
Memorandum

To: Mayor & Members of Council
From: Jon Bisher/rd
Subject: General Information
Date: January 25, 2013

1. **CALENDAR**

2. **AGENDA – Volunteer Fire Fighters’ Dependents Fund Board;** Monday, Jan. 28th @6:20 pm

3. **AGENDA – Finance and Budget Committee;** Monday, Jan. 28th @ 6:30 pm

I. *Approval of Minutes* – the minutes from the November 26, 2012 meeting are attached.

II. *Review of Policy on taking Credit and Debit Cards for Payment of Services* – Ordinance No. 010-07 authorizing the Finance Director and other City Offices to accept Payments through use of a Financial Transaction Device is enclosed.

III. *Review of Note Issue on New Water Plant Design, Test Study and Old Water Plant Maintenance.*

4. **AGENDA – Safety & Human Resources Committee;** Monday, Jan. 28th @ 7:30 pm

I. *Approval of Minutes:* November 26, 2012 – the meeting minutes are attached

II. *Review of EMS Transport Service Rates* – attached is information from MED3000 on a 0.8% rate increase for EMS services.

5. **AGENDA – Parks and Rec Board;** Wednesday, Jan. 30th @ 6:30 pm

6. **AMP UPDATE/January 18, 2013**

January 2013							February 2013							March 2013						
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 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	6:20 PM Volunteer Fire Fighter Dependent's Board Mtg 6:30 PM Finance & Budget Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Safety & Human Resources Committee Meeting AV - Shery		6:30 PM Parks & Rec Board Mtg.	BISHER - Vacation	BISHER - Vacation	BISHER - Vacation
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BISHER - Vacation	7:00 PM City COUNCIL Meeting 8:00 PM Technology & Communication Committee AV - Dan					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
7:00 AM Napoleon Fireman's Association Pancake Breakfast	6:30 PM Electric Committee BOPA Meeting 7:00 PM Water/Sewer Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Municipal Properties/ED Committee Meeting AV - Rox	5:00 PM Planning Commission Mtg.				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	6:00 PM City TREE Commission Meeting 7:00 PM City COUNCIL Meeting 8:00 PM Parks & Rec Committee Meeting AV - Dan		AMP - Bisher	AMP - Bisher		
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
AMP - Bisher (Arizona)	6:30 PM Finance & Budget Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Safety & Human Resources Committee Meeting AV - Shery AMP - Bisher (Arizona)	AMP - Bisher (Arizona)	AMP - Bisher (Arizona)			

City of Napoleon, Ohio

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD

LOCATION: City Hall Offices, 255 West Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, January 28, 2013 at 6:20 PM

- I. Approval of Minutes: January 16, 2012 (In the absence of any objections or corrections, the minutes shall stand approved.)
- II. Appointment of the Fifth Member of the Board
- III. Members Oath of Office
- IV. Election of Officers
- V. Any Other Items to Come Before the Board

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

City of Napoleon, Ohio
**VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD
 MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 16, 2012 at 7:30 PM

Present	Board Members Recorder Others	Travis Sheaffer - Chair, Jim Hershberger, Tonya Walker Barbara Nelson Glenn Miller, Gregory Heath
Absent		Scott Palmer, Ellsworth Mitchell
Meeting Called To Order		Chairperson Sheaffer called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.
Approval Of Minutes		Minutes of the January 17, 2011 meeting stand approved with no objections or corrections.
Appointing Fifth Member		Motion: Hershberger Second: Walker To appoint Ellsworth Mitchell as the fifth member of the Board.
Passed Yea-3 Nay-0		Roll call vote on above motion: Yea – 3 Nay - 0
Members' Oath Of Office		Nelson (Recorder) swore in members of the Board.
2011 Officers To Serve In 2012		Motion: Hershberger Second: Walker To maintain the same officers in 2012 as in 2011: Travis Sheaffer - Chair, and Tonya Walker - Secretary
Passed Yea-3 Nay-0		Roll call vote on above motion: Yea – Sheaffer, Hershberger, Walker Nay
Motion To Adjourn		Motion: Walker Second: Hershberger To adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.
Passed Yea- Nay-		Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Hershberger, Walker Nay-
Date Approved		Travis Sheaffer, Chair

City of Napoleon, Ohio

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

LOCATION: City Offices, 255 W. Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 28, 2013 at 6:30 PM

- I. **Approval of Minutes** *(In the absence of any objections or corrections, the minutes shall stand approved.)*
- II. **Review of Policy on Taking Credit & Debit Cards for Payment of Services**
- III. **Review of Note Issue on New Water Plant Design, Test Study, and Old Water Plant Maintenance**
- IV. **Any Other Matters Currently Assigned To Committee**

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk

City of Napoleon, Ohio
FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 26, 2012 at 6:30 PM

PRESENT	
Committee	Christopher Ridley - Chair, John Helberg, Jason Maassel, Mayor Ron Behm
City Council	John Helberg - President, James Hershberger, Patrick McColley, Christopher Ridley, Jason Maassel
City Staff	Dr. Jon A. Bisher, City Manager Trevor Hayberger, Law Director Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council Sheryl Rathge, Executive Assistant Robert Weitzel, Police Chief
Recorder	Barbara Nelson
Others	News Media
ABSENT	
Finance & Budget	None
Call To Order	Chairperson Ridley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
Approval Of Minutes	Minutes from the October 22, October 29, November 2 & November 3 meetings were approved with no objections.
Motion To Untable	Motion: Mayor Behm Second: Helberg To remove <i>Amusement License Fees On Gaming</i> from the table
Passed	Roll call vote on above motion:
Yea-4	Yea- Helberg, Maassel, Behm, Ridley
Nay-0	Nay-
Discussion	<p>Hayberger said the Committee suggested that he review this issue. He did this, but Chief Weitzel is here tonight. Hayberger believes it is more important for the Committee to consider the Chief's input.</p> <p>Chief Weitzel said there is a quandary at the State level about whether sweepstakes machines should be considered gambling or not. We are waiting for regulations from the State on this type of operation. Many communities put legislation in place as reasonable controls to assure the operation is run cleanly. We already have regulations that deal with this in Chapter 711. Council can make this a separate issue since it is separate at the State level, or they can leave it in 711 that we've had for a very long time. It is in place for every other amusement device in the City. It deals with pool tables, pinball machines, games of skill, etc. In his opinion, those regulations are in place so the City can have certain reasonable controls over these establishment. The license could be revoked for violations or fineable as a minor misdemeanor.</p> <p>McColley asked what would cause fees or taxes to be higher than a normal amusement device. Hayberger said there is a difference between a gumball machine and a sweepstakes machine. McColley asked how many times the police have been to CutRate Tobacco or Rick's Sports Bar or McDonalds since January. Chief Weitzel said he couldn't say without researching. McColley asked if the police had been to Rick's more than CutRate Tobacco. Chief Weitzel said yes. McColley asked if they had been to McDonalds more than CutRate Tobacco. Chief Weitzel said he would</p>

have to research that. McColley said a comment was made before that the reason we charge more is because the machines will increase crime. He is trying to establish how much more the police go to CutRate Tobacco than to other places in the community.

Hayberger said you have to look statewide. These are new businesses. Chief Weitzel said this is untried territory. The State put a moratorium on these operations because of a hole in the legislation. We can remain in 711 requiring current licenses. The issue would be whether or not they have a license. That is one way to deal with a problematic situation. If people were playing for money at a pool table, we could revoke their permit and they would have to remove the devices used for gambling. Maassel asked how many businesses there are like this. Chief Weitzel said he has been told there are two. They were supposed to register with the State Attorney General's office last summer, but they had not registered the last time he checked. Chairman Ridey asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak.

Alyssa Harmon introduced herself as the Attorney for CutRate Tobacco and Mike's daughter. Sweepstakes machines are in the twilight zone and don't fall under any definition. There is a big push by the casino industry to ban sweepstakes machines. There are eight of these machines inside another business in town. Harmon explained that the machines work using phone cards. You can go to McDonalds and buy a Big Mac and get a sweepstakes ticket. There is a difference between having 5-8 machines and 70 terminals like in Toledo, etc. Is the City trying to regulate the machine, the activity, or the establishment? She asked that Council look at specific circumstances rather than painting with a broad brush. The police have not been to CutRate since it started operating machines in January. They have been to Rick's 21 times and at Walmart many more times.

Bisher said there was a story about this on the front page of the Toledo Blade this morning. The State legislature may consider this issue before the end of the year. We may not need to solve the problem because it may be solved by the State in the next 30 days. Ridley said that he spoke with state Representative Lynn Wachtmann, and that Representative Wachtmann is not sure whether it will get done in the lame duck session. Ridley stated that if we put regulations in place, the State will probably supercede what we do. Ridley's advice is to not take any action because it won't be valid when the State is done. Ridley believes that the State's intent is to ban the devices completely. This is in line with the Ohio Trial Lawyers Association recommendations and the recommendations of the Ohio Attorney General.

Chief Weitzel said we already have regulations in place. The machines will remain in 711 if no action is taken. If we have problems related to those licensed devices, we can take away the use. Calls to police at other places are not usually related to amusement devices. We used to have complaints related to the old Arcade City. There was trouble with pedestrian and car traffic related to the machines. The businesses had to take reasonable steps to take care of the problem. The sweepstakes businesses should already have an amusement license and stickers on their machines.

Mayor Behm said it doesn't make sense to license machines considering the amount of money we get back. Chief Weitzel said if we don't have some reasonable regulations in place, there is a problem. It is not an issue for the business to fill out a form and mail it in. Helberg said there is no assurance from the State that they will do anything soon. Harmon said the same money that is pushing this issue brought us gambling because a store with machines takes away money from casinos.

Maassel asked if there is a penalty for not registering with the State. Harmon said

there is no enforcement mechanism. Some businesses may not register because they don't think they fall under that definition. Hayberger said the Attorney General's office thinks the legislature missed this. Weitzel said Chapter 711 of the Codifieds would make this no different than playing a pinball machine. McColley said the State could regulate them. Weitzel said if so, we wouldn't have to worry about their 711 license anymore. We don't regulate gambling. The State does.

Heath said the amusement licenses fall under the Finance Department. These machines are not currently registered. We can follow through and send them forms. We redid the regulations after there was backroom gambling at the Legion. We aren't a field operation. We don't know if they're gambling or not. We will send the forms. Helberg said we can assume they fall under 711 until the State tells us it is gambling. Heath said they are mechanical devices. Hayberger said typical gambling machines were made a little different to try to change the definition of gambling. Helberg said we could consider them amusement devices until they are proved to be gambling. Hayberger said he disagrees with Representative Wachtmann. We can always be more restrictive than the State.

Ridley said there is a difference between a business that does this along with other avenues, and one that has this as their sole source of income. There is a definite negative effect on the local economy. There are legitimate reasons to regulate it. At this time, it is not necessary because it will be invalidated or clarified by the State. We may need to revisit this to enforce the policies on hand. Helberg said 711 is in force.

Ridley asked if *Amusement License Fees on Gaming* includes 711. Hayberger said there is no criminal charge for this. We would only discuss 711 if we wanted to repeal it. Ridley said this should be a separate agenda item for full Council. Mayor Behm said those regulations are for a certain purpose. We are regulating gumball machines and horse rides now. Hayberger said we will want to know what the numbers are and what the licenses bring in. Behm said it is ridiculous to have a license fee for a gumball machine. Heath said this also covers pool tables, pinball machines and claw machines. Behm said we license bicycles too. Ridley said we can't discuss that tonight because it was not an agenda item. Bisher said we may have a law in 30 days. Helberg said if they don't, we need to look at it again.

**Committee Motion To
Take No Action**

Motion: Helberg Second: Maassel
To take no action on *Amusement License Fees on Gaming*

Passed
Yea-4
Nay-0

Roll call vote on above motion:
Yea- Helberg, Maassel, Behm, Ridley
Nay-

Motion To Adjourn

Motion: Mayor Behm Second: Maassel
To adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM

Passed
Yea-4
Nay-0

Roll call vote on above motion:
Yea- Helberg, Maassel, Behm, Ridley
Nay-

Approved:

Date

Christopher R. Ridley, Chair

ORDINANCE NO. 010-07

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR
AND OTHER CITY OFFICES TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS
THROUGH USE OF A FINANCIAL TRANSACTION DEVICE**

WHEREAS, the City desires to exercise its home rule authority and permit the use of Financial Transaction Devices to those individuals and entities making payment of City taxes, fines, fees and other types of monetary obligations; and,

WHEREAS, such devices are permitted by Ohio Law for County Offices and State Offices subject to certain regulations; and,

WHEREAS, this Council desires to substantially follow the regulations established in State Law as it relates to County and State government; Now Therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPOLEON,
OHIO:**

Section 1. That, the City Finance Director is authorized to accept payments related to taxes, fines, fees and/or other types of monetary obligations from individuals and/or entities by use of a financial transaction device.

Section 2. That, for the purpose of this Ordinance, the words of this Section 2 shall have the following meaning:

"Financial transaction device" includes a credit card, debit card, charge card, or prepaid or stored value card or automated clearinghouse network credit, debit, or e-check entry that includes, but is not limited to, accounts receivable and internet-initiated, point of purchase, and telephone-initiated applications.

"City expenses" includes fees, costs, taxes, assessments, fines, penalties, payments, or any other expense a person or entity owes to a City office.

Section 3. That, the Finance Director may have paid all City expenses through the use of the financial transaction device.

Section 4. That, the Finance Director shall determine which financial transaction device will be utilized, which may include all devices defined as such in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 5. That, if a person elects to make a payment to the City by a financial transaction device and a surcharge or convenience fee is imposed, the payment of the surcharge or fee shall be considered voluntary and the surcharge or fee is not refundable.

Section 6. That, a surcharge or convenience fee that may be imposed upon a person making payment by a financial transaction device shall be as follows:
\$3.00 per each Payment Transaction less than or equal to \$10,000.00; and,
\$15.00 per each Payment Transaction greater than \$10,000.00.

Section 7. That, the surcharge or convenience fee as found in Section 6 of this Ordinance shall not be imposed unless authorized or otherwise permitted by the rules

prescribed by an agreement governing the use and acceptance of the financial transaction device.

Section 8. That, if a surcharge or convenience fee is imposed, every City office accepting payment by a financial transaction device, regardless of whether that office is subject to a resolution or ordinance adopted by City Council, shall clearly post a notice in that office and shall notify each person making a payment by such a device about the surcharge or fee. Notice to each person making a payment shall be provided regardless of the medium used to make the payment and in a manner appropriate to that medium. Each notice shall include all of the following:

- (1) A statement that there is a surcharge or convenience fee for using a financial transaction device;
- (2) The total amount of the charge or fee expressed in dollars and cents for each transaction, or the rate of the charge or fee expressed as a percentage of the total amount of the transaction, whichever is applicable;
- (3) A clear statement that the surcharge or convenience fee is nonrefundable.

Section 9. That, uniform application of surcharges or convenience fee among different types of City expenses is not required; however, any changes shall not take effect until approved by Council.

Section 10. That, if a person makes payment by financial transaction device and the payment is returned or dishonored for any reason, the person is liable to the City for payment of a penalty over and above the amount of the expense due. A penalty fee for returned or dishonored transactions shall be as follows:

\$4.00 as a Returned Transaction Fee for each Return Transaction.

The remedies and procedures provided in this section are in addition to any other available civil or criminal remedies provided by law.

Section 11. That, no person making any payment by financial transaction device to the City or its departments shall be relieved from liability for the underlying obligation except to the extent that the City realizes final payment of the underlying obligation in cash or its equivalent. If final payment is not made by the financial transaction device issuer or other guarantor of payment in the transaction, the underlying obligation shall survive and the City shall retain all remedies for enforcement that would have applied if the transaction had not occurred.

Section 12. That, to the extent permitted by law, a City elected or appointed official or employee who accepts a financial transaction device payment in accordance with this section and any applicable state or local policies or rules is immune from personal liability for the final collection of such payments.

Section 13. That, it is found and determined that all formal actions of this City Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in open meetings of this City Council, and that all deliberations of this City Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Codified Ordinances of Napoleon Ohio.

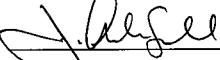
Section 14. That, if any other prior Ordinance or Resolution is found to be in conflict with this Ordinance, then the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail. Further, if any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or any part thereof.

Section 15. That, upon passage, this Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

Passed: 2-17-2007


Glenn A. Miller, Council President

Approved: 19 FEB 07

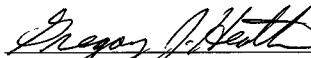

J. Andrew Small, Mayor

VOTE ON PASSAGE 7 Yea 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Attest:


Gregory J. Heath, Clerk/Finance Director

I, Gregory J. Heath, Clerk/Finance Director of the City of Napoleon, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 010-07 was duly published in the Northwest Signal, a newspaper of general circulation in said City, on the 28 day of February, 2007; & I further certify the compliance with rules established in Chapter 103 of the Codified Ordinances Of Napoleon Ohio and the laws of the State of Ohio pertaining to Public Meetings.


Gregory J. Heath, Clerk/Finance Director

City of Napoleon, Ohio

SAFETY & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

LOCATION: City Hall, 255 West Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 28, 2013 at 7:30 PM

- I. Approval of Minutes: November 26, 2012 *(In the absence of any objections or corrections, the minutes shall stand approved.)*
- II. Review of EMS Transport Service Rates
- III. Any Other Matters Currently Assigned To Committee

Gregory J. Heath, Clerk/Finance Director

City of Napoleon, Ohio
 Joint Special Meeting
 of
Safety & Human Resources Committee
 with
 Freedom, Napoleon, Harrison Townships &
 Henry County South Joint Ambulance District

Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 26, 2012 at 7:30 PM

PRESENT	
Committee	James Hershberger – Chair, Travis Sheaffer, John Helberg
City Staff	Robert Bennett, Fire Chief Dr. Jon A. Bisher, City Manager Trevor M. Hayberger, Law Director Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council Sheryl Rathge, Executive Assistant
Townships	Ed Hoeffel, Bob Bostelman, Eldon Meyer – Napoleon Township Trustees
Recorder	Barbara Nelson
ABSENT	
Members	None
Call To Order	Chairman Hershberger called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed Township Trustees.
Approval Of Minutes	Minutes of the July 23, 2012, meeting stand approved with no objections.
EMS Costs & Revenues	<p>Hershberger asked the Napoleon Township Trustees whether they had any concerns regarding EMS costs & revenues. Heath said he sent the 3rd quarter payments and the 2012 projected costs to Township Clerks along with the 2013 appropriations summary that was included in the Council packet. Bisher explained proposed expenditures for 2013. This is not an aggressive budget. Personnel costs are stable in 2013, but we will negotiate union contracts in 2013. We hope to have a new contract by this time next year.</p> <p>One Trustee asked the percentage increase from 2012 to 2013. Heath said there was a 2% increase in wages. The department’s total budget in 2012 was \$1,231,000 and it is \$1,270,000 for 2013. This is a \$40,000 increase which calculates to a 3.2% increase.</p> <p>A trustee asked what is being done with the old tanker truck. Bisher said it was rigged to salt roads this year. Helberg said the brown one with the tank was sold at auction and the other one is being used for salt. The trustee asked if the Fire Department gets credit back for that as revenue. Heath said we do that when equipment is sold, but not when it is kept within the City. From an accounting standpoint, the tanker truck is already depreciated out.</p> <p>Bisher said the next issue is bridge ambulances. We bought two at the same time, but one has more mileage than the other. This will be the next big capital outlay in 2015. Some things got pushed back due to needing airpaks. Hershberger asked if the 1989 ambulance will hold out until 2015. It is not uncommon to have three calls at one time. Bisher said we have close to 1,200 calls per year.</p>

Hershberger asked if Trustees had any more questions. No response. Bisher thanked Trustees for coming. Their next meeting with the Committee will be in March.

Hershberger noted that there were no other items assigned to the Committee.

Motion To Adjourn

Motion: Sheaffer Second: Helberg
To adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM

Passed
Yea- 3
Nay- 0

Roll call vote on motion:
Yea – Helberg, Hershberger, Sheaffer
Nay -

James Hershberger, Chair

DRAFT



January 11, 2013

Medicare recently released The Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for calendar year 2013 and has approved a 0.8% rate increase for EMS services. MED3000 recommends that your department review and adjust your charge rates annually, and adjust them when appropriate. Now is also a good time to make any other adjustments that may be applicable. For your convenience we have included your current charge rates, if you elect to adjust fees simply list the new amount and the effective date of the rate change.

2012 Rates:	2013 Rates:
ALS2 \$ 1123.94	ALS2 \$
ALS1 \$ 807.53	ALS1 \$
BLS \$ 525.21	BLS \$
Mileage \$ 13.43	Mileage \$

X _____
 Authorized Signature Printed Name

Agency Name: E47 - Napoleon

Effective date change of new rates: _____

If you have any concerns/questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best,

Jennifer Stafford | Client Relations Manager
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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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- **"Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Standards,"** Web Based Training, ICN C00140

MLN Matters® Number: MM8156

Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 8156

Related CR Release Date: December 21, 2012

Effective Date: January 1, 2013

Related CR Transmittal #: R2620CP

Implementation Date: January 7, 2013

Ambulance Inflation Factor for CY 2013 and Productivity Adjustment

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for providers and suppliers of ambulance services who bill Medicare Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for those services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Change Request (CR) 8156 to alert providers of the updates to the Ambulance Inflation Factor (AIF) for Calendar Year (CY) 2013 so that Medicare Carriers, FIs, and A/B MACs can accurately determine the payment amounts for ambulance services. The AIF **for CY 2013 is 0.8 percent**. Please ensure that your billing staffs are aware of this 2013 AIF.

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Background

Section 1834(l) (3) (B) of the Social Security Act (the Act) provides the basis for updating the payment limits that carriers, FIs, and A/B MACs use to pay for the claims that you submit for ambulance services. Specifically, this section of the Act provides for a yearly payment update that is equal to the percentage increase in the Urban Consumer Price Index (CPI-U), for the 12-month period ending with June of the prior year.

On March 23, 2010, Section 3401 of the Affordable Care Act amended Section 1834(l)(3) of the Act to require that specific Prospective Payment System and Fee Schedule update factors be adjusted by changes in economy-wide productivity. The statute defines the productivity adjustment to be equal to the 10-year moving average of changes in annual economy-wide private nonfarm business Multi-Factor Productivity (MFP) (as projected by the Secretary for the 10-year period ending with the applicable fiscal year, cost reporting period, or other annual period). The MFP for Calendar Year (CY) 2013 is 0.90 percent and the CPI-U for 2013 is 1.70 percent. According to the Affordable Care Act, the CPI-U is reduced by the MFP, even if this reduction results in a negative AIF update. Therefore, the AIF for CY 2013 is 0.80 percent.

Note: Part B coinsurance and deductible requirements apply to payments under the ambulance fee schedule.

Additional Information

You can find the official instruction, CR8156, issued to your carrier, FI, or A/B MAC by visiting <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2620CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI, or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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City of Napoleon, Ohio

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

LOCATION: City Hall Offices, 255 West Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Organization of Board Members
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Discussion and/or Action on Swimming Pool Weekend Rentals
5. Discussion on Budgetary Issues
6. Miscellaneous
7. Any other Items to Come Before the Board

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

City of Napoleon, Ohio
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 6:30 PM

PRESENT
Parks & Recreation
(P&R) Board
City Staff
Recorder
Others

Matt Hardy – Chair, Mike Saneholtz, David Prigge, Peg Funchion, Chad Richardson, Aaron Schnitkey
Tony Cotter, Parks & Recreation Director
Barbara Nelson
Patrick McColley

ABSENT
Members

Shawn Thompson

Call To Order

Chairman Hardy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Approval Of Minutes

Minutes of the November 28, 2012, meeting stand approved.

Recreation Program
Participant Fees

Cotter said the Board talked last month about policies and exceptions to put in place, with rates for needy families. Cotter talked to three cities similar to Napoleon regarding residency, discounts on multiple family members, and needy families. He distributed a chart showing results. None have a policy on resident vs. nonresident fees or multiple family members, but all three have policies for needy families. Bowling Green does this on a case by case basis, but others do it in conjunction with the free/reduced price lunch program. Bryan only does it for their swimming pool because 90% of their recreation programs are privately run.

Cotter distributed the policy/application form that Archbold uses. The school cooperates for verification. Those who qualify for free lunch pay 25% and reduced price pay 50% of the cost. Trevor Hayberger, City Law Director, thinks we could do this with some tweaking. Cotter is waiting to hear back whether the schools are willing to work with us on this. It is up to the individual to seek assistance if they want it. Our program is restricted to the school district like others.

McColley asked which of the three cities has a parks & recreation levy. Cotter said all of them do. Funchion said we can add that scholarships are dependent on availability of funds. Cotter said scholarships would be on a first come, first serve basis. Archbold has been doing this for a while and said it works very well. They have had no issues.

Cotter said the rates are between \$20-\$30 per participant. They put the pool in with other programs. Hayberger thinks it would be fine if it's what the Board wants. Saneholtz said he wants to see separate rates for resident/nonresident. Hardy said that is already in place. Funchion suggested adding "resident/nonresident fees apply." Cotter said he wants to go to Council at the first meeting in January with the shelter house rentals and add this document to it. The legislation will take three readings.

Prigge asked about including all recreation programs. Last meeting we talked about the Aquatic Club, Youth Football, etc. Cotter said that is totally separate. We can put fees in place first, then decide about approaching other groups with fees for usage of facilities with flat rates. These are non-City run programs using City

facilities. This means they are not run through Cotter's office. We don't collect fees or administer coaches, etc. Prigge suggested looking at the number of people and charge the organization proportionately. Cotter said this has to be discussed.

Motion To

Motion: Prigge Second: Schnitkey
To proceed with the fee assistance program, to be set up like Archbold's

Passed
Yea-6
Nay-0

Roll call vote on above motion:
Yea – Saneholtz, Prigge, Funchion, Schnitkey, Richardson, Hardy
Nay-

Cotter will take this to City Council on January 7, 2013. Funchion asked if resident/nonresident fees were voted on. Cotter confirmed. McColley asked if the Board finalized how to define "resident." Cotter said this is defined by default. "Residency" means they live within the corporation limits and/or pay City income tax. We are looking at the ability to do this part online. We can put some type of affidavit similar to Archbold when they submit the online application saying they are truthfully a resident and give us authorization to verify. We can put the resident/non-resident rate at the bottom with the definition.

Schnitkey asked about a multi-family discount. Prigge said the high school has this with a maximum cap. Funchion said we can amend that next year if there is a problem. We want to make money. Cotter said making money is key as well as addressing needy families.

**Letter Of Support For
Napoleon Civic Cener**

Funchion said Ken Neuenschwander called and asked for the Board's support for the Napoleon Civic Center to be located at the John L. Johnson Auditorium. They are applying for grants and forwarded sample letters from City organizations. There is no money commitment. Funchion took a letter and added that the City of Napoleon would use the gymnasium there. Cotter said this would be a benefit to us. Prigge agreed we should support this, but not financially.

Motion To

Motion: Saneholtz Second: Richardson
To support the Napoleon Civic Center in their endeavor

Passed
Yea-6
Nay-0

Roll call vote on above motion:
Yea – Saneholtz, Prigge, Funchion, Schnitkey, Richardson, Hardy
Nay-

P&R Service Award

Cotter said the Parks & Service Award goes to an individual or group. It is presented at a basketball game in January or February. He distributed a list of people who received the award in the past. He recommended that the Southside Beautification Committee receive the award for creating the Veterans at the River Park, along with Noah Buckenberg who built the gazebo there. Prigge said Buckenberg did a great job especially at such a young age. Cotter said about ten people came to him with Eagle Scout projects in the past 20 years and many fizzled out. This was the biggest, most difficult project ever. Buckenberg did a fantastic job. Our challenge will be to get grass to grow at the park.

**Motion To Give The
P&R Service Award To
SS Beautification Comm.
& Noah Buckenberg**

Motion: Saneholtz Second: Funchion
To give the Parks & Recreation Service Award to the Southside Beautification Committee and Noah Buckenberg

Passed
Yea-6
Nay-0

Roll call vote on above motion:
Yea – Saneholtz, Prigge, Funchion, Schnitkey, Richardson, Hardy
Nay-

Cotter will check with Brad to see what day works best for the presentation.
Funchion suggested trying for a Friday or Saturday game to get more people there.

Miscellaneous

Schnitkey – no items

Richardson – no items

Prigge – no items

Hardy – no items

Funchion – no items

Saneholtz – no items

McColley – no items

Cotter reported that Kiddy Cats and Wild Kittens are underway. We will have to get into tough discussions on the budget. The performance audit should come out in January. They will have recommendations about Parks & Recreation, the pool and the golf course.

Any Other Items

Funchion requested that a list of organizations using our facilities with breakdowns be prepared for the next meeting so we can start initiating fees in the spring plus weekend tournaments. Cotter said the Aquatic Club is aware of the plan to charge for weekend tournaments.

Funchion said people who get subsidies should get a letter. Hardy said he doesn't want to go down that road. Funchion said if we are asking kids in our programs to pay, why not ask others who use our facilities to pay? It's not a right. It's a privilege. Hardy said many groups help take care of the facilities and don't ask anything in return for it. McColley said there would not have to be a large fee for those groups, but the pool is different. Funchion said the Board needs to know how much goes into each program, especially the pool.

Motion To Adjourn

Motion: Prigge Second: Saneholtz
To adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM

Passed
Yea - 6
Nay - 0

Roll call vote on above motion.
Yea – Saneholtz, Prigge, Funchion, Schnitkey, Richardson, Hardy
Nay -

Date Approved

Matt Hardy, Chair



Update

A weekly newsletter presented by AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken

January 18, 2013

Looking ahead to a bright future in 2013

By Marc Gerken – president/CEO

In last week's *Update*, I reviewed our 2012 accomplishments and milestones. This week I am going to highlight areas that we are focusing on in 2013 as we continue advancing toward accomplishing our strategic objectives.

Power supply: One of the biggest issues we are dealing with this year is the peaking needs of AMP and its members. Based on our updated 2012 long-term power supply modeling, we have a fairly large need for peaking generation throughout the organization. As part of our efforts to address that, we are in the final stages of completing a peaking study involving site evaluations for the possibility of putting some of this new peaking generation behind our members' meters.

