

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
April 2, 2024

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on April 1, 2024, with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair
Dustin Neely – Vice Chair
Bill Cost Jr.
Beth Bline
Bradley Chute

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 24-31** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT BIDS AND SELL CERTAIN SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING THAT SUCH PROPERTY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

David Rhodes, Service Director – Thank you Mr. Chair. This is one of our annual sales that we have at the service complex. Miscellaneous cars, miscellaneous stuff the city has. The date is June 1st. The reason for the emergency is to meet the deadlines for advertising that we have to meet for the code.

Mr. Rath – Any questions from the committee? Questions from the audience?

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Cost, Second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 5-0.

2. **Resolution No. 24-32** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWARK FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT #5 AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

Brandon Fox, Water Administrator – This is number five of our lead service line work. As you know we've been working on that for the last year and a half. We've got 700+ services that we've already replaced. We're working with contractors getting ready to start the next 500 which would be lead service line number 4, so that would take us up to about 1200 services that we've replaced. This will do an additional 600. If you don't remember this, the loan funding right now is 53% principle forgiveness. So that means we only have to pay 47% of this loan back at 0% interest for 20 years. So, it's a really,

really good deal. We've got everything ready to go. We're hoping to bid this project in open bids at the end of the month. So, if we have your blessing, we'll move forward with this loan.

Mr. Rath – So how many will be remaining after this?

Mr. Fox – 4000+. So, we've got 12 total projects that we've laid out for this. Over the next 4 years to continue to do about 1000 – 1200 per year. So yeah, this is number 5 of 12. If everything keeps going the way it's supposed to go.

Mr. Rath – Any questions from the audience? Or from the committee?

Motion to send to full Council by Ms. Bline, Second by Mr. Cost, Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Fox – Thank you. If I may, just take 2 seconds to spread the word. We are getting ready to start our project number 4 on Hudson and Mt. Vernon Rd. areas north of 16. So, if any resident is in that area and has a galvanized water line or a water line that they don't know what it is, reach out to our water office or the contractor. The contractor is going to be knocking on the door. They're called Mid-Ohio Pipeline. They're doing 500 services. There will be 200 that we know already, and they're going to be reaching out to 300 more residents in that area. If you have a galvanized service and they're working in your neighbors next door, you sign up for the agreement giving them the right to work on your property they'll work on yours that same following period so we can work straight down the road. So, if you see them in the area, feel free to sign up. They got a City of Newark badge so you know they're a contractor that's working for us. So, spread the word as people see that coming through.

Ms. Bline – Question regarding that. I'm noticing the collection is growing on Second St., vehicles and fence. Do you know, is that coming within the month? The construction?

Mr. Fox - Yes. S. Second St. separation project is started. As you can see they've already started moving some dirt on Ohio St, that will be a temporary road, and then we'll shut the Second St. bridge, we'll shut the access down south of the bridge we'll have a relined Ohio St., and there will be construction from the bridge up to the railroad tracks for the next year+.

Ms. Bline - Along that line you mentioned, with Hudson the lead line replacement water line replacement, will that same idea be applicable as far as citizens if they need those lines replaced? To go ahead and talk with you right now? Or speak with a city representative?

Mr. Fox - Umm, tell me more.

Ms. Bline – You're talking about home water line...

Mr. Rath – You're going to need to take this off line.

Mr. Fox – Let me say it this way, any customer in the City of Newark that has a galvanized water line coming to their house, the city will replace that free of charge if you sign up and contact our office for that. Happy to do it as part of this program. If you wait 4 years from now, you'll be doing it on your own dime.

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair