

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
July 21, 2025

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on July 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. 25-50** A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO APPROPRIATE REAL ESTATE BEING A PART OF OUTLOT 5 AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF PROPERTY OF THE SIMPSON FOUNDRY AND ENGINEERING COMPANY (1935), AND LAST CONVEYED AND RECORDED AT VOLUME 481, PAGE 57 OF DEED RECORDS, LICKING COUNTY; FOR REPLACEMENT OF A DEFICIENT BRIDGE ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE, OVER LOG POND RUN, WHICH PROVIDES ACCESS TO OWENS CORNING MANUFACTURING PLANT, WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF SUCH LANDS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brian Morehead, City Engineer - Thank you. Through the course of trying to get the bridge plans and the bridge replaced, we found that there's a parcel of land that last known ownership was in 1956. It's on the sort of the northwest side of the existing bridge and it was originally a piece of right-of-way that was dedicated to the City. The City subsequently sold it. The property transferred about three times and then the fourth time they took only the portion that was on the southeast side of the bridge and not the portion that was on the northwest side of the bridge. So consequently, that owner, the company, is defunct. We've been working with the law director's office to try to move forward and we feel that this appropriation is the best way to get that done so that we can move forward with the bids for the bridge and getting the bridge replaced.

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

Mr. Rath - One quick question, reason for the emergency clause?

Mr. Morehead - Just to move the project forward. Our intent was to get the project out to bid before the end of the construction season and get it under contract. The next piece of, you'll see another piece of legislation. This is the resolution of intent, there will be another piece of legislation to actually appropriate the property forthcoming in a couple of weeks. So, just to move the process forward as quickly as possible.

Mr. Rath - All right, thank you.

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair