

## Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
April 7, 2025

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on April 7, 2025 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. 25-20** 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 #7 AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

**Brandon Fox, Water Administrator** - Good evening. As you've been aware for the last couple years, we are on number seven of 12 of these projects. So, this is basically to enter into and bid out the project in June of this year and hopefully receive good bids. We've been, as part of this project, we originally had asked for three and a half million dollars from Ohio EPA and because our contractors are being competitive, we're actually going to be able to do about 1,300 services for the same amount of money that we were originally projecting for. We were hoping to do a thousand services under this contract. We're going to probably be able to do about 1,200 to 1,300 services for the same money. So just seeking your approval to enter into a contract for a loan with Ohio EPA and OWDA.

**Mr. Rath** - How is compliance going with our residents? Are they registering online?

**Mr. Fox** - We are. We're continuing to have, as I said in the last, when I brought this up in earlier this year for lead service line six, our contractors are out actually knocking on the doors and boots on the ground getting these surveys completed. And so that's still continued to be beneficial. People are being responsive. But again, we are expecting probably this time next year that we'll be getting down to the nitty-gritty of these. We were anticipating 12 projects, but because of the decreased cost per service, we're actually probably only going to be doing nine or ten of these instead of 12, which is great. It will be done sooner and at a lower cost than what we anticipated. But still need people that have galvanized services or unknown services to

contact us and we'll be happy to get out and put eyes on it to be able to get it replaced if needed.

**Mr. Rath** - Just for the record, I know you can do that online. Where would you do that at?

**Mr. Fox** - NewarkOhio.gov and type in lead, L-E-A-D, and that'll take you right to our lead service line page and all the information is there either to print it out, bring it into our office, or you can go online and fill it out and you'll get a response within 30 seconds.

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

2. **Resolution No. 25-21** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

**Brian Morehead, City Engineer** - Thank you. This is kind of a list of the projects that we've got queued up that we'd like to get out to bid this year. Our street maintenance project, our concrete maintenance project, actually we're getting that out to actually advertise today, which is a good thing. Bids will open on that at the end of the month, so kind of running behind the eight ball on that one. But there's a culvert replacement on River Road we think we're going to have to bid out. Small drainage projects in our stormwater utility side of things. Riverside Drive bridge is a replacement that I had been to you before and spoke about that we're cooperating with Owens Corning on that to replace that bridge. North 21st Street and Granville Road intersection, I just spoke about that in the previous meeting. West Main Street widening is a portion of West Main Street from Coffman Road west adjacent to the Vista apartment development out there, Trailhead Vista apartment complex that's being constructed right now. Then finally the last two that City Hall Arcade parking lot area we spoke about that at the last meeting and then number eight is that Granville Road sanitary sewer relocation. That is a piece of sanitary sewer that needs to be relocated in order to do the bridge project that we just spoke of at the last meeting. So, everything kind of rolls together. Any questions I'll be glad to try to answer.

**Mr. Rath** - I will say in relation to the sidewalk project, the curb project, the West Main project as well, I have talked to not everybody but a lot of people out there and 100% of the people that I've talked to have been incredibly receptive. I've actually seen different things and saying there's a huge need for it.

**Mr. Chute** - Mr. Morehead, can you tell me, with the West Main widening project from Coffman Road, will that be four lanes?

**Mr. Morehead** - It'll be three lanes. It'll be two through lanes with a center turn lane and then there will be some storm sewer work along with that and then relocating some of the other utilities as well out there.

**Mr. Rath** - Length of time on that project?

**Mr. Morehead** - You mean construction time? Probably about three months of work.

**Mr. Rath** - Do you know when that will start approximately?

**Mr. Morehead** - Hopefully the end of this year but depending on how other things coordinate in there it might be early 2026.

**Mr. Rath** - As long as we speak in estimations, we won't hold you to it.

**Mr. Barker** - Thank you, Mr. Chair. Director Morehead, that first item, the annual industry project, I'm assuming that means the paving list. Will you be sending out the paving lists soon then?

**Mr. Morehead** - You know, I've got to, we're about \$700,000 less in our budget this year compared to last year so I've got to see how a couple things play out but I have not pared the list down yet. That's going to be happening here in the next month or so though.

**Mr. Barker** – Ok. Thank you.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Neely, Second by Mr. Cost, Motion passed 5-0**

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair