

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
April 21, 2025

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on April 21, 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. 25-25** 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. We're getting ready for another public auction at the service complex with a bunch of automobiles, bicycles, and miscellaneous things. The emergency clause is on there so we can hit certain advertising deadlines.

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

2. **Resolution No. 25-26** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT CONTRACT (018-26) FOR ROAD SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brian Morehead, City Engineer - This is standard legislation that you've seen every year to allow us to participate in ODOT's program where they bid the road salt out. This year, after consultation with our street superintendent, the request will be for 1,000 tons of salt to replenish the salt that we've used over the previous year.

Mr. Rath - Is that more or less than we normally use?

Mr. Morehead - I think last year we only did 500 tons, but we had a pretty good backlog. We've gone up to as high as 1,500 tons, but about 1,000 tons is what he estimates we could hold.

Mr. Rath - And the reason for the emergency?

Mr. Morehead - Because ODOT requested it to be done and the number and the bid to be put in by May 2nd but they do not send the package out till the first week of April and that does not

give us enough time to get through our process so I will get online and put our number in on May 2nd but the legislation will follow soon afterwards hopefully.

Mr. Rath – Fair enough.

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

3. **Resolution No. 25-29** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO SELL CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN BY INTERNET AUCTION

Director Rhodes - Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is our once a year, we need to do this yearly, legislation to allow the city to sell things on Gov Deals. As service director, I have the authority to sell things up to \$1,000 of value but anything over that has to be sold at auction.

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

4. **Resolution No. 25-30** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE HORNS HILL MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK TRAIL REFRESH.

Director Rhodes - Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is legislation that we need to have so we can go out to bid. It appears that we have received a grant just under \$400,000 for work to be done at Horns Hill, but I need this legislation so I can put it out to get competitive bids.

Mr. Rath – Does that grant require a match?

Director Rhodes – None.

Mr. Rath – Just under \$400,000 for us to spend on...

Director Rhodes – Um-hum.

Mr. Rath - That's awesome.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Neely, Second by Ms. Bline

Doug Marmie, 6th Ward Councilman – I would like to thank Director Rhodes and everybody that had everything to do with the Horns Hill. It is packed every weekend, even sometimes during the week. I mean those folks are just enjoying the heck out of it. They've got a system. I don't see litter. I don't see any problems. It's just been fantastic, and it draws a lot of folks into our community.

Mr. Rath – It generates a lot of hotel nights, too.

Mr. Marmie – Right. Thank you.

Motion passed 5-0

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair