

May 9, 2022

Safety, Health and Service Committee

Purpose of this committee meeting is to consider an appointment by Mayor Day to the City Health Board and Ordinances 9-2022 and 10-2022.

In the minutes of the April 25 council meeting the Law Director briefly pointed out the purpose of the two ordinances being considered.

The Safety, Health and Service Committee met this evening, here in council chambers, at 7:00 PM to discuss Ordinance 9-2022 regarding fire damaged structures and requiring the insurance companies covering the structure(s) to withhold ten percent of the insurance proceeds to be held in escrow. The purpose is to retain sufficient funds that in the event the homeowner walks away from the structure adequate funding would be available to cover the costs of building demolition and clearing of the property rather than the burden being placed on New Philadelphia Taxpayers. Committee voted to send this ordinance to full council for approval and have three readings.

Also discussed was Ordinance 10-2022 which covers consumer grade fireworks being discharged within the city limits of New Philadelphia. The State of Ohio Legislature recently passed legislation making it easier to purchase these *high-grade explosives* and thereby creating an unsafe environment for our community, both citizens and property. The option for municipalities to opt out of this state legislation was provided for by the state and Ordinance 10-2022 complies with this option making our community safer. The committee voted to send this ordinance to the full council, that the rules be suspended and passed on first reading.

Fire Chief Jim Parrish spoke in support of both ordinances and requested that Ordinance 10-2022 be passed as quickly as possible as the fourth of July was coming upon us soon and passage would provide for implementation planning.

Further considered by the committee was Mayor Day's appointment of Assistant Fire Chief Matt Tharpe to the City Health Board to serve out the remainder of an unexpired term of a previous Health Board member. Ohio Revised Code 3709.05 states that the Board of Health is comprised of five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the legislative authority.

This matter will be sent to the full council for a Floor Vote for confirmation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.