We also continue to closely monitor RICE NESHAP (National Emissions Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants [NESHAP] for reciprocating internal combustion engines [RICE]) because of its impact on our diesel generation, which is used for peak shaving and/or demand response. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed amendments to the emission standards in May 2012 (the initial rule was finalized in August 2010) and we are reviewing and analyzing the final RICE NESHAP rule, which just came out this week (see separate story). We are working to determine what additional maintenance and permitting requirements AMP and its members are going to have. We could be at the point where our diesel units will not be economically feasible, which will affect our peaking generation.

That is why we believe the Eastlake gas-generation project with FirstEnergy Corp. (FE) is a very attractive solution, and having that project fully subscribed by June is important to us. As you may recall, we executed a non-binding memorandum of understanding with FE last November to construct, own and operate a proposed 873-megawatt natural gas generating facility on the premises of FE's plant in Eastlake, Ohio. FE will build and operate the plant on behalf of itself, as a 25 percent owner, and AMP, as a 75 percent owner. The plant, projected to be completed in 2016, would help meet AMP's needs for significant peaking generation and help fill long-term intermediate needs as well. Eastlake is an extremely economical project – similar to Fremont – although it is combustion turbine and not combined cycle. However, part of the plant could be retrofitted to become combined cycle, which offers us a great deal of flexibility.

Additional power supply opportunities: The energy markets are low right now and natural gas is driving a lot of power-supply decisions. As a result, there are opportunities that we plan to assess to determine enhancements to our portfolio to help gain efficiencies, reduce costs and volatility risk for our members. This is something we are always considering.

Efficiency Smart: As I noted in last week's *Update*, Efficiency Smart completed a successful second year with its 49 participants realizing a total accumulated savings of approximately 60,000 megawatt-hours (MWh),

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AMP webinar to review RICE NESHAP amendments

By Julia Blankenship – manager of energy policy & sustainability

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) released the final amendments to the Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE) National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) rule on Jan. 15. The final rule makes some important changes to the rule that was re-proposed last summer, which are summarized briefly below.

- USEPA is limiting the provision for up to 50 hours of peak shaving (as part of the 100 hours allowed for Emergency Demand Response - EDR) to May 3, 2014 (shortened from April 16, 2017).
- USEPA is allowing up to 50 hours (out of the 100 allowable hours for EDR) for actions to maintain "local system reliability;" this can be used to head off potential voltage collapse or line overloads that could result in local or regional power disruption.
- USEPA is requiring annual reports for all units rated above 100 brake horsepower or those units contractually obligated to be available for more than 15 hours per year for emergency demand response, voltage/frequency deviation, or local system reliability, with the first report due March 2016.

EDR remains at 100 hours – with a minimum of 60 hours required to be in PJM DR for capacity savings.

AMP will hold a webinar at 10 a.m. Jan. 25 to review in detail the changes to the rule and what it means for members. Notification has been emailed to all member communities regarding webinar access; if you have not received that information but would like to participate, please contact me at jblankenship@amppartners.org by COB Jan. 23. In addition to the webinar, meetings for JV participants will be held at a later date to discuss the impact of rule amendments on those units.

While termed a final rule, the released pre-publication form is subject to technical corrections and it won't be final until published in the Federal Register, which we anticipate will be within a month. The compliance date is still May 3, 2013 for combustion-ignited engines (Oct. 3, 2013 for spark-ignited engines).

80 percent of AMP's three-year target. The promising news for 2013 is that the project pipeline reflects a potential 47,000 MWh of savings, encompassing about 380 individual projects.

2013 is the last year of our three-year contract with Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC), which partnered with us to manage the program. As a result, we're discussing with VEIC what changes we might want to implement, based on our experience so far, for the second phase of the program, which starts in 2014. We are also working on expanding the number of participating members in the program, as well as making sure that we retain our current participants. We've had great success with this project and I think it has been well received. It is something I truly believe that member communities should be doing now because it is the cheapest and lowest-risk resource they can invest in.

Richard H. Gorsuch Generating Station decommissioning:

The ash landfill closure has been completed – apart from minor restoration work needed because of erosion – and the plant demolition will be completed later in 2013. Right now, we are starting to assess how we can utilize Gorsuch as a brownfield site for material handling, a peaking project or other uses. We have a number of different options, and evaluating these and making a decision is important to us, so that we are able to hit the ground running in 2014 with a clean site.

Prairie State Energy Campus (PSEC): Having taken control of both 812-MW PSEC units last year, we are working with Prairie State Generating Co. and the other owners on strategies for optimizing that plant. We're examining operational and budgetary issues as we make every effort to achieve our goal of lowering our costs as much as possible at the plant now and in the future.

Hydro projects: Hydro construction oversight is important to us because these projects have a level of construction risk that we don't have on some of our other projects. Obviously, the more we can reduce our construction risk on our four hydro projects the better, and we are focused on that effort. We're working closely with contractors, engineers, construction teams and Voith to be proactive in dealing with challenges to our schedules and to determine where we can make gains.

Although our four hydro projects aren't coming online until 2014 and 2015, the commissioning process begins approximately 12 to 13 months out from the scheduled start of commercial operation. As part of this, our Generation Operations and Human Resources groups will be working to hire permanent staff about six to eight months before the plants are scheduled to begin operating. The goal is to have qualified, trained operators in place who understand the equipment and are capable of working with the contractors and manufacturers to get the units online as efficiently and safely as possible.

Solar projects: Following our successful solar pilot – the 3.54-MW AC Napoleon Solar Facility we completed last summer – we are looking at additional solar development. We have received interest from members who want behind-the-meter generation, so we are working to determine how we can best provide that opportunity. Additionally, during January 2012, Bryan, Ohio, completed a 2 MW project behind its meter.

On Peak (16 hour) prices into AEP/Dayton Hub

Week ending Jan. 18

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$32.50	\$35.00	\$34.75	\$32.50	\$33.50

Week ending Jan. 11

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$33.25	\$30.75	\$31.25	\$29.00	\$27.50

AEP/Dayton 2014 5x16 price as of Jan. 18 — \$41.20

AEP/Dayton 2014 5x16 price as of Jan. 11 — \$40.07

Finance: We will continue to follow the finances of our member communities, review audits and work our members to address any financial issues. This is particularly important now, given the continued uncertainty over the impact of the deliberations in Washington and cuts in state programs. We will remain alert to stay on top of any financial issues that may affect our members and provide assistance as needed. Our successful member credit scoring program will continue to play a key role.

IT upgrades: In 2013, we plan to make a number of major improvements on the information technology (IT) side of our operations. We will finish replacing the SCADA system with a more robust product that will ensure security, long-term support and productivity for AMP and its members. We are also completing an upgrade to our Oracle financial systems software that will provide, among other benefits, increased stability and security. In addition, Oracle will be transitioned to cloud computing, which will allow us to solidify long-term support and better plan and control costs.

Later this year, we will also begin a business process review within AMP to determine where we can use Oracle Enterprise to streamline processes and enhance efficiencies. We will also continue to introduce technologies supporting disaster recovery/business continuity, as well as invest in protecting assets from cyber security threats.

This may well set the trend for us going forward. I see discussions starting about AMP playing a larger role in meeting members' growing IT needs to support automated meter reading, smart grid and disaster recovery/business continuity. The goal of our role in that would be to help protect members' assets from cyber security issues, streamline their operations, reduce costs and keep their rates as competitive as possible.

Additional areas: There are certainly a number of other areas we will continue to devote attention and resources to in 2013 for the benefit of AMP and its members. For instance, we will continue to assess the many services we provide our members with the intent of adding value and benefits where we can to improve efficiencies, effectiveness and savings. We will also continue our efforts to attract, hire and retain the talented professionals we need to enable us to achieve our vision of being public power's leader in wholesale energy supply. We will also continue to work on strengthening our communications with the utility staff and governing officials of our member communities. Keeping our members informed of important trends and developments that might affect their operations and their communities is important both for their benefit and for the success and growth of our organization.

AFEC weekly update

By Craig Kleinhenz – manager of power supply planning

Warmer weather over last weekend caused AFEC to be dispatched offline Saturday morning and stay off until Monday morning. The balance of the week saw load factors in the mid to upper 60 percent range. This led to AFEC having a weekly load factor of 50 percent for the week.

On-peak prices were not as strong as in weeks past due to higher day time temperatures. This caused duct burners to only be used around six hours for the week (evening peaks during Monday and Tuesday night). For the week AFEC operating costs were \$5.58/MWh less than Day Ahead 5x16 prices. Warmer temperatures are expected this weekend followed by the coldest temperatures of the winter to date next week.

Wave of cold weather sends natural gas prices higher

By Craig Kleinhenz

Cooler weather last week caused a larger than expected withdrawal of natural gas from storage this week. This, combined with a strong cold spell expected to occur next week, sent prices higher.

Warmer temperatures are expected to return next Thursday after expected temperatures near single digits Monday through Wednesday.

February natural gas prices closed up \$0.31/MMBtu from last week to end at \$3.50/MMBtu. 2014 on-peak electric prices at AD Hub finished up \$1.13/MWh from last week, closing at \$41.20/MWh.

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The 2013 winter edition of *Public Power Connections* was emailed to AMP member principal contacts earlier this week. The publication, an educational newsletter for customers, is also available on the Member Extranet. If you would like to be added to the email list for future issues, please contact Krista Selvage at kbselvage@amppartners.org or 614.540.6407. Feedback and suggestions are welcomed.

Calendar

Jan. 24—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting

Embassy Suites Philadelphia-Airport, Pennsylvania

Feb. 14—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting

Dow Leadership and Conference Center, Hillsdale, Michigan

Feb. 28—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting

Zelienople Borough Council Chambers, Pennsylvania

March 11-13—APPA Legislative Rally

Grand Hyatt, Washington, D.C.

March 14—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting

TBA

March 23—APPA Lineworkers Rodeo

Kissimmee, Florida

March 24-27—57th Annual Engineering and Operations Technical Conference

Kissimmee, Florida

April 23-24—7th Annual AMP Technical Services Conference

Columbus

April 25—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting

Oberlin Fire Department, