned off at 8:00 AM till 3:00 PM on South Main Street. The affected area will be from 68 South Main Street going south to 134 South Main Street. This will affect both sides of the street. The contractor is making the tie-in on a new 6" line into an existing 6" line. We are having the contractor also install an additional valve that will help in the future with any shutdowns that would take place.

We will also shut down a portion of New London Ave., a portion of Birch Park Drive and all of Fairhome Street. New London Ave. will be off from 8:00 AM till 3:00 PM between house number 111 going east to house number 150. This will again be both sides of the street. Birch Park Drive will be from house number 55 going east to house number 74, also both sides of the street. A 4" main is being disconnected at the water tower driveway and a broken valve at the Fairhome and New London Ave. intersection will be replaced and an additional valve added to aid in future shutdowns.

A boil alert will be issued for the affected areas until several negative bacteria samples come back. This will hopefully be this Thursday afternoon. Residence will be notified with door hangers.

We apologize for an inconvenience. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 419-929-4091.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with a bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for July 2022.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-29 An Ordinance Adjusting the Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees in the Police Department, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-30 An Ordinance Creating the Position of Police Corporal, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-33 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2023 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. 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 Resolution 2022-07 A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2022-07 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Absent; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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 called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

There was none.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule B, Then and Now. Chapin 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. Gullett 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

Workshop – Police & Recreation Budget Meeting – Monday, Oct. 10, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members of Council present: Adam Gullett, Steve Ball, Chet Blanton, Alison Chapin, Steve Roeder and Jennifer Ball.

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

Chief Joe Hicks presented his 2023 budget for the Police Department. He went over the anticipated general expenses for 2023.

Chief Hicks stated he would like to budget for a new police cruiser. He explained to council how important it is to have four safe cruisers available for use. There are many times between trips to court, transporting prisoners, calls for service and other circumstances that all the cruisers are in use. He also explained that the state may be discontinuing the use of the DataMaster in 2023. This would force the department to use its replacement, the Intoxilyzer 8000 which will cost approximately $9,000.

Chief continued to go down through his budget line by line with council explaining the amounts he is requesting. The entire police budget is just $500 more than the 2022 budget. Members of council were supportive of the budget Chief Hicks proposed.

Joe Thomas then presented the 2023 budget for the Recreation Park Fund. He went over each line item with council members. He stated that his revenue is very dependent on many factors and it comes down to the fact that he cannot spend more than he has in the fund.

There were no major changes with the budget but members of council discussed with Joe Thomas the proposed increase in camping rates for the 2023 season. Joe Thomas also spoke with council about hiring Brittany Roeder to be the Reservoir Campground Manager/Village Office Assistant to replace Dusty Swiger. Action would be taken at the regular council meeting.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, October 10, 2022 @ 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: Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball, Steve Ball, Gullett and Roeder.

Also present: Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Gary Hopkins Jr., and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the September 26, 2022 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 announced the Community Club would be meeting at the Wildcat Diner at 9 a.m. the next morning. She also reported that the United Fund campaign was in full swing and encouraged anyone interested in donating to please do so.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

<u>Water</u>

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – project is 90% complete. Contractor should be finishing up within the next couple of weeks.

<u>Wastewater</u>

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – still waiting for some equipment to be delivered. More than likely it will be in the January – February time frame.

- New London Ave. Project – we have been working with engineers on a wastewater and storm sewer project that will involve new sewers the entire length of New London Ave. The cost estimate for this project is $1.2 million. Our next step is to find funding that will match up best for this project and hopefully find some grant money that will help with the cost.

<u>Storm Sewers</u>

- Nothing major.

<u>Sanitation</u>

- No major issues.

Street

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

Other

- Hileman Building Project – received the grant agreement late last week. In the process of reviewing.

- Landbank – The Landbank has taken possession of the Fraternal Supply property. We are in the process of showing the property to potential buyers. Also, we have been working hard getting ready to demo 16 properties within Huron County. Four properties in New London are on that list.

- I have a zoom meeting set up this Friday with Poggemeyer Engineer Tim Bock and ODOT to discuss our application and our resubmittal for the Downtown Project. Applications are due next month and we want to make sure ours is as competitive as possible for this project.

Shawn Pickworth stated he would like to add a request to promote Brittany Roeder to Reservoir Campground Manager/Village Office Assistant as of October 30, 2022.

Adam Gullett made a motion to promote Brittany Roeder to Reservoir Campground Manager/Village Office Assistant as of October 30, 2022 at an annual salary of $31,200.00. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Abstain; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated that with Halloween approaching he wanted to encourage everyone to be safe and to keep an eye out for the safety of the children.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated had nothing to share.

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 September run report for the ambulance service. There were 64 total runs. There were 37 runs in New London Village; 9 runs in New London Township; 9 runs in Fitchville Township; 5 in Troy Township; 2 in Ruggles Township and 2 Mutual Aid.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning.

Gary Hopkins Jr. provided council with the following report.

9/8/2022 – Complaint about junk cars at 36 N. Maple. Made multiple stops to the address but was unsuccessful in contacting resident.
9/10/2022 – Site visit to 28 E. Hooker to drop off permit and discuss zoning pertaining to proposed garage addition.
9/23/2022 – Site visit to 15 W. Washburn to drop off paperwork and discuss protocol for possible re-zone to the property.
9/27/2022 – Site visit to 169 NL Ave. to drop off permit paperwork and look at possible placement of new shed.

I received fourteen phone inquiries and two email inquiries this month. There were no permits issued this month.

Steve Roeder stated he had received a complaint about 69 Birch Park Drive and wondered if Gary Hopkins Jr. would check into it.

Gary Hopkins Jr. agreed to follow up with the property at 69 Birch Park Drive.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas was not in attendance but had provided council with the following report:

- Our annual gun raffle is Nov. 12th at noon. Doors will open at 11am. We need council's permission to sell beer at this event. Tickets are $10 or 6 for $50. You can purchase your tickets from any rec committee member, the Amoco gas station/Subway, and the hardware store. We will be raffling off 25 gun and lots of side prizes. The ticket also includes your meal. With the money we raise from this event we are planning on paving a big portion of the road at the recreation park through the campground.
- On Nov. 1st at 4:30 pm Fisher Titus hospital will be at the recreation park for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new batting cages. We would like as many people as possible to come to this ceremony and show their gratitude for the contribution that Fisher Titus made to our park systems.
- Trunk or treat will be held at the New London recreation park on oct 22nd from 3-5.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-33 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2023 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Ball made a motion to cancel the December 26, 2022 council meeting since it is the observed Christmas Holiday. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then made a motion to allow the New London Parks Improvement Corporation to sell beer at the annual Gun Raffle being held at the Hileman Building on November 12, 2022. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Steve Ball made a motion, pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code, to move into Executive Session --

> "To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance.

"For the reason that --

> "The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, and
> that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project;

"And that --

> "the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project."

Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

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

Based on review of records and the Chief of Police's recommendations, Council finds the charges against Brett Harrenton resulted from a "good faith" attempt to perform his official duties; council moves to reimburse Officer Harrenton $7,500 toward his legal fees.

Roeder made a motion to reimburse Officer Harrenton $7,500 toward his legal fees. Chapin 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 — Toby Thomas

Nancy Howell	Toby Thomas
Fiscal Officer	Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – Water, Sewer and Fire Budget Meeting – Mon., October 24, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members of Council present: Adam Gullett, Steve Ball, Chet Blanton, Steve Roeder and Jennifer Ball. Alison Chapin was absent.

Also present: Mr. Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton and John Chapin

The first thing discussed was impending staff changes. John Chapin stated he would be officially retiring as Water/Sewer Superintendent in December of 2023 but would be remaining in his role as fire chief. Shawn Pickworth explained some of the changes that would be coming and how certain employees would be changing roles and the need to hire one additional employee. He explained how the budget reflected these upcoming changes.

Don Patton, Utilities Foreman, and John Chapin, Water/Sewer Superintendent and Fire Chief, then presented the 2023 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

There were not many changes in the water budget. Some line items were higher due to price increases. Don Patton and John Chapin stated they would be concentrating on valve replacements and replacing fire hydrants. They also have plans to change certain taps to either 6- or 10-inch water mains. The only project in the works for 2023 is a project for Coleman Court. The village is seeking OPWC funding for this project.

Reservoir Maintenance

John Chapin and Don Patton explained that they were going to begin using this fund for improvements to the reservoir concerning the production of water. All repayments from ODNR will go into this fund and all expenses for upkeep and improvements will be taken out of this fund.

Water Reserve

There are typically no expenses out of this account. It is used as a rainy-day account.

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. Since there have been minimal expenses

from this account, John Chapin stated the village would be waiving the yearly fee in 2023. The funds in the account are more than any expenses they may incur during the year.

Sewer

John Chapin and Don Patton began by saying the sewer project is coming to a close. They are very pleased with the improvements. They then continued through the budget noting an increase in engineering costs for a possible project on New London Avenue. There were no other significant changes. Don Patton concluded by saying he would like purchase more trucks in the future. He feels it is important to keep their fleet up to date.

Fire/Fire Fighting Facilities

John Chapin noted that the total Fire budget was only slightly higher than in 2022. He then explained that his last fire truck loan would be paid in full in 2022. He would like to look into purchasing some sort of Hazmat vehicle for the department. John added that he is always looking for grants and has been successful in receiving many in the past and is hoping to continue to receive them.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, October 24, 2022 @ 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: Jennifer Ball, Gullett, Blanton, Roeder and Steve Ball. Chapin was absent.

Also present: Ellen Simmons, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Shawn Pickworth, Jay Sell, Josh Adams and John Chapin.

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

The minutes from the October 10, 2022 Police and Recreation Budget Meeting were presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the October 10, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder 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 reported the Community Club would be meeting Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. at the Wildcat Café. She then continued to say the club would be beginning to update the town event cards in January. Anyone with any updates, deletions or new events should contact a club member so the cards will be accurate.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth introduced Jay Sell from Aspen Energy. Jay Sell provided all in attendance with a folder of information about a proposed gas aggregation program for the village. He then gave the history of Aspen Energy and explained how the program could provide savings to the village and its residents. All residents with a Columbia Gas standard choice account would be enrolled in the program but will have the option of opting out at any time at no cost to the resident.

A discussion between Jay Sell, Shawn Pickworth and members of council ensued. Other than filling out updated paperwork with PUCO, the process would be fairly easy. Council was in favor of going forward in pursuing this program and taking the next steps in the process.

Shawn Pickworth then shared the following report.

<u>Water</u>

- Park Avenue Water Main Replacement Project – project is complete.

<u>Wastewater</u>

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – we got some good news last week. The equipment we have been waiting for is in. Hopefully the contractor will schedule the installation soon.

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.

Other

- Hileman Building Project – had a good zoom meeting last week with the State on the steps needed to allow this project to move forward. We are meeting with the contractor this Friday at 11:00 am. Council is welcome to come and be a part of.

- Downtown Project – we will be submitting a letter of intent this month to ODOT asking for permission to apply again for this project. The project includes new sidewalks, paving and light poles throughout the downtown area.

- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new batting cages at the Recreation Park on November 1st at 4:30 p.m. This will be held to dedicate the new batting cages and to thank Fisher-Titus for their generosity.

- Halloween is this weekend. Please be safe, and have a great time.

The times for all the Halloween activities were discussed.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated the road would be closed for a couple hours during the Jack-o-lantern Jamboree until 4 p.m. when trick or treat begins.

Toby Thomas asked about State Route 162 being closed during the Halloween festivities and if anyone anticipated any problems with the closure.

Joe Hicks stated that there had never been any problems with the road being temporarily closed for different events and he didn't anticipate any problems for the Halloween celebration. Council agreed that the road closure would not be an issue.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with a bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for August 2022.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-33 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2023 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-34 An Ordinance Allowing the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Bridge Inspection Program Services and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2022-34 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

There was none.

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

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

Jennifer Ball made a motion to adjourn. Gullett 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

Workshop – County Permissive, Local Permissive, State Highway, Street, Sanitation and Storm Budget Meeting – Mon., November 14th, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members of council present: Chet Blanton, Adam Gullett, Steve Ball, Jennifer Ball, Alison Chapin and Steve Roeder.

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Marvin McCallister, Adam Weeks and Steve Bond.

Don Patton, Utilities Foreman, presented the 2023 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.

Sanitation – There was minimal change to the sanitation budget compared to the 2022 budget. There were just some slight increases due to vendors raising their prices. Don Patton explained that one need the department has in the next couple of years is for a new dump truck to replace one of the older trucks being used.

Street – There were no significant changes in this budget. Don Patton stated eventually he would like to use money from the Street and State Highway Funds to build a salt bin. Currently, the village rents a storage building to hold the salt. Once the building is built, it will save the village significant monthly rent charges.

Storm – There were only slight increases in a few areas in this budget.

State Highway – This fund does not get used very often but it is used to pay a portion of the road salt for the village.

Local Permissive – There is not much money that goes into this fund. It can only be used on streets, highways, curbs and sidewalks.

County Permissive – This fund can only be used on certain streets in the village. The funds are held at the county and the village needs the county's permission before any of these funds can be used. County Permissive funds were used on the Euclid Road paving project. The village is letting these funds build up again before they request them for use on another project.

The workshop ended with a discussion about the ongoing problem of the lack of resources and funding for street improvements.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 14, 2022 @ 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: Chapin, Blanton, Jennifer Ball, Steve Ball, Gullett and Roeder.

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

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 October 24, 2022 Water, Sewer and Fire Budget Meeting were 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 24, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons announced the Community Club would be meeting at the Wildcat Diner at 9 a.m. the next morning. She also commended member of council Steve Roeder for the letter to the editor he had written to the New London Record in support of the police and fire tax levy renewal. She thought the letter was very well done and probably was a big help in passing the levy.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

<u>Water</u>

- EPA Inspection – the OEPA will be inspecting our Water Plant the first week in December.

<u>Wastewater</u>

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – we got some good news last week. The equipment we have been waiting for is in. Hopefully the contractor will schedule the installation soon.

<u>Storm Sewers</u>

- Nothing major.

<u>Sanitation</u>

- No major issues.

Street

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

Other

- Hileman Building Project – we are waiting for contractor to submit cost estimates.

- Downtown Project – a letter of intent has been submitted and acknowledged.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated that he didn't have a report but it was great to see the police and fire levy renewal pass. He was very appreciative of the resident's support.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks presented the following report:

We are happy to report that trick-or-treat and all of the Halloween festivities were a huge success this year. From what I observed, all of the events were well attended with the warmer temperatures likely playing a key role in that. No major problems were reported.

The police department would like to again thank our community for their continued support of its emergency services. During the recent election the levy was renewed with a resounding 290 to 151 vote.

With the coming years budget being approved, I would like to request approval to move forward with the purchase of a new Ford Police Interceptor. My intentions would be for it to replace Car #3, the 2014 Ford Taurus Interceptor (102,321 miles).

Roeder made a motion to allow Police Chief Hicks to move forward with the purchase of a new Ford Police Interceptor. 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 presented the following report:

On November 4th we received 25 new SCBAs and 50 bottles. We have an air compressor that can fill the bottles to 4500 PSI. Each bottle gives the firefighter 30 minutes of work time. On November 22nd Fire Safety Services, the company that supplied the SCBAs, will be here for the required fit test for the facepieces and training. We received the funds from a FEMA grant with our share of the cost at 5% of the $180,500.00 award.

We have received all the gear from a $17,100.00 grant from the State Fire Marshalls' office. We received 6 sets of gear at a cost of $2,992.00 per firefighter.

I would also like to add 2 new firefighters to the roster. They are Michael Cottrell and Shannon Stevens. He concluded his report by thanking the community for their support in passing the police and fire levy renewal.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Fire Chief Chapin to add Michael Cottrell and Shannon Stevens as volunteer firefighters. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball shared the October run report for the ambulance service. There were 62 total runs. There were 31 runs in New London Village; 8 runs in New London Township; 10 runs in Fitchville Township; 3 in Troy Township; 9 in Ruggles Township and 1 Mutual Aid.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning.

Gary Hopkins Jr. was absent. Toby Thomas wanted to let council know that Gary Hopkins Jr. was doing very well as the zoning inspector and everything had been going very smoothly. Shawn Pickworth agreed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas was absent but Toby Thomas reported that the gun raffle had been over the weekend and it had gone very well.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-35 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-36 An Ordinance 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 2022-36 to be passed on an emergency measure. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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.

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

Toby Thomas then presented the bills under Schedule B, Then and Now. Steve Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Gullett 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

Workshop – All Other Budget Meeting – Mon., November 28, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members of council present: Chet Blanton, Adam Gullett, Steve Ball, Alison Chapin and Steve Roeder. Jennifer Ball was absent.

Also present: Shawn Pickworth and Steve Bond.

The Fiscal Officer and Village Administrator held the final budget meeting by discussing the General Fund, Cemetery Funds and all other remaining accounts. They went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund. Each budget was briefly discussed.

One possible change for the cemetery for 2023 is the possible purchase of a mower and hiring an employee to mow the cemetery and a few other small locations instead of having a mowing contract with someone. The General Fund and Cemetery budgets were adapted to allow for this change. A new hire's salary to mow would be taken 80% out of the Cemetery Fund and 20% out of the General Fund.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.

Nancy Howell

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 28, 2022 @ 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, Blanton, Roeder, Chapin and Steve Ball. Jennifer Ball was absent.

Also present: Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Shawn Pickworth and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the November 14, 2022 Permissive, State Highway, Street, Sanitation and Storm Budget Meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 14, 2022 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report.

Water

- EPA Inspection – the OEPA will be inspecting our Water Plant the first week in December.

- Park Ave. Waterline Replacement Project – submitted final pay draw for processing.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – USDA RD wants us to wrap up the punch lists and begin the process of closing out this project.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.

Street

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

Other

- Hileman Building Project – received cost estimates last week. We will be submitting these to the State for review and approval.

- Downtown Project – a letter of intent has been submitted and acknowledged.

- We would like to schedule a workshop for December 12, 2022 @ 6:00 pm with Council to discuss succession planning in our Water/Wastewater & Utilities.

Steve Roeder made a motion to call a special meeting at 6 p.m. prior to the regular council meeting on December 13, 2022 to discuss succession planning in our Water, Wastewater and Utilities. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with a bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for September 2022.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-35 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 presented Ordinance 2022-37 An Ordinance Amending the 2022 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 2022-37 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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 called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Police Chief Joe Hicks explained an incident that resulted in damage to the door of car one. There is an investigation being held to determine if this damage was done purposefully or not. If no restitution is received, Joe Hicks does not plan on fixing the damage. He stated he would change the car he will replace when they get their new cruiser to car one instead of car three. Joe Hicks also reported that car two was in the process of getting the water pump repaired. Car two is the department's second newest cruiser.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Roeder 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, Then and Now. Steve Ball made a motion to approve schedule B. Gullett 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 Toby Thomas

Nancy Howell	Toby Thomas
Fiscal Officer	Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Workshop – Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The workshop was held to discuss succession planning in the water, wastewater and utility departments. Ordinances will be presented at the January 9, 2023 council meeting.

Workshop was adjourned.

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, December 12, 2022 @ 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: Chapin, Blanton, Steve Ball, Gullett and Roeder. Jennifer Ball was absent.

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

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 28, 2022 All Other Budget Meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 28, 2022 regular meeting 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.

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

Ellen Simmons announced that Hometown Holidays had been a huge success. She wanted to thank Toby Thomas, Steve Roeder, Steve Ball, Chet Blanton, Shawn Pickworth, Police Chief Joe Hicks and the New London Police Department and Fire Chief John Chapin and the New London Fire Department for their help. She stated they had not received any negative comments but the Community Club welcomes any suggestions for the future.

Steve Roeder added that he thought Hometown Holidays had turned out to be a great event.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

<u>Water</u>

- EPA Inspection – on December 6, 2022 the OEPA conducted a compliance survey of our Water Plant and processes. The inspection was very in-depth and took around 4 ½ hours to complete. Everything went well, only one minor violation was found. Good job to our Water crew.

<u>Wastewater</u>

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Getting really close to closing this project out.

<u>Storm Sewers</u>

- 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.

Other

- Hileman Building Project – submitted cost estimates with application last week. Hopefully we will hear something before the end of the year.

- Downtown Project – received an ODOT invitation to submit an application.

- Gas aggregation program – the Village is ready to implement the gas aggregation program. We will be scheduling a public hearing at the first council meeting in January. We believe this program will save residents money on their natural gas bills.

- We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with bank reconciliations to approve and also deposit and expense reports for October and November 2022.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated that he didn't have a report but he expressed it is a joy to be the mayor of New London and he appreciates all of the village employees. He encouraged them to keep up the good work.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks presented the following report:

The police department held in-service training on Sunday, December 04. The training was instructed by Sgt. Capiot and fulfilled our annual taser re-certification. Also in attendance that day was an officer from the Wellington Police Department. In addition to our in-service training, all officers are finishing up their required CPT training for the year. This training consists of 24 hours of on-line training covering a variety of topics to include officer wellness, legal updates, domestic violence, and use of force. It must be completed by every officer in the state of Ohio before the end of the calendar year, otherwise the state will place them under a cease function status.

I've recently accepted the resignation of two officers who could no longer fulfill their requirements to the police department. Effective immediately, part-time officer Osvaldo Gonzalez Jr. and reserve officer Benjamin Keener have stepped down.

Saturday's annual Home Town Holidays event was again a huge success. It was great to see the parade grow and the addition of the inflatable slide and train rides for the kids. I've only heard positive feedback from this event. Thank you to the Community Club and all of the other volunteers who assisted with this event.

Steve Ball made a motion to accept the resignations of Osvaldo Gonzalez Jr. and Benjamin Keener. Roeder 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.

Steve Roeder shared the November run report in the absence of Jennifer Ball. There were 79 total runs. There were 49 runs in New London Village; 11 runs in New London Township; 7 runs in Fitchville Township; 7 in Troy Township; 4 in Ruggles Township and 1 Mutual Aid.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning. Gary Hopkins Jr. absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas presented the following report:

- I have been working at the reservoir on some camp sites. I revamped one of the sites. I pulled the camper out and put a new base in and moved the electric and water to where they should be. Last week some of the water guys and myself finished putting sewer in the group area. We will be turning this area into seasonal camping for the 2023 season. There were originally 12 spots in the group area. We rearranged that area and now there are seven. We have more projects at the reservoir that I would like to get done this winter as long as the weather cooperates.
- We received a grant from Fireland Electric from Operation Roundup for $5,000. This money will go to help repave some of the roads at the recreation park in the campground. We are taking money from the 501c3 account plus the $5,000 and we are going to pave as much of that campground as we can at the park.
- I would like to thank all the rec committee members that came out and helped yesterday with the breakfast with Santa. We had a good turnout for the event. I had to leave early because my kids had games, so it's always nice to have those people that help and volunteer for all these events.
- I would like to propose a price change to the Hileman building. I would like to keep the $400 for the original price for Saturday, but if they want to rent the building the day before for setting up it should be $100 and for the day after another $100. This would be a total of $600 for the whole weekend. They would still receive $100 back for the deposit.
- The last thing I would like to talk about is putting a tax levy for our park systems on the ballot May 2, 2023. I would like to propose a 3-mil levy. This levy would generate $100,325. A home that is valued at $100,000 would cost a homeowner $105 for the year. The levy would be for 5 years.

If the levy would pass, all the money raised would stay at the recreation park. The park is in need of some major upgrades.

- The restrooms need painted, new lighting and new fixtures. The showers need fixed or replaced.
- We need dirt for all the ball fields.
- All of the pavilions need work and some of them need torn down and replaced.
- We are going to need new mowers at the park. The newest one we have there is from 2015.
- Add or replace some of the playground equipment.
- Maintain the new batting cages and tennis courts.
- New lights on the big ball field
- Mulch for the playground
- Pave the parking lot at the Hileman building
- Pour concrete at all the ball fields, in the dugouts and around the fields.

There is so much we could do at the park, but we just do not have the money for it. I know that everyone is going to see another tax levy but this is for your park system that the whole community uses. I think for $105, that is a small price to pay to maintain and make some upgrades to our park. Thank you.

Property value	tax cost
$50,000	$52.50
$100,000	$105.00
$150,000	$157.50
$200,000	$210.00
$250,000	$262.50
$300,000	$315.00
$350,000	$367.50
$400,000	$420.00
$450,000	$472.50
$500,000	$525.00
$1,000,000	$1,050.00

Members of council agreed to pursue an income tax levy for the recreation park and noted there were two ordinances on the agenda that evening. Members of council also agreed to adjust the price of the Hileman Building according to Joe Thomas' request. Mr. Bond will draft an ordinance for the next council meeting.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-35 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2022-38 An Ordinance Amending the 2022 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 2022-38 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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 2022-39 An Ordinance Adopting the 2023 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 2022-39 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, 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 2022-40 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 2022-40 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2022-08 A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Submit a Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the Purpose of Park and Recreational Purposes, and Requesting the Huron County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of the Village and the Dollar Amount of Revenue that Would be Generated by that Levy, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2022-08 to be passed on an emergency measure. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2022-09 A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Proceed with an Election on the Question of Levying an Additional Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for Park and Recreation Purposes of the Village, and Declaring an Emergency. 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. Roeder 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 bills under Schedule B, Then and Now. Steve Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Steve Ball made a motion to move Taylor Ingraham from part-time to full-time at $18 per hour. Gullett 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.

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Fiscal Officer

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