

## Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
August 4, 2025

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on August 4, 2025 with these members in attendance:

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

**Absent:**

Bradley Chute

**We wish to report:**

1. **Resolution No. 25-52** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ACCEPT BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE 16 NORTH SEWER SEPARATION PHASE 1 PROJECT.

**Brandon Fox, Water Administrator** - Here we go. You've heard me speak about this project several times, but we are looking to bid this project later this fall. There was some legislation that allowed us to enter into the loan agreement with OWDA back in 2022. This is actually to allow us to bid the project and award it. I don't know who I spoke to about it, but we have split the project into two phases now. We got EPA approval to do that, so that basically buys us some time. So, this legislation is for phase one, which will be the Mount Vernon Road corridor. That's needed to be completed before July of 2028. Then phase two will be the Hudson Avenue corridor that I'll come back to you later. That'll be bidding in 2028 through 2031. So, a lot of information. Happy to answer any questions on the project. It's estimated at \$64 million. So, I will probably be coming back to you asking for some slight rate increases to help fund that project because the project has doubled in cost. We are doing a rate evaluation right now on our sewer rates to just make sure where we're at, make sure we have adequate revenue to cover our operating expenses and our debt service that this project will add to our current debt service. So happy to answer any questions, but that's where we are.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Cost, Second by Mr. Neely, Motion passed 4-0**

2. Consider **Resolution No. 25-53** Cooperating with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for roadway improvements to State Route 13 (Mt. Vernon Road) from West Channel Street to the north corporation limit, and declaring an emergency.

**Brian Morehead, City Engineer** - This is kind of the standard final resolution that we see from ODOT to participate with them in the resurfacing of State Route 13, Mount Vernon Road, as you said, from Channel Street to our north corp line, and we'll have \$495,792.95 as our local share on the project.

**Mr. Rath** – And the reason for the emergency clause?

**Mr. Morehead** - Because ODOT sends it to us with very little time to react and they want the legislation back by August 27th to keep on their bidding schedule.

**Mr. Neely** – What’s the timeframe on this?

**Mr. Morehead** - They'll be bidding the project out this fall and then constructing it next spring.

**Mr. Rath** – This is just resurfacing, right?

**Mr. Morehead** – Yes.

**Mr. Rath** – The sewer separation isn’t going to come down that far?

**Mr. Morehead** – No, this project is north of the sewer separation project.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Neely, Second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 4-0**

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair