

## SERVICE COMMITTEE

February 17, 2026

The February 17, 2026 Service Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Dale Rowe, Chairperson. Service Committee members present were Kate Niederkohr, Dale Rowe, and Andy Voorheis.

Others present included: Eric Honaker, Water Distribution Supervisor; Keith Niederkohr, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor; Dave Schneider, Collections System Supervisor; Stephanie Hessey, Human Resource Coordinator; John Walker; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The summary of bills totaling \$94,861.57 was presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Voorheis, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the approval and payment of bills totaling \$94,861.57. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the February 2, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Service Committee member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Niederkohr indicated that the Service Committee would like to have the department Superintendents attend the first Service Committee meeting of each month and the Supervisors attend the second Service Committee meeting of each month. Mrs. Niederkohr also indicated that the Service Committee wants weekly updates on Fridays via email from the Superintendents and Supervisors as to the activities of each department for the week. Mrs. Niederkohr will inquire with Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, as to the Ohio Sunshine Laws regarding such communications.

Mr. Honaker reported that six (6) water leaks have been repaired in the last two (2) weeks. Mr. Honaker thanked Mr. Schneider, Mr. Eric Yeater, and the employees from the Water Treatment Plant for their work in repairing these waterlines.

Mr. Honaker also reported that Hydrocorp will be conducting backflow inspections of commercial properties in March 2026.

Mr. Niederkohr reported that a 2015 Ford F-550 used boom truck to lift pumps out of the ground was purchased recently at a cost of \$65,048.00.

Mr. Niederkohr also reported that work on the Tarhe Lift Station is ongoing. Mr. Schneider noted that a culvert has been constructed for the driveway to the lift station and the pit has been dug for the lift station.

Mr. Schneider reported that Helms & Sons Excavating has begun work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Interceptor Sewer Project. It was noted that Helms & Sons Excavating is expecting to complete 100' of work per day, but they are currently working on manholes that are approximately 40' deep.

Mr. Niederkohr requested approval to auction the Wastewater Treatment Department's 2004 Ford Expedition.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to approve the auction of the Wastewater Treatment Department's 2004 Ford Expedition. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Niederkohr thanked Mr. Niederkohr and Mr. Schneider for locating the time capsule in Bicentennial Park that will be opened on May 16, 2026 at the Shawshank building during an open house as part of the America 250 Celebration.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Voorheis, to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel hiring. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried. Upon completion of the executive session, the Service Committee reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Dale Rowe, Chairperson