

Town of New London  
Board of Commissioner's Meeting  
December 5, 2023

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Mayor Daniels, Commissioners Bill Peak, Timothy Higgins, Sid Lanier, and Town Manager Susan Almond. Commissioner Johnny Chestnut and Commissioner Richard Kimmer were absent from the meeting. Visitors present at the meeting were John & Cathy Kimmer, Mitzie Lanier, Peter Ascitutto, Tony Giles and Tony Brewer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Peak. Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Lanier made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the November meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Peter Ascitutto spoke to the Board and recapped some of the projects he has been involved with as County Commissioner. In addition, he asked for support as he is running for re-election in November 2024.

**Audit Report-** Mr. Tony Brewer, CPA with Eddie Carrick's office in Lexington, performed the town's 2022-2023 municipal audit and distributed copies to the Town Board. He gave an overview of the audit report and noted that the town had a very good year. Mr. Brewer stated that we had a net increase of \$446,605 in fund balance. He noted that our available fund balance is well above average and the water-sewer fund is healthy. Mr. Brewer complimented the Board on how well the town is operating.

**Sewer Report-** Commissioner Peak reported that the sewer stations are functioning properly with no issues to report.

**RPO (Rural Planning Organization) Update-** Commissioner Peak is the representative for the Technical Advisory Committee and he gave an update on the upcoming projects in the area. He reminded the Board to let him know of any transportation concerns that he could pass along to the committee members.

**Museum Update-** Commissioner Lanier thanked John & Cathy Kimmer for volunteering at the museum this month. Nine visitors toured the museum on Sunday.

**Mrs. Almond reported on the following:**

- **Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule for 2024-** The Town Board Meetings are normally held the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the New London Community Center. The Board reviewed the schedule and noted the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting needed to be changed to June 11<sup>th</sup> as both the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem will be out of town. Commissioner Peak made a motion to adopt the 2024 Meeting Schedule with the revision for June 11, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Planning Board and Board of Adjustments Meeting Schedule for 2024-** The Planning Board and Board of Adjustment members meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the New London Community Center if they have a zoning topic for review. Commissioner Peak made a motion to adopt this meeting schedule for 2024, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Rocky River Rural Planning Organization- TAC (Technical Advisory Committee- Elected Officials) Representative & Alternate-** Commissioner Higgins made a motion for Commissioner Peak to continue as the Representative with Commissioner Kimmer as alternate, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Rocky River Rural Planning Organization- TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee) Representative & Alternate:** Commissioner Higgins made a motion for Mrs. Almond to continue as the Representative with Mayor Daniels as alternate, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Bagged Leaf Pick-up:** Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

**Mayor Daniels gave an update on the following:**

- **Park Update-** Swings and framework are completed and they will be installed in the next couple of weeks. LED wall lights will be installed on the small shelters at the park. The grant request for park additions will be addressed in the next session of the General Assembly.
- **Christmas decorations-** We have received many nice compliments on the Christmas decorations in New London.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.