

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 8, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

Toby Thomas then stated he would like nominees for Council President Pro Tempore. This person runs council meetings when the mayor is absent and it was also noted that when the mayor is out of town, the President Pro Tempore becomes the acting mayor until the mayor's return.

Steve Roeder nominated Jennifer Ball. Jennifer accepted the nomination.

Chet Blanton nominated Steve Roeder. Steve accepted the nomination.

The following vote took place to determine which nominee would become Council President Pro Tempore: Crabbs - Ball; Blanton - Roeder, Ball - Abstain; Roeder - Abstain; Anderson – Roeder.

Steve Roeder was elected Council President Pro Tempore for 2024.

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

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Lynne Phillips, John Chapin, Jack Ingraham, Dana Ingraham, John Kozlowski, Christy Kozlowski, Steve Ball, Gary Price, Mike Jamison, Lance Capiot, Zach Ingraham, Taylor Ingraham, Joe Thomas, Sergeant Nathan Waldock and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the December 11, 2023 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- EPA Inspection – inspection/survey went well with no major findings.
- Intake Structure – New walkway has been ordered.

- Coleman Court Project – we are getting really close to going to bid for this project. We are still hoping for a late January – early February bid. Before we go to bid we need all the residents on Coleman Court to sign a work agreement allowing the Village to do this project due to it being on private property, but we have one resident that so far has refused to sign the work agreement. That being said, I will halt all work being done until we have everyone’s signed agreement. This funding must be spent in 2024 or the funding will go back to the State and there is no reason to go to bid when we can’t award a contract. I apologize to the other residents that want this project to happen.
- Water Meter Replacement Project- we are getting ready to order the first 200 meters. This project is going to be done 100% in house and crews will be scheduling appointments with property owners to begin installing.

Wastewater

- New London Ave – engineering field work starts this week. Crews will be out collecting data throughout the project limits. We are still in need of some gap funding and we are working on that also.

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 – I met with the ODOT team on January 2, 2024 to walk the project limits and discuss the project. Lot’s more conversations/discussions to happen as we have moved to the engineering phase of the project.
- I would like to welcome both Mike Crabbs & Jason Anderson.

- 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 Councils approval, a contract will be awarded to the winning bidder. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 419-929-3707.
- Both Joe Hovatter and Michael Parcher have completed the required probationary period required by the Village. I am asking Council to remove them from probation and hire them full time.

Roeder made a motion to allow the Administrator to remove Joe Hovatter and Michael Parcher from probation and move them to regular full-time employees. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated that 2023 had been a good year for the Village of New London. The village employees are a great team and the department heads do a great job. Toby Thomas concluded by saying that the village is in good hands.

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

Police Chief Joe Hicks provided the following report:

The 2023 year closed for the police department with a total of 2,658 service calls. This is a slight decrease from last year which ended with 2,940 calls. Although, the reporting system generates stats, we've noticed it's not without error. A summary of some of these numbers is as follows:

Alarms: 91
Arrests: 52
Burglaries: 8
Crashes: 38
Criminal Summons: 30
Domestics: 17
Drug Possession: 8
EMS Assists: 281
Overdoses: 10
OVI's: 8
Sex Offenses: 10
Traffic Stops: 669
Traffic Citations: 157 (V.W. 487)
Thefts: 37
Unruly Juveniles: 63

The department also recently sold its 2013 Ford Explorer and 2014 Ford Taurus police cruisers at Internet auction. Those vehicles have been paid for according to the auction site and should be picked up within the next couple of weeks.

On December 16th the department held an in-service training day. This training covered the new distracted driving law that went into effect in April of 2023. We also went over field sobriety testing, and recertified on taser, which was instructed by Sgt. Lance Capiot. Overall, the department received approximately 531.5 hours of training in 2023. The roster fluctuated between 5 and 9 officers in 2023.

During our in-service training the department also voted on the officer of the year. This year's award was a unanimous decision. The 2023 Officer of the year award is being presented this evening to Cpl. Zach Ingraham. I believe I speak for the entire department when I say Zach always comes to work with a positive attitude and is willing to do whatever is required of him. He truly is an asset to our department. Zach has led the department in many categories over the past year including OVI arrests, warrant arrests, traffic citations, and criminal summons. He makes great use of his time and is an extremely motivated individual. He commonly takes the initiative to complete tasks around the office without even needing to be asked. He is very handy with I.T. projects, which in turn saves the department money. His positive attitude, efficiency, and work ethic goes beyond the badge.

Zach was hired in April of 2019 and was promoted to corporal on November 2nd of 2022. In less than a year and a half he has proven to be more than capable of handling this responsibility and has shown me that he is ready for the next step.

This evening I would like to take a moment to recognize Zach for his consistent effort and dedication to the police department and the New London community. I would like to promote Zach to the position of police sergeant effective immediately. This would allow us to have a day shift and night shift sergeant. He is a prime example of hard work paying off. I would ask that council approve his hourly rate to be set at \$25.13.

In closing I would like to thank the members of our community for the prayers and show of support they continue to provide. We frequently receive bottled water, food trays, snacks, and gift cards. We truly appreciate all of you. We are happy to serve such a wonderful community. Thank you.

Roeder made a motion to promote Zach Ingraham to the position of Police Sergeant effective immediately at a salary of \$25.13 per hour. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from fire.

Fire Chief John Chapin discussed Clarksfield Township with members of council. Clarksfield Township is no longer entering into a contract with the New London Fire Department. John Chapin feels it is important to continue to respond to the Clarksfield Township fire calls and he referred to an ordinance on the agenda for a first reading that would allow the fire department to still provide service to the Clarksfield area. He asked for members of council to vote in favor of this ordinance. With the ordinance, Clarksfield residents will be charged for fire services instead of the township. Residents will be charged at a per call rate. John Chapin stated he and the rest of the fire department had discussed the situation at great length at their last fire meeting and they are all in agreement that this is the best solution at this time.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball shared year end totals for 2023 and then stated that the ambulance service had also voted to continue to respond to ambulance calls in Clarksfield Township.

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 stated he had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-01 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 513.17 of the Codified Ordinances, Prohibiting Cultivation, Processing and Retail Dispensing of Marijuana with the Village of New London. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Fire Department to Respond to Emergency Calls for Noncontracting Townships Outside the Village Boundaries, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Crabbs, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Anderson, Abstain.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-03 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2024 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Toby Thomas stated council had previously discussed a zoning variance at 51 Ledgett Street but council had never actually voted on it.

Mr. Bond stated that as long as the Zoning and Planning Commission had voted yes on the variance and no one had filed an appeal, no vote from council was necessary.

The approval from the Zoning and Planning Commission stands.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

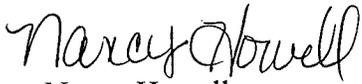
There was none.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of vouchers 1-22 for payments dated December 29, 2023. Ball made a motion to approve the vouchers. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, January 22, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

The minutes from the January 8, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Tom Dunlap stood and stated he was running for Huron County Commissioner. Mr. Dunlap is originally from New London and graduated from New London High School. He is running for the January 2nd office. Tom Dunlap stated he wanted to introduce himself. He concluded by thanking council for their time.

Marvin McCallister then asked what circumstances had come about to warrant Ordinance 2024-01 concerning Marijuana.

Joe Hicks stated the police department wanted to do their part to protect the village. He feels they are doing their due diligence.

Steve Roeder stated the ordinance would just prohibit the commercial aspect of marijuana.

Marvin McCallister commented that he believes the village could use the extra revenue.

Steve Ball added that the village could be throwing tax money away by passing the ordinance.

Mayor Toby Thomas thanked Marvin for his comments and stated that they could discuss the ordinance later in the agenda when it came up for a vote.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth presented the following report:

Water

- We will be having a meeting with ODNR on January 30th.

Wastewater

- New London Ave – crews have been on New London Ave. collecting data for engineering.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- We have had some terrible luck with repairs on the garbage trucks. Crews have been handling it well and keeping up with routes.

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.

Other

- Downtown Project – We are now looking at a Local Lead Project. This requires me to be certified by ODOT. I will begin working on those classes this week.
- Farming Contract – Deadline for bids was last Friday. We received 2 bids.
 1. \$180.00 per acre.
 2. \$94.00 per acre.
- I am asking Council to allow me to enter into contract for the next 3 years at \$180.00 per acre.
- Eclipse 2024 – On April 8th there will be a solar eclipse and Huron County is ground zero for the viewing of this. Huron County could see and is expected to see 1-2 hundred thousand extra people within the county that day. We have met with Huron County Chamber and have gotten some really good information on what to expect. New London Village and the New London Community Club have started planning events for here in New London. Right now, some of the plans include: opening the campgrounds at both the Reservoir and Rec. Park to accommodate campers for the weekend. Food trucks, entertainment and other activities are also being booked. More to come.

Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to enter into a farming contract with Lawrence Zimmerman for the next three years at \$180 per acre. Anderson 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 October and November 2023 bank reconciliations to approve and also deposit and expense reports through November 2023. Once the year 2023 is closed, members of council will be provided with yearend totals.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-01 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 513.17 of the Codified Ordinances, Prohibiting Cultivation, Processing, and Retail Dispensing of Marijuana within the Village of New London.

Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Chapin seconded the motion.

A discussion about the ordinance took place. Members of council thought it was too soon to pass such an ordinance.

Roll call: Ball, No; Crabbs, No; Roeder, No; Chapin, No; Anderson, No; Blanton, No.

Ordinance tabled.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Fire Department to Respond to Emergency Calls for Noncontracting Townships Outside the Village Boundaries and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-02 to be passed on an emergency measure. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Abstain; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Abstain; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-03 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2024 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. Second Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business

Steve Roeder asked if there was anything new with the Coleman Court Project. He asked if they had received the last signature they needed to begin the project.

Shawn Pickworth replied that they still had not received the signature.

Jason Anderson asked how long they had to spend the money designated for the project.

Shawn Pickworth stated the money would have to be spent in 2024 so they would need to get started fairly soon.

Mike Crabbs asked Mr. Bond if there was anything that could be done.

Steve Bond replied that they could pursue Imminent Domain.

Members of council continued to discuss the situation and different ways to proceed. There will be more discussion on this project to come.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Toby Thomas discussed village committees.

Tom Neel's term on the Records Commission has concluded. Toby Thomas spoke with Tom Neel and he is willing to serve another term.

Marvin McCallister's term on the Board of Tax Review has concluded. Toby Thomas spoke with Marvin McCallister and he is willing to serve another term.

Toby Thomas stated that Steve Ball would need to be replaced on the Monument Board since he is no longer on council. The Monument Board requires one member to be on council.

The Firelands Ambulance Board has one council member that serves on the board. Jennifer Ball has agreed to continue in that roll with Steve Roeder attending in Jennifer's absence.

Toby Thomas stated that Steve Ball would need to be replaced on the Zoning and Planning Commission and a current member of council will need to replace him.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth to explain a little about the CRA Housing Council.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they were in the process of revamping the council. With this council, the village has the opportunity to give a tax credit to new businesses or existing businesses trying to make some improvements. There is also a residential CRA. Shawn thinks the village should start the process to have a CRA for residents as well as businesses. Currently this council is not functioning but Shawn Pickworth and Carol Knapp are working at getting this council up and running again.

Toby reviewed the Volunteer Fire Department Dependent's Fund Board.

Crabbs made a motion to reinstate Tom Neel to the Records Commission for another term. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ball made a motion to reinstate Marvin McCallister for another term on the Board of Tax Review. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Anderson made a motion for Jennifer Ball to be the council representative on the Firelands Ambulance Board with Steve Roeder serving in the absence of Jennifer. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ball made a motion for Steve Roeder and Alison Chapin to serve as council representatives on the Volunteer Fire Department Dependents Fund Board. Blanton seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ball nominated Mike Crabbs to serve as the council representative on the Zoning and Planning commission. Mike Crabbs accepted. Anderson seconded the nomination. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ball nominated Jason Anderson to serve as council representative on the Monument Board. Jason Anderson accepted. Roeder seconded the nomination. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Ellen Simmons stated she had forgotten to mention the town event cards earlier. She encouraged anyone wanting an event on the card to get her the information as soon as possible. She is hoping to have the cards completed by March.

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

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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 January 22, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons asked if there was going to be a public meeting to discuss the upcoming eclipse.

Shawn Pickworth explained that there would be a public meeting on February 22nd at the school. The meeting will be run by the village, EMA and the Huron County Chamber of Commerce.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- We had a team meeting with ODNR on January 30, 2024. We are working on obtaining another 10% - 20% of the water in the reservoir. More to come.

- Coleman Court Project – met with engineers on January 31, 2024, to review plans. Made some recommendations and corrections and made a list of missing information needed before bidding the project out. The engineering is almost complete. My goal is to go to bid before the end of the month.

Wastewater

- New London Ave – met with engineers from OHM for a field meeting on Friday, February 9, 2024. Still a lot of field work is needed for engineering. Village crews will be performing this field work and tests. Goal is to go to bid before the end of the year with construction beginning in 2025.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Nothing major.

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.

Other

- Downtown Project – in the process of taking the required courses through ODOT that will allow this project to happen.
- Attended two days of Leadership Training with Don Patton & Cole Risner.
- Downtown Target of Opportunity- CDBG Funding – held a meeting on January 31, 2024. We are excited to offer this program to downtown building owners. Carol Knapp is in the process of getting the process going. We will have to meet with the Huron County Commissioners to get their permission to apply and receive funding and allow the Village to contract with GLCAP for program administration. Lots more to come.
- Attended an HCDC meeting at Fisher Titus Medical Center on February 8, 2024. A lot of changes are happening at the County level. I am following very closely to make sure New London and the Villages of Huron County are going to be represented. Overall, I feel pretty good about the changes.
- Met with Spectrum on East Washburn Street. Spectrum will be setting some new fiber cabinets along the south side of the street in the right of way.
- 49 North Railroad – house has been demolished. Contractor will come back this spring and rockhound, add topsoil and plant grass. He also has some work to complete on South Maple Street at that time.
- Silos, South Railroad – we got the property owner to agree to allow the demolition of the silos. The contractor had agreed to do this for the scrap metal and free of charge to the property owner. This will take some coordination with the railroad due to the silos being partially on railroad right of way. I am hoping to get this done within the next 30 days.

- CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) – the board will meet on February 13, 2024 @ 6:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss a CRA application. The board will either approve or deny the application and recommend to Council of their decision.
- Attended an Eclipse Meeting at the County on February 6, 2024 @ 4:00 pm. This meeting gives us the latest information of what to expect the weekend of April 5th – 8th, and to hear of the latest planning information going on around the County and State.

Shawn Pickworth and Mike Crabbs briefly discussed the demolition of properties and the costs associated with the demolitions.

Mayor Toby Thomas didn't have a report but stated what a good team the Village of New London has. Everybody works well together and it is amazing how everyone pitches in. He wanted to let council know that the village has an exemplary team.

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 absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball absent.

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 but had emailed council the following report:

- Stu Cook has been at the rec park working to put in 20 new camp sites. They are not finished yet but are looking good. This is going to allow us to add a few extra seasonals at the park this year and have the camper parked on a nice lot.
- Adult prom is Feb. 24th. This is a great event. I will give updates on the prom at the meeting after prom.
- I want to thank the water department. They put in water line for 13 new sites at the reservoir. The electric for these sites should be done by camping season.
- Thank you to Fireland's Electric Cooperative for all of their help at the reservoir.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-03 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2024 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-04 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with the Highest Bidder for the Temporary Agricultural Use of Certain Public Lands. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-05 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Clarksfield to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

There were not enough members of council to approve this ordinance on an emergency measure considering that Jason Anderson has to abstain from voting. A first reading was done.

Members of council inquired about the change in this ordinance pertaining to the one previously passed.

It was explained that the Assistant Prosecutor had gotten involved in the situation and had requested the verbiage of the contract be written a certain way and the village would now actually have a contract with Clarksfield Township.

Crabbs made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Anderson, Abstain; Blanton, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

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

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

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

The Fiscal Officer requested a special meeting to approve permanent appropriations.

Roeder made a motion to schedule a special meeting to approve permanent appropriations on Monday, February 19th at 4: 30 p.m. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Special Meeting – Monday, February 19, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the special meeting to order.

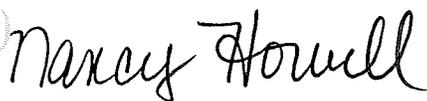
Roll call was then taken with the following members present: Roeder, Chapin, Anderson, Crabbs and Blanton. Ball was absent.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-05 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Clarksfield to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. This ordinance was mistakenly put on the agenda as an emergency reading. There were not enough members present to approve an emergency reading so a second reading was done.

Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Roeder, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Ball, Absent; Anderson, Abstain; Chapin, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-07 An Ordinance Adopting the 2024 Permanent Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-07 to be passed on an emergency measure. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Roeder made a motion to adjourn. Blanton 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 26, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Joe Hicks, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Steve Ball, Marvin McCallister, Joe Thomas, Rich Marett and Carol Knapp.

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

The minutes from the February 12, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Chapin made a motion to approve the minutes. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Marvin McCallister was upset about a large truck parked in the Gas Depot parking lot all weekend that was extremely loud due to running on a generator.

Police Chief Joe Hicks replied that he thought that the truck had only been there on Sunday evening and he didn't think it was running on a generator. He believed it was just idling.

Marvin McCallister disagreed with Chief Hicks and stated he believed it was there on Saturday also and it was not just idling. It was definitely either an AP unit or a generator. He thought this was in violation of some of the village's ordinances.

Joe Hicks stated that the truck was not violating any of the ordinances and it was not considered disturbing the peace. Chief Hicks offered to give Marvin McCallister a copy of the ordinance and they could go over it together. He explained that an officer did go down and speak with the driver of the truck on Sunday evening and the driver stated he would be gone in the morning.

Marvin McCallister wondered what could be done about the situation if it happens in the future.

Chief Joe Hicks stated that right now there is nothing to enforce.

Rich Marett then stood and stated he was running for Huron County Commissioner. Mr. Marett explained that he had been involved in the New London Labor Day Festival for years. Mr. Marett believes becoming a Huron County Commissioner would be a way to give back to the community and he believes he can make an impact if he is elected. He encouraged anyone with questions for him to call him at any time.

Steve Roeder called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth presented the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – We will go to bid this week with bid opening on March 21st in Council Chambers.

Wastewater

- Nothing major.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- Both of our trucks are back from repairs and in service.
- This year's spring clean-up dates are as follows:
April 20th and April 21st from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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This is for New London residents only! Absolutely no businesses.

Photo I.D. and proof of address is required at the time of entering gates. A village employee will be overseeing the drop off area. Please don't ask for unloading help from employees. Please bring help if you think you're going to need it.

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No railroad ties or telephone posts.

We will take metal and old appliances. Anything with refrigerant, like dehumidifiers and refrigerators/freezers must have the refrigerant removed by a qualified person before they are taken to the drop off area.

Any old mattresses must be bagged or wrapped in plastic. Household rubbish is taken on these dates as well.

Paint must be air dried prior to drop off dates.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the village office at 419-929-4091.

Street

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- 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.

Other

- Downtown Target of Opportunity- CDBG Funding – held a meeting on January 31, 2024. We are excited to offer this program to downtown building owners. Carol Knapp is in the process of getting the process going. We will have to meet with the Huron County Commissioners to get their permission to apply and receive funding and allow the Village to contract with GLCAP for program administration. We got side tracked a little bit with a CRA, but this should be final this week and we will get back on track for this project.
- CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) – the board met on February 13, 2024 @ 6:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss a CRA application. The board recommends the application of the CRA for Primetals addition. Council has legislation before them tonight. Carol Knapp is present to answer any questions council might have of CRA's.

Steve Roeder then asked for a report from Recreation.

Joe Thomas presented the following report:

- I would like to hire Tom Albright starting April 1st at \$15/hour. Tom will be replacing Charley Crawford. Charley decided to not come back this year.
- Adult prom was a success again this year. I want to thank Brittany Roeder for all her hard work and also all the people that attended.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the December 2023 bank reconciliation to approve and also year-end expense and revenue reports.

Steve Roeder then presented Ordinance 2024-04 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with the Highest Bidder for the Temporary Agricultural Use of Certain Public Lands. Second Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then presented Ordinance 2024-05 An Ordinance Authorizing a Restated Contract with the Township of Clarksfield to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Anderson, Abstain; Blanton, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

Steve Roeder then presented Ordinance 2024-06 An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Mayor and the Housing Officer of the Village of New London, Ohio, to Approve the Community Reinvestment Area Application for Development and Enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with Primetals Technologies, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, No. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, No.

Steve Roeder then presented Ordinance 2024-08 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook, Relative to Licensing for Mosquito Spraying. First Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the First Reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then presented Ordinance 2024-09 An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Chapin made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-09 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder then called for Old Business. There was none.

Steve Roeder then called for New Business.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Tom Albright as a seasonal employee for the recreation department beginning April 1, 2024 at \$15 per hour. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Carol Knapp then came forward to present a new committee to council. Previously, the village utilized the county Tax Incentive Review Committee to review and approve CRA agreements for annual reporting but the county has no power over CRAs since they are controlled at the local level. Carol Knapp then asked council to approve the New London Tax Incentive Review Committee.

Ball made a motion to approve the following committee:

NEW LONDON TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chief Executive Officer or Designee

- Mayor Toby Thomas

Member of the Legislative Authority of the Municipal Corporation

- Steve Roeder

County Auditor or Designee

- Roland Tkach

Chief Financial Officer of the Municipal Corporation or Designee

- Nancy Howell

Local Board of Education Representative or Designee

- Brad Romano

Joint Vocational School Board of Education Representative or Designee

- Tim Coffman

Two Members of the Public Appointed by the Chief Executive Officer

- Shawn Pickworth
- Adam Gullett

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

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

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

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 Council Workshop
Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

Carol Knapp presented to council both commercial and residential CRA information.

Workshop was adjourned.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, Steve Ball, Bob Cooke, Naomi Hicks and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the February 19, 2024 Special Meeting were presented for approval. Chapin made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the February 26, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – We will go to bid this week with bid opening on March 21st in Council Chambers. As of last week, 3 contractors have pulled plans so far.
- Cedar Street – crews will be repairing a stretch of water main that has been causing issues with leaks. Residents affected have been notified.
- Tank Inspections – crews will be draining one of our clear wells getting ready for an inspection required by the EPA.

Wastewater

- Nothing major.
- Bio Solids EPA Inspection – everything went well.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- I need Council to approve the resignation of Mike Parcher. Mike's last day was last Friday, March 8, 2024.

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.

Other

- Downtown Target of Opportunity- CDBG Funding – held a meeting on January 31, 2024. We are excited to offer this program to downtown building owners. Carol Knapp is in the process of getting the process going. We will have to meet with the Huron County Commissioners to get their permission to apply and receive funding and allow the Village to contract with GLCAP for program administration. We got side tracked a little bit with a CRA, this should be final this week and we will get back on track for this project.
- Zoning – need Council to accept the resignation of Steve Whetstone.
- Zoning & Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 22, 2024, at 6:45pm. Please see below.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Zoning Commission of the Village of New London, Ohio, gives Notice that a special meeting will be held on **April 22**, 2024, beginning at **6:45 p.m.**, in the Village Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the request for a variance on behalf of American Legion Post 292 relative to an application to erect an electronic message center (sign) at 185 N Main St, New London, Ohio. The existing ordinance, Section 1119.08(a)(6)B., sets a size limit of 24 square feet, the request is to erect a sign with a size of 30 square feet.

Mike Crabbs stated he was sorry to see Mike Parcher leave the village. He had been hearing positive feedback from residents about him.

Crabbs made a motion to accept the resignation of Mike Parcher as of March 8, 2024. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Roeder made a motion to accept the resignation of Zoning Inspector Steve Whetstone. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Shawn Pickworth and members of council discussed the vacant zoning position. It was determined an ad would be placed in the newspaper and it would also be put on the village's Facebook page.

Crabbs made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to move forward with advertising for the vacant Zoning Inspector position. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor Toby Thomas didn't have a report but thanked Council President Pro Tempore Steve Roeder for running the last meeting in his absence.

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 absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball shared that February was an average month with 69 runs. There were 38 in New London Village; 5 in New London Township; 13 in Fitchville Township; 8 in Troy Township; 4 in Ruggles Township and 1 Mutual Aid

There was no zoning report due to the resignation of Steve Whetstone.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas absent but Toby Thomas shared that the recreation department was continuing to work on the eclipse activities coming up the first weekend in April and the recreation department had brought back two seasonal employees.

Toby Thomas reported that Renew New London would be taking place again this year. The rotary and the school put the program together. The program was a huge benefit to the village last year by completing several projects and he is hoping it will be this year too.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-04 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into a Contract with the Highest Bidder for the Temporary Agricultural Use of Certain Public Lands. Third Reading. Crabbs made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-08 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook, Relative to Licensing for Mosquito Spraying. Second Reading. 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 2024-10 An Ordinance Expanding the New London Community Reinvestment Area Designated in Ordinance 2016-16 to Include the New London Residential CRA Program and to Define the Residential Tax Exemptions Permitted Under the New London Residential CRA Program. First Reading. Chapin made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Jason Anderson asked if there would be any cleanup of the creek by the fire station. Shawn Pickworth stated he wanted to rip-rap it. Jason Anderson asked if the village would do the work themselves or if they would contract it out. Shawn Pickworth thought they would probably have to hire it out.

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

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

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, March 25, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Joe Hicks, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Steve Ball, Marvin McCallister, Joe Thomas, Jeff Harwood, Bob Cooke and Rich Ballinger.

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

The minutes from the March 11, 2024 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 March 11, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated that the town event cards had been at the printer for two weeks. The print shop is currently very busy and she hasn't even seen a proof of the card yet. She apologized for the delay.

Jeff Harwood then stood and presented an update on The New London-Greenwich Rail Trail. They are currently working on improving the ditches and drainage along the trail along with a more all-weather surface. The next phase will begin the completion of the remaining four miles of the trail. The trail will eventually go under the Vermilion River. There will be two more phases before the project will be complete.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth presented the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – bid opening was held on March 21, 2024. Council has the results of those bids and a recommendation letter from the engineer along with legislation to allow me to enter into contract.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – we are working on the gap funding needed to do this project. Hopefully this week I can get all the paperwork done for this funding.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- Spring Clean Up – the following dates are for this year’s spring cleanup.
April 20th & April 21st – 11am thru 7pm.
April 22nd thru April 26th – 8am thru 7pm.
April 27th & April 28th – 11am thru 7pm.
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- We will take metal and old appliances, anything with refrigerant like dehumidifiers, refrigerators/freezers must have the refrigerant removed by a qualified person before they will be accepted at drop off.
- Any old mattresses must be bagged/wrapped in plastic.
Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Village Office at 419-929-4091.
- I would like Council permission to hire Joseph Burnsworth to the opening in our Street & Sanitation department with the start date of March 18, 2024. Joe is an applicant who we interviewed awhile back that we believe will make a good match for the job.

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.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from Recreation.

Joe Thomas was not present at the meeting yet but Steve Roeder stated that there had been a large turnout at the breakfast with the Easter Bunny event that had been held at the Hileman Building.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the January 2024 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for January 2024.

Shawn Pickworth stated he had one more thing to add to his report. He wanted to let everyone know that there were new rules out from the health department and all septic systems will need to be registered

through the county and there will be a yearly fee of \$63. Shawn Pickworth wanted to make residents aware of this change.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-08 An Ordinance Amending the Village's Employee Handbook, Relative to Licensing for Mosquito Spraying. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the Third Reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-10 An Ordinance Expanding the New London Community Reinvestment Area Designated in Ordinance 2016-16 to Include the New London Residential CRA Program and to Define the Residential Tax Exemptions Permitted Under the New London Residential CRA Program. Second Reading. Chapin made a motion to approve the second reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-11 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Ed Burdue & Company, LLC, for the Construction and Installation of the Coleman Court Waterline Improvements Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-11 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Absent; Crabbs, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-01 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Agreement on Behalf of the Village of New London, Huron County, Ohio for Planning, Design and/or Construction of Water Facilities Along Coleman Court; and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Chapin made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-01 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Absent; Crabbs, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Steve Roeder gave the following report concerning cats from Tammy Montgomery:

We lost our transport to Canton since they aren't traveling over 60 miles to pick up cats anymore. So, we now have to transport ourselves which is why we can't do high volumes anymore. We took 11 on March 15th to a new low-cost place in Bellevue called the Blue Collar. We are now paying \$65 per cat for fixing and rabies vaccine. We will do this monthly while we have decent weather and still need the communities help with financial donations as well as canned cat food. Each trapping is at least a three-day event and that doesn't count getting everything organized. Day one is trapping day. Day two is transporting day with two trips to Bellevue. Once they're back on day two they all have to be fed and their pads changed. Day three feeding and pad change again then returned to where they were trapped later in the afternoon. They have to be held 24 hours after surgery to make sure all the anesthesia is out of their system so they're able to protect themselves.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he had received the resignation of part-time police officer David Jones. Officer Jones has accepted a job in Bellevue for higher pay. Chief Hicks asked council's permission to proceed with the hiring process for several new part-time officers.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to allow Police Chief Joe Hicks to begin the process of advertising for up to five new part-time police officers. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Joseph Burnsworth to the Street and Sanitation department at \$15 per hour with a starting date of March 18, 2024. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes no one opposed.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to approve the Tax Incentive Review Committee recommendations for continuation of CRA agreements. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Joe Thomas arrived at the meeting to inform council of some good news. He had just found out the recreation department had received \$9,800 from Firelands Electric Co-op's Operation Roundup program. Joe Thomas was excited to announce that he would be using those funds to update a couple pavilions at the recreation park to make them handicap accessible.

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

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 8, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Not enough members of council were in attendance. Nothing was voted on or passed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated she had met several families at the reservoir park during the solar eclipse. Some visitors came from other counties and even other states. All the visitors she spoke with were very happy with the reservoir park facility.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – we are hoping to start this project around June 1st.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – working on this funding.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- Spring Clean Up – the following dates are for this year's spring clean-up.
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Street

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

Other

- We would like Council permission to hire Timothy McCallister for seasonal to help maintain the cemetery. \$12.00 per/hour.

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

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

Over the past month our officers have been busy receiving additional training to keep our staff proficient in various areas of the job. Sgt. Capiot and Ofc. Ginley attended Ivory Tower training in early March. This training focused on leadership and recognizing qualities within ourselves to maximize our potential. Ofc. Ginley also attended an evidence technician course in order to assist Sgt. Capiot with our evidence room. SRO Smith is currently attending a sexual assault course this week.

The New London Police Department is one of several departments in Huron County that will soon be sporting a new look on our cruisers. At last month's Chief's meeting, Kristen Cardone, Executive Director of Huron County Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS) presented to us a request to have the Suicide & Crisis Life Line number affixed to our cruisers. The number is 988 and will be utilized like the 911 number is used for emergencies. MHAS will be paying for the creation of the vinyl decals. Each agency will be responsible for applying them to their cruisers. Ours will be displayed on the back hatch of each cruiser.

With the warm weather now upon us, I would again ask that everyone exercise additional caution while traversing the town and especially the Rec. Park and campgrounds as the pedestrian traffic has increased. We have already fielded several traffic complaints regarding erratic drivers within the park during the warm stretch we received in early/mid-March.

In closing I would add the eclipse has posed no issues for the police department up to this point.

Mike Crabbs asked Police Chief Joe Hicks if the village would provide extra police presence on Prospect Street. Residents speed down that road and he is fearful of someone getting hurt. Joe Hicks agreed to provide the extra police presence.

The meeting was adjourned.

Handwritten signature of Nancy Howell in cursive script.

Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer

Handwritten signature of Toby Thomas in cursive script.

Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 22, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

The minutes from the March 25, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the April 8, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated that the town event cards have arrived. Anyone needing some can call her. There is also a bulk supply at the New London Library.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth presented the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – we are hoping to start this project around June 1st.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Application is complete with the exception of a few docs.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.
- Spring Clean Up – the following dates are for this year's spring clean-up.
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- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.

Other

- We would like Council permission to hire Timothy McCallister for seasonal to help maintain the cemetery. \$12.00 per/hour. Retro back to April 1, 2024.
- Parks & Recreation – Our parks would like Councils permission to hire: Georgia Thomas, Raeann Mitchell, Pailee Wilson & Gavin Bilton.
For Part time Summer Help/Seasonal @ \$11.50 per/hour.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire Timothy McCallister for seasonal help to maintain the cemetery at \$12 per hour retroactive to April 1, 2024. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire Georgia Thomas, Raeann Mitchell, Pailee Wilson and Gavin Bilton as part-time seasonal employees at \$11.50 per hour. 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 February 2024 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports for January 2024.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-10 An Ordinance Expanding the New London Community Reinvestment Area Designated in Ordinance 2016-16 to Include the New London Residential CRA Program and to Define the Residential Tax Exemptions Permitted Under the New London Residential CRA Program. 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 2024-12 An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-12 to be passed on an emergency

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

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-02 A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Agreement on Behalf of the Village of New London, Huron County, Ohio for Planning, Design and/or Construction of Water Facilities Along New London Ave.; and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Resolution 2021-02 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Absent; Crabbs, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-03 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. First Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Steve Roeder gave the following report concerning cats from Tammy Montgomery:

A total of 15 cats were fixed on Friday. They were released back to caretakers late Saturday afternoon. Some needed antibiotic injections for wounds but most appeared healthy to the vet. The total bill was \$1,157.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he had received the resignation of full-time police officer Ryan Ginley. Chief Hicks asked the council to accept Officer Ginley's resignation and he notified members of council that he had begun the process of posting for a new full-time officer.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Ryan Ginley. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Mayor Toby Thomas explained to members of council that the Huron County EMA was adopting their plan for Ohio's 911 Board. Each governing body in the county was required to approve their plan and send it to the county in writing.

Steve Roeder made a motion to approve the Huron County EMA's final plan for Ohio's 911 Board. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call- All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of vouchers 1-46 for payments dated April 10, 2024. Ball made a motion to approve the vouchers. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the compensation of a Village Employee or Official. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Absent; Crabbs, Yes.

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Steve Ball, Bob Cooke, John Chapin, David Jacobs and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the April 22, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – we are waiting for the final submittals from the contractor and for the final piece of funding that will be awarded by the end of May. So, I am guessing this project won't start until July or August.
- Don Patton, Cole Risner and I participated in a Teams Meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers to see what we can do about some erosion issues on Buck Creek south of the Reservoir. The Village was invited to submit a letter of intent.
- Reservoir - The new walkway is complete and ready to be installed. We are waiting for the dry weather so that we don't harm the banks of the reservoir while installing. The walkway will be installed on the southwest corner of the reservoir. That will allow the Village to access the raw water intake structure for maintenance and repairs. We are anticipating a July/August installation.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Engineers are working on legal pathway descriptions. The village is working on easements (we need 3), more investigative fieldwork. Mr. Bond is working on legal opinions for the project.

Storm Sewers

- Nothing major.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.

Street

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

Other

- I represented New London and the Huron County Landbank at the Ohio Landbank Annual Conference in Akron. What a great conference. It is nice seeing what other communities are doing with Landbanks throughout the State of Ohio and we definitely brought back some good ideas that we hope to grow the Huron County Landbank.
- Downtown TAP Project - Mayor Toby Thomas, Don Patton and Cole Risner participated in a Teams Meeting with ODOT, LJB Engineers and Burges & Niple Engineers on the Downtown Project. One of the big things that came out of the meeting was the Village will be receiving additional funding through Urban Paving that will pave St. Rt. 162 and St. Rt. 60 from corporation limit to corporation limit as part of the project. Survey work and engineering continues.
- I attended a Huron County Commissioner's Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, to ask the County's permission for the Village and Downtown property owners to apply for the CDBG, Target of Opportunity Funding. This funding will allow a downtown building owner/owner (up to 3) to apply for up to \$250,000.
- Auditor's – last week was Audit week and what a week it was. Monday morning Nancy Howell's computer decided it didn't want to work. Nancy's computer houses our UAN software with all the financials. Michelle Popa's computer connects through the UAN software on Nancy's computer, so we were in bad shape. After spending a few hours on the phone trying to diagnose the computer with HP and not getting any resolutions, Nancy was able to get UAN's permission to download the software on a Village laptop. Nancy and Michelle had to share looking up requests from the Auditors all week long. Nancy, Michelle,

Lucinda dealt with it like champs and the Auditors were able to complete all of the on-site material requested. Good Job to All.

- I attended the Ohio Public Works, District 9 Organizational Meeting last Friday. I will once again be representing the Villages of Huron County as well as the Chairman of the Small Government Committee for the District.
- Clarksfield Twp. and Huron County Assistant Prosecutor Jacob Stevens is requesting that the Village of New London do a Fire Contract for up to 5 years. This is for budgeting and planning reasons for the Twp.
- Hileman Building Parking – The Village of New London received a Community Accessibility Expansion Project of \$31,704.00 through Huron County Board of Disabilities. I would like to Thank Kari Smith for reaching out and allowing us to submit this project.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated he didn't have a specific report but the Planning and Zoning Commission had met prior to the council meeting to talk about an ordinance that would allow the village to ticket for junk cars. The commission voted to allow the ordinance to come before council. A council public hearing will be necessary. Toby Thomas concluded by saying he appreciates everything Shawn has been doing to improve the village.

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

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated the search for new officers was continuing. So far, there has not been any qualified applicants for either the part-time or full-time positions that are being advertised.

Mike Crabbs commended the police department on the increased police presence that had been requested at a prior meeting. He then asked for increased police presence on East Fir Street. There have been complaints of vehicles speeding down that street; particularly around bus stop time.

Police Chief Joe Hicks agreed to keep an eye on the area.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin reported that so far, fire calls have been down for the year. He then stated the department had held a successful pancake breakfast. He also explained a new campaign that was part of the pancake breakfast. The campaign is to promote identification tags on car seats. The woman who created the campaign attended the breakfast and brought tags with her to hand out. John Chapin continued by saying that the Monroeville Fire Department will be having a pancake breakfast and all proceeds will go to this

I.D. tag campaign. He concluded by saying he had recently been able to meet with the Firelands Ambulance Coordinator.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball announced that Jeff Scott was the new Firelands Ambulance Coordinator.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from zoning.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they would be discussing zoning during the executive session at the end of the meeting.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas was absent but Toby Thomas reported to council that they were working on a Wall of Fame to be displayed at the recreation park.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-13 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Ranges and Pay Rates for Members of the Police Department. First Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-14 An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Chapin made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-14 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-03 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none

Toby Thomas then called for New Business

An announcement was made concerning a community service project done by certain middle and high school students. This Renew New London project is put on by the New London Rotary in conjunction with New London Schools. Renew New London will take place on May 15, 2024 with a rain date of May 16, 2024.

Jason Anderson asked when the downtown project will begin.

Shawn Pickworth replied that the project will begin either at the end of 2025 or beginning of 2026.

Steve Ball added that the school held their ground-breaking ceremony that evening for the new sports complex that is being built. He also noted the library will be having an open house concerning their new parking lot and handicap accessible entrance.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a Village Employee or Official. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

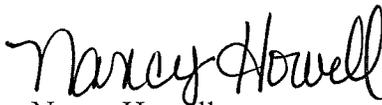
Steve Roeder made a motion to return to regular session. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

Ball made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire Clayton Englet as Zoning Inspector. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Chapin made a motion to allow the village administrator to hire a part-time mower for high grass notices. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

The meeting was adjourned.


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, June 10, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Joe Hicks, Steve Ball, Bob Cooke, Ellen Simmons, Brian Cucco, Gerald Broeckel and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the May 13, 2024 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.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – a pre-construction meeting was held on June 6, 2024. The contractor is having some issues with getting materials for the project. Lead time is 10 – 12 weeks. We are hoping for a start date before July 1st. Final Completion is set for September 30, 2024.
- The Village will receive \$58,000 in CDBG funding through the County allocation of funds from the State. The funds will be used to install a 6' security fence around our Water Treatment Plant. The OEPA has been suggesting this for a few years now.
- Backflow inspection – the Village is tasked with inspecting around 250 properties a year that are connected to our water system. This is an OEPA mandate and yearly inspections are not an option. Please work with our employees, they are just doing their jobs.
- The Village will be meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers tomorrow at 11:00 am to address the erosion issues we are experiencing. This team is coming from the New York office. We are hoping that they will help us address this issue.

- The Village, ODNR & Mr. Bond met through a teams meeting on May 24, 2024. It was agreed that the Village will receive another 10% of the water in the reservoir so now the split will be 70% ODNR and 30% Village. Contract amendments are in process. Once we receive it we will present it to Council.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Engineers are working on legal pathways descriptions. The village is working on easements (we need 4), more investigative fieldwork. Mr. Bond is working on legal opinions for the project.
- The Village will receive another \$260,000 in grant funds from the State. That brings the total grant funding to \$913,000.00 in grant funding for this project. I am hoping by August 1, 2024, all funding will be in place.

Storm Sewers

- Crews have been investigating and are making plans to replace around 300’ of storm that runs behind the homes on North Main, East Hooker & East Washburn.

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

- Downtown TAP Project – a teams meeting was held on June 3, 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to put some commitment dates on each process of this project. Please see below.

- <u>Activity</u>	<u>Milestone Date</u>
LPA Scope of Services Document signed	
Initial Project Scope Complete (ODOT use only)	
LPA Agreement signed	
Authorization Design Consultant (if Federally funded; then PE needs Fed. Authorization, signed contract and encumbrance first)	4/24/2024
Preliminary R/W Plans Submitted (Minimum 30 day before Stage 2 for small project, 60 days for large project)	9/6/2024
Preliminary R/W Plans Approved (typically 1 month after submission)	10/11/2024

Stage 1 Submission	9/6/2024
Stage 2 Submission	3/7/2025
Stage 3 Submission	6/15/2025
Stage 1,2 or 3 Plans Reviewed	1 month after submission
Final R/W Plans Submitted (typically same date as Stage 2 submission)	3/7/2025
Final R/W Plans Approved (typically 1 month after submission)	4/11/2025
Environmental Document Approved (typically 6 months from Stage 2 submission. If R/W involved, then the Environmental Document Approval must be completed at least 1 year prior to the District R/W Cert. Date.)	4/11/2025
Authorization for Detail Design (If Federally funded, then 1 month after Env. Document approved)	5/2/2025
LOCAL-Let PS&E Package to District	12/10/2026
Environmental Certification Form (ECF) (typically same as PS&E to District-Request from DEC one week prior to PS&E submission)	12/10/2026
District R/W Certification (typically 1 month after Env. Clearance Date. If R/W purchased then 1 year after Environmental Document approved Date. Required whether project requires R/W or not)	1/23/2026
Plan Package to C. O. (typically 1 month after PS&E to District)	2/12/2026
Sale Date (minimum 1 month prior to award date, minimum 2 month after Plan Package to C.O.)	4/10/2026
Award Date	5/1/2026
Estimated Begin Constr. Date	6/15/2026
Estimated End Constr. Date (days of duration? _____)	10/31/2026
LPA Final Acceptance (1 month after End Constr. Date)	11/30/2026

- I attended a Huron County Commissioner's Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, to ask the Counties permission for the Village and Downtown property owners to apply for the CDBG, Target of Opportunity Funding. This funding will allow a downtown building owner/owners (up to 3) to apply for up to \$250,000.

I still have not received a yes or no from the County Commissioners. Hopefully, I will this week.

- I have been nominated for a board position for the Huron County Growth Partnership. This new partnership brings the Huron County Chamber of Commerce, Huron County Development Council & Norwalk Economic Development Corporation all under one umbrella. The Huron County Land Bank is also part of this partnership. I believe everyone working together and pulling in the same direction can positively impact/benefit Huron County and the Village of New London. I am asking Council's permission to be a part of this.

Mike Crabbs asked Shawn Pickworth if \$58,000 will cover the entire fence at the water treatment plant. Shawn Pickworth replied that no the village would have to contribute around \$20,000. Shawn Pickworth then explained exactly where the fence would be placed.

Mike Crabbs then made a motion to allow Shawn Pickworth to hold a position on the board of the Huron County Growth Partnership. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Brian Cucco then stood and explained the new garbage tote ordinance on the agenda for the meeting. If the proposed ordinance is passed, the village would make garbage totes available to residents for purchase. Purchase of these large garbage totes will not be mandatory at first, but the village is hoping that eventually all residents will want to purchase one. Residents will be able to purchase up to two totes with no change in the current sanitation charge on their utility bill. While two totes will be available for no extra charge other than the tote itself, the village recommends residents start with one tote. Each tote is large and can fit several bags of garbage. If a third tote is purchased, an additional \$8.50 will be added to the sanitation fees each month.

Mayor Toby Thomas had no report to share.

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

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

Marcus Wolk successfully completed his 6-month probationary period as of May 29th. He has done a tremendous job for us since starting. He has proven to be a quick learner and is a pleasure to have on staff. He recently attended ARIDE training and is also scheduled for additional training in July. He received a "very good" rating on his evaluation. I would ask that council approve removing him from probation with a \$1.00 per hour raise with "retro pay" commencing with the May 26th pay period.

I'm pleased to say we have finally received our new body armor after nearly a 1 year wait. It went into service last week and with the exception of a couple of issues the officers seem to be very happy with it. This was over a \$14,000 purchase that came at no cost to the department. We secured a 75/25 grant through the state and the 25% share was picked up through Firelands Electric's Operation Round up program. Again, a huge thank you to Firelands Electric Cooperative.

I would also ask that council allow us to hire Gerald Broeckel II at \$20 per hour to fill our full-time vacancy. Gerald resides in the Monroeville area with his family. He is currently a part-time officer with Monroeville Police Department and has also spent time with the Republic and Green Springs Police Departments.

Chet Blanton stated that he has been approached by multiple people as to why village residents do not have to abide by the same street requirements for golf carts as the seasonal campers do. Joe Hicks thanked Chet Blanton for bringing the issue to his attention. He reaffirmed that no one is above the law and the requirements are the same no matter what. Chief Hicks will notify the other officers to be diligent in making sure all golf carts driven throughout town have met all of the street requirements.

Steve Roeder then made a motion that Marcus Wolk be removed from probationary status and given a \$1 per hour raise retroactive to May 26, 2024. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the Village of New London to hire Gerald Broeckel II as a full-time police officer at \$20 per hour beginning June 10, 2024. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin absent but emailed the following report to members of council:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
5/14/2024	0900	1030	Active shooter training	Primetals
5/15/2024	1900	2030	Driver training course	School parking lot US RT 250 & ST RT
5/17/2024	0527	0636	Semi rollover	162
5/19/2024	0800	0930	Roth Benefit Pancake Breakfast	Monroeville Fire 2160 Greenwich
5/19/2024	1712	2015	Structure Fire	Milan
5/20/2024	1400	1455	Motor Vehicle Crash	1146 Chenango RD
5/22/2024	0908	0950	Mutual Aid with Tanker	25445 Baker RD
5/22/2024	2025	2138	Mutual Aid with Tanker	26175 ST RT 511
5/25/2024	1605	1615	Alarm drop	School
5/29/2024	1800	1900	Meeting with FAS Jeff Scott	Fire Station
6/4/2024	0900	1100	Safety Town	School
6/6/2024	1300	1430	911 Board Meeting	EMA
6/9/2024	0545	0607	Lift Assist with FAS	182 N. Main

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Steve Roeder stated there were 70 calls for the month of May.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from zoning.

Shawn Pickworth stated that they would be discussing zoning during the executive session at the end of the meeting.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas absent.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-13 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Ranges and Pay Rates for Members of the Police Department. Second Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-15 An Ordinance Amending Section 595.10(a) of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Refuse Collection. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-16 An Ordinance to Approve Current Replacement Pages to the New London Codified Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-16 to be passed on an emergency measure. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-17 An Ordinance Authorizing Renewal of the Contracts with the County Sheriff to Conduct dispatching Services for the Village Police Department and Fire Department and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-17 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-18 An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with the State of Ohio for the Construction, Maintenance and Operation of the Up-ground Reservoir, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Chapin made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-18 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-03 A Resolution in the Matter of Determining Emergency Management Service for the Political Subdivision of the Village of New London. Third Reading. Roeder

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

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-04 A Resolution Adopting a Policy for Procurement and Purchasing in Connection with Federally-Funded Acquisitions, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Resolution 2024-04 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none

Toby Thomas then called for New Business

Alison Chapin stated she had received an email report from Joe Thomas concerning the recreation parks. She wondered if council would need to approve the nomination form for the hall of fame being built at the park.

Steve Roeder read the following report from Joe Thomas:

- Our country concert is this Saturday, June 15th. The lineup for the concert is
Aidan Albaugh 3:00-4:30
No Fences (Garth Brooks tribute) 5:15-7:00
Boys in the Band (Alabama tribute) 8:00-10:00
FIREWORKS 10:00
There will be food vendors and a beer tent sponsored by the American Legion.
We will need council to approve the legion to sell beer for the concert
- The park has been very busy this summer with ball games, camping, batting cage use, tennis and pickle ball, the playground and lots of people walking, running and riding bikes through the park. It is nice to see so many people using our beautiful park. I want to thank all of the employees that work at the park. They have done an amazing job this year making both parks look beautiful.
- I want to thank RWW masonry for the beautiful wall that they built. This wall is going to be our recreation hall of fame. We would like to honor all the people who have donated so much time to make our park what it is today. If you would like to nominate someone to be inducted into the hall of fame you can pick up an application at the village office. We will do the inductions into the hall of fame on Labor Day every year at the new pavilion. We will do the inductions starting at 5:30 with the door prize drawing to follow. This year I would like to induct 10 people to get it up to speed. Every year after I would like to induct 2 more people. We will form a committee that will take all the nominations and make the final decisions on who will get inducted each year.

It was determined no approval was necessary for the hall of fame nomination form.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the American Legion to sell alcohol at the Country Concert on June 15, 2024. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of vouchers 1-75 for payments dated May 15, 2024. Roeder made a motion to approve the vouchers. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for approval of vouchers 76-125 for payments dated May 30, 2024. Roeder made a motion to approve the vouchers. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

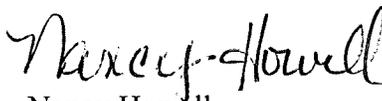
Mayor Toby Thomas then swore in new full-time police officer Gerald Broeckel II.

Jennifer Ball made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a Village Employee or Official. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

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

No action taken.

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

 
Nancy Howell Toby Thomas
Fiscal Officer Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, June 24, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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 June 10, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Shawn Pickworth did not have an actual report but shared that the water department had installed a new walkway at the reservoir. Don Patton had overseen this project. Shawn Pickworth stated it was a great project and the employees had used great teamwork installing the walkway.

Shawn Pickworth then asked council's permission for the Eagles to sell alcohol at Rockin the Rez on July 20th and he also asked council's permission to close the village office on July 5th for the Fourth of July Holiday.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the village office to close on Friday, July 5th as part of the Fourth of July Holiday. Blanton seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the Eagles to sell alcohol at Rockin the Rez on July 20th. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the March and April 2024 bank reconciliations to approve and also deposit and expense reports for March and April 2024.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-13 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Ranges and Pay Rates for Members of the Police Department. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-15 An Ordinance Amending Section 595.10(a) of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Refuse Collection. Second Reading. Chapin made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Mike Crabbs asked if there would still be a council meeting on Monday, July 8th. He wanted to make sure enough members of council would be present considering the holiday weekend prior to the meeting. It was determined that there would be four members of council present at the meeting so it would be fine to move forward with the meeting as usual.

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. Crabbs 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 Council Zoning Public Hearing
July 8, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mike Crabbs, Chet Blanton, Steve Roeder, Jason Anderson, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Wendy Kidd, Marvin McCallister, Brian Cucco and John Chapin.

Mayor Toby Thomas called the public hearing to order.

Mayor Toby Thomas announced that the purpose of the hearing was to allow public comment concerning proposed ordinance 2024-19 enacting a new section 1117.24 of the Codified Ordinances, prohibiting parking unlicensed or inoperable vehicles out in the open in residential districts.

This ordinance will allow the New London Police Department to give citations for unlicensed and inoperable vehicles which meet certain criteria. Several questions were asked to Mr. Steve Bond, Village Solicitor, as to how the ordinance would work and what outcomes the village would receive when enforcing the new ordinance. Those attending the meeting discussed the ordinance and everyone seemed in agreement that this new ordinance would be a good starting point in cleaning up certain properties around the village. If this ordinance provides good results, other ordinances may be incorporated to help other issues that would improve properties around town.

There being no further comment, the Meeting adjourned.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, July 8, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Brian Cucco, John Chapin, Wendy Kidd and Shawn Pickworth.

Steve Roeder made a motion to amend the agenda to include Ordinance 2024-19 as a first reading. Blanton seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

The minutes from the June 24, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Blanton seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated they were accepting nominations for the Citizen of the Year award. She also stated they were looking for entries for the Firelands Labor Day Parade.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – waiting on a reply from the engineer and contractor on a date to begin.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Engineers are working on legal pathways descriptions. The village is working on easements (we need 4) and more investigative fieldwork. Mr. Bond is working on legal opinions for the project.

Storm Sewers

- Crews have been investigating and are make plans to replace around 300' of storm that runs behind the homes on North Main, East Hooker & East Washburn.

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

- Downtown TAP Project – things continue to move along on this project.
- I attended a Huron County Commissioner’s Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, to ask the Counties permission for the village and downtown property owners to apply for the CDBG, Target of Opportunity Funding. This funding will allow a downtown building owner/owners (up to 3) to apply for up to \$250,000.
- Target of Opportunity is now called Flex Funding for downtown building owners. Over the past few months, I have met with both Kleinfelder and the County Commissioners working with them and hopefully getting all the information needed that will allow us to apply for this funding. The Commissioners are required to advertise for RFQ’s and hire a firm that will handle this type of funding. Once this is done the village will be able move forward with this funding. This is a process that we have to work through, and I will continue to work with the county on this, thus the reason why most communities don’t bother or use this funding in the past. We are all learning about the process.
- Generator – the generator at the main office is in bad shape and needs replaced. We have gotten 2 quotes and both came in around \$40,000 just for the generator. Quotes to install this generator is another \$40,000. I would like Council’s permission to move forward with this project.

Council asked Shawn Pickworth to go out to bid for the generator to see if they would be able to get a better price. Shawn Pickworth agreed to go to bid for the generator.

Mayor Toby Thomas had no report but shared the following police report in the absence of Chief Joe Hicks:

At just past the halfway mark of the year the police department has recently surpassed 1500 calls for service. I would expect our number of service calls at years end to surpass 3000 calls for the first time since 2021.

Early last week I was informed by our fiscal officer that we had received a bill for dispatching fees from the Huron County Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$2,970.00. This bill covered the first half of this year meaning we will have to come up with \$5,940.00 for the year. This was completely unexpected and came as a total surprise to both Nancy and I as there had been no prior indication that this was going to happen. The big concern for the moment is our budget line for dispatching fees will not cover this

expense. It has been reduced from about \$8,000.00 in 2020 to about \$1,500.00 per year for the last four years with the passage of the 911 levy. I reached out to the sheriff's office for an explanation and was told it was because the commissioner's office was withholding the payment to the sheriff's office, so they were passing along the expense to the individual agencies they provide service to.

One of the main selling points for the 911 levy was that a portion of the funds raised would be utilized to pay for dispatching fees. Without any notice nor explanation this has now changed mid-year. Administrator Pickworth and I have been in conversation with one another in an attempt to come up with a resolution. He has also been corresponding with different folks at the county level demanding an explanation. I will keep you all posted with future developments.

In closing, I will note that June was a very busy month full of training for the police department. Ofc. Ingraham attended 40 hours of CIT, Sgt. Ingraham attended a 40-hour fire arms instructor school in addition to a 40-hour interview and interrogation course held by REID, Ofc. Wolk attended 40 hours of advanced SWAT training in addition to a 16-hour ARIDE course, Ofc. Smith attended a 16-hour advanced school threat assessment course, and we closed out the month with one of our two annual in-service training days which covered firearms qualifications and CPR and AED training. I want to thank Jeff and Kristina Vanderpool of Firelands Ambulance Service for their assistance and expertise with the medical training.

Respectfully,

Chief Joseph K. Hicks
New London Police Department

Shawn Pickworth expanded on the 911 levy situation since he had been communicating with several people at the county level. Shawn notified council that the police dispatching invoice would not be paid until further information was available and a resolution was agreed on by all parties involved.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin shared the following report:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
6/11/2024	0900	0940	425 in for repairs	Omega Road
6/12/2024	1800	1900	Radio operation meeting Huron Count FF Assoc.	Norwalk Fire
6/12/2024	1900	2000	Meeting	Norwalk Fire
6/13/2024	1130	1200	425 back from repairs Maintenance AC by JD	Station
6/17/2024	1320	1400	Comfort Interview with David	Station
6/17/2024	1600	1625	Thomas	Station
6/18/2024	1800	1810	Crash - Canceled	5950 TL 187

6/20/2024	1725	1819	Propane leak	363 Butler Road S
			911 Levy Expenditure	
6/26/2024	0900	1020	Meeting	EMA
6/26/2024	1321	1331	False alarm	1 Wildcat Dr.
				US RT 250 & ST RT
6/27/2024	2109	2210	MVC	13
7/1/2024	0938	0951	False alarm	Windy Acres
7/1/2024	1602	1635	MVC	East Main & Walnut
7/3/2024	1015	1105	AC unit repaired at station	30 Prospect St.
			#441 Back in service, new	
7/3/2024	1700	1710	tires	Carl's
7/3/2024	1900	2000	Monthly Fire meeting	Station
7/4/2024	1030	1200	Rochester parade	Rochester
7/5/2023	2309	2340	Electrical problem	134 First St.
7/6/2024	0028	0152	2 vehicle crash	St. Rt. 60 & Fayette
7/6/2024	1030	1200	Greenwich parade	Greenwich
			Interview with Joey	
7/8/2024	1400	1430	Hovatter	Station

I would like to add David Thomas and Joe Hovatter to the department. Interviews have been completed. We recently had three leave the department, two due to relocating.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow Fire Chief John Chapin to add David Thomas and Joe Hovatter to the fire department roster. Blanton seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Abstain; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball absent.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from zoning.

Shawn Pickworth stated that the village was still searching for a zoning inspector. There has been an ad placed but no applicants so far.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Steve Roeder shared the following report in the absence of Joe Thomas:

- Rockn the Rez is July 20th. We have a great line-up.
3:00-4:30 Aidan Albaugh

5:15-7:15 Bad JuJu

8:00-10:00 Sticky Sweet (Def Leppard Tribute band)

10:00 fire works

- We will need council approval for the new London eagles to sell beer at the concert. (This was voted on at the June 24th meeting.)
- We are looking for people to work the gates for the Firelands Labor Day Festival. Please contact Lana Bateson if you are interested.

Mike Crabbs asked if the Recreation Committee needed more help at the concerts that are held over the summer.

Steve Roeder replied that they could always use more help.

Mayor Toby Thomas then added that there had been a concert at the recreation park over the weekend. Bad JuJu performed and Mayor Thomas thought it had been pretty well attended.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from cemetery.

Brian Cucco shared with council that the cemetery board had met and made some changes to the cemetery rates. The cemetery does not receive any tax money so there was a need for an increase in rates. The board decided to do away with intown and out of town rates. Beginning August 1, 2024 there will be one flat rate for cemetery plots no matter the location of the person purchasing the plot. The board also added some new fees. A footer layout fee, deed transfer fee and a disinterment fee have been added.

Brian Cucco thanked Toby Thomas for organizing all the cemetery records and concluded that he was working on a 48-inch Columbarium to hold cremains at the Grove Street Cemetery. They will begin with the concrete footer. The original quote for the Columbarium was \$38,000. It will be located on the tear shaped island by the big oak tree.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-15 An Ordinance Amending Section 595.10(a) of the Codified Ordinances, Relative to the Rates for Refuse Collection. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-19 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 1117.24 of the Codified Ordinances, Prohibiting Parking Unlicensed or Inoperable Vehicles in the Open in Residential Districts. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Crabbs 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. Crabbs 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. Crabbs made a motion to approve Schedule B. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting – Monday, July 22, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Steve Ball, Brenda Buchanan, Sharon Edwards, Tim Fergus, Brian Ball and Bob Cooke.

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

The minutes from the July 8, 2024 Zoning Public Hearing were presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the July 8, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Brenda Buchanan stood and stated she was running for Ohio State Representative. She explained to council some of her qualifications and why she thought she was a good candidate.

Jim Fergus from 198 East Main Street then stood and stated he would like permission to have a pond put in his back yard. Mr. Fergus has a double lot so there would be enough room and he has the approval of his neighbors.

Shawn Pickworth replied that he would look up what the codified zoning ordinance says and then contact Mr. Fergus with an answer.

Jim Fergus was fine with that and he provided his telephone number.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Water

- Coleman Court Project – Contractor says that the valves for the project won't be here until July 27th.
- Crews discovered a small water leak on East Fir this morning. Locates have been called in and repairs will be made by the end of the week.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – The Village will be doing some smoke testing tomorrow along the project route. This is needed for engineering.

Storm Sewers

- North Main/East Washburn – crews are making good progress with the replacement of this storm sewer.
- Attended a meeting with CSX Representatives along with Eric Jennings on tile issues that have caused around 23 acres of farmland to flood on the north side of the reservoir and railroad tracks. The water should flow under the CSX tracks and enters a tile that is owned by the Village on the north side of the reservoir then runs west to Twp. Road 79, runs south around 900ft on Village property then crosses the road into another field owned by Eric Jennings. Crews are in the process of cleaning the tile owned by the Village. Once we are finished, CSX will open the tile under the rail beds to relieve the water between the north side of the railroad and under Rails to Trails walking path. The initial amount of water is going to be excessive but once everything drains we will only have the flows during rain events.
- Prospect Street to West Main ditch repairs – things are progressing well and I am very happy with what has been completed so far. It is the Villages intention to continue this project on a yearly basis by doing a section of waterway.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- OPWC Funding – Council has legislation before them tonight for first reading that will allow me to apply for funding to improve certain streets. These include Grant Street to West Hooker, West Hooker, Clyde, Daisy, Williams and Cedar Streets. The project estimate total is \$476,015.00. We must be competitive to receive the scoring that gives us the best chance of being funded without hurting our funds to much. This is what it will look like – Total Project cost - \$476,015.00

Local Share (11%) - \$52,362.00

OPWC Portion (89%) - \$423,653.00

OPWC Grant (84%) - \$355,869.00

OPWC Loan (16%) 7 – 10 years - \$67,784.00

This should give us a score of 39 points with an additional 5 points for age of roads totaling 44 points. The County Engineer can add some points to our scoring but that is up to his discretion. At the very least it is my hope that this project scores well enough to go to Small Governments in Columbus to compete statewide. Note that ultimately projects are scored by the County Engineer and the District 9 Engineering Committee also Note, if funded this will be a spring of 2026 project.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – things continue to move along on this project.
- Flex Grant Funding – waiting on the Commissioner's office.

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

The Fiscal Officer stated members of council had received an account code key to refer to while looking over the bills to be paid. It was also noted that due to a small balancing issue, reports for May would not be available until the second meeting in August and at that time May and June reports would be disbursed. In conclusion, the Fiscal Officer requested council approval on reimbursing the New London Community Club for a donation that had been given to the village in error.

Members of council and Ellen Simmons, a former officer for the New London Community Club, discussed the refund due to some discrepancies. Council felt it was best to refund the money.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the Fiscal Officer to issue a refund check to the New London Community Club for \$5,000.00. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-19 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 1117.24 of the Codified Ordinances, Prohibiting Parking Unlicensed or Inoperable Vehicles Out in the Open in Residential Districts. Second Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-20 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Prepare Specifications, Advertise for Bids, and Enter into a Contract with the Lowest and Best Bidder, for the Acquisition and Installation of a New Replacement Backup Electrical Generator to Service the Village Hall. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Members of council briefly discussed the new generator and what fund(s) it will be paid out of.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-05 A Resolution Authorizing Administrator, Shawn Pickworth, Village of New London to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required. Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Jason Anderson asked if it would be possible to receive the agenda any earlier. Shawn Pickworth replied that it was hard because things often come up at the last minute. Jason Anderson was fine with that.

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, August 12, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Bob Cooke, Steve Ball, James Gregory, Sabrina Gregory, Logan Wolfe, Taylor Wolfe, Nick Martinelli, Haley Martinelli, Franklin Allen Pugh, Hunter Gregory, Joy Gregory, Joe Hicks, Lance Capiot, Joe Thomas and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the July 22, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – Contractor is ready to start, now we are waiting on Engineers to lay the project out, looks like Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Met with OHM Engineer Tim Bock on Monday, July 29th. Team reviewed prints and discussed what items are still needed for engineering and the project overall. Working on additional items request by the funding agency. This project is expected to be ready to bid this fall with construction beginning next spring.
- Crews have been installing new blowers at our EQ basin.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. Crews will continue to install new as they can schedule it in.

- Jennings's Farm – last council meeting I talked about the drainage from approximately 21 acres of farm land that ends up draining in a tile owned by the Village on the north side of the reservoir. Property owner Eric Jennings would like us to install a new 15" tile to replace the old 8" existing tile. Our cost would be \$41,000.

Shawn Pickworth recommended the village not replace the tile until they see what happens when the railroad opens up and releases the water. He thinks that could solve the problem. Council agreed.

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.
- Working on our OPWC application for street paving. Application is due by September 1st.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – things continue to move along on this project.
- Flex Grant Funding – Carol Knapp will be sending letters to business owners and building owners requesting pre-applications for the project they want to do. Letters are expected to be mailed this week.
- Asking Council to accept the resignation of Charles Tetrick effective last Friday, August 9, 2024.

Zoning

- It has been a busy couple of weeks. Lots of calls with questions, site visits for fences and shed permits. Complaints for high grass have been increasing. Some violation letters to be mailed this week.

Shawn Pickworth concluded by giving a quick Land Bank update. There are two properties on the list for destruction in New London. One is on East Washburn and one on West Washburn. There is a total of 14 properties overall throughout the county.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to accept the resignation of Charles Tetrick effective Friday, August, 9, 2024. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks gave the following report:

Earlier in the year council approved for the hiring of up to 5 part-time officers. On July 29th we hired Hunter Gregory to fill one of those positions. With the recent update to our wage scale this will be at a starting rate of \$18.00 per hour. Hunter resides in the Sullivan area and was a Medina County Law Enforcement Training Academy graduate in August of 2023. This is her first commission.

Full-time Officer Marcus Wolk recently submitted his resignation effective 08/04/24 to take a position with the Euclid Police Department. We are currently advertising to fill that vacancy at a starting rate of \$21.00 per hour.

Mayor Toby Thomas then called forward Hunter Gregory and he swore her in as a Village of New London police officer.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball said she did not have numbers yet for July.

Shawn Pickworth covered zoning in his administrator's report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas shared the following report:

- Labor Day is approaching fast. Weekend passes are available at the hardware store, village office and the New London reservoir office.
- Daily gate fees for the weekend are \$10/day for general admission or a \$25 weekend pass.
Seniors are \$5 Saturday, \$7 Sunday and \$5 Monday or a \$15 weekend pass.
All passes include admission into the festival, all the rides, OSTPA truck and tractor pulls, demolition derby, miniature pony pulls and the kid's games.
- We will not be having the traditional truck and tractor pulls that we have had in the past. On Saturday we are replacing the truck pulls with the miniature pony pulls which will start at 5:00pm. Monday's tractor pulls will be the OSTPA pull. The 3 classes will be SCS Gearbox super modified four-wheel drive trucks, Riverside Engine pro stock tractors and Probell Racing Products modified tractors.

- This year's ride company is McGinnis Amusement. This ride company was just at the Richland County fair and will be doing the Huron County and Lorain County fairs.
- We are still in need of gate workers. Please contact Lana Bateson or Jen Ball if you are willing to help.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-19 An Ordinance Enacting a New Section 1117.24 of the Codified Ordinances, Prohibiting Parking Unlicensed or Inoperable Vehicles Out in the Open in Residential Districts. Third Reading. Crabbs made a motion to approve the third reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-20 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Prepare Specifications, Advertise for Bids, and Enter into a Contract with the Lowest and Best Bidder, for the Acquisition and Installation of a New Replacement Backup Electrical Generator to Service the Village Hall. Second Reading. Crabbs made a motion to approve the second reading. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-05 A Resolution Authorizing Administrator, Shawn Pickworth, Village of New London to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required. Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Jason Anderson asked Shawn Pickworth which funds were associated with the New London Avenue Project. He asked if it was the Storm and Sewer funds. Shawn Pickworth stated that yes those were the funds being used. The water fund was not being used at all for the project.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business

Chet Blanton made a motion to accept the resignation of police officer Marcus Wolk effective August 4, 2024. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Members of council discussed if they needed to approve the hiring of Hunter Gregory since they had already made a motion to allow Chief Hicks to hire up to five part-time officers at a previous meeting.

Mr. Bond stated that council should still approve her as a new officer.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to allow Police Chief Joe Hicks to hire Hunter Gregory as a part-time police officer as of July 29, 2024 at a rate of \$18 per hour. Blanton seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

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

Mike Crabbs made a motion to hire Tim Brown for the Street/Sanitation Department at \$17 per hour beginning August 13, 2024. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, August 26, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Steve Ball, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Brad Booth, Wayne Christopher and Jessica Christopher.

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

The minutes from the August 12, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Ball made a motion to approve the minutes. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons stated she wanted to remind everyone about the Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale. The sale will be held Friday and Saturday, August 30 and 31st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge for the books but donations are welcome.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Water

- Coleman Court Project – Project is underway. Crews started on North Maple and installed the new valve that will tie in the new waterline for Coleman Court. Waterline is now being installed headed to Coleman Court.
- Pump Station – crew cleaned the pump station wells last week. We need rain!

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Engineering finishing up specs. and working on bid docs. We hope to go to bid for this project in late fall.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. Crews will continue to install new as they can schedule it in.

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.
- Working on our OPWC application for street paving. Application is due by September 1st. The OPWC application is complete and once the third reading is approved on the legislation that evening, it will be submitted.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – things continue to move along on this project.
- Insurance – it is that time again when we are busy updating both our property and equipment insurance as well as our health insurance.

Zoning – fielded a number of calls for fence and building permit questions. One appointment this week with resident for a fence.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the May and June 2024 bank reconciliations to approve and also deposit and expense reports through June 2024.

Shawn Pickworth added one more thing to his report.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-20 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Prepare Specifications, Advertise for Bids, and Enter into a Contract with the Lowest and Best Bidder, for the Acquisition and Installation of a New Replacement Backup Electrical Generator to Service the Village Hall. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-21 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Ranges and Pay Rates for Village Employees, and declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-05 A Resolution Authorizing Administrator, Shawn Pickworth, Village of New London to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required. Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Mike Crabbs asked Shawn Pickworth how things were going with the Pump Station project.

Shawn Pickworth stated they were placed on a waiting list for funding and have reached out to another agency for funding and they will need to get some preliminary engineering completed.

Mike Crabbs then asked Shawn Pickworth for an update on the Jennings and CSX tile problem. Shawn Pickworth replied that they were waiting for CSX to release the water from under the tracks and then they would see what needs done after that happens.

Jennifer Ball wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming Firelands Labor Day Festival. Weekend passes are available at the reservoir, the village office and Gilbert Hardware. There are still 10 vacant time slots for gates. Anyone interested in taking a shift should contact her.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Mike Crabbs asked Shawn Pickworth about zoning.

Shawn Pickworth had emailed members of council with the resume of a possible Zoning Inspector candidate. Shawn Pickworth said it was up to council as to what they would like to do.

Mike Crabbs then inquired about an email Shawn Pickworth had sent to council concerning a potential motocross track on Ledgett Street.

Shawn Pickworth replied that the gentleman had planned on being at the council meeting that evening but was not in attendance. The gentleman would like to put a motocross track on the corner of Ledgett Street and Bigalow Parkway. This would be his third track. He is in the process of buying the property.

Mike Crabbs stated that the property was zoned light industrial so there shouldn't be any problems.

Mike Crabbs then requested a meeting with the candidate for zoning inspector. Council determined they would like to meet and interview the gentleman before the next council meeting. A special meeting of council was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9th.

At this time, Wayne and Jessica Christopher arrived. They had mistakenly thought the council meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Christopher stood and said he was in contract to buy the property at the corner of Ledgett Street and Bigalow Parkway. His intention is to use it for dirt bike racing. He wanted to present his idea to members of council in case there were any hurdles or issues they had with his plan.

Steve Roeder replied that the only issue he could think of would be the noise.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated the property was in a good location and was pretty isolated and he didn't think noise would be a problem.

Wayne Christopher told members of council that he had reviewed the noise ordinance for the village and he didn't believe the track would violate the ordinance. The events he would hold would only be during the day. There would be no camping at the property so there would not be noise throughout the night. He also would make sure the property was completely fenced and payment would be taken upon entrance to the track. Including ATV's is also an option he is considering. He also planned on bringing in some food trucks.

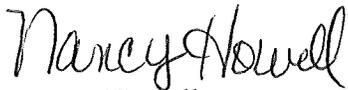
All members of council agreed that Mr. Christopher's plan sounded great.

In conclusion, Mr. Christopher stated he would like to eventually have an event at his track during the village's Labor Day Festival. He would like to help support the festival and advertise the two events together.

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Steve Ball, Joe Thomas, Ellen Simmons and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the August 26, 2024 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.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – project is going well for the most part. Today we discovered a 4” storm line that we didn’t know about running right where the new waterline runs. We will make adjustments and do what is necessary to repair or replace.
- A new raw water pump has been ordered to replace a failing one at the water plant. Cost estimated to be around \$26,000.
- Had a seal on one of our treatment tanks fail causing a major mess. The team was able to replace and put train back into service the same day. Great Job.
- Don Patton, Cole Risner and I attended a court hearing last week in regards to a tampering with public utilities and water theft case.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Engineering finishing up specs. and working on bid docs. We hope to go to bid for this project in late fall.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. Crews are hoping to get back on this project soon.

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- OPWC application for street paving has been submitted.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – things continue to move along on this project.
- 2024 Tap Application – I had a great conversation with ODOT last week about this year's TAP applications that are due November 1st. I am asking Councils permission to apply. This application will be for the replacement of sidewalks on both State Route 60 and State Route 162.
- Met with an AEP representative about the new transmission line being built for Northern Richland County (Baseline Rd) to New London. This line will affect 2 parcels of Village property which will require easements between the Village and AEP. I have copies of the proposed contract and easements. I will have Mr. Bond take a copy tonight back to the office for his review. AEP is offering an upfront fee of \$2000.00 per easement to the Village. This is for the construction of the project. A permanent easement amount will be set for a later date. These easements will be for 80 feet.
- Reservoir – Tile has been cleaned and a large section replaced. CSX was supposed to release the standing water today. Drove by twice and have not seen any action. I am assuming this got postponed.

Zoning – shed permits have been popular lately. A few building permits for new garages have been submitted and a few fence permits have been issued along with other calls about driveways, ponds, disputes between neighbors, etc.

Toby Thomas said he had a couple of things to discuss with council. He first asked members of council what they would like to do about the council meeting on October 14th. It is Columbus Day. He inquired whether council would like to go forward with the meeting, postpone the meeting or cancel the meeting

and have just one meeting that month. Council decided to wait until the next council meeting and make a decision when it was closer to the date of the holiday.

Toby Thomas then asked council to approve compensating Shawn Pickworth for his time spent in the roll of zoning inspector. Shawn Pickworth has been acting Zoning Inspector since March through present (September).

Roeder made a motion to approve retro pay zoning wages of \$416.67 per month for Shawn Pickworth. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks absent.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin absent.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball shared the Firelands Ambulance totals for August. There were 76 runs; 41 in New London Village; 7 in New London Township; 8 in Fitchville Township; 10 in Troy Township; 9 in Ruggles Township and 1 Mutual Aid.

Jennifer then stated she had brought some fliers with her that evening. The ambulance service was sponsoring a t-shirt fundraiser since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Shirts can be purchased for \$25 per shirt. All proceeds directly benefit the local Cancer Association. The deadline to order shirts is September 15th.

Shawn Pickworth covered zoning in his administrator's report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas shared the following report:

- First, I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped all Labor Day weekend. If it wasn't for all of them this weekend would not be possible. From the gate workers to the fry stand, Shawn Pickworth, Adam Gullett and Steve ball in the office all weekend, Steve Roeder and Jake Mayhorn doing anything and everything that was asked of them and more, Jill Mitchell and her family for running the French fry stand, Kathy Yosie for running the pickle ball tournament, Jeff Thomas for running the cornhole tournament, Abby Fawcett for doing the kids games, all the park board members that helped all weekend and anyone that I may have forgot.

- This year was a great Labor Day weekend. One of the highlights was the demo derby. This year we ended up with 91 cars, which was 9 more than the Huron County Fair had. The OSTPA truck and tractor pulls was another highlight. We were not sure being the first year how this would go but it was a huge success. I have never seen so many people attend our pulls before. A special thank you to Brian and Kim Deppen and Buckeye Express car wash and Eric Bilton and Trent Walter for their amazing donations that make this event possible. To end the weekend, we saw probably one of the best fireworks displays ever. I cannot thank Terry Granneman enough. He always treats New London so well. We are so fortunate to have him in our community.
- Just because Labor Day is over doesn't mean we are done. This weekend we are hosting our 4th annual golf outing at Millstone Hills.
- November 9th will be our annual gun raffle. We will have tickets available at the hardware store, Amaco gas station, the village office and with any board member. We will be raffling off 25 guns with many side raffles. Tickets are \$10 a piece or 6 tickets for \$50. Doors will open at 10:00 a.m.

Ellen Simmons asked Joe Thomas about the Historical Society booth at the Labor Day Festival. She heard they had stopped having a booth at the festival due to the noise of the corn hole tournament which took place in the Hileman Building. This is also the place the Historical Society set up their display. Ellen stated she would like to talk to Joe Thomas and see if they could reach a compromise to get the Historical Society to return to the festival. Utilizing a pavilion was one option mentioned. Joe Thomas and Ellen Simmons agreed they would meet and discuss the situation before next year's festival.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-21 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Ranges and Pay Rates for Village Employees, and declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Crabbs made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-06 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. Crabbs made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

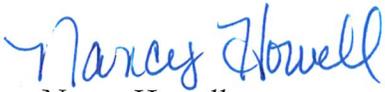
Toby Thomas then called for New Business

There was none.

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, September 23, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Shawn Pickworth, Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Steve Ball, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister and Carol Knapp.

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

The minutes from the September 9, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Water

- Coleman Court Project – water main has been installed and tied in at both North Maple Street and Walnut Street. The plan is now to address the storm and then go back and tap all the houses into the new main.
- Met with OHM Engineers on September 18th about the erosion issue at our pump station. Great meeting. They collected the data needed from us, took lots of pictures and will come back to us with a proposal for some preliminary engineering and hopefully with a game plan on funding opportunities.
- North Main – last Friday crews repaired a water leak at the corner of North Main & Akron. While doing so, it was discovered we have a couple of bad valves on the opposite side of the road. Crews plan on replacing these valves Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Door hangers went out today notifying affected residents.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – Engineering finishing up specs. and working on bid docs. We hope to go to bid for this project in late fall.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. Crews are back on the project. This was how crews discovered the water leak on North Main. The water was getting into the storm tile.

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

- Downtown TAP Project – things continue to move along on this project.

Zoning – I have been working with Wayne Christopher with questions/permits about zoning for fencing and signs for his property on Bigelow. A few calls/questions on trailers, driveways and fences.

Jason Anderson asked Shawn Pickworth when the new water meters were scheduled to be installed.

Shawn Pickworth replied that they have slowly been receiving some of the new meters but there was no specific date set for installation at this point.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the July and August 2024 bank reconciliations to approve and also deposit and expense reports through the end of August. The fiscal officer then asked council if they still wanted to condense budget meetings into two meetings in November and asked then what they would like to do with the two upcoming meetings that fall on a holiday.

Members of council all agreed that a budget meeting before each council meeting in November would be fine. They also determined that the Columbus Day meeting on October 14th and the Veteran's Day meeting on November 11th should be left alone. The meetings will go on as scheduled.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-21 An Ordinance Adjusting the Current Pay Ranges and Pay Rates for Village Employees, and declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-22 An Ordinance Enacting a New Chapter 1123 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London, and Amending Section 1107.01, Relative to Design Review Regulations for the Designated Downtown Preservation District in the Village of New London. First Reading. Chapin made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Abstain; Crabbs, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-06 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. Chapin made a motion to allow Resolution 2024-06 to be passed on an emergency measure. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Mike Crabbs stated he was pleased that the village was able to fix the pipe that was the cause of discussion between the village, CSX and Jennings farm without too much expense. Mike Crabbs commended Shawn Pickworth and told him the village had done a great job.

Jason Anderson asked Shawn Pickworth if he had come up with a plan for the drainage problem at the corner of West Washburn and Grant Streets. He had discussed this with Shawn previously. Jason is concerned because water lays at that intersection when it rains.

Shawn Pickworth replied that he had no plans at this time. West Washburn has recently been paved and he is not ready to tear it up so soon. Especially since it hasn't been a problem recently due to the lack of rain.

Mike Crabbs asked Shawn Pickworth if the village was at a critical state due to lack of rain.

Shawn Pickworth answered that yes the village was approaching a critical state. The current drought was starting to be a concern and the level of the reservoir is much lower than it should be. Shawn stated that the bulk water station has been closed due to some necessary repairs but the village is in not hurry to reopen the station. He thinks the entire community should be thinking how we can conserve water as a whole. Shawn Pickworth emphasized that the village still has enough water to supply its customers but there is definitely not enough to be wasteful. Don Patton, Water/Wastewater Supt., has been to Northern Ohio and Rural Lorain Water to discuss the amount of water the village provides to them. Don has asked them to please reduce the amount of water used to help the village conserve. They are willing to respect Don's wishes.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Members of council discussed the interview with Jeffrey Wallace that had taken place earlier that evening. Mr. Wallace applied for the Zoning Inspector position. While he does not reside in New London, he does own the business at 121 North Main so he is in town almost every day.

Members of council would prefer someone local to preside in that position but since there are no other viable applicants they agreed that Jeffrey Wallace should receive the position especially considering the experience he has as a township trustee.

Steve Roeder made a motion to hire Jeffrey Wallace as Zoning Inspector beginning October 1, 2024 at a salary of \$5,000 per year. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

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

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 14, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

The minutes from the September 23, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Crabbs made a motion to approve the minutes. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – water main complete, storm complete, install curb drains then begin work on new road. Hopefully this project will wrap up within the next couple of weeks.
- Pump station – we are out for RFQ's (Request for Qualifications). Those are due by the end of the month.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – We are getting close for going to bid on this project. Engineer is asking me for dates and times. We should be out to bid around the 1st of November with the project to start early spring.

Storm Sewers

- North Main to East Washburn storm replacement. Project is more than $\frac{3}{4}$ done. Hoping to wrap this project up by the end of the month.

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

- Downtown TAP Project – on October 18th we will be looking under the sidewalks downtown using sonar. We are hoping this will show any voids that need to be addressed during the project.

Zoning – been relatively quiet for the last two weeks.

- Website – we are looking to upgrade our website. We want something that is easy to work with and has some IT support for training and trouble shooting in the background. I reached out to Steve Ball this last week to get his opinion on a company. More to come.
- Software – one of the weak spots we have as a Village is being able to look at our budget and predict into the future with where we are at and where we want to be. WaterWorth will allow us to do this and much more. We are trying this software out with Water, Wastewater and Sanitation. We really believe this will help us as a Village to more accurately plan into the future and to be able to more clearly show what we do and why we are doing what we do.
- October 28th Council Meeting- Huron County Growth Partnership will be here to introduce themselves and to make a presentation on who they are and what they can do to help New London.

There was no report from the mayor.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

I would like to recognize our school resource officer Richard A. Smith (Austin) on his recent DARE Certification. This was an 80-hour course of instruction that was held in Columbus from September 16th- September 27th. This certification will allow him to conduct DARE Education to all students K-12 within our district.

We have also recently interviewed candidate, Emily Cerovac, for the position of police officer. The interview went well and I am asking council's approval to hire her in a part-time capacity at a rate of

\$18.00 per hour. Her hiring would give us three part-time officers to supplement our current full-time roster of 6 officers. We are still actively seeking to fill a 7th full-time position along with the remaining two open part-time slots. We have been actively advertising for both positions, but it has proven to be a challenge.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone this week is homecoming. We will have two events that will affect traffic flow. Tomorrow night is the "snake dance". It will start at 6:30 p.m. and run from the high school to the Rec. Park. Please be vigilant and expect delays along Park Ave. from Wildcat Dr. to Grove St. during this time. The other activity affecting traffic will be the homecoming parade on Friday evening. This event will start at 5:45 p.m. and run from Dollar General to the Rec. Park. Expect delays along E. Main St, S. Main St, and Grove St. during this time as the parade route runs through the downtown area.

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow Chief Hicks to hire Emily Cerovac as a part-time police officer at \$18 per hour beginning October 15, 2024. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

John Chapin shared the following activities the fire department participated in:

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
7/11/2024	1358	1424	CO alarm	174 Park Ave.
7/11/2024	1604	1707	2 Vehicle Crash	US 250/ST RT 162
7/13/2024	1600	1820	Touch a Truck	Eagles
7/13/2024	2100	2200	Fireworks	Eagles
7/14/2024	0815	0835	New push button opener #1	Station
7/15/2024	1630	1800	Crash scene setup with FAS	South Railroad St
7/16/2024	1504	1521	Fire, false alarm	3864 ST RT 162 E
7/17/2024	1800	1900	David Thomas setup	Station
7/17/2024	1900	2030	Training, Boat	Station
7/18/2024	0856	0931	Lift assist with FAS	96 Clifton St.
7/19/2024	1338	1408	Oven fire	203 High St.
7/20/2024	0900	1000	Joe Hovatter setup	Station
7/20/2024	2100	2230	Fireworks, Rockin the Rez	Reservoir
7/23/2024	0945	0957	Smoke in house	33 Grant St.
7/24/2024	0645	0710	New push button opener #4	Station
7/24/2024	1000	1200	Boat motor in for repairs	Port Clinton
7/24/2024	1937	2053	Mutual Aid tanker	43520 ST RT 162
7/26/2024	1030	1220	Pickup boat motor	Port Clinton
7/27/2024	1100	1230	Parade	Wakeman
7/28/2024	0643	0734	EMS lift assist	4422 ST RT 162
7/28/2024	1200	1230	Met with possible new FF	Station

8/1/2024	0600	0615	Upload July runs to SFM	Station
8/2/2024	1100	1200	Interstate Battery, quote	Sandusky
8/2/2024	1757	1837	Controlled burn, investigate	Greenwich-Milan Rd
8/7/2024	0552	0700	Search for child	102 NL Ave
8/7/2024	1900	2000	Monthly meeting	Station
8/16/2024	All day		Fair watch	HC Fair Norwalk
8/18/2024	0738	0806	EMS assist	31 East Main
8/19/2024	0930	1010	Test new radios	Village
8/21/2024	1900	2030	Training, Communication	Station
8/23/2024	2228	2304	Lift assist	1290 ST RT 60 N
8/26/2024	1527	1616	Search for child	147 High St
8/29/2024	2201	2251	Car Fire	Cook & Jarvis
8/30/2024	0800	0840	Radio for Labor Day	Park
8/31/2024	0800	0845	Water down ballfield	Park
8/31/2024	1300	1400	Labor Day parade	NL
8/31/2024	1700	1840	Landing zone/landing helicopter	Park
9/1/2024	0800	0830	Water down ballfield	Park
9/1/2024	0845	0930	Upload Aug runs to SFM	Station
9/1/2024	1500	2200	Demo Derby	Park
9/2/2024	0738	0810	Pickup vs Golf Cart	185 North Main
9/2/2024	2100	2200	Fireworks	Park
9/4/2024	1900	2000	Monthly meeting	Station
9/5/2024	1811	2005	MVC	US 250/ ST RT 15
9/7/2024	1000	1019	Search for person	NL Township
9/11/2024	1830	2000	County Fire Meeting	Townsend FD
9/12/2024	2227	2247	Hazmat investigate	Park campground
9/15/2024	2036	2054	Hazmat investigate	81 Park Ave
9/17/2024	1631	1655	MVC	1596 US RT 250
9/18/2024	1318	1415	MVC	330 US RT 250
9/18/2024	1800	2000	Training, combine safety	Deppen Farms
9/19/2024	1140	1145	Canceled, fire alarm	6122 Cook Rd
9/21/2024	0751	0858	EMS assist	3 Westwood
9/21/2024	0755	0831	EMS assist	53 Clyde Ave
9/22/2024	1136	1223	EMS assist	96 Clifton St.
9/24/2024	1930	2004	Storm watch	NL Township
9/25/2024	0902	1048	MVC	St Rt 162/TL 79
9/25/2024	1700	2000	Hose testing	Station
9/25/2024	1830	1930	Chiefs' meeting. Radios	NL Station
10/1/2024	0700	0745	Upload Sept runs to SFM	Station
10/1/2024	1215	1238	MVC	US RT 250/TL 131
10/2/2024	1700	1900	Hose testing	Station
10/2/2024	1900	2000	Monthly meeting	Station
10/3/2024	2207	2245	Alarm	2145 TL 79
10/6/2024	1300	2030	Demo Derby	HC Fairgrounds
10/9/2024	1830	2030	Chiefs' /HCFFA meetings	Greenwich FS

In conclusion, John Chapin asked council's permission to add one more firefighter, Boen Dalton, to his roster. He has successfully completed his interview. Ebove has a Firefighter class starting at the end of the month. Three new fire fighters will be sent to this class. If Boen is added to the roster, that will make a total of 27 volunteer fire fighters.

Mike Crabbs asked John Chapin if new volunteers underwent FBI/BCI checks.

John Chapin stated that all volunteer fire fighters were made to pass an FBI/BCI check. All New London fire fighters are considered part-time employees of the Village of New London and are therefore expected to abide by the Village of New London handbook. They are also expected to abide by the New London Fire Department's handbook.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to allow Boen Dalton to be added to the New London fire fighters roster beginning October 16, 2024. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball shared the Firelands Ambulance totals for August. There were 74 runs; 42 in New London Village; 9 in New London Township; 7 in Fitchville Township; 9 in Troy Township; 9 in Ruggles Township and 7 Mutual Aids. This brings the total for the year to 706 total runs.

Toby Thomas asked Shawn Pickworth for an update on the zoning candidate that had been interviewed before the last council meeting.

Shawn Pickworth replied that the candidate had declined the job.

Members of council asked if it was because of the compensation amount.

Shawn Pickworth stated that was one reason but there were several factors that led to his decision. It wasn't all based on pay.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas shared the following report:

- Our annual gun raffle is November 9th. Doors will open at 10am. Tickets are \$10 or 6 tickets for \$50. Purchase of a ticket will also include your meal and a chance at winning 25 guns. We will have multiple side raffles. One of those side raffles will be a 2024 Polaris 570 4-wheeler with all-wheel drive and power steering. I would like to thank the New London Eagles for their generous donation which helped us purchase this 4-wheeler. All the proceeds from the gun raffle this year will be going to the horse arena. At this time, we have already purchased the

paneling for the arena. You can purchase tickets from the hardware store, Amoco gas station and any park board member.

- Trunk or Treat is October 19th from 3-5 p.m. at the recreation park.
- I have already booked our headliner band for the 2025 country concert. We will have a Tim McGraw and Shania Twain tribute band on June 14, 2025. Still looking for a headliner for Rockn the Rez.

Joe Thomas stated he had one more thing to add to his report. Once the school's new stadium is complete and they no longer need the park's facilities, Joe would like to possibly move the truck and tractor pulls and demolition derby during Labor Day weekend over to the existing stadium at the recreation park. This area is already fenced and this would enable for these events to have a separate cost. If this change is made, Joe would then like to revamp the existing ball fields to make a baseball complex. Joe Thomas and Carol Knapp have been working together to see what procedure they should follow to make this happen and how the project would be funded. The first step will be to advertise for RFQ's and hire an engineer to begin forming an actual plan.

Mike Crabbs asked Joe Thomas if he planned on using it as a sort of venue.

Joe Thomas confirmed that would be the goal. He would like to have a tournament several weekends throughout the spring, summer and fall. His goal is to make it affordable to use but also be able to cover the cost.

Alison Chapin asked Joe if he planned on continuing to allow residents to walk around the track at the recreation park.

Joe Thomas stated that yes, he planned on still allowing residents to use the track.

Members of council and Joe Thomas discussed the plan and also the items that the school would not be taking with them to their new facility. Joe Thomas is hoping that the village and the school will be able to meet for an exit interview once the school is no longer in need of the recreation park facility.

Ellen Simmons asked Joe Thomas when the reservoir campground will be closed for the season.

Joe Thomas replied that it will close the first of November.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-22 An Ordinance Enacting a New Chapter 1123 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London, and Amending Section 1107.01, Relative to Design Review Regulations for the Designated Downtown Preservation District in the Village of New London. Second Reading.

Jennifer Ball stated she had some questions about Ordinance 2024-22 since she had been absent from the last meeting. She asked if this ordinance was a requirement for the downtown project.

Shawn Pickworth replied that this ordinance was not necessary for the project but it was necessary to allow downtown business owners to apply for grants for building improvements.

Shawn Pickworth and Jennifer Ball discussed the ordinance and what changes it would bring to downtown business owners. While the ordinance would mandate some restrictions for business owners desiring to make changes to the outside structure of their building, Shawn did not feel like the restrictions would be much of a hurdle. Jennifer also wanted to make sure all downtown businesses had been notified of the ordinance. Shawn Pickworth stated that Carol Knapp had sent letters to all downtown business owners. Jennifer Ball wondered if there had been any upset business owners. Shawn Pickworth explained that Carol Knapp was handling all questions and inquiries concerning the ordinance and there had not been any major complaints. Jennifer Ball was satisfied with Shawn Pickworth's answers to her questions.

Crabbs made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2024-22. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Abstain; Crabbs, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-23 An Ordinance Revising the Future Compensation for the Mayor and Council. First Reading.

Mike Crabbs inquired what had warranted this increase in the mayor and member of council's rate of pay.

Toby Thomas and Shawn Pickworth discussed the fact that there had not been an increase in the mayor's or council's salary since 2016. Toby Thomas also emphasized that these increased rates would not go into effect until the current terms were complete.

Alison Chapin questioned whether a 300% increase in council's salary was actually necessary. Members of council continued the discussion and the consensus was that an increase may not be necessary or maybe a smaller increase. No decision was made.

Due to lack of a motion, Ordinance 2024-23 was tabled.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-24 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2025 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation parks. First Reading. Crabbs made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-25 An ordinance Amending the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Chapin made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-25 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. 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 Roeder stated he would like to discuss the village's need of finding a zoning inspector.

Joe Thomas asked if the need had been communicated well.

It was noted that the position had been advertised several times.

Steve Roeder wondered if the zoning inspector position could be combined with another need that the village was facing to create a new position.

One concern that was brought up was the need for council to support the zoning inspector as the zoning code is enforced. Another issue was ensuring the zoning inspector will be held accountable to make sure the code is being implemented. Members of council continued to discuss the situation and several ideas were brought to the table. The salary for the zoning inspector was a main topic of discussion. Council decided to continue to brainstorm ideas and the position will be discussed again at the next council meeting.

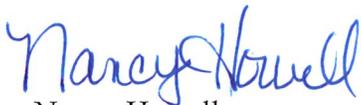
Toby Thomas then called for New Business

There was none.

Toby Thomas then presented the monthly bills for approval under Schedule A. 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. Crabbs made a motion to approve Schedule B. Anderson 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 Council Zoning Public Hearing
October 28, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mike Crabbs, Chet Blanton, Steve Roeder, Jason Anderson, Steve Bond, Carol Knapp, Bob Cooke and Vic Staley

Mayor Toby Thomas called the public hearing to order.

Mayor Toby Thomas announced that the purpose of the hearing was to allow public comment concerning proposed ordinance 2024-22 enacting a new chapter 1123 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London, and amending section 1107.01, relative to design review regulations for the designated Downtown Preservation District in the Village of New London.

Mike Crabbs and Steve Roeder stated they had read through the ordinance and they both understand it.

Carol Knapp explained several concepts of the ordinance. She stressed that control of the Downtown Preservation District would be on a local level. She also emphasized that the guidelines stated in the ordinance were just that – guidelines. Several different sources were researched when determining what the guidelines should be. Carol Knapp also pointed out that the guidelines were not restricting anything on the interior of the building. The guidelines are strictly for the exterior part of the building. Carol Knapp continued to explain the ordinance and the minimal impact it will have on business owners.

Mike Crabbs stated a final action would be to establish the design review board.

Carol Knapp replied that the members of the board are to be appointed by the mayor but must include at least one property owner located in the preservation district, at least one local historian and at least one member of council.

Once established, the ordinance will allow for business owners to apply for grant money for business improvements.

Council asked how many applications had been received so far.

Carol Knapp replied that they currently have nine applicants.

Vic Staley owner of 20 South Main Street inquired about requirements if he changes the type of business located in his building. After discussion, it was determined the majority of changes that would be made would be to the interior of his building so there shouldn't be many guidelines to follow.

There being no further questions or comments, the Meeting adjourned.


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 28, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Steve Ball, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Tom Dunlap, Vic Staley, Bob Cooke and Carol Knapp.

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

The minutes from the October 14, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ellen Simmons announced that the rotary sponsored Halloween parade had gone well. There were over 200 participants in the event.

Tom Dunlap then stood and stated he was attending that evening to stay on top of things in New London in anticipation of taking office in January. He wanted to make sure everyone realized he is available to answer questions anyone has.

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 provided members of council with the September 2024 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports through the end of September. The fiscal officer then reminded members of council that the first budget meeting would take place before the next council meeting on November 11th. The budget meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and the police, fire and water/sewer budgets will be discussed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-22 An Ordinance Enacting a New Chapter 1123 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of New London, and Amending Section 1107.01, Relative to Design Review Regulations for the Designated Downtown Preservation District in the Village of New London. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Absent; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Absent; Anderson, Yes; Blanton, Abstain; Crabbs, Yes.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-24 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2025 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation Parks. Second Reading. Roeder made a

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

Ordinance 2024-26 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor and Additional Legal Counsel. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Blanton seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2024-27 An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operation, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

Council discussed the Zoning Inspector position. Mike Crabbs and Steve Roeder addressed increasing the pay for the position. With budget time approaching, they thought it would be the perfect time to discuss an increase in the salary. With an increased salary, the chances of generating more interest in the position will be likely.

Jason Anderson questioned whether council should consider increasing zoning rates to help with the increased compensation.

Steve Bond added that the zoning fees are supposed to be set based on covering zoning costs so an increase in the fees would be warranted.

Discussion on zoning will continue during budget meetings.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

Mike Crabbs asked Police Chief Hicks if there were any updates on the incident at the recreation park the previous week where a firearm was presented to a juvenile riding his bike. Chief Hicks stated that all five suspects had been identified.

Mike Crabbs encouraged residents to be vigilant and report unusual things as they see them.

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

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


Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer


Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Workshop – Water, Sewer, Storm, Police and Fire Budget Meeting
Mon., November 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members of Council present: Steve Roeder, Alison Chapin, Mike Crabbs, Jason Anderson and Jennifer Ball.

Also present: Mr. Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Don Patton, Cole Risner, Joe Hicks, Steve Ball and John Chapin

Fire Chief John Chapin began the meeting by discussing the fire accounts.

John Chapin began with the Fire Fund. He requested a \$12,050 increase in his budget mainly due to the need of fire gear. Gear is only good for 10 years so it is important to replace it within that time frame. There has been an increase in the price of fire gear so John Chapin is requesting some of the cost be taken from the fire fund.

John Chapin then discussed the Fire Fighting Facilities Fund. John explained that he has been working on a grant that would allow them to purchase a new battery-operated, more mobile set of Jaws of Life. He also stated that the next time the contracts were up with the townships, the rates would need to be increased. The contracts will need redone in 2027. John also would like to change the charge to one lump sum instead of having per call charges. John Chapin concluded by saying he was working on an AFG grant to replace a fire engine. He has requested quotes on a new engine. If he receives the grant, the cost to the village would be 5% of the engine. This would be around \$35,000 paid out of village funds. John also informed council that he is interested in getting rid of truck #4 due to lack of use and he explained how he would like to rearrange some things with the other trucks to make them more convenient for fire calls.

Police Chief Joe Hicks then took over to discuss the police funds.

Chief Hicks began by stating his largest increase in his budget was in salaries. The police department has not been functioning with a full staff for quite some time. When figuring out his budget, he took into consideration that he could be operating with more employees in 2025. The increase he is requesting will account for a full staff, overtime and a raise for the officers at the end of 2025. Chief Hicks also requested an increase of \$100 in the clothing allowance for each part-time officer. One other increase noted in the police budget is the cost for dispatching with the county. For the past several years the 9-1-1 levy took care of the police department's dispatching bill. Beginning in 2025, the village will have to begin paying for the dispatching services once again. The final significant increase in the police budget was the request to purchase a new police cruiser. Due to these requests, the amount coming from the General Fund will need to be increased.

Don Patton, Water/Sewer Superintendent, and Cole Risner, Assistant Water/Sewer Superintendent presented the 2025 budgets for the Water, Sewer and Storm Sewer Funds. They went over the expense and revenue line items for each fund.

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

For the Storm Sewer Fund, Don and Cole explained that the \$5.75 charge on the monthly utility bills is what funds the Storm Sewer Fund. This fund is able to keep the storm sewers in the village up to date and is a cost savings to the Water and Sewer Funds.

For the Sewer Fund, Don and Cole emphasized the goal of staying within the budget without having to rely on a carryover balance. It was noted that members of council would not see many increases in the budget to allow this to happen in the future. Don Patton explained that after speaking with different chemical companies, the village had been able to reduce their price for chemicals which was a huge savings. Don also noted that the sludge going to the landfill ended up being less than anticipated which also was a cost savings.

For the Water Fund, Don and Cole went over the main sources of where the revenue for the Water Fund comes from. They explained that the majority of revenue comes from water sales to customers, the bulk water station, and water sales to Rural Lorain Water Authority and Northern Ohio Rural Water. Don noted that revenue for the new cellular meters has its own line item on both the revenue and expenditure sides. Money for the meters is kept separate because it is only used for the new meter project. Unfortunately, the village hasn't received the water meters yet but the backorder is allowing the village to build up money in that line item so that it is able to be used as needed. Don let council know that his goal is always to do as much work in house as possible so they do not have to hire outside companies. This is a huge savings for the village. Don also explained to council that they would notice that there was not much deviation from last year's budget.

Don Patton and Cole Risner ended the meeting discussing some projects they were looking to complete in the coming year. Don Patton began by explaining an erosion problem at the pump station. Due to the tremendous cost of the project, the village has been in contact with several agencies such as the EPA, ODNR and the Army Corp of Engineers for possible funding and grants. The first step will be to consult with an engineering firm to assess the cost to redo the river banks. The goal is to be proactive and complete the project before the problem gets any worse. OHM Advisors is in the process of evaluating a preliminary cost for engineering for the project.

Don Patton and Cole Risner explained to council how detrimental the drought has been to the village. Don and Cole stressed how important it is for utility customers to conserve water until the drought is over. They also have asked Northern Ohio Rural Water and Rural Lorain Water Authority to conserve the water they consume from the village. Don also noted the bulk water station will remain closed until the drought is no longer a problem.

The final topic of the night was the request to ODNR to raise the portion of the reservoir that the village owns. The village has been in conversation with ODNR to move forward in making this happen. Currently the village owns 20% of the reservoir while ODNR owns 80%. This change would allow the village to own 30% of the reservoir. Currently 80% of all expenses involving

the operation of the reservoir are reimbursed by ODNR. This percentage would change to 70% if the change is allowed.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 11, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Steve Ball, Ellen Simmons, Bob Cooke, Joe Hicks, Don Patton and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the October 28, 2024 Zoning Public Hearing were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the agenda. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the October 28, 2024 regular meeting were then presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

There were none.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Coleman Court Project – project is mainly completed as far as the new waterline, storm and road. We are still looking to improve the eastern end of the project with a storm that will run to N. Maple. Also, we have some sidewalk repairs that need to be done on Walnut Street.
- Pump Station – we received 1 RFQ for this project. OHM is putting together a scope of work and pricing.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – We are going to wait to go to bid for this project until after the 1st of the year. Plan is bid in January, award in February.

Storm Sewers

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

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Street Paving – the Village submitted an application to OPWC District 9 for the paving of 6 streets: Grant Street, W. Hooker, Clyde Ave., Daisy Dr., Williams St. & Cedar Street. Total project estimate is \$548,720.00. Grant Request is \$410,223.00. Loan is \$78,138 and Village match will be \$60,359. Our project did not get funded at the District level, but we will be going to Columbus for Small Governments as the #1 project from the District in May 2025. I like our chances.
- West Fir Street Bridge Project – The Village was awarded OPWC funds last year for the replacement of the bridge on West Fir Street. This project also includes paving from the Wastewater Treatment Plant to St. Rt. 60. Plans are to go to bid in January with project construction to begin in the spring. Project Funding for \$410,000.00 total. \$182,450.00 Grant, \$182,450 Loan and \$45,000 Local Match.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – engineering continues.
- Sidewalk TAP Application – I intend on submitting another TAP application to ODOT by the end of November for the installation of new sidewalks on both St. Rt. 60 and St. Rt. 162 from corporation limit to corporation limit. I will be asking Council to pass a Resolution on November 25th to allow me to submit. I am waiting for some cost estimates for the Resolution.

Zoning – approved 2 fence permits and 1 building permit.

- Website – we are looking to kick off this project this week. I am asking Council permission to bring Steve Ball on to the team and allow him to help with this project.
- November 25th Council Meeting- Huron County Growth Partnership will be here to introduce themselves and to make a presentation on who they are and what they can do to help New London.

Landbank – Governor DeWine announced funding for the Huron County Land Bank for \$500,000 to demo 13 properties within Huron County. New London has two projects within the Village. Brownfield projects are being reviewed now. Huron County has submitted four projects, one of them is in the Village.

Insurance Renewals – we are in the process of shopping for health and life insurance for Village employees. We should have something for Council to approve by the November 25th Council meeting.

Property Insurance Renewal – insurance increased from \$64,000 in 2024 to \$70,219.00 for 2025.

Jason Anderson asked if the village would be able to put a fence around the catch basin on Railroad Street where the dog was rescued earlier in the day.

Shawn Pickworth said yes he would have it done the next day.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated he wanted to thank Chief Hicks and the other officers involved in the emergency situation at Windy Acres on Friday. He appreciates their timeliness and resolution of the situation and thanked them for their service.

Next, Mayor Thomas presented council with the resignation of Chet Blanton from his seat on village council.

Steve Roeder made a motion to accept the resignation of Chet Blanton. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks stated he had nothing to report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

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

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
10/14/2024	1900	2000	Council, new FF approved	Council chambers
10/15/2024	1630	1715	Sizing for gear, 06 & 07	Station
10/16/2024	1000	1010	Ordered new gear for 06, 07	Station
10/16/2024	1900	2000	FAS squad operation, supplies by Jeff Scott	Station
10/16/2024	2000	2100	Electrical scene safety by Jake Liss	Station
10/20/2024	1234	1306	MVC	US RT 250 & ST RT 13
10/22/2024	1800	1920	Chiefs' meeting, radios	Norwalk Fire
10/23/2024	2000	2100	Volleyball District Champs, escort	Village
10/24/2024	1300	1415	Evacuation training, drill	School
10/25/2024	1354	1421	Lift assist with FAS	2236 Euclid Rd
10/26/2024	1712	1805	MVC	Prospect & US RT 250
10/26/2024	1800	1900	Halloween parade	New London
10/28/2024	1945	2046	MVC	1596 US RT 250
10/31/2024	0700	0720	October runs to SFM	Station
10/31/2024	1015	1035	Standardize 4-gas monitor	EMA
10/31/2024	1040	1045	6 CO2 extinguishers dropped off refill	40 Woodlawn Norwalk
11/2/2024	1400	1425	Carter Hicks escort	Village
11/6/2024	1209	1246	Fire investigation	Greenwich- Milan Rd
11/6/2024	1730	1830	Budget meeting	Station
11/6/2024	1900	1930	Restorepro presentation	Station
11/6/2024	1930	2000	Monthly members meeting	Station
11/7/2024	1637	1656	Gas odor investigation	Trailer park
11/9/2024	1102	1229	EMS assist	Vesta and Leroy
11/11/2024	0855	0924	Rescue dog from a well	35 N. Railroad St.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

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

Toby Thomas noted that zoning had been covered in the administrator's report.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Steve Roeder stated that Joe Thomas had asked him to extend a huge thank you to everyone who had anything to do with the gun raffle. He appreciated everyone's help. He also wanted to relay that the gun raffle had been their most successful one to date.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-24 An Ordinance Setting Certain Fees and Rates for 2025 for Facilities at the New London Reservoir and Recreation parks. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-26 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor and Additional Legal Counsel. Second Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the second reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-27 An ordinance Amending the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance by Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Funds and Appropriations as Needed for Operations, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-27 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-07 A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Submit a Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the Purpose of General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges, and Requesting the Huron County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of the Village and the Dollar Amount of Revenue That Would be Generated by That Levy, and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the first reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Shawn Pickworth discussed with council how many mills they should request. His recommendation was to do at least three mills for it to make a difference. Members of council agreed with Shawn.

Ellen Simmons asked which election the levy would be on the ballot for.

Shawn stated it would be on the ballot in May of 2025.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business

Steve Roeder made a motion to allow the village administrator to bring Steve Ball onto the team as a consultant to help with establishing and updating a new village website. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Abstain; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Abstain; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

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 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.

Alison Chapin made a motion to amend and add an executive session to discuss the appointment of a village official. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Steve Roeder made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment of a village official. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes.

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

Crabbs made a motion to request letters of interest for the vacant council seat until 4 p.m. on November 22, 2024. Anderson 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 – Cemetery, Street, Sanitation, Recreation, General and all other
Mon., November 25, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Members of Council present: Steve Roeder, Alison Chapin, Mike Crabbs, Jason Anderson and Jennifer Ball.

Also present: Mr. Bond, Shawn Pickworth, Steve Ball, Joe Thomas and Brian Cucco

Brian Cucco, Utilities Foreman presented the 2024 budgets for the Sanitation, Street, State Highway and Permissive accounts.

Brian Cucco began by discussing the Sanitation Fund. Topics included the need for new tires, landfill prices increasing and the need for a new garbage truck. The village currently has a lease for a garbage truck acquired in 2018. There are three payments remaining on the lease. Brian Cucco would like to potentially pay the lease off early to be able to pursue the purchase of another garbage truck.

Shawn Pickworth added that the village was in the process of purchasing new budgeting software that would be essential to the Sanitation Fund. It will also be used for the Water and Sewer Funds. This Waterworth program will be useful for budgeting and will be a beneficial tool for planning for the future.

Brian Cucco and Shawn Pickworth together discussed the Street Fund. Brian Cucco explained that the village still has an excess of road salt so they will not be required to purchase any in 2025. Shawn Pickworth pointed out to members of council that the entire Street Fund budget is \$154,600. It is impossible for the fund to survive with such a small budget. This is the reason the village is asking for a street levy in the spring. There are many roads in disrepair. The Street fund simply does not have the funds required to make the needed repairs.

The State Highway Fund receives tax money from gasoline excise tax and motor vehicle license tax. From time to time employees working on the state routes will earn their wages from this fund. Also, a portion of the salt expense comes out of this fund although no purchase will be necessary in 2025.

The Permissive Funds were then explained. Permissive taxes go into the Local Permissive Fund and it is only used when absolutely needed. The County Permissive Fund revenue is overseen by the county and is limited for use on very few streets with county permission.

Brian Cucco then reviewed the cemetery funds. He informed members of council that there had been an increase in cemetery pricing earlier in the year. Due to a lack of space at the cemetery, a columbarium is being built. This building will basically be a cremation mausoleum. Once all of the spaces in the columbarium are filled, Brian hopes to be able to build a second building. The cost of the columbarium will be taken out of the Cemetery Trust Fund and the Friends of the

cemetery will be contributing to the new building as well. The Friends of the Cemetery Fund is not a village fund.

A portion of each grave space sale goes into the Cemetery Trust fund and it is used for maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery. One last cemetery fund is the Cemetery Endowment fund. Money was donated to this fund to place flowers on certain graves at different times of the year. This fund has not been used in several years.

Joe Thomas presented the recreation budget to council. He highlighted several projects he was hoping to be able to complete if funds allow. He would like to pave two more roads at the reservoir campground. These roads will complete paving on all roads in the reservoir campground. He also would like to pave the entrance and exit to the reservoir. Other things he would like to accomplish would be the purchase of more water inflatables, water volleyball and water basketball games for use in the reservoir and to update the interiors of the cabins. At the recreation park, Joe Thomas would like to redo the shower house and bathrooms. He emphasized that the levy funds received are only used at the recreation park.

Joe Thomas concluded by updating council on his baseball facility project and the football stadium at the recreation park. Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) for the baseball facility are due on December 6th. He has met with two potential engineers. Once all RFQ's are received, an engineering firm will be chosen. Joe Thomas stated this will be an expensive project to complete but he believes it will happen.

The recreation park football stadium is being turned over to the park upon completion of the school's new athletic complex. Joe Thomas is hoping to convert the stadium into a possible grand stand for the Labor Day festival to allow room for the baseball complex he hopes to build. This will be a project for the spring. Members of council encouraged Joe Thomas, Shawn Pickworth and Toby Thomas to meet with the school administrators for an exit interview.

The fiscal officer discussed several small funds that are not used very often.

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

The CSX Fund money is always encumbered in case of an emergency. This fund is often used for projects and is then paid back. It can only be used with council approval.

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

The Capital Improvement Fund was the final small account discussed. It is not known how this fund originated and the remaining funds in this account are being used to help purchase a conference table for the front room in the village offices.

Shawn Pickworth and the Fiscal Officer then presented the General Fund for discussion. The only major changes to the budget was an increase in the pay for the zoning inspector and an

increase in the funds to supplement the police and fire funds as discussed at the first budget meeting. Again in 2025, the village is allocating some zoning funds for demolition purposes.

Shawn Pickworth explained a project that he would like to complete in 2025 with General fund money. The clock tower belongs to the village and has had no repairs since the 1990's. The faces of the clock are in much need of repair and he would like to make sure these faces are restored. He is searching for other funding options such as grants but has not been able to find any. While he plans on continuing his search, he would like to allocate some funds specifically for this project. He feels the village needs to do everything possible to take care of the clock tower to ensure it continues as a historical landmark for the enjoyment of the village.

The workshop was adjourned for the regular council meeting.



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, November 25, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

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

Also present: Steve Bond, Ellen Simmons, Steve Ball, Joe Hicks, Marvin McCallister, Bob Cooke, Shawn Pickworth, Raymond Wallhead, Russel Sword, Andrea Welfle and Kayla Cross.

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 November 11, 2024 budget meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 11, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

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

Ray Wallhead and Russ Sword stated they were from the Ruritan Club and they were also veterans. They are proud to announce they will be hosting the Veteran's banner program to replace the previous banners that were taken down. Their club will be coordinating with the printer for new banners and they will be installing them prior to Memorial Day each year and will remove them after Veteran's Day each year to prolong the life of the banners and maintain their good condition. They will be sending out letters soon to request sponsorships and donations to cover incidental unforeseen costs.

Shawn Pickworth offered to put information about the project on the village website and social media. He would like to help in any way and thanked them for taking over the project.

Russ Sword replied that they may need some help installing the banners but he had volunteers willing to do the work.

Shawn Pickworth then introduced Kayla Cross and Andrea Welfle for a presentation from the Huron County Growth Partnership.

Andrea Welfle and Kayla Cross explained that the Huron County Growth Partnership was formed by combining the Huron County Chamber of Commerce and an economic development group. They wanted to explain to council the kind of work they do. Their mission is to grow communities, support businesses, secure resources and make a name for communities. They support businesses throughout the entire county. Their goal is to partner with the village to support current businesses and attract new businesses. They specialize in job retention, job creation and capital investment. They explained the different programs they offer that could be beneficial to the Village of New London.

Ellen Simmons questioned the involvement of the Huron County Chamber of Commerce. She wondered if they partner with the chamber or if they replaced the chamber.

Andrea Welfle replied that the chamber was part of their organization. There were three separate organizations that joined together to create the Huron County Growth Partnership. The Huron County Chamber of Commerce, Huron County Development Council and Norwalk Economic Development all came together to form the new partnership.

Ellen Simmons asked if the Chamber of Commerce still existed.

Kayla Cross explained that they function as a chamber and an economic development organization together. They have a chamber director that performs those responsibilities.

Members of council thanked Andrea Welfle and Kayla Cross for their presentation.

Steve Ball then announced that on Friday, November 29th the village would be having a tree lighting ceremony. Santa will arrive at 7 p.m. with the tree lighting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday there will be a Celebration of Lights at the recreation park from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be several activities and at 7 p.m. they will turn on the lights and do a walking tour along the path. Friday's event is sponsored by Steven Fawcett and Saturday's event is sponsored by Inspire New London.

Toby Thomas called for a report from the Administrator.

Water

- Pump station – received OHM's proposal of services and prices. Need to review with team.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – We are going to wait to go to bid for this project until after the 1st of the year. Plan is bid in January, award in February.

Storm Sewers

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

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.

Street

- Potholes – Please feel free to contact our office if you see one that is not getting addressed. 419-929-4091.
- Street Paving – District Meeting was held last Friday in Lorain County. District approved all projects to be sent to the State.

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – engineering continues.
- Sidewalk TAP Application – application will be submitted this week to ODOT.

Zoning – approved 1 fence permit and 1 building permit.

Insurance Renewals – we have a plan for council to approve. The village will be moving from Medical Mutual to Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. The increase is less than 2% but the village's deductibles are much lower than our previous plan. Medical Mutual came in at a 10% increase. I want to thank Michelle Popa, Julia Armstrong and our department heads for working through this and getting a plan for our employees that is financially responsible for both the village and employees and comparable to what we have. It is always a pain to switch insurance companies but we were forced to.

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

The Fiscal Officer provided members of council with the October 2024 bank reconciliation to approve and also deposit and expense reports through the end of October.

Ordinance 2024-26 An Ordinance Providing for the Appointment of the Village Solicitor and Additional Legal Counsel. Third Reading. Ball made a motion to approve the third reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2024-28 An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-28 to be passed on an emergency measure. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2024-29 An Ordinance Authorizing a New Contract with the Township of Clarksfield to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. First Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the first reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Ordinance 2024-30 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement to Provide Employee Health Insurance Provided by Anthem Insurance, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-30 to be passed on an emergency measure. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Resolution 2024-07 A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Submit a Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the Purpose of General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges, and Requesting the Huron County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of the Village and the Dollar Amount of Revenue That Would be Generated by That Levy, and Declaring an Emergency. Second Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the second reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Resolution 2024-08 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 Sidewalk Improvement Project, and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading.

Roeder made a motion to allow Resolution 2024-08 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business.

There was none.

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

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

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

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

Ball made a motion to appoint Adam Gullett to the vacant council seat. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, No; Crabbs, No.

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

NEW LONDON VILLAGE COUNCIL
Regular Meeting – Monday, December 9, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

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

Before calling the roll, Mayor Toby Thomas asked council to amend the agenda to add giving the oath of office to new member of council, Adam Gullett.

Steve Roeder made a motion to amend the agenda to include the oath of office for Adam Gullett. Crabbs seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Adam Gullett then came forward and Mayor Toby Thomas gave him the oath of office.

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

Also present: Marvin McCallister, Steve Bond, Steve Ball, Ellen Simmons, Joe Hicks, John Chapin, Chet Blanton, Brittney Gullett, Dorothy Sword, Darrell Sword and Shawn Pickworth.

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

The minutes from the November 25, 2024 budget meeting were presented for approval. Roeder made a motion to approve the agenda. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

The minutes from the November 25, 2024 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.

Village Administrator Shawn Pickworth shared the following report:

Water

- Pump Station – received OHM’s proposal of services and prices. Need to review with team.

Wastewater

- New London Ave. Project – We are going to wait to go to bid for this project until after the 1st of the year. Plan is bid in January, award in February.

Storm Sewers

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

Sanitation

- No Major Issues.

Street

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

Other

- Downtown TAP Project – had a quarterly meeting on December 5, 2024. Everything is moving along as scheduled. I do have a meeting scheduled to discuss Public Involvement Meetings that will be held here in New London after the first of the year. This project is going to get busy for me in the coming months.

Zoning – quiet this month, 1 fence permit.

Mayor Toby Thomas stated that December 14th would be the WhoLondon celebration of Hometown Holidays. He hopes to see everyone there. He appreciates all the hard work done to put on this event every year.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from police.

Police Chief Joe Hicks shared the following report:

The police department recently conducted an in-service training session on November 09th where officers received oath and affirmation training and recertified on tasers.

Officer Gerald Broeckel will complete his 6-month probationary period on 12/10/2024. He has conducted himself well during this time and I am requesting council remove him from probationary status.

Lastly, Hometown Holidays will take place this Saturday, December 14th. The event begins at 9 AM and will conclude around 2 PM. During this time, E. Main St. will be closed from the traffic light east to the intersection of Park Ave. We are asking motorists find alternate routes during this time.

Steve Roeder made a motion to remove Officer Gerald Broeckel from probationary status. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from fire.

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

DATE	TIME START	TIME END	EVENT	LOCATION
11/11/2024	1800	1815	2025 Budget meeting with Council	Council chambers
11/12/2024	1429	1523	MVC, Mutual Aid	Crescent/Greenwich Milan
11/13/2024	0715	0805	2023 Budget worksheet completed for AFG	Station
11/13/2024	1806	1814	EMS lift assist	123 Third St

11/13/2024	1830	2000	Chiefs' meeting, County Assoc. Meeting	Wakeman
11/14/2024	1512	1524	Fire Alarm, cancelled by staff	The Laurels
11/19/2024	1300	1400	Atlantic sales, specs on new engine	Station
11/20/2024	1900	2030	Training, knot tying and uses	Station
11/21/2024	0814	0930	MVC, controlled traffic	Prospect Rd
11/23/2024	1627	1712	MVC	St Rt 60/Ferry Rd
11/23/2024	1834	1851	CO	163 N. Railroad St
12/1/2024	0345	0435	MVC	US RT 250/ST RT 13
12/1/2024	0510	0535	Submit November runs to SFM	Station
12/1/2024	0540	10:30	Columbia Gas meter stopped, changed	Station
12/4/2024	1800	2000	Monthly meeting	Station
12/5/2024	0800	1600	25 SCBAs annual certification by FSS	Station
12/6/2024	0900	0935	Semiannual timesheets submitted	Station
12/6/2024	1224	1301	Outbuilding fire	786 TL 79
12/6/2024	2026	2101	Electric service line arching	57 N Railroad
12/9/2024	0800		Tanker out-of-service, in for repairs	Chase Smith

John Chapin then noted that he needed two council members to serve on the Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Fund Committee. This committee is a requirement and meets in the event of a serious injury or death while a firefighter is on duty.

Steve Roeder and Alison Chapin replied that they served on this committee in 2024 and they would be willing to continue to serve on the committee during 2025.

John Chapin thanked Steve Roeder and Alison Chapin for serving on the committee.

Toby Thomas then asked for a report from the ambulance.

Jennifer Ball shared that she did not have exact numbers for November but it had been an average month and things are going well.

Toby Thomas then asked council if there would be any motions made for a new zoning inspector.

Mike Crabbs made a motion to allow the Village Administrator to hire Chet Blanton as Zoning Inspector beginning January 1, 2025 at an annual salary of \$10,000. Gullett seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for a report from recreation.

Joe Thomas was absent but Steve Roeder reported that Breakfast with Santa was held on December 8th and it was very well attended.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-29 An Ordinance Authorizing a New Contract with the Township of Clarksville to Provide Fire Response Services and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-29 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes;

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

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-31 An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Temporary Annual Appropriations for Current and Other Expenditures for the Operation of the Village of New London and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-31 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Crabbs made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-32 An ordinance Amending the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Roeder made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-32 to be passed on an emergency measure. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Ball made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Ordinance 2024-33 An Ordinance Amending the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Certain Expenses and Declaring an Emergency. Emergency Reading. Ball made a motion to allow Ordinance 2024-33 to be passed on an emergency measure. Roeder seconded the motion. Roll call: Ball, Yes; Roeder, Yes; Chapin, Yes; Anderson, Yes; Crabbs, Yes; Gullett, Yes. Roeder made a motion to approve the emergency reading. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then presented Resolution 2024-07 A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Submit a Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the Purpose of General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges, and Requesting the Huron County Auditor to Certify the Total Current Tax Valuation of the Village and the Dollar Amount of Revenue That Would be Generated by That Levy, and Declaring an Emergency. Third Reading. Roeder made a motion to approve the third reading. Ball seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Toby Thomas then called for Old Business.

There was none.

Toby Thomas then called for New Business

Mike Crabbs made a motion to cancel the December 23, 2024 council meeting. Chapin seconded the motion. Roll call – All ayes; No one opposed.

Shaw Pickworth notified members of council that the village's employee Christmas party would be on Friday, December 13th at 11 a.m. at the New London Pizza House. He invited all members of council to attend.

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

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

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



Nancy Howell
Fiscal Officer



Toby Thomas
Mayor

