

Safety Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
October 21, 2024

The Safety Committee met in Council Chambers on October 21, 2024 following the Personnel Committee meeting with these members present:

Mark Labutis, Chair
Bill Cost, Vice Chair
Beth Bline
Michael Houser
Jeff Rath

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 24-92** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO RELEASE THE LIEN PREVIOUSLY PLACED AGAINST THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT AND KNOWN AS 492 JEFFERSON ROAD, NEWARK, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Tim Hickman, Safety Director - Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a little bit confusing, but I'll do my best to simplify it and go as quickly as possible. So back in December of 2023, Council approved the \$3,800, \$811 lien on this property. Unbeknownst to everybody, previous to that lien document, there was already a foreclosure procedure in place on the property. So, by the time that the lien document came on, it had already gone through foreclosure and been sold to another person who has rehabbed the house. So, what we're looking to do is not penalize the new owner of the property. So, in order to do that, it takes an action at Council for the county to take that off of the tax bill, and that's what we're looking to do here.

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

Mr. Labutis - What is the reason for the emergency? What is the reason for the emergency clause?

Director Hickman - Well, I didn't draft the legislation, so I don't know other than to get it off of this individual's tax bill as quickly as possible.

Motion passed 5-0

Safety Committee stands adjourned

Mark Labutis, Chair