

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
September 17, 2019

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday September 16, 2019 following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Bill Cost Jr
Jonathan Lang
Jeremy Blake
Ryan Bubb
Mark Labutis for Jeff Rath

We wish to report:

1. **Ordinance No. 19-25** authorizing and directing the Newark City Safety Director to certify to the Licking County Auditor, the sum of \$260,732.01 incurred by the Newark City Property Maintenance Division with respect to Property Maintenance violations to be placed as a lien upon certain parcels of real property situated in the City of Newark, Ohio was considered.

Director Baum- this is what we do every year about this time, this is the amount of fines incurred that have not been paid since the last time I appeared before you last year. We ask that you certify this list to send it to the County Auditor's Office so they can apply it to properties in the City of Newark.

Motion by Mr. Lang to send to full Council, second by Mr. Bubb

Mr. Blake- when I look at the attachment is the column on the far right the total amount that is going to be placed on the property?

Director Baum- that is the balance due, I would have to ask Joe Paul to be sure but I don't believe that is the total amount because they could have fines that they have already paid. The fact that they have fines they haven't paid we add an administrative fee to that which is how you come up with some of the uneven numbers. The grand total with the administrative fee is what will be placed on the property. You could have paid some fines but not others that you don't agree with or maybe you sold the property and the amount of the fine is in dispute. Whether or not you actually owe that much it just varies.

Mr. Lang- in comparison to past years is it around where we usually are?

Director Baum- it was a little higher last year but it is in the same ballpark. Unfortunately if people have the same problems as last year and weren't paying their fines they're probably not paying them this year.

Mr. Lang- have you had any conversations with the prosecutor about following up with some of these liens or are they sitting and waiting to see if they get paid?

Director Baum- the Law Director's Office is having conversations with the Prosecutor.

Mr. Bubb- do you know if 30 E Harrison is the old electrical plant, it is a fairly large amount? It was just torn down.

Director Baum- most of its down not all down, there is still a large pad attached to the property and the owner still owns the property. If you have specific questions about specific properties please email me I will get with Joe or take a look at the file and see what I can find out and get back with you.

Bill Cost Jr, Vice Chair