

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 9, 2023 @ 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: Chapin, Blanton, Steve Ball, Gullett, Jennifer Ball and Roeder.

Also present: Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Madalynn Cucco, Brian Cucco, Don Patton, John Chapin, Cole Risner, Ellise Risner, Taylor Ingraham, Zach Ingraham, Kyle Sheehan, Lance Capiot, Brett Harrenton, Hope Capiot, Derek Johnson and Shawn Pickworth.

Adam Gullett made a motion to elect Steve Ball as Council President Pro Tempore for 2023. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion.

Steve Ball asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball 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 December 12, 2022 workshop 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 December 12, 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.

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

Ellen Simmons announced the community club would be meeting the next morning at 9 a.m. at the Wildcat Diner. They would be discussing the success of Hometown Holidays and any ways they can make improvements to the event. Thoughts from the public are welcome. Ellen Simmons then stated New London Schools would be offering a free six-week Adult Intro to Holocaust class on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. The class will be taught by Misty Ebinger. Registration is available online.

Shawn Pickworth asked Ellen Simmons if the community club would be printing their event cards for 2023.

Ellen Simmons replied that yes, they would be. She was just waiting on more information to be able to complete them.

Steve Ball called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Park Ave. Waterline Replacement Project – this project is closed out. We came in just below the budget.
- Lead Service Line Replacement Project – we have requested from the State to keep this project opened a while longer since we have come across a few additional services that need upgraded and we came in over \$102k under budget so we definitely want the project to pay for the additional work.
- Coleman Court Waterline Project – application was sent to the State, Small Governments Funding. We should hear something by the end of May with funds being released in mid-September. More than likely we will go to bid end of 2023 or early 2024 with project to start spring of 2024.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – USDA RD will be in town on February 14th to do a walkthrough and final inspection of the project. At this time if everything is good, we will close this project. As of now we are over \$600k under budget. We only had 3 change orders during the entire project.
- New London Ave. Project – preliminary engineering has been completed and we are just looking for the right funding to move this project forward. Still waiting for the Build Back Better Funds to come through. Lol

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 – the State came back requesting additional information. We are now waiting for them to release the funds.
- Downtown Project – full applications are due and will be submitted this month.
- Christmas weekend storm – we fared okay during the bitter cold, windchills and snow. Crews did great dealing with the elements. We had a number of water shutoff requests

during the weekend due to frozen and broken waterlines. All in all, everything worked out okay.

- Year End & New Year – staff will be busy closing out 2022 and starting 2023. Lots of annual reports due this month.
- Landbank – the Landbank is out to bid on the 18 demo properties throughout the County. Bids are due by January 20, 2023. The board will then meet to select a contractor or contractors. The project completion has a deadline of May 1, 2022.

Steve Ball asked which properties were within the Village of New London.

Shawn Pickworth stated there was one on North Railroad, South Maple, White Avenue and Clinton Street.

Shawn concluded by introducing Cole Risner and Brian Cucco to members of council. They will be beginning their new rolls with the village and Shawn thought council would like to put faces with their names.

Steve Ball called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks presented the following report:

New London Police Department closed out the year with 2,940 service calls for 2022. This is down 404 calls from the previous year and is just below the three-year average of 3,042 calls.

2021- 3,344 calls

2020- 2,844 calls

2019- 3,674 calls

The year was full of ups and downs as any year is. I'm proud of our dedicated staff members for pulling together and working through the difficult moments. I'm also very thankful for our community members who continue to support us in numerous ways from the renewal of the emergency services levy to the food and beverage items that are often brought in.

In November I had mentioned car #1 had been damaged by a civilian, while an officer was investigating a complaint and that I was awaiting an estimate from a local garage. I recently received that estimate and it came to \$1,278.42. A copy of that estimate along with the report and camera footage was submitted to the prosecutor. He stated he would be requesting charges and restitution in the matter.

At that time, I also reported car #2 had been taken to Don Tester Ford for a water pump repair. The cost for that repair is going to be \$2,718.00. Additionally, they reported a leak coming from the transmission cooling system. They said they can't fix that until the water pump issue is resolved. Sadly, they have had the vehicle for approximately 6 weeks. I have been told they are currently waiting on parts to make the repair. As of today, they told me they hoped to have the car fixed by week's end.

For the past couple of years, I have wanted to implement an officer of the year award. This is an award that is voted on by all members of the department and presented to the deserving member at the first council meeting of the new year. In addition to being an officer who frequently goes above and beyond, this individual always presents themselves in a professional and ethical manner, working alongside the public to resolve issues, and whose culmination of work and service throughout the year has proven to be deserving of such recognition.

At this time, I would like to honor Sgt. Lance Capiot as our 2022 Officer of the Year. Sgt. Lance Capiot came forward and was presented with a plaque and commendation.

Lance has been with the New London Police Department for approximately 8.5 years, starting as a reserve officer in May 2014. He bumped up to part-time in July of 2015 and became full-time in October of that year. In January of 2019 he was promoted to Investigator and was promoted to his current rank of Sergeant on November 14, 2020.

I have had the pleasure of working alongside him during this time. I have watched him grow into an exceptional police officer. During his tenure, he has always demonstrated himself as someone who is dedicated, dependable, fair, ethical, and professional. He has shown me he is a man of great integrity, someone I can count on in short notice situations. He has often made personal sacrifices to ensure shifts are covered, when nobody else is available. As second in command, he has eased my work load and been someone I know is capable of carrying out the tasks assigned to him.

His peers feel the same way and have shared the following:

I selected Sergeant Capiot for Officer of the Year, as he has shown time and time again his true dedication to the department and the officers he works beside. The Sergeant maintains a personal relationship with each of us, working diligently to balance their home life/work schedule, and will forfeit his own time off to allow another the opportunity to take a day off if needed. He is the first person to pick up the phone, on duty or off, to help an officer in need with any task no matter how big or small, and asks for nothing in return. He is a great mentor and leader whom I look up to and continually learn from each day.

Sgt. Capiot always leads by example and would never ask you to do anything he wouldn't do himself. He sets the bar with the right attitude and work ethic that he would expect to see in others. He is always willing to help out and train others.

Sgt. Capiot is deserving of the award because he goes above and beyond to improve the department and help fellow officers. He conducts himself professionally and is a good role model for others.

I want to thank Sgt. Capiot for taking me under his wing when I first started. Thank you for always being there for me and for all of us when we need help. His hard work and dedication don't go unnoticed and we appreciate him so much.

I feel Sgt. Capiot should be recognized for a few reasons. He balances his duties as a supervisor, while being a friend and co-worker very well. I also feel he sets the standard when it comes to dealing with people in every situation.

Steve Ball congratulated Sgt. Lance Capiot and told him it was well deserved.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from fire. Fire Chief John Chapin stated he was working on his 2022 report and would have it the following month.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from the ambulance. Steve Roeder stated he did not have a report but December had been a pretty standard month. He added the ambulance was having issues with vehicle maintenance and would probably be in need of purchasing a new ambulance.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from zoning. Gary Hopkins Jr. was absent but submitted the following report for October, November and December.

10/3/2022 – Site visit to 169 New London Ave. for query on shed zoning. (Permit issued)

10/9/2022 – Site visit to 125 W. Main to go over setbacks for proposed garage addition.

10/11/2022 – Site visit to 69 Birch Park drive for housekeeping complaint. Did not contact resident. I made multiple attempts in the following days, but the residence appears to be vacant.

10/11/2022 – Site visit to 36 N. Maple for housekeeping complaint. Contacted resident. Resident assured me that it would be taken care of promptly.

I received six phone inquiries and one email inquiry during October.

There was one permit issued in October.

11/5/2022 – Site visit to 130 First St. for Housekeeping complaint. Contacted resident, resident resolved issue within next couple weeks.

11/15/2022 – Site visit to 73 Birch Park Dr. for fence permit. Permit issued at this time.

11/29/2022 – Site visit to 117 E. Hooker for housekeeping complaint. Verbal warning given to resident.

I received four phone inquiries and no email inquiries for November and December.

There was one fence permit issued in November.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from recreation. Joe Thomas absent.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2023-01 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2022-33, Setting Certain Fees for 2023 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2023-02 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook, Relative to Certain Positions in the Utilities Departments, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-02 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.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2023-03 An Ordinance Amending Section 143.07 of the Codified Ordinances and the Employee Handbook as it Pertains to Vacation Accrual and Redemption. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball 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. Second Reading. Jennifer

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

Steve Ball then presented Resolution 2023-01 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Submit to the Ohio Department of Transportation Alternative Program Grant an Application for Funding assistance for the New London Downtown Improvement Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Resolution 2023-01 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder 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 called for Old Business

There was none.

Steve Ball then called for New Business.

Steve Roeder stated he had a request from Inspire New London to close Main Street on July 22, 2023 and October 28, 2023 for their Christmas in July and Halloween events.

Roeder made a motion to allow the Village of New London to close Main Street on July 22, 2023 for Christmas in July and on October 28, 2023 for Halloween activities. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then mentioned some updates needed on the Village of New London website.

Shawn Pickworth stated he would make sure the website was updated.

Steve Ball 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.

Steve Ball 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 then presented vouchers 1-31 for payments dated December 29, 2022 for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the vouchers. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 23, 2023 @ 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, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball.

Also present: Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, 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 January 9, 2023 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder 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 absent.

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

The Fiscal Officer reported that she was in the process of closing off the 2022 year and would have reports for council next month.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-01 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2022-33, Setting Certain Fees for 2023 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir. 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 2023-03 An Ordinance Amending Section 143.07 of the Codified Ordinances and the Employee Handbook as it Pertains to Vacation Accrual and Redemption. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-04 An Ordinance Amending, Supplementing, and Re-Adopting the 2023 Temporary Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-04 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. Gullett made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented 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. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

Steve Ball questioned if the increase in the 2023 temporary appropriations was due to a new grant being received. It was explained that this grant was not a new grant and Fire Chief John Chapin had notified members of council about it at a previous meeting.

Steve Roeder asked about the zoning issue at 69 Birch Park Drive. The zoning inspector had tried contacting the resident at the address but was not successful and was doubtful that anyone actually lived in the home. Steve Roeder said he is still getting questions about the property from village residents and he noticed fresh footprints in the snow recently.

Police Chief Joe Hicks knew some information on the owners of the property and stated between himself and the zoning inspector, they may be able to work on the situation.

Toby Thomas stated he would contact Zoning Inspector Gary Hopkins Jr. and make sure he gets in touch with Police Chief Joe Hicks on the matter.

Alison Chapin asked if council should make a motion for the changes in personnel made with the succession planning.

Steve Ball made a motion to accept John Chapin as Senior Advisor in light of his impending retirement; Don Patton as Water/Wastewater Superintendent to replace John Chapin; Cole Risner in the new position of Assistant Water/Wastewater Superintendent; and Brian Cucco to replace Don Patton as Utilities Foreman. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas discussed the various village committees and any new committee members needed for 2023. The Zoning and Planning Commission was in need of two new members. After reaching out to a couple people about possible membership, he was unable to find anyone to replace Jim VanSickle and Cheri Raphael. Toby Thomas stated he would continue searching for volunteers and requested if council had any ideas to please reach out to them.

Adam Gullett made a motion to name Gabe Heileman to the Cemetery Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2025. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to reinstate Steve Roeder and Alison Chapin for a one-year term as council representatives to the Volunteer Fire Fighters Board. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Adam Gullett made a motion to reinstate Jonna Rowland for a one-year term as the village resident representative to the Volunteer Fire Fighters Board. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas suggested to put something in the village ordinances that would allow out of town residents that own businesses in town to sit on village committees. He asked council to think about this change.

Steve Ball stated they should start by placing the committee openings on the village website and the village's Facebook page.

Jennifer Ball stated she wanted to note that Steve Roeder was sitting on the ambulance board along side her. It was duly noted. This had been voted on at a prior council meeting.

Toby Thomas asked if there was any other new business.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he would like council's permission to move Kyle Sheehan off probation and promote him to a regular full-time police officer. He also asked for council to allow him to receive the usual dollar raise given after probation was complete.

Steve Roeder made a motion to remove Kyle Sheehan off probation and increase his salary to \$19.50 per hour with a start date of January 22, 2023. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Chet Blanton asked Chief Hicks how the case with Brett Harrenton was developing. Chief Hicks responded that they were waiting for the court date in March. There was nothing new to report.

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 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.

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, February 13, 2023 @ 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, Jennifer Ball and Roeder.

Also present: Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Joe Thomas, Don Patton, John Chapin, Marvin McCallister 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 23, 2023 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 she had passed out town event cards to several individuals to look over. This is the last week to make any corrections so she asked that they be given to her as soon as possible. Ellen Simmons also noted that they had never rededicated the newly repaired Terry Wilson Memorial Deck. She suggested a small ceremony take place in the spring.

Toby Thomas asked if there were any other public comments.

Marvin McCallister replied that he was going to talk about chickens but he noticed they were already on the agenda to be discussed so he would wait until then.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Waterline Project – application was sent to the State, Small Governments Funding. We should hear something by the end of May with funds being released in mid-September. More than likely we will go to bid end of 2023 or early 2024 with project to start spring of 2024. This will be a 70% Grant and 30%, 0% interest Loan.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – USDA RD will be in town tomorrow February 14th to do a final walk through/inspection. We will also get closing instructions for the project.
- New London Ave. Project – preliminary engineering has been completed and we are just looking for the right funding to move this project forward.

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 – Mayor Thomas signed the grant agreement last week for the project we are expecting the funds to be available soon.
- Downtown Project – full application has been submitted, now we wait to hear if we get funded or not.

Steve Ball asked when the gas aggregation plan would be starting.

Shawn Pickworth replied that it would be starting in May. Each resident will receive information in the mail including a number to call to opt out of the program.

Steve Ball asked if the rate they were locked in at was a fixed rate or variable rate.

Shawn Pickworth stated it was a fixed rate because natural gas prices were expected to rise.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated that he was still working on the committees. Toby Thomas spoke with Scott Hageman and he has agreed to sit on the Zoning Commission. This leaves one spot yet to fill. Toby Thomas has reached out to another individual to fill the second open spot but he has not yet heard back.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire.

Fire Chief John Chapin said he had emailed members of council his yearend report:

We had a good year in 2022. We ended the year with 98 calls for service. It was a great year for grants and new equipment and gear. We received 3 grants, FEMA for SCBAs totaling \$180,500.00, State Fire Marshals' Office for gear totaling \$17,500.00 and an SFM grant for training reimbursement totaling \$450.00. We also purchased and put into service a new 4-wheel drive grass truck. We were also able to purchase a new set of battery-operated Jaws-of-Life with ARPA funds. We added 4 new Firefighters that have finished their schooling at EHOVE. We currently have 26 Firefighters on the roster.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball shared the January run report for Firelands Ambulance. There were 71 total runs. There were 36 runs in New London Village; 8 runs in New London Township; 6 runs in Fitchville Township; 5 in Troy Township; 11 in Ruggles Township and 5 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:

- The Hileman building project is slated to start on February 28th. I met with AMC today to pick out colors and talk about the project.
- I had a meeting with Mr. Bob Archer to talk about some projects at the park back in October. He asked me if I could come back after the first of the year so we could discuss these projects in more detail. I ended up meeting in January and talking about three projects that I thought are very important to the park systems. The road project around the camping area, building a new pavilion by the basketball courts and building a new horse arena. By the end of the meeting Mr. Archer donated a total of \$50,000 to all of these projects. Now this is not just a donation but a challenge. We as a village and a park system need to raise \$50,000 and he will match it. This can be through private donations or money we raise through some of our fund raisers. We are very lucky to have a person like Mr. Archer in our community. So, if anyone is interested in helping raise funds or wanting to donate they can contact me at the village.
- I am in need of a truck. What are everyone's thoughts.
- We have been working at the reservoir on the group area project. It is starting to look very nice. All seven of the spots that we created and turned into seasonal are full.
- As soon as the weather permits Stu Cooke will start on some new sites that I have laid out. These sites are located out by where the basketball court and sand volleyball are. This project is going to be done in phases. The road and the lots will be cut in and stone added. Then we will add water to the sites. Last the electric. The electric for the sites alone is going to cost \$40,000-\$50,000. We are hoping to be able to put the electric in by the start of next season.

Joe Thomas asked for approval to hire seasonal park employees for 2023.

Members of council discussed options for a truck for Joe Thomas. One option would be to allow Joe Thomas to take the truck currently used by the village administrator and the village administrator would look at purchasing a smaller truck that would suit his needs more adequately. The goal is to try to receive state bid pricing. Leasing a truck was one option discussed. Council asked for the administrator and fiscal officer to come up with a plan and then return to council with something for their approval.

Adam Gullett made a motion to approve the following seasonal recreation employees and hourly rates.

Maintenance/Groundskeeping

Charley Crawford

\$11.50

Frank Murr	\$11.50
Andy O'Dell	\$11.50
Eric Mitchell	\$11.24
Tom Howell	\$11.24

Office Workers

Suzie Sidell	\$11.24
Grace Popa	\$11.24
Baylee Cucco	\$11.24
Paige Wilson	\$11.24

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-01 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2022-33, Setting Certain Fees for 2023 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. 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 2023-03 An Ordinance Amending Section 143.07 of the Codified Ordinances and the Employee Handbook as it Pertains to Vacation Accrual and Redemption. 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 2023-05 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook, Relative to the Table of Organization of Village Employees. First Reading. Jennifer Ball 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.

Toby Thomas brought up the issue of feral cats within the village. There are currently a great number of feral cats dwelling in the village. Many residents are complaining about this issue. Toby Thomas spoke with Crystal Riggi from an animal rescue service. Ms. Riggi explained to Toby Thomas that feral cats are not a bad thing for a community. They keep the mice population under control. Crystal Riggi suggested that the village consider taking these feral cats to be spade and neutered and then returned to the village. The cost per cat would be \$50 and it is possible to apply for grants to offset the cost.

Members of council briefly discussed the situation and agreed that feral cats were definitely a problem within the village. Steve Ball recommended the village look into available grants as a first measure in keeping the cat population under control.

Toby Thomas stated he would contact Crystal Riggi and find out more information and report back to council.

The next item of discussion was the possibility of chickens being allowed in the village limits of New London. Steve Ball stated he was in favor of allowing residents to keep chickens in town. He researched several other communities allowing chickens and reviewed their ordinances. Steve Ball came up with a proposed ordinance for the Village of New London concerning chickens. A six-chicken limit; only property owners residing at the home being eligible and coup and fencing requirements are some highlights of the proposed ordinance. The only other thing he noted was that a slight change would need to be made to the zoning ordinance to allow for the coups and fencing.

Members of council discussed the idea of allowing village residents to own chickens. It was determined the ordinance would be on for a first reading at the next council meeting.

Marvin McCallister brought up some concerns he had about the proposed ordinance. Marvin believed that eight chickens would be a better number due to the fact a certain number of them usually do not survive. Another concern he had was that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) would be concluding in two and a half weeks.

Steve Roeder questioned who would be regulating the chicken compliance in the village.

Toby Thomas stated the zoning inspector would be in charge of making sure residents stayed in compliance with the chicken ordinance.

Steve Bond noted that since the zoning ordinance would need to be changed, it would need to go through the zoning process.

More discussion on chickens will come at the next council 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. Roeder 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. 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, February 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: Blanton, Roeder, Chapin, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball. Gullett was absent.

Also present: Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister, Barry Overy, David Williams, Bob Cooke, Ellen Simmons and Lynne Phillips.

Toby Thomas asked for approval of the agenda. Steve ball made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to add an executive discussion after approval of the bills. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the February 13, 2023 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin/Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Barry Overy stood and stated he owns three properties within the village. He is having a problem with his property on Third Street. The neighbor to this residence has an illegal sump pump. Mr. Overy noted several village ordinances that were being violated due to the neighbor's sump pump. During his investigation of the neighbor's sump pump he realized his own sump pump needed corrected which he is taking care in the spring. Mr. Overy wondered who should take care of this issue. His property is being destroyed by the neighbor's sump pump.

Toby Thomas stated the village's zoning inspector would be the appropriate person to handle the situation. Toby took the information and said he would contact the zoning inspector and have him speak with the property owner.

Barry Overy then stated his second issue was about cats. Feral cats are overrunning that area. They are constantly getting into the resident's trash and making a huge mess.

Toby Thomas explained that feral cats had been discussed at the previous council meeting and that Crystal Riggi from an animal rescue service would be attending the council meeting on March 27th to discuss the issue. The animal rescue is suggesting to trap the feral cats, spay or neuter them and then release them back into the community.

Steve Ball added that council's hands are tied with what they can and cannot do with the cats. He realizes that trapping, spay or neutering and releasing them back into the community does not keep them from getting into resident's trash. He encouraged residents to utilize secure trash containers.

More on feral cats will be discussed at future council meetings.

Toby Thomas told Barry Overy he appreciated him coming in and sharing his concerns.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report.

Water

- Coleman Court Waterline Project – application was sent to the State, Small Governments Funding. We should hear something by the end of May with funds being released in mid-September. More than likely we will go to bid end of 2023 or early 2024 with project to start spring of 2024. This will be a 70% Grant and 30%, 0% interest Loan.

Wastewater

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – The USDA RD, Jones & Henry, North Bay Construction & Village met on February 14, 2023. This was the first time the USDA has been onsite throughout this project and were very impressed with the outcome of the project. We will have a phone call with the USDA late March regarding the remaining funds.
- New London Ave. Project – preliminary engineering has been completed and we are just looking for the right funding to move this project forward.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No major issues.
- If you have more than the six bags allowed or bigger items all you have to do is pick up the phone and call the Village so that a workorder can be issued for the extra pickup. This allows the Village to accurately document and track the extra amounts taken to the landfill. Call 419-929-4091.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.

Other

- Hileman Building Project – AMC will begin the demo work tomorrow.
- Downtown Project – full application has been submitted, now we wait to hear if we get funded or not.
- I would like Councils permission to hire Ed Burgos to the Water/Wastewater Department at a starting rate of \$18.00 per/hour.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire Ed Burgos to the Water/Wastewater Department at a starting rate of \$18 per hour beginning Monday, March 6, 2023. Jennifer 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 the December 2022 bank reconciliation to approve and also yearend deposit and expense reports for 2022.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-05 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook, Relative to the Table of Organization of Village Employees. Second Reading. Roeder 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 2023-06 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. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-07 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract for the Acquisition of a 2023 Chevrolet 1500 Truck, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-07 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 Ordinance 2023-08 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 2023-08 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, Absent. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-09 An Ordinance Adopting the 2023 Permanent 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 2023-09 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 Ordinance 2023-10 An Ordinance Amending the 2023 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 2023-10 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, 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 called for Old Business

Toby Thomas explained that a meeting with the Zoning and Planning Commission would be set to get the process started to change the zoning ordinance to allow for the chicken ordinance to go on the agenda for approval. He stated he would inform council as soon as a date and time for the meeting was confirmed.

Toby Thomas then announced that he had found the two new members for the Zoning and Planning Commission to replace Jim Van Sickle and Cheri Raphael. He asked for council approval of Ralph Chandler and Scott Hageman as the new members.

Steve Ball made a motion to appoint Ralph Chandler and Scott Hageman to the Zoning and Planning Commission. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball reminded the mayor that she and Steve Roeder were both sitting on the ambulance board.

Steve Ball made a motion to appoint Jennifer Ball and Steve Roeder as council representatives to the Firelands Ambulance Board. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Shawn Pickworth stated he needed two council volunteers to sit on the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Housing Board. He asked council members to be thinking about which two would like to part a part of the board. The CRA board meets once each year to review the current CRA businesses in the village and then just on an as needed basis.

Steve Ball and Jennifer Ball stated they would be willing to sit on the board.

Steve Roeder made a motion to appoint Steve Ball and Jennifer Ball as council representatives to the CRA board. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Chapin 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.

Steve Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the Employment and Compensation of a Village Employee or Official. 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 allow Police Chief Joe Hicks to advertise for the School Resource Officer position with a starting rate of \$20 per hour. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Roeder made a motion to adjourn. Steve 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 13, 2023 @ 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, Kevin Thomas, Shelley Speicher, Shane Speicher and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the February 27, 2023 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.

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Nothing major.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – preliminary engineering has been completed and we are just looking for the right funding to move this project forward.

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.
- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.

Other

- Hileman Building Project – Project is underway and moving along well. No issues so far.

- Downtown Project – full application has been submitted, now we wait to hear if we get funded or not.
- I would like Council's permission to put items/equipment not used anymore into Suvar's consignment auction April 1st. Not any one item is valued above \$1000.00. Example: old trash pumps, boat motor that hasn't been used for 20 plus years, an old sickle bar for a tractor, an old generator, old welder. Etc.
- Farming Contract – the farming contract expires at the end of 2023. I am assuming Council would like to go out for bid this year sometime for the next 3-5 years. In the past we did it every 3 years and this last contract Council approved a 3 year extension due to the farmer treating the ground with lime.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to put items and equipment not being used any longer into Andy Suvar's consignment auction on April 1, 2023. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball asked Shawn Pickworth if there was any way to advertise it as a three or five year contract for the farm land and see what interest there is.

Mr. Bond stated that would be okay.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to go to bid for the farming land at the reservoir for both a three or five year contract. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

This is the final year for the current person awarded the farming contract. Nothing will take place on this until 2024.

Toby Thomas did not have anything to report. He then called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report.

I would like to start off by thanking Josh Kelly, founder of Police Pictures out of Lorain County for their recent donation of cleaning supplies and PPE. On February 20th Josh and a couple of members of their non-profit group stopped on station and provided us with a large amount of Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, and rubber Gloves. His group did the same thing back in 2021 during the peak of COVID. This has saved us a substantial amount of money in cleaning supplies around the department.

Sgt. Lance Capiot recently completed a two-day training class pertaining to evidence retention at Dublin Police Department. He is now a certified evidence technician and will serve in such capacity for our agency.

On Friday, March 10th, I accepted the resignation of our SRO, Kyle Sheehan. We are currently advertising to fill that vacancy. Applications can be obtained by email, phone, or in person.

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. Gary Hopkins Jr. was absent but emailed the following report to members of council:

2/21/2023 – Permit issued for garage addition at 28 E. Hooker

2/28/2023 – Sign permit issued to 34 Clinton St.

2/29/2023 – Last month I issued a verbal housekeeping warning for 69 Birch Park Dr. Since then, they have complied with my request.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas was absent but Toby Thomas stated he had heard that the adult prom had gone very well.

Steve Ball verified the adult prom was a success and that the next events would be Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 1st at the American Legion and the Adult Easter Egg Hunt that afternoon at the park. After those events, there was nothing on the calendar until the County Concert in June.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-05 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook, Relative to the Table of Organization of Village Employees. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Kevin Thomas who was in attendance at the meeting had some questions about the ordinance process and how he could find out what an ordinance was about. A discussion took place with details about ordinances and other council information and processes.

A short conversation about the village website and how the ordinances are posted then took place.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-06 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second 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. 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. Steve Ball made a motion to approve Schedule B. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Gullett made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the Compensation of a Village Employee or Official. Chapin 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. 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 following pay increases:

Police Chief increased to \$31.92 per hour
Police Sergeant increased to \$25.45 per hour
Police Corporal increased to \$22.63 per hour
All other patrol officers increased by 5% of their base pay
All increases to begin April 2, 2023

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
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, March 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: Blanton, Roeder, Chapin, Jennifer Ball, Gullett and Steve Ball.

Also present: Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister, Gary Hopkins Jr., Brad Booth, Charles Snyder, Vickie Snyder, Dan Spehar, Crystal Riggi, Tammy Montgomery, Shelli Fridenstine, Tyler Keathley, Ralph Chandler, Ellen Simmons, Scott (last name not legible) and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the March 13, 2023 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.

Dan Spehar, Co-founder of the Together Initiative for Ohio's Community Cats, stood and did a presentation on their program and how it can help reduce the outdoor cat population in the village. The program uses a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) approach. Participating in this program would eliminate the many kittens being born each year. Also, any sociable cats are put up for adoption immediately lowering the cat population. During this process the cats are humanely trapped; spayed or neutered; vaccinated (at least for rabies); ear tipped and then returned to the community if they are not put up for adoption. This allows for fewer public health concerns with the cats.

Dan Spehar continued his presentation stating that there was no need to spend public funds on this program. The program is funded strictly by donations saving the village thousands of dollars. Mr. Spehar gave a summary of six different long-term TNR studies in which case the cat population was significantly reduced in each location over several years. It was emphasized how this would be an effective and humane way to deal with the growing cat problem in the village. Council was encouraged to either pass an ordinance allowing the program or to make sure there was no language in any current ordinances that would prohibit the program.

Crystal Riggi from Riggi Rescue explained she had been able to trap around 97 cats in the village so far using this process. She credited Tammy Montgomery for her help with the process. It involves a lot of planning and involvement and Tammy has been a huge help. Crystal Riggi asked the community to not try to take care of the cat population by incorporating feeding bans or any other inhumane methods. She believes TNR is the best way to deal with the problem.

There was continued discussion between members of council, Crystal, Dan and other attendees about the situation.

Steve Ball stated he wanted to make sure everyone realized that this program would not be an immediate fix. It takes several years for the program to work completely.

Vickie Snyder stood and complained that she had several cats coming on her porch and her husband is allergic to them. She was adamant that she wanted a solution to keep them out of her yard and off her porch.

Dan Spehar stated there were ways to deter the cats from certain areas. He will send a list of deterrents. He also stated that once the cats have been spayed or neutered the deterrents would be more effective and other nuisance behaviors would diminish.

Vickie Snyder was anxious for help with the problem but thanked Dan Spehar and Crystal Riggi for what they were trying to do.

Steve Roeder thought the TNR program would be a good start.

Council wanted to know where residents could donate to the program. The average cost is around \$80 per cat.

Tammy Montgomery stated there was a donation box at Gas Depot.

Crystal Riggi added that residents could also go to Riggirescue.org and they were also on Facebook.

Council agreed this would be a good first step in controlling the cat problem in New London especially since it is at no cost to the village. They asked Steve Bond if there would need to be any changes or additions to any current ordinances.

Mr. Bond stated that no changes were necessary.

Council gave TNR their blessing to proceed with their program.

Crystal Riggi concluded the presentation by acknowledging there were different grants available if the village was interested in applying for any of them.

Ellen Simmons then announced that the town event cards were now available. She has them with her at all times and the village office also has some. She would like to see them available at all locations where people gather. The cards are provided by the New London Community Club. Shelby Printing prints the cards for the club and they do a great job.

Shelli Fridenstine and Tyler Keathley from North Coast Wireless Communications, LLC stood. Shelli and Tyler had come to council to promote North Coast Wireless services. North Coast Wireless is a local company that provides broadband solutions. They are based out of Wellington and have been in business for over 20 years. There is a support line with 24-hour availability. The company offers many wireless options and they recently secured a grant for Fiber services. Fiber will be available to village residents soon. Shelli emphasized that North Coast Wireless is local so when calls are made, a local representative will be on the other end of the phone. Shelli and Tyler believe their company can meet the needs of the village residents and everything is right here in the local area. They are interested in partnering with the Village of New London. They also provide phone services and TV streaming services. There will be brochures available at the village office.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator. He also announced that Shawn Pickworth would be sharing some exciting news about the Downtown Project. Shawn has been working on this project for a long time.

Shawn began his report with the following:

- Downtown Project – we did it. We are excited to announce that we are getting funded for this project. We will be working with ODOT to construct plans/prints/costs over the next couple years. Sounds like right now the project will be done in 2026. I know it seems like a long way out but the time will go by fast. The Village does have some things we want to get done in the project area before this project happens and we have time to do them. I look forward to working with the Mayor, Council, Businesses and Building Owners as well as Residents to come up with a plan that will transform the looks of our Downtown and breath even more new life into our Community. There is going to be a match that the Village is going to have to fund raise and we will apply for additional grants to be used as a match. To kick off the project we will be meeting with ODOT and the Districts LPA Team on April 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. I would like to invite the Mayor and all of Council to this meeting. If anyone else would like to come and be a part of this project please feel free to join us.

Steve Ball and the rest of council thanked Shawn Pickworth for his hard work and perseverance on this project. This is going to be a great thing for the village.

Shawn Pickworth continued with the following report.

Water

- Nothing major.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – we got some good news from a funding source last week. The government released \$250,000,000 in additional funds around the first of the year and they wanted to know if we are still interested in doing this project. More to come.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant – last week we finalized the last reimbursement for this project. It is now officially complete.

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.

- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.

Other

- Hileman Building Project – Project is underway and moving along well. Demo complete, Electrical is around 80% complete and the contractor has begun to hang drywall.
- The New London CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) Board met this morning to review the CRA's with Tipp Industries and Firelands Electric. The board voted and recommends to Council to continue both CRA's.
- Residents are now receiving the information from Constellation about our Gas Aggregation program. Please read it and chose to stay in the program or opt out by calling the number given in the information. If you have any questions or complaints please call Jay Sells at (614) 884-5300 ext.234. The markets go up and down every day. When we signed the agreement, the aggregate price was lower than Columbia Gas and expected to rise. Today Columbia Gas is cheaper than Constellation but gas prices are still projected to rise. If you don't want to be in the program OPT OUT. It is just that simple.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the January 2023 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for January 2023.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-06 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. 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 called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Ball made a motion to continue the CRA with Tipp Industries and Firelands Electric. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Roeder 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. Gullett 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, April 10, 2023 @ 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, Brian Ball, Reagan Lunsford, John Chapin, Marvin McCallister 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 March 27, 2023 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 stood and stated the Rotary Club and New London Music Boosters had recently completed their annual raffle. Each year the rotary club donates half of their portion of the proceeds to an international organization and half to a local organization. This year, they wanted to donate to the New London Local Parks. In the absence of parks manager Joe Thomas, Ellen Simmons presented a check for \$912.50 to Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth for the New London park system.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Nothing major.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Waiting to hear back from funding.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Spring Clean Up starts April 17, 2023. Please log on to the Village's Facebook page to review hours and rules or stop up at the Village Offices and we will print one out for you.

Street

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

- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.

Other

- Hileman Building Project – Project is moving along well.
- Downtown Project –To kick off the project we will be meeting with ODOT and the Districts LPA Team on April 12, 2023 at 10:00am. I would like to invite the Mayor and all of Council to this meeting. If anyone else would like to come and be a part of this project please feel free to join us.
- We will be shutting down the office and working limited hours in all departments Thursday, April 13, 2023 to allow our employees to support, love on and to lift up Don, Lydia & Addy and the entire Patton family. We will open back up Friday morning.

Toby Thomas did not have anything to report other than he appreciates the hard work of all the village workers. He also extended his condolences to the Patton family.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire.

Fire Chief John Chapin stated he has received a grant from the State Fire Marshal for five sets of gear, 10 helmet flashlights and two-16 SCBA bottle racks. He also asked council permission to add Becky and Jacob Liss to the fire department roster. If approved, this would bring the fire department roster up to 28 firefighters.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to add Becky and Jacob Liss to the firefighter roster. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Steve Roeder shared the March run report for Firelands Ambulance. There were 82 total runs. There were 48 runs in New London Village; 9 runs in New London Township; 7 runs in Fitchville Township; 9 in Troy Township; 7 in Ruggles Township and 2 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 absent.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Shawn Pickworth stated he would like to schedule a workshop about economic development. A date for the workshop will be determined at a later time.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 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: Blanton, Roeder, Chapin, Gullett and Steve Ball. Jennifer Ball was absent.

Also present: Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister, Ellen Simmons, Laura Davidson, Brian Ball, Amanda Smith, Austin Smith, Levi Smith, Freya Smith, Tim White, Donna White, Jim Rollence, Lora Rollence, Taylor Smith, Richard A. Smith, Joe Thomas, Zach Ingraham, Richard Dawson Smith and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the April 10, 2023 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Marvin McCallister asked Shawn Pickworth about the Coleman Court project.

Shawn Pickworth stated he didn't know. He is hoping to know by May if the project will be funded.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Crews are scheduling inspections for customers outside of the village for backflow protection and cross connections. This is required by the OEPA, and we thank our customers for their cooperation in advance.

Wastewater

- Crews have been busy installing new pumps and working with the contractor on installing a new control panel for the EQ basin.
- New London Ave. Project – Waiting to hear back from funding.
- We are still looking for a couple more trucks to replace/add to our fleet.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Spring Clean Up started April 17, 2023. Please log on to the Village's Facebook page to review hours and rules or stop up at the Village Offices and we will print one out for you.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.

Other

- Hileman Building Project – Project is moving along well.
- Downtown Project – We met with ODOT representatives April 12, 2023. I would like to thank everyone who attended. Your input is important to us. We want to give the Village the best possible results. Also, we got some great news that the project has no village match required. This means the project is 100% grant. When we applied for the funding, we thought we would have to match 14% of the total cost of the project. We have a lot of work to do to get to the construction part of the project. This work is expected to begin around the first part of May. The goal is to submit something to ODOT for review by July. I will keep everyone up to date on what is happening and will be scheduling public meetings to get your input on the project. Thank you for your support.

