

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
November 1, 2021

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday, November 1, 2021 , following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair
Jeff Harris – Vice Chair
Spencer Barker
Jeremy Blake
Jonathan Lang – sitting in for empty seat

- 1. We wish to report: Resolution No. 21-72** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A PETITION TO CONFORM THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK AND THE TOWNSHIPS OF NEWARK, GRANVILLE, NEWTON, MADISON, AND UNION IN LICKING COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Jeff Hall – I will describe it to you briefly because my feeling is, conforming boundaries has never been discussed in this room. Any more technical questions we'll cast over to our new Law Director, but she'll be limited. This started with Auditor Mike Smith for the County who gave me call. We do annex properties in and we do a lot of different things through the years that way. This to put it in a nutshell makes those boundaries conforming, to use the right words. It legally puts those boundaries down so the proper tax can be done in those districts and where those lines are drawn. I was told by Auditor Smith, this will not probably affect our income, we could get a little bump, but the biggest concern is for the townships surrounding and how it affects their income. So, what we're doing is being a good neighbor. There's been a little bit of work put into this, I would say from my office, Director Rhodes a little bit and certainly from the Law Director's office and on the county side, the Auditors brought a team of three over and their prosecutors office over there also saw it. The legislation was drafted to kind of do a catch up on the previous years and bring us into conformance that way. I might say it's kind of a housekeeping thing, but it's kind of critical, Granville Township was really requesting it. The reason for the emergency clause is it needs to be done by year end for proper taxing for next year and it can have some dramatic affects for them who deal with small budgets.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Lang

Mr. Blake – I don't remember how long ago it was, but at some point we had officials from Heath come in and talk to us about how some properties along our southern border with Heath were not necessarily lining up correctly, has any of that been considered.

Mayor Hall – That's a little different than this, but believe it or not on that issue as recently as last Friday, we had a little input from Tim Kelly who used to be with us, it's a big task, but they said with Mr. Morehead they will get that done in the next few months. We have properties that are split between here and Heath, we have all kinds of things going on and

we need to straighten it out so one entire property is in one city of the other. If you think about it, it gets a little confused with property maintenance if their house is in one city and their shed's in another city, so they are working on that, thanks for asking, we'll keep you updated. This is really from City to Townships where we've annexed property. So property comes in, the boundary hasn't changed on legal print, for what it's worth. If this were not to pass, there's a possibility that a Township would have to tax residents that they're not providing services to. These issues are a lot of work, not a lot of benefit other than to some of the residents.

Mr. Rath – Again, the reason for the emergency clause.

Mayor Hall – We have to get it done and passed so that some of these parties in the Townships can do proper budgeting for next year.

Mr. Rath – Could we waive the two day reading rule?

Mayor Hall – Whatever you want to do as long as it doesn't have to take 5 or 6 weeks.

Mr. Marmie – Waiving the two day reading rule will delay for 30 days, emergency clause makes it effective immediately.

Mr. Rath – This is for the health welfare and benefit of the citizens of Newark so to speak, delaying it 30 days would put it out past the 1st of the year would it? Do you think it needs to be an emergency?

Mr. Marmie – In my opinion it would because we are not properly taxing folks.

Tricia Moore, Law Director – There could be some citizens of Newark that are taxed improperly if we don't conform our boundaries.

Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider **Ordinance No. 21-37** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY SAFETY DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$285,349.00 INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS TO BE PLACED AS A LIEN UPON CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Tim Hickman, Safety Director – this is the annual lien document prepared by property Maintenance for outstanding unpaid property maintenance fines.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Harris, motion passed 5-0

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath - Chair