Shawn Pickworth concluded his report by saying Joe Thomas was in attendance and wanted to ask council's permission to hire an additional part-time seasonal worker.

Joe Thomas asked for approval to hire Dominic Albaugh to help mow and do other various janitorial duties at the recreation park. Dominic may qualify through the Department of Job and Family Services program FYRE. FYRE is a workforce developmental program for youth and adults. If Dominic is accepted through the FYRE program it will not be necessary for the village to pay his wages and he will be able to work up to 40 hours a week. If Dominic is not accepted through the program, Joe Thomas would like to hire him at \$11 per hour and have him work a maximum of 20-25 hours per week.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Dominic Albaugh to be hired as a part-time seasonal employee for the recreation park with a wage of \$11 per hour. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Joe Thomas concluded by asking everyone to vote yes for the Recreation Park Levy on May 2nd.

Steve Roeder asked how the new floor at the Hileman building was.

Shawn Pickworth stated it is going to get redone. It was not up the village standards. After inspecting it, the contractor was not satisfied with it either; therefore, he is making sure it will be redone to everyone's satisfaction.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the February 2023 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for February 2023.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Police Chief Joe Hicks presented to council Richard Dawson Smith the newly selected School Resource Officer (SRO) for New London Schools. Officer Smith will be starting on May 2nd and Joe Hicks believes he will be a good fit. He is the best suited candidate they have had since there has been an SRO at the school. While he has police officer experience, he also has a bachelor's degree in education.

Toby Thomas called Richard Dawson Smith forward and read him the oath of office.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Police Chief Joe Hicks to hire Richard Dawson Smith as the new School Resource Officer beginning May 2, 2023 at a rate of \$20 per hour. Chapin 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. 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. Gullett made a motion to approve schedule B. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, May 8, 2023 @ 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, Jennifer Ball and Roeder.

Also present: Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Laura Davidson, Matt Hardy, Veronica Hardy, Cheryl Randleman, Pat Scheid 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 April 24, 2023 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth stated he did not have a specific report for the evening. The village was busy with a few small projects and regular day to day activities. He concluded by saying BK Layer had come to town and cleaned up a few issues from the Park Avenue water line project which residents were happy with.

Chet Blanton asked how Spring Cleanup had gone.

Shawn Pickworth replied that it had gone very well. The tonnage taken to the landfill was less than usual due to the fact village employees monitor and make sure only village residents bring in items.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks presented the following report:

In early April the police underwent some updates to our security system. The work was done by Eric Lucas, a former New London Police Officer and co-founder of LORCO Data out of Lorain. He installed a new recorder and four new cameras to our facility, two of which are utilized to monitor our evidence rooms.

I want to thank all of our community members who participated in our recent DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back event which was held on April 22nd. The police department collected and later disposed of 9 boxes of prescription pills totaling 162.5 pounds.

In closing, I want to take a moment to recognize all of our members of the police department for their efforts in keeping up with their policy obligations and updates with Lexipol. We recently received a

silver rating through Lexipol's Connect Recognition Program for excellence in law enforcement policy management for 2022. This is truly a testament to the dedication and discipline of our staff.

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 Firelands Ambulance. There were 50 total runs. There were 32 runs in New London Village; 2 runs in New London Township; 4 runs in Fitchville Township; 6 in Troy Township; 4 in Ruggles Township and 2 Mutual Aid.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning. Gary Hopkins Jr. was absent but Shawn Pickworth said he was doing a good job and keeping up with all issues.

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

I would like to thank the village of New London for their support in passing the levy for the park on May 2nd. This money is going to help us make some improvements to the recreation park that we would not have been able to do without it.

The reservoir opened this past weekend. We were actually very busy with weekenders as well as seasonals moving in. The new area down by the cabin was completely booked. That was nice to see for the first weekend.

The Hileman Building project is still coming along. We have some lighting to complete, doors to install and the sound system also to install. We are hoping to have this project completed very soon. There was a wedding reception in there this past weekend and the family was very happy with the building.

Shawn Pickworth added that Joe Thomas had spent three evenings at the Hileman Building cleaning it up and making sure it was in the best condition for the wedding reception.

Steve Ball stated he was happy to see the Little League games out at the recreation park. It is good to see all the activity.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-11 An Ordinance Amending the 2023 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-11 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. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-12 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 2023-12 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. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-13 An Ordinance Amending Section 505.18, Enacting a New Section 505.19, and Amending Section 1117.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London Relative to Keeping Chickens. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, No; Chapin, No; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, No; Gullett, No. Ordinance 2023-13 tabled.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Carol Knapp as a part-time, two day a week employee for economic development at a wage of \$24 per hour. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the Employment and Dismissal of a Village Employee or Official. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Gullett made a motion to return to regular session. Chapin 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 accept the resignation of Eduardo Burgos with his last day being May 4, 2023. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire Joseph Hovatter to the Water/Wastewater Department at a starting rate of \$19 per hour beginning Tuesday, May 9, 2023. 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
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, May 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: Blanton, Roeder, Chapin, Gullett, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball.

Also present: Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister, Ellen Simmons, Joe Thomas, John Martin 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 May 8, 2023 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 announced that the Renew New London program involving students from New London Schools had been a success. There were eight or nine projects they were working on. He thought it had been a benefit for the town and is looking forward to learning more about the projects that were completed.

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

John Martin stood and stated he has been requesting signs for the Veteran's Memorial that prohibit skateboards and bikes on the bricks. He would still like to have signs placed on the walkway of the monument. The bricks are being damaged and they are \$80 each to replace them. The larger bricks are \$150 each to replace.

John Martin's next item was about the landscaping at the Veteran's Memorial. Last year he had noticed that the ground cover had been trimmed down to within an inch. He was afraid it was cut too far back and that it would kill the plants. This year, the ground cover has been completely removed. The plants had been put in at the start of the project in 2016. The person in charge of the original project and design had planted the ground cover and had taken care of it. The current Veteran's Memorial Park looks nothing like the original design. There is no ground cover. In the past the girl scouts had taken care of the park and had left everything in its original state. Currently, there is mulch and Hosta's and nothing else. John Martin and John Longbrake have been to the Memorial to look at it and they feel it is now very plain. They feel the Monument Committee should have been asked before any changes were made. When he asked why the changes were made he was told that the ground cover had been too difficult to trim and Peonies were going to be put in. John Martin did not feel that was an appropriate answer. There are no longer any annuals at the monument and he feels they are losing ground with the Veteran's Memorial. He told council to be prepared for many questions and complaints with Memorial Day coming up. He requested council look at his concerns and address them.

In conclusion, John Martin stated he had removed a wreath that had been placed on the Veteran's Memorial by an individual. He emphasized that the memorial is to honor all branches of the service and

all services of the local government. It was not meant to honor any one person. John Martin explained that only the American Legion is permitted to place any kind of ornament on the memorial.

Toby Thomas thanked John Martin for his comments.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Auxiliary water source inspections are still underway and going well. We have had good cooperation from our customers so far and our guys are doing a great job keeping up with the inspections. Specifically, Matt Hardy & Chad Bilton.

Wastewater

- Nothing major.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Spring Cleanup went very well. The Village took over 80 tons of extra trash to the landfill during the 2 weeks.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.
- Zoning Inspector Gary Hopkins brought up an alley that is still owned by the Village that connects High Street and Third Street. The Village has not maintained this for many years, I didn't even know that it was there. Please see your Council package for options for turning this over to the 4 adjacent property owners.

Steve Roeder asked Shawn Pickworth how the issue of the alley had come up.

Shawn Pickworth stated Gary Hopkins Jr. had brought it to his attention after a fence permit had been issued to one of the residents living by the alley.

- The Village plans on paving New Kirk Street from Walnut to North Maple and some repair work on Prospect & Clifton this summer.
- Coleman Court – the Village was notified on May 15, 2023 that our project to replace the 2" waterline on Coleman Court with a new 6" waterline along with 2 new fire hydrants and

road restoration (new) scored #9 out of all the projects submitted to the State. A total of \$278,588 was awarded with \$247,943 as grant. We will require a work agreement from every resident on Coleman Court for this project to move forward. Once the project is complete we will then look into the Village accepting the road as a Village street.

Other

- Hileman Building Project – Floors are being redone this week. We are hoping that this project will wrap up within the next couple of weeks.
- Cemetery – I was informed that there were some nasty complaints about the upkeep of the cemetery. We have one part time employee working her butt off, we would like to have 3 – 4 but the budget doesn't allow for this. We can raise the cost of grave plots and the opening and closing of the graves that would allow us to hire extra help, but I don't think people would like that much either. The grass grows fast in the springtime but will begin to slow down over the next month and it will be easier to keep up with it. If it is so concerning to anybody you are more than welcome to bring your weed eater and give us a hand. Or you can keep complaining without knowing the facts. Doesn't matter to me.

Steve Roeder asked what the barrel on Birch Park Drive was for.

Shawn Pickworth replied that they were going to replace the manhole. He is expecting it to take two or three days to repair. They were waiting for nicer weather before they started the project.

Since Joe Thomas was in attendance, Toby Thomas asked if he had anything to report for the parks.

Joe Thomas stated he had been happy with the student work day. They went above and beyond what he had expected. He wanted to thank everyone for their hard work. Joe Thomas also noted things were going well at the park.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the March 2023 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for March 2023.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-14 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook Relative to the Salary Schedule and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-14 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. 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 2023-02 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. First Reading. Gullett

made a motion to approve the first reading. 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 recommended that the village start the process of vacating the alley by sending a letter to the four adjacent property owners asking for their consent. Everyone agreed that would be the easiest way to begin. Mr. Bond will draft an ordinance to be presented at the next council meeting.

Joe Thomas asked council's permission for the Eagles to be able to sell beer at the country concert in June.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Eagles to sell beer at the New London Reservoir's Country Concert on June 17, 2023. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder stated he would like the village to have a more enforceable zoning code. He sees so many properties violating the code and nothing gets done about it.

Jennifer Ball commented that it was not cost effective to pursue them. It would cost the village a lot of money and still wouldn't guarantee the situation would be handled.

Shawn Pickworth stated that letters have been sent out to property owners about high grass. He also stated he would like council to revisit the cost charged to residents when the village employees mow overgrown lawns. Currently, the charge is \$100 per hour but Shawn Pickworth suggested the charge be a minimum of \$100.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated that he had filed a couple of reports on junk vehicles and he had contacted the zoning inspector about it. It is necessary to follow a certain procedure and it takes time.

Discussion on these issues took place. Mr. Bond will draft an ordinance and more on this topic to come.

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 monthly bills for approval 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.

Gullett made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the compensation of a village employee or official. 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 return to regular session. 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 increase Park Director Joe Thomas' pay to \$62,400.00 beginning May 28, 2023. Blanton seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Abstain; Chapin, Yes; Steve Ball, Yes; 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, June 12, 2023 @ 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, Jennifer Ball and Roeder.

Also present: Steve Bond, Lynne Phillips, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Tiffany Green, Joe Thomas, Kierstin Green, Ellen Simmons 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 May 22, 2023 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Tiffany Green stood and spoke on behalf of the New London Alliance Church. She asked council for permission to place signs at Amoco, the Pizza House and Dollar General to advertise the church's Vacation Bible School. The signs would be eight foot by four foot made out of white vinyl. Because these signs exceed what the village ordinance permits, she asked for special permission to place them. The signs would be up from Monday, June 26th through July 10th.

Council asked Mr. Bond his opinion. Mr. Bond said he thought if it was okay with council, a motion would be fine since it was a onetime request.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the New London Alliance Church to place eight foot by four foot signs for Vacation Bible School at Amoco, the Pizza House and Dollar General from June 26th through July 10th. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Water

- Auxiliary water source inspections are still underway and going well.
- Crews have been busy on projects around town. Manhole repairs, pump station cleaning, fire hydrant replacements, treating the reservoir for algae blooms, etc. Always something to improve.

Wastewater

- Crews met with Representatives from the Huron County Health Department to discuss sampling. While they were here, crews gave them a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was our honor to host them.
- No major issues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.

Other

- Hileman Building Project – Some hit list items remain on the project. We are hoping to wrap this project up soon.

Steve Ball asked Shawn Pickworth if they had seen much algae.

Shawn Pickworth replied that they had been treating and monitoring for algae since May. He also informed council that the present boat used on the reservoir is from the 1970's and is on its last leg. They are hoping to find a Pontoon boat to replace it.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated he didn't have a report but he was happy to report things were going well at the village.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks presented the following report:

In recent weeks the police department has been involved in numerous trainings.

-On 05/21/23 all department personnel completed their annual range qualifications.

-On 05/22 and 05/23 Ofc. Taylor Ingraham completed ARIDE training at LCCC.

-On 06/08/23 the staff of Primetals in collaboration with NLPD, HCSO, Firelands Ambulance, and NLPD met at their premises, where I assisted with presenting active shooter training.

-Today and tomorrow I will be attending training in Massillon pertaining to internal affairs, administrative investigations, and officer discipline.

We are just over the half way point of the year and are currently at 1084 calls for service for the year. Though our numbers are probably slightly lower than previous years, things have picked up recently with the warmer weather.

In closing I would also ask that council approve my request to remove Ofc. Taylor Ingraham from her 6-month probationary status. Sgt. Capiot recently conducted her evaluation and gave her a "good" rating. I would also ask that council approve her \$1.00 raise bringing her hourly rate to \$19.92.

Gullett made a motion to remove Officer Taylor Ingraham from her 6-month probationary status as of June 12, 2023 and increase her pay rate by \$1.00 bringing her hourly rate to \$20.47 per hour. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire.

Fire Chief John Chapin was absent but emailed council the following report:

We received a grant from the New London Proceeds for \$2000.00 which I have ordered a new AED to carry in one of our fire trucks. The one we carry now is very old and hope to replace it next year. We don't take all the trucks on every run and need to have an AED with us on every run. Having 2 allows us to do that.

We received a grant from the State Fire Marshal's office for gear and 2 SCBA bottle racks. The grant was for \$19,250.00 and 5 firefighters will be measured later this month for the new gear. The SCBA bottle racks are here and full of spare bottles at the station.

The 6 new firefighters have all passed their schooling with EHOVE and State Certification Test with the State of Ohio. That brings our roster up to 28 firefighters.

We had a pancake breakfast May 7th. We'd like to thank everyone who came to the breakfast and supported us. It was a good day.

We're hoping to get our new radios and pagers in service in a month or so. The radios came from a FEMA grant and the 30 pagers were from the county 911 fund.

I attended an active shooter training at Primetals with Chief Hicks, Lt. Ted Evans from the Sheriff's Office and Jeff Vanderpool from FAS. Chief and the staff at Primetals did an outstanding job. It was well received.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball shared the May run report for Firelands Ambulance. There were 75 total runs. There were 36 runs in New London Village; 9 runs in New London Township; 17 runs in Fitchville Township; 4 in Troy Township; 8 in Ruggles Township and 1 Mutual Aid. Jennifer Ball then shared that University Hospitals would be hosting a Family Health and Safety Awareness Program at the ambulance building on July 15th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is open to the public.

Toby Thomas then notified council that Gary Hopkins Jr. had stepped down as the Zoning Inspector due to health reasons. He will remain in the position until a replacement is found.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation. Joe Thomas stated there would be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with Mr. Robert Archer and Fisher Titus Medical Center for the new pavilion, the newly paved roads and future horse arena at the Recreation Park. This will be held at 12:15 on June 13th. Mr. Archer and Fisher Titus provided substantial funds to allow these projects to be completed.

Joe Thomas then provided the following report:

- The country concert is this weekend, Saturday, June 17th. The first band starts at 3 p.m. The last band starts at 8 p.m. with fireworks to follow. There will be a beer tent and food vendors also. Cost of the event is \$15 for adults and 15 and under is \$5.

3- 4:45 Aiden Albaugh

5:30-7:15 Nashville Crush

8:00-10:00 the Ultimate Eric Church Band

10:00 fireworks

- We will be having a Rec Committee meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Hileman Building at the recreation park. All are welcome
- We have been very busy at the rec park and the reservoir with camping. I think we ended up with the reservoir completely full with seasonal campers and 10 more seasonals at the rec park.
- The annual AA campout is this weekend at the park.
- Hileman Building project is still moving along. There are just a few things left to do. Four new doors need installed; the baseboard in the hall and kitchen; painting of the kitchen; new lights in the kitchen; and the new sound system.

Shawn Pickworth added that the Friends of the New London Veterans would like permission to sell alcohol at a two-day concert at the reservoir on August 11th and 12th.

Gullett made a motion to allow the Friends of the New London Veterans to sell alcohol at the concert at the New London Reservoir Park on August 11-12, 2023. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-15 An Ordinance Vacating an Alley Which Runs Between Certain Properties Lying Between High Street and Third Street in the Village of New London. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-16 An Ordinance Amending Section 521.11 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Weeds. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2023-02 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Roeder stated that Tammy Montgomery was holding a raffle for a half of a beef. Tickets are \$5 each and the proceeds go to the Trap Neuter Return Cat Program to allow for more feral cats in the village to participate in the program. Please contact Steve Roeder or Tammy Montgomery if you would like to purchase a ticket.

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. Roeder 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 Fiscal Officer	Toby Thomas Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 26, 2023 @ 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: Blanton, Roeder, Chapin, Gullett, Jennifer Ball and Steve Ball.

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

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 12, 2023 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Auxiliary water source inspections are still underway and going well.

Wastewater

- New London Ave - I was notified by ODOD on June 16th that we will be receiving \$653,400.00 in grant funding for the New London Ave. Sewer Replacement Project. This project will replace all sewer lines and laterals along with adding storm sewers down the entire street and will include repaving the road. Hoping to be able to have the opportunity to receive more grant money to allow for the project to be fully funded.

Steve Roeder asked what the estimated cost of the New London Avenue project was.

Shawn Pickworth replied he thought it was estimated to be \$1.2 million.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Garbage pickup July 4th week. Tuesday's Route will be picked up on Monday, July 3rd. Tuesday's Route please have your trash out by 7:00 am. All other routes will remain the same.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.

Other

- Note – I will be on vacation June 30th – July 9th. Back in the office July 10th. I will have my laptop and phone so I will be able to communicate with anybody needed. Please feel free to contact me if needed.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the April 2023 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for April 2023.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-15 An Ordinance Vacating an Alley Which Runs Between High Street and Third Street in the Village of New London. 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 2023-16 An Ordinance Amending Section 521.11 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Weeds. Second Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2023-02 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. 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 Roeder stated he had received a report from Tammy Montgomery concerning Riggi Rescue and their progress with the cat Trap Neuter Return (TNR) program. The program recently trapped 21 cats and sent them for surgery. There were 10 kittens trapped that were too small for surgery. Those kittens went to foster homes or rescues and will be adopted out. There were six cats trapped that caretakers paid for on their own. There have been four cats that have needed antibiotics for wounds or infections while in surgery. The garage sales in New London over the weekend made trapping more difficult because some cats were hiding. The trappers were out until 8:30 Sunday evening. Several residents of the village helped with trapping the cats. There has been a total of 167 cats that have gone through the TNR program since June of 2022. The program still has a lot of work to accomplish but they feel they are off to a good start. They hope to begin another round of cat trapping in August.

Toby asked if there was any other New Business.

Steve Ball stated he appreciated Shawn Pickworth taking his phone with him on vacation but he encouraged him to take some time and unplug during his time away.

Toby Thomas added that he had notified Shawn Pickworth of some time he had scheduled to be off over the summer but stated he also would be available by phone if needed.

Steve Ball commented that he would not be able to attend the July 24th council meeting due to a business trip.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Roeder 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 monthly bills for approval 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.

Steve Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to confer with legal counsel concerning a dispute involving the Village that is the subject of pending or imminent court action. 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 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.

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, July 10, 2023 @ 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: Blanton, Steve Ball, Gullett, Jennifer Ball and Roeder. Chapin was absent.

Also present: Lynne Phillips, Marvin McCallister and John Martin.

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

The minutes from the June 26, 2023 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.

John Martin stood and asked council's permission for the Eagles to sell beer at the Labor Day Festival September 1st through September 4th.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow the New London Eagles to sell beer at the Labor Day Festival at the New London Recreation Park September 1, 2023 through September 4, 2023. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth absent.

Mayor Toby Thomas thanked Joe Thomas for the newly carved eagle at the recreation park and he wanted to congratulate Alison Chapin and Brian Ball on their recent marriage. He then shared the following report from Utilities Foreman Brian Cucco:

Crews from A J Riley are going to start resurfacing Newkirk St. starting Tuesday July 11th. This will be between North Maple St. and Walnut St. A single lane repair on Clifton St. at the intersection of Prospect St. will happen this week as well, weather permitting.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire.

Fire Chief John Chapin absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball stated she had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then stated the village was continuing to search for a new zoning inspector.

Steve Ball asked if there had been any interest in the position.

Toby Thomas replied that they had spoken to one person so far.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas absent.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-15 An Ordinance Vacating an Alley Which Runs Between Certain Properties Lying Between High Street and Third Street in the Village of New London. Third Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-16 An Ordinance Amending Section 521.11 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to Weeds. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Steve Roeder stated the clinic used for the spay/neuter of the cats, Alterclinic in Canton, is having a transport to their location from Ashland on August 14th. They are planning a trapping day on August 13th and going to concentrate on the East Street area. This will be their first solo trapping as NL Cats. At this time, they have 10 traps and would like to acquire a few more if anyone has any they would like to donate. The more traps they have, the more cats they can fix. They would like everyone to join their new Facebook page, New London OH Cats. They will keep the page updated with trappings, pictures, items they need and all other information pertaining to their group.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Gullett 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. 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
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, July 24, 2023 @ 7 p.m.

Jennifer Ball called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Toby Thomas. She then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Ellen Simmons, Brian Ball, Jennifer Evans, Darla Gow, Pam McKenzie and Lynne Phillips.

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

The minutes from the July 10, 2023 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons announced that the Community Club Golf Outing had been a success and she wanted to thank everyone who participated.

Jennifer Evans from the Huron County Humane Society came forward and shared some information about the services they provide. Jennifer emphasized that the Humane Society is not just about cats and dogs. They service a wide variety of animals and work with adult and child protective services throughout the year. The Humane Society is a safe haven for abused animals and a place where people can surrender pets. Unfortunately, they see many cases of hoarding, abuse and neglect. Jennifer explained that they don't usually take in cats and kittens because of health concerns with the other animals but by law they are required to take in any animal if it is an abuse/neglect case. This is a requirement even if the Humane Society does not have the space or funds available. They also assist other agencies and have helped them 37 times so far this year. In 2022 there were 248 animals surrendered. The normal rate is approximately 200. Jennifer Evans stated the expenses for the Humane Society have increased significantly. The 2022/2023 Fiscal Year recorded their highest expenses of all time. She explained how Covid changed everything for them and how they have a very difficult time finding volunteers. Since the Humane Society does not receive any funds from the government, they were hoping to go to every community in Huron County and get each one to commit to support them. Jennifer concluded her presentation by stating she hoped the Village of New London would consider putting the Huron County Humane Society into their yearly budget.

Jennifer Ball called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth absent.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the May 2023 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for May 2023.

Jennifer Ball then called for Old Business

Steve Roeder shared the following report from Tammy Montgomery:

The first cat bill of 2023 was paid. The \$984 bill was for 21 cats and four needing antibiotics. The total included spay/neuter, rabies vaccine, feline leukemia vaccine, one dose flea treatment and an ear tip (to identify cats that have been fixed). On July 16th, Shannon Stevens did an emergency trapping at a house that was set to be demolished on July 17th. We knew of at least one mom cat and two babies. She caught all three of them and a male cat. They are all at her house until they can be fixed on our August date. The two kittens had been fixed in June but needed removed for safety reasons. We are still in need to borrow traps for our next trapping. If anyone knows of anyone we could borrow from please let me know. If anyone would like to purchase some traps for our group, they are on sale at TSC or you could donate for that cause. We've gotten a lot of requests for cats needing fixed but we need traps and donations to pay for treatment.

Jennifer Ball then called for New Business.

There was none.

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

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Workshop – Monday, August 14, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Present: Chet Blanton, Adam Gullett, Steve Ball, Alison Chapin, Steve Roeder, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Cole Risner, Brian Cucco and Steve Bond.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the workshop to order to discuss several topics

- A) Meter Change Out Project – Water meters are becoming like computers and the latest type of meter is a cellular meter. With this type of meter, all information is read from the meter and sent directly to the office. Employees would no longer be required to go out to read meters. The village would like to do a meter upgrade to cellular meters. The current water meters have a 10-year life span which the village has surpassed. The village is in the process of getting quotes for this project. One possibility is leasing the meter. Due to the huge time commitment of the project, it would be necessary to hire an outside contractor to install the new meters.
- B) Rate Increase – Costs for the village have significantly increased since 2019. The village believes an increase straight across the board is necessary. There are many fees that haven't been increased in many years and the village is losing money on some services. There is also a need for a new garbage truck and prices for garbage trucks have almost doubled. The cost of operation in the water and sewer department have increased by 15%. The village feels it is a necessity to increase rates. Water demand is constantly increasing. Village officials will be meeting with ODNR to see about increasing its ownership of the reservoir to 30%. Currently, the village owns 20% of the reservoir and ODNR owns 80%. An increase in the village's portion would allow a buffer on how much water supply the village has.
- C) Employee Pay Increase – Village administrator Shawn Pickworth would like to give all employees a 3% cost of living raise. In addition to the cost of living raise, the administrator would like to give a merit raise of 1-5% to deserving employees. The village has a top-notch crew and to keep these employees, a pay increase is needed.
- D) Longevity Pay Increase – After five years of service, village employees are eligible for longevity pay. The amounts of longevity pay have not been increased in many years. Members of council were in favor of increasing the amounts; however, they were not in favor of the proposed amounts. Revised amounts will be decided and resubmitted to members of council at a future date.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.

 

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, August 14, 2023 @ 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: Blanton, Steve Ball, Gullett, Chapin and Roeder. Jennifer Ball was absent.

Also present: Lynne Phillips, Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Cole Risner, Don Patton, Brian Cucco and Joe Thomas.

Toby Thomas asked for approval of the agenda. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of item 11 until a later date and a revision. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the July 24, 2023 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.

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Auxiliary water source inspections are still underway and going well.

Wastewater

- New London Ave – working on additional funding options.
- No major issues.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- We have had both of our Garbage Trucks in the shop at one time which has forced us to rent a truck until one of them is put back in service. We are hoping this week we will get one back.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.

Other

- Landbank – we have one more house to demo in New London for this round of funding. The State is going to offer the same program for next year so we are excited to keep these demos going.
- Downtown Project – last Wednesday, Mr. Steve Roeder and I drove to Miamisburg, Ohio to meet with Engineers from LJB and ODOT Representatives. We reviewed the first preliminary review. What a great meeting. The trip was worth it and we are well on our way. LJB will be sending us new prints and cost estimates by the middle of September. It is my intention to have a meeting with the business owners and public when we get the information back in September. I am also scheduling a meeting with Firelands Electric to review some possible underground electric in the project along with some possible light fixture options.
- I would like Council's permission to hire Stephen Whetstone as Zoning Inspector at \$5000.00 annually starting August 1, 2023
- We would like Council's permission to hire Robert Jones at \$15.00 per/hr. starting August 10, 2023.

Roeder made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire Stephen Whetstone as the Zoning Inspector for the Village of New London beginning August 1, 2023 at an annual salary of \$5,000.00. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Gullett made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire Robert Jones at \$15 per hour beginning August 10, 2023 for seasonal mowing. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated he didn't have a report but he wanted to say that the Village of New London has great employees. They are an exceptional crew and he wanted to thank Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth and all the department heads for all their hard work.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

Officer Smith, our SRO, has been busy this summer attending numerous training courses to help him be better equipped to handle his responsibilities within our school system. He now has certifications in:

Flock Camera Systems
School Resource Officer (Basic)
SORAT (Single Officer Response to Active Threat)
School Safety Summit Training
School Threat Assessment

Last week six members of the police department had the privilege to participate in Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) training in collaboration with law enforcement officers from Lorain County Sheriff's Office, Elyria Police Department, an agent from the Federal Reserve of Hamilton County, and several members of Firelands Ambulance Service, who coordinated this training event with instructors from University Hospitals. The classroom instruction was held at the FAS building, while the practical exercises were conducted at New London Local Schools.

This training focused on law enforcement arriving to mass casualty scenes and being able to better assess victims needs and properly render aid to them until paramedics can arrive or keeping victims stable until EMS/paramedics can safely enter the scene to treat victims. Each student received an IFAK trauma kit furnished through UH. These kits included scissors, tourniquets, chest seals, and wound packing materials. I want to thank FAS, New London Local Schools and University Hospitals for this training opportunity.

In early July we applied for a body armor grant in the amount of \$14,150.00. This grant was a 75%/25% match. I am pleased to say we were approved for the 75%. I have also applied for some additional funding to cover the remaining 25% and should know if this has been approved by mid-September.

I have also accepted the resignation of part-time officer, Chris Stolarski effective 08/13/2023. We wish Chris the best as he has accepted a fulltime position with Mentor on the Lake Police Department.

Joe Hicks concluded by saying the police department would be participating in a traffic enforcement project for a five-day period with other jurisdictions in the county. This will take place from August 15th to the 20th. He wanted to notify village residents because there could be an increase in traffic citations issued during the five-day period.

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 restated the hiring of Stephen Whetstone as Zoning Inspector.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas presented the following report:

- Labor Day weekend passes are available at the village office, the hardware store and the reservoir office. The cost is \$20 for general admission and \$15 for seniors.
- It is not on the flyer but we are doing the mud bug this year. It will be for 4 wheelers and side by sides only. No trucks. It will be sept 4th, signups start at 8am. The event will start at 10am. \$10 to enter plus the gate fee.
- Anyone that is willing to help with the gates can contact Lana Bateson.

- I would like to thank the New London Eagles post 2869 for their generous donation of \$5000 to the New London Park Improvement Corporation. This money is going to be used to purchase a 4-wheeler to raffle off at the park gun raffle on November 11th. This will be one of the side raffles so you will have to be present to win.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-17 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees. 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 called for Old Business

Steve Roeder shared the following report from Tammy Montgomery:

There were nine cats taken from 39 East Street. We are done. All traps were filled. There was a total of 29, including two from Sandusky, two from Norwalk and one from Clarksfield (these five paid for their own). There were no true ferals, mostly scared strays. They will be making the trip to Canton Monday morning and will return Monday evening. We will be keeping them overnight to get the anesthesia out of their system and then release them Tuesday afternoon where they were trapped. They will be spade/neutered, vaccinated, flea treated and left ear tipped. The ear tipping is done so we can tell which cats have been fixed. There was a volunteer trapper from Sandusky and a volunteer from Norwalk who helped with preparations, feeding and paperwork.

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. 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.

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, August 28, 2023 @ 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: Blanton, Roeder, Chapin, Steve Ball, Gullett and Jennifer Ball.

Also present: Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Ellen Simmons, 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 August 14, 2023 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 announced that Steve Roeder had been named the 2023 Rotarian Citizen of the Year. Steve will be the guest of honor at the Labor Day Parade on Saturday, September 2, 2023.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth presented the following report:

Water

- Business as it should be. Crews busy with Water Plant and Sewer Plant maintenance projects. Crews have also been busy changing out old fire hydrants.

Wastewater

- New London Ave – working on additional funding options. I was hoping to apply for a Critical Infrastructure Grant and found out the State is not taking any applications at the present time. Hopefully after the first of the year.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- I would like Councils permission to buy a new garbage truck. We expect that we will not see it for around 15 – 18 months when ordered.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.

- OPWC applications are due this week. We are submitting an application to replace the bridge on W. Fir Street and paving the street. We consider the bridge to be a critical bridge within the Village due to its accessibility to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Firelands Electric Substation.

Other

- Downtown Project – Mayor Thomas, Steve Roeder & I met with Dan McNaull & Don Englet from Firelands Electric to talk about the project. We expect some new prints from the engineers around the first of September.

Steve Bond informed Shawn Pickworth that he would have to advertise for bids before he could order the new garbage truck.

Gullett made a motion to allow the village administrator to advertise and go to bid for a new garbage truck. 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 the June 2023 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for June 2023.

Toby Thomas presented Ordinance 2023-17 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-18 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook, Relative to Longevity Pay. 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 2023-19 An Ordinance Amending Sections 921.10, 925.07, 931.02, and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Utility Services. 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 2023-20 An Ordinance Granting Consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation Authority to, Apply, Maintain and Repair Standard Longitudinal Pavement Markings and Erect Regulatory and Warning Signs on State Highways Inside Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Snow and Ice and Use Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways Inside the Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Maintenance and/or Repair on State Highways Inside the Village Corporation. First Reading. Chapin made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2023-03 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. Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2023-03 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. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

Steve Ball wanted to verify that the New London Avenue project was still going to take place.

Shawn Pickworth replied that yes it was. He was just trying to close the gap with some additional funding.

Shawn Pickworth stated he also wanted to add that Spectrum was going to be installing fiber internet in the area of West Washburn and State Route 60. They contacted the village about the project and the village administrator had directed them to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) since it was located on a state route. ODOT responded to Spectrum that they would not be involved since it was within the village corporation limits. Spectrum will need to perform several directional bores to install the fiber internet. Shawn Pickworth is going to continue to check into the situation to see who is responsible but he confirmed with Spectrum that he would make sure everything was taken care of.

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. Gullett 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. Gullett made a motion to approve Schedule B. Roeder 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, September 11, 2023 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Steve Ball 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.

Steve Ball asked for approval of the minutes from the August 14, 2023 Workshop. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the August 28, 2023 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.

There were none.

Steve Ball called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth absent.

Mayor's report – Toby Thomas absent.

Steve Ball then called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

The police department recently received the delivery of our 2023 Ford Interceptor on Wednesday, August 30th. We have not put it into service yet as we are waiting on the radio to be installed and a power supply issue with the computer dock.

The Firelands Festival was again a busy weekend for the police department, fielding roughly 62 calls for service. All-in-all it was a great weekend though. Things were quiet at the beer tent and I would like to thank the Eagles Club for their outstanding work. We did have a handful of arrests ranging from warrants to disorderly conduct/intox. and fighting cases between the two campgrounds.

I want to thank Joe Thomas and the numerous community volunteers who assist with this event each year.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from fire.

Fire Chief John Chapin absent.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball absent.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from zoning.

Zoning Inspector Stephen Whetstone absent.

Steve Ball then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas presented the following report:

Labor Day weekend was a big success. We had record numbers that entered the demo at 88 and the tractor pulls around 250. The truck pull was down a bit. Both the demo and the tractor pull had higher numbers than the Huron Co. Fair. I thought all the events for the weekend went very well. One of the new events this year was the pickle ball tournament. We had 12 teams in the lower division and 10 in the upper division.

There are so many people to thank, I hope I don't miss them: Shawn, Adam and Steve in the depot all weekend. Steve Roeder for doing anything and everything all weekend long; My wife for running the volleyball tournament and my sister for running the fry stand; Mark Cuson for running the horse shoe tournament, Chris Rowland for running the truck and tractor pulls. Chris does a great job getting all the help lined up and all the extra equipment for the pulls. Andy Suvar for announcing the pulls, Kathy Yosie for running the pickle ball tournament, Shawn Cooper for doing the cornhole, Lana and Amanda Bateson for organizing the gates and all the volunteers that helped with the gates and the fry stand.

I think the highlight of the weekend was the fireworks. Those were probably the best fireworks I have ever seen. We are so lucky to have a guy like Terry Granneman in our back yard. I don't know how he is going to top that show, but I bet next year he will try.

Just because Labor Day is over doesn't mean the parks are stopping. We are hosting our 3rd annual golf outing this Saturday September 16th starting at 9 a.m. at Millstone. If any individual or business would like to sponsor a hole please contact me. A hole sponsor is \$100. The Gun raffle is also approaching and will be held on November 11th.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone, especially the New London Police Department, for all the help throughout the weekend and any other event we host throughout the year.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2023-17 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2023-18 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook, Relative to Longevity Pay. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2023-19 An Ordinance Amending Sections 921.10, 925.07, 931.02, and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Utility Services. Second Reading.

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

Steve Ball then presented Ordinance 2023-20 An Ordinance Granting Consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation Authority to, Apply, Maintain and Repair Standard Longitudinal Pavement Markings and Erect Regulatory and Warning Signs on State Highways Inside Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Snow and Ice and Use Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways Inside the Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Maintenance and/or Repair on State Highways Inside the Village Corporation. Second Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the second reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball then presented Resolution 2023-04 A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. First Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder 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.

There was none.

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

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

 

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, September 25, 2023 @ 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: Blanton, Roeder, Chapin, Steve Ball, Gullett and Jennifer Ball.

Also present: Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Ellen Simmons, Shawn Pickworth, Marvin McCallister 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 September 11, 2023 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 presented the following report:

Water

- Crews have replaced 3 fire hydrants.
- Crews will install 2 new mainline valves on West Main Street this week. Customers are being notified.
- We expect the water to be shutdown at 8:00 a.m. and restored by 2:00 p.m.
- Raw Water Intake Structure – We had a diving crew here last Thursday to inspect our intake structure. We know we have some major repairs that must be done. Also, the 45 plus years of pumping water from the river into the reservoir has the intake full of slit that will need to be drudged. We are also replacing the walkway from the bank to the structure.
- Coleman Court Project – we want to go to bid for this project in January. This project will consist of a new water main and services along with a new road.

Wastewater

- New London Ave – meeting with engineers in October to kick the engineering for this project off. We have a time limit to spend the grant funds and I don't want to wait and then have to rush. I would still like to find some additional grant funding for this project and will continue to look. Timing will be key.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation/Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.
- 2017 Mack Garbage Truck – truck is still in the shop for repairs and we are still looking at another 2 to 3 weeks.
- Compost Facility – reminder this is for Village residents. Right now our facility is full and we are having some scheduling issues with getting it ground up and hauled away.
- Asking Council to accept Howard Mobberly's resignation. We wish Howard the best. We are taking applications and resumes for this position. Please see our website and Facebook postings.

Other

- Downtown Project – We will have a Teams meeting with LJB Engineering on October 5th @ 11:00 a.m. This meeting will just be to go over the primary concept and engineering estimates so the engineers can start the actual design. Anyone is welcome to sit in. Just let me know if you want to attend. If there is enough interest, I will hold it here in Council Chambers on the projector screen.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the July 2023 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for July 2023. Budget meetings were then discussed and it was determined that budgets would be consolidated into two meetings to replace the four meetings that were held in the past.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-18 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook, Relative to Longevity Pay. 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 2023-19 An Ordinance Amending Sections 921.10, 925.07, 931.02, and 959.10 of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Utility Services. Third Reading. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-20 An Ordinance Granting Consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation Authority to, Apply, Maintain and Repair Standard Longitudinal Pavement Markings and Erect Regulatory and Warning Signs on State Highways Inside Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Snow and Ice and Use Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways Inside the Village Corporate Limits, and Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Maintenance and/or Repair on State Highways Inside the Village Corporation. Third Reading. Chapin made a motion to approve the third reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-21 An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance 2023-17, Adjusting the Current Pay Rates for Certain Village Employees, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-21 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. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2023-04 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. Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow Resolution 2023-04 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. 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.

Steve Ball made a motion to accept the resignation of Howard Mobberly as of September 22, 2023. 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 monthly bills for approval 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.

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
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 9, 2023 @ 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: Blanton, Steve Ball, Gullett, Jennifer Ball and Roeder. Chapin was absent.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks 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 September 25, 2023 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.

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth stated he had nothing major to report.

Mayor's report – Toby Thomas had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

In late September I was contacted by Firelands Electric Co-op. They advised me our request of \$3,537.50 through the People's Fund was approved by the board. I want to thank Firelands Electric and all of its members who participate in Operation Round-Up.

I have also accepted the resignation of Ofc. Brett Harrenton, whose last day will be Saturday, October 21, 2023. Brett has accepted a full-time position with Medina Twp. Police Dept. We wish him the best moving forward.

Police Chief Joe Hicks then asked council's permission to advertise for a new full-time officer at \$19 per hour.

Gullett made a motion to allow Police Chief Joe Hicks to begin advertising for a full-time officer at a starting wage of \$19 per hour. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Brett Harrenton as of October 21, 2023. 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.

Jennifer Ball stated that September had been a busy month for the ambulance service with a total of 80 calls.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning.

Zoning Inspector Stephen Whetstone absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas absent.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-22 An Ordinance Revising Certain Provisions of Chapter 181 of the Codified Ordinances to Implement Changes in the Income Tax Ordinances Required Under State Law. First Reading. Gullet made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-23 An Ordinance Amending the 2023 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-23 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder 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 called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas and members of council discussed some options for when council meetings fall on a Monday holiday. In the past meetings have not always been rescheduled or canceled for certain holidays. Members of council decided at the beginning of each year when they receive a schedule of council meetings, they will take note of any meetings falling on a holiday. Prior to the holiday, they will then decide if the meeting should be canceled or moved to a different date.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. Roeder 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. Gullett 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. 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, October 23, 2023 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

The minutes from the October 9, 2023 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.

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth presented the following report:

Water

- Crews continue to repair/replace valves and fire hydrants.
- Raw Water Intake Structure – Valves have been repaired. A new walkway from the bank to the structure has been ordered.
- Coleman Court Project – we want to go to bid for this project in January. This project will consist of a new water main and services along with a new road.

Wastewater

- New London Ave – a 2-week engineering RFQ has been advertised for this project.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- I am asking Council to allow us to order a new garbage truck replacing our old one. We don't expect to take delivery of this truck until mid to late 2024.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Crews have been out patching holes when weather permits.
- Compost Facility – we are all cleaned up. Had a tub grinder in to grind up all brush and haul away.
- I am asking Council to allow me to hire Mike Parcher starting immediately @ \$17.00 per hour.
- West Fir Street Bridge Improvements – District 9 OPWC Engineering Review Committee has scored this project to be funded at the District Level. This still must be passed by the Executive Committee in December. Total Funding \$410,000.00.

Other

- Downtown Project – we have met with and worked with ODOT and Engineering. These meetings basically were about Project Limits and Scopes. We are now entering the engineering design phase. This is the phase we can pick out cement designs, lighting, green spaces, etc. More to come.

Gullett made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to order a new garbage truck through the lowest bidder. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Mike Parcher beginning immediately at \$17.00 per hour. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the August 2023 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for August 2023.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-22 An Ordinance Revising Certain Provisions of Chapter 181 of the Codified Ordinances to Implement Changes in the Income Tax Ordinances Required Under State Law. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-24 An Ordinance Amending Sections 505.11, 955.15, 955.20 and 955.24 of the Codified Ordinances to Provide for permits for Hunting Within the Reservoir Park. 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 2023-25 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Police chief to Dispose of Certain Equipment Which is No Longer Needed for Public Purposes, and Declaring an Emergency.

There were not enough members of council in attendance to pass the ordinance on an emergency measure. A first reading was approved.

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-26 An Ordinance Amending the 2023 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations and Declaring an Emergency.

There were not enough members of council in attendance to pass the ordinance on an emergency measure. A first reading was approved.

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

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

Steve Roeder gave the following report on the village cat project submitted by Tammy Montgomery.

A total of 37 cats were fixed last Monday. In that total were two house cats, three strays from Sandusky, two from Norwalk, one from Clarksfield and three from the township. All of the above paid for their own. We also had two village residents pay for cats taken from their property. It was a rainy, gloomy day yet we accomplished our mission. Two two-month old kittens and three seven-month old kittens went to a rescue. One of our trappers transported the five kittens an hour and a half away at her own expense just so they wouldn't have to be released back into the cold. We will continue our work in the spring when the weather warms up.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Police Chief Joe Hicks asked for permission to take School Resource Officer (SRO) Richard Austin Smith off probation as of October 29, 2023 and to give him a \$1.00 per hour increase in pay.

Steve Ball made a motion to remove SRO Richard Austin Smith from probation beginning October 29, 2023 and increase his pay by \$1.00 per hour. Gullett 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. 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. 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
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Workshop – Water, Sewer, Recreation, Police and Fire Budget Meeting
Mon., November 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Mr. Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Cole Risner, Joe Thomas, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister and John Chapin

Don Patton, Water/Sewer Superintendent, and Cole Risner, Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent presented the 2024 budgets for the Water and Sewer Funds. They went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund.

Don and Cole reviewed all accounts pertaining to water and sewer.

They explained what the Reservoir Maintenance, Water Reserve and Water Tower Colocation Cooperation Fund were used for.

For the Water Fund, Don and Cole explained a retapping project and also a meter change-out project. The village will be upgrading to cellular meters. Beginning January 1, 2024, the village will incorporate a \$5 charge per water meter on utility bills. The village employees will be completing the work themselves in order to save money. This will cause the project to take longer, but the cost will be more reasonable. The \$5 surcharge collected will be used to purchase the new meters. The meters will be purchased as the money is collected. This will be a large project.

Members of council thought it was a good plan for the village employees to complete the labor for the project. The Village of New London has a valuable work force and this project will show their worth. They also felt that customers would prefer having familiar faces completing the meter change outs.

For the Sewer Fund, Don and Cole stated the Sewer Treatment Plant Project had been completed and they were pleased with the results. With the leftover money, they were able to upgrade the sewer treatment laboratory. There is a list of projects they would like to do while maintaining the budget. They would also like to do more work in the storm sewer system.

Parks Director Joe Thomas then presented the budgets for the Recreation and Recreation Improvement Funds.

Since the Recreation Park Levy had passed, the recreation park would have an additional revenue of almost \$100,000. With that money, Joe would like to pave the parking lot at the Hileman Building and upgrade the security cameras.

Members of council agreed that it was important to upgrade the cameras considering all the upgrades being done at the park.

Some of the other projects Joe would like to complete were paving a couple roads at the reservoir, finish the new camping sites down by the cabins and possibly some improvements to the exterior of the Hileman Building.

Members of council also recommended some restroom upgrades which Joe Thomas was in favor of.

Joe concluded by discussing possible situations with increased camping due to the solar eclipse in April.

Fire Chief John Chapin then went over the fire accounts.

He began with the Fire Fighting Facilities Fund. John is hoping to apply for and receive grant funds in 2024. The fire department is in need of replacing some fire trucks. Initially, an application will be completed with Rural Development in the hopes of getting partially funded through a grant.

John Chapin concluded his portion of the meeting with the Fire Fund. There was not much change to this fund. It is used for basic fire operations.

Police Chief Joe Hicks concluded the meeting with the police budget. Joe noted that the overall police budget was lower than the previous year. He allowed for pay raises and one possible promotion. Joe explained there was no police car in the budget for 2024. He is hoping to implement purchasing a new police vehicle every other year like he has done with his last two car purchases. This has reduced the amount spent on vehicle maintenance.

Some of the larger purchases planned for the police department include an Intoximeter to replace the Datamaster that is used for breath tests; new service weapons; and possibly Dash Cameras for the two newest police vehicles.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 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: Blanton, Steve Ball, Gullett, Jennifer Ball, Chapin and Roeder.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Lynne Phillips, John Chapin, Zachary Ingraham, Taylor Ingraham, Marcus Wolk 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 October 23, 2023 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Intake Structure – New walkway has been ordered.

- Coleman Court Project – we want to go to bid for this project in January. This project will consist of a new water main and services along with a new road.

Wastewater

- New London Ave – Engineering RFQ are in. We had 4 engineering firms submit. I would like Council's permission to enter into contract with OHM Engineering for this project.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Still waiting for the Mack truck to be repaired.

Street

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

- West Fir Street Bridge Improvements – District 9 OPWC Engineering Review Committee has scored this project to be funded at the District Level. This still must be passed by the Executive Committee in December. Total Funding \$410,000.00.

Other

- Downtown Project – we have met with and worked with ODOT and Engineering. These meetings basically were about Project Limits and Scopes. We are now entering the engineering design phase. This is the phase we can pick out cement designs, lighting, green spaces, etc. More to come.
- Last Council Meeting of the year is on December 25, 2023. Does Council want to move the meeting or cancel the meeting.

Roeder made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with OHM Engineering for the New London Avenue Project. Jennifer Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Ball made a motion to cancel the December 25, 2023 council meeting. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor's report – Toby Thomas had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

With council's approval, I would like to hire Marcus Wolk as a full-time police officer at a rate of \$19.00 per hour. Marcus comes to us from the University Heights area. He graduated the Polaris Police Academy in May of 2022 at the top of his class as valedictorian. He also possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baldwin Wallace University. Since graduating, he has gained experience in law enforcement working with Linndale Police, John Carroll Police, and most recently with North Randall Police Department, where he has been employed as a part time patrol officer since September of last year.

Marcus interviewed extremely well and is excited for the opportunity to work as a full-time police officer for the village. We feel his patient and calm demeanor will allow him to be a good fit in New London. His experience, training, and educational background should also allow for him to quickly work through his field training program.

Steve Ball made a motion to allow Police Chief Joe Hicks to hire Marcus Wolk as a full-time police officer at a rate of \$19 per hour beginning on November 29, 2023. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor Toby Thomas then gave the oath of office to Marcus Wolk.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire.

Fire Chief John Chapin had presented council with the following report:

Fire contracts are due with the townships, New London, Fitchville and Clarksfield, January 1, 2024. There is a 10% increase for 2024 and a 6% increase for 2025 and 2026. The per run charge went up 10% as well. The cost for fire department equipment and gear has increasingly risen every year, making this necessary. We received two grants for gear in the last 2 years. In 2022 we received a grant from the State Fire Marshals' office for \$17,100.00 and for 2023 \$19,250.00. This grant allowed us to get 5 sets of gear each year. The cost comparison is as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Coat	\$1272	\$1461
Pants	\$814	\$917
Helmet	\$315	\$398
Hood	\$104	\$112
Gloves	\$108	\$112
Boots	\$350	\$375
Total	<u>\$2,963</u>	<u>\$3,375</u>

An increase of \$412.00 or 13.9%

All gear is only good for 10 years per NFPA and BWC standards.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball stated that she did not have exact numbers but October had been an average month.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning.

Zoning Inspector Stephen Whetstone absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas absent.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-22 An Ordinance Revising Certain Provisions of Chapter 181 of the Codified Ordinances to Implement Changes in the Income Tax Ordinances Required Under State Law. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-24 An Ordinance Amending Sections 505.11, 955.15, 955.20 and 955.24 of the Codified Ordinances to Provide for Permits for Hunting Within the Reservoir Park. 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 2023-25 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Police Chief to Dispose of Certain Equipment Which is No Longer Needed for Public Purposes and Declaring an

Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-25 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. 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 2023-26 An Ordinance Amending the 2023 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-26 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. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-27 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. First Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-28 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Fitchville to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-28 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 2023-29 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Clarksfield to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-29 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. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-30 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of New London to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-30 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. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-31 An Ordinance Amending the 2023 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-31 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. Jennifer Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-32 An Ordinance Amending the 2023 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 2023-32 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder 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. 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. Roeder 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. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

New London Council Zoning Public Hearing
November 27, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing was to allow public comment concerning the proposed appeal at 51 Ledgett Street, New London, Ohio to adjust the set back distance for new buildings on that parcel.

No member of the public appeared to make a statement.

No member of council made a statement.

Meeting adjourned.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Workshop – Cemetery, Street, Storm, Sanitation, General and all other
Mon., November 27, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Mr. Bond, Shawn Pickworth and Brian Cucco

The first funds reviewed were the cemetery funds. Brian Cucco explained that he was trying to find an individual to take over mowing duties at Grove Street Cemetery. He asked for anyone interested in this position to please contact him at the village office. If an employee is not found, a contract mowing company will have to be used. This would require an ordinance to move money from payroll into mowing services. Brian also stated that there would probably be an increase in lot prices in 2024.

Brian Cucco, Utilities Foreman and Shawn Pickworth, Village Administrator, presented the 2024 budgets for the Street, Sanitation and Storm Sewer accounts. They went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund.

The first fund discussed was the Street Fund. Some repairs needed in 2024 were discussed and also the fact that due to a mild winter in 2023, there is a large amount of road salt still in storage for the village to use. This could save the village the cost of road salt for up to two years.

Shawn Pickworth discussed with council that he would like to put a street levy on the ballot for the spring election.

Steve Ball asked how much money he would want the levy to generate.

Shawn Pickworth stated he would need no less than \$100,000 per year in order to make a difference in improving the roads.

The final subject for the Street fund was the new dump/salt truck. The truck has been delivered and it is ready to go.

For the State Highway Fund the only big change was the savings from not having to purchase salt. Generally, salt purchases are split between the street and state highway funds.

The Local Permissive Fund was then explained. Not much money goes into this fund and it is only used when absolutely needed.

Next the Storm Sewer was discussed. There are a couple small projects planned for this fund in 2024. One project will take place at Mickey Mart where the village will install a new catch basin and possibly some man holes. Another project would be adding clean out points every 200 or

300 feet in the tile main between North Railroad Street and East Washburn Street. Other catch basins may be replaced throughout the village as the need arises.

The Sanitation Fund has been hit hard with many essential repairs in 2023. There is still one garbage truck out of service while being repaired. After months of repairs and wrong parts, hopefully this truck will be back on the road soon. Another hit to this fund is the increase in landfill fees. Landfill fees increased from 58 cents to 65 cents per ton.

Brian Cucco explained that he shipped the large cardboard bin back to the county due to a yearly cost charged to the village for this bin. There is a smaller bin in the same location but shiny magazine paper is not to be placed in this bin. There are also residents who misuse the bin and place things in the bin that shouldn't be there.

Shawn Pickworth and the Fiscal Officer then presented the General Fund for discussion. No large increases were noted. The only significant change was the addition of a capital outlay line item under zoning. Shawn Pickworth would like to earmark \$20,000 each year for emergency demolitions. There is a property on North Railroad that he would like to use this money on. The landbank originally was going to demolish this property, but due to a lack of funds can no longer take care of this property. Shawn had a list of other properties he is interested in demolishing in the future as well.

Members of council then discussed some other zoning issues about properties that are not following the village zoning ordinance pertaining to outside maintenance. This is an ongoing situation and the village will continue to work on this problem.

The CSX Fund was then discussed. Shawn Pickworth stated that all funds are always encumbered in case of an emergency. Shawn asked council if he could use \$80,000 from this fund for the first batch of new water meters being purchased for the water meter project beginning in 2024. The money would be paid back to the CSX Fund over a period of five years.

The Veteran's Memorial Fund is used for the upkeep of the memorial itself. This fund is not used for mowing or landscaping.

The Rainy-Day Fund receives \$5,000 every year from the General Fund. This fund is not used very often and needs council's approval to be used.

The Capital Improvement Fund was the final account discussed. It is not known how this fund originated and council discussed possible ways to use the funds in this account.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 27, 2023 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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 November 13, 2023 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 November 13, 2023 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.

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth presented the following report:

Water

- Intake Structure – New walkway has been ordered.

- Coleman Court Project – project to begin sometime in the spring.

Wastewater

- New London Ave – Working on gap funding and engineering.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Still waiting for the Mack truck to be repaired.

Street

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

- Winter Weather Events – equipment is ready for whatever winter has in store for us. Please move your vehicles off the streets when we have these events. It helps crews with plowing and salting and please give our crews room out there to operate. Stay Safe.
- West Fir Street Bridge Improvements – District 9 OPWC Committee has recommended this project be funded. All projects have now been sent to the State for approval.

Other

- Downtown Project – we have met with and worked with ODOT and Engineering. These meetings basically were about Project Limits and Scopes. We are now entering the engineering design phase. This is the phase we can pick out cement designs, lighting, green spaces, etc. More to come.

Shawn verified that council had received the resignation of Village Employee John Chapin. He then asked council to accept the resignation.

Gullett made a motion to accept the resignation of John Chapin from the Water, Wastewater and Fire Departments effective December 23, 2023. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Abstain; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Ball then made a motion to reinstate John Chapin as Fire Chief as of January 1, 2024. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call: Jennifer Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Abstain; Steve Ball, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Gullett, Yes.

Steve Ball then made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to use CSX funds to purchase the first round of water meters for the new water meter project. These funds are to be paid back within five years as discussed in the workshop prior to the meeting. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked members of council if they had received the following report from Economic Development Director Carol Knapp:

I have been doing lots and lots of research!

- Spent time at the library to find historical facts about the village and notable people for Facebook posts and articles. I've developed Facebook posts and now that I have access, I can start posting.
- I've done Internet research to update the list of New London businesses.
- Identified properties and ownership on Main Streets.
- I developed a BR&E (Business Retention & Expansion) survey. I'm presently working on filling in the information I know for each business so that when I visit, I can confirm information rather than ask for it.
- I've developed a draft CRA Residential Housing program for review by the CRA Housing Board and ultimately Council approval.

- Worked with property owner and utility companies regarding a state-generated economic development lead. Prepared RFI for lead.
- Met with client interested in possibly starting a new business in the village.
- Had initial conversation with client possibly interested in starting a new business.
- Assisted client seeking building for existing business.
- Created pages for the village website: 1) updated business list - have a neat heading with the business logos, 2) demographic information, 3) veterans memorial, 4) utility providers, 5) available property, 6) CRA program. Will need assistance in publishing the pages.
- Developed client intake form (helps document efforts and success)
- Identified people to interview for Getting to Know New London or New London Happenings Facebook posts.
- Developed interview format.
- Started CIC paperwork so when/if the village decides to proceed, we'll be ready to go.
- Created business cards and letterhead.

Council verified they had received her report.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the September 2023 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for September 2023.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-24 An Ordinance Amending Sections 505.11, 955.15, 955.20 and 955.24 of the Codified Ordinances to Provide for permits for Hunting Within the Reservoir Park. 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 2023-27 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. Second Reading. Jennifer 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 2023-33 An Ordinance Amending the 2023 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-33 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 2023-34 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement to Provide Employee Health Insurance Provided by Medical Mutual Insurance, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-34 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

Toby Thomas asked Police Chief Joe Hicks if he had anything to share.

Police Chief Joe Hicks did not have anything to share.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Jennifer Ball asked if council needed to make a motion to allow the Village Administrator to proceed with a street levy in the spring.

Mr. Bond said no motion was needed but there would be two resolutions that would need to be passed.

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 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: Blanton, Steve Ball, Gullett, Chapin and Roeder. Jennifer Ball was absent.

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Lynne Phillips, John Chapin, Mike Crabbs, Jason Anderson and Shawn Pickworth.

Toby Thomas asked for approval of the agenda. Gullett made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to include the oath of office for the mayor and new members of council. Steve Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 27, 2023 Zoning Public Hearing were presented for approval. Gullett made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 27, 2023 budget 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.

The minutes from the November 27, 2023 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 stated that Hometown Holidays had been very successful and she wanted to thank everyone who helped with the event.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- The OEPA will be in town tomorrow, December 12, 2023 to conduct a yearly inspection of our Water Plant and Distribution system.

- Intake Structure – New walkway has been ordered.

- Coleman Court Project – project to begin sometime in the spring.

Wastewater

- New London Ave – Working on gap funding and engineering.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Still waiting for the Mack truck to be repaired.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Winter Weather Events – equipment is ready for whatever winter has in store for us. Please move your vehicles off the streets when we have these events. It helps crews with plowing and salting and please give our crews room out there to operate. Stay Safe.
- West Fir Street Bridge Improvements – District 9 OPWC Committees have recommended this project be funded. All projects have now been sent to the State for approval.

Other

- Downtown Project – we have met with and worked with ODOT and Engineering. These meetings basically were about Project Limits and Scopes. We are now entering the engineering design phase. This is the phase we can pick out cement designs, lighting, green spaces, etc. More to come.
- Preparing Capital Budget applications. 1. Phase II, Hileman Building Project, this will allow us to put new siding and fix up the outside of the building. 2. Clock Tower, this will allow us to restore and preserve the clock.
- Farming Contract – we are out for bid on our farm ground contract. This is a three-year contract starting in 2024, 2025 & 2026 to farm approximately 33.6 acres of farmland located near the New London Reservoir Park and Campgrounds. Bids will be accepted until noon, 12:00 pm on January 19, 2024. Upon Council's approval a contract will be rewarded to the winning bidder. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 419-929-3707.

Mayor's report – Toby Thomas had nothing to report but he thanked Steve Ball and Adam Gullett for their years of service on council. He appreciates the work they have done for the village.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from the police chief.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he had nothing to report but he too wanted to thank Steve Ball and Adam Gullett for their years of service as members of council.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire.

Fire Chief John Chapin stated the fire department had held a successful pancake breakfast and he wanted to thank members of council and the village administrator for their help over the years. It has been an honor working with all of them. He added that his final day of work before his retirement would be December 23rd. He concluded by thanking Steve Ball and Adam Gullett for their work as members of council.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball absent but Steve Roeder stated while he had no run report to share, everything was well with the ambulance service.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from zoning.

Zoning Inspector Stephen Whetstone absent but Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth stated he had signed a zoning permit for new fiber internet that would be going through the village.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas absent.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-27 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor. Third Reading. Gullett made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-35 An Ordinance to Allow the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform School Flasher Improvements on State Route 0060 at SLM 00.57 to 00.62 Within the Village of New London Huron County. Emergency Reading. Gullett made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-35 to be passed on an emergency measure. 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 approve the emergency reading. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2023-36 An Ordinance Adopting the 2024 Temporary Annual Appropriations for the Current and Other Expenditures for the Operations of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Steve Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2023-36 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. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

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

Adam Gullett came forward and gave the oath of office to newly reelected mayor Toby Thomas.

Toby Thomas then called Jason Anderson forward and gave the oath of office to him as a new member of council beginning January 1, 2024.

Toby Thomas then called Mike Crabbs forward and gave the oath of office to him as a new member of council beginning January 1, 2024.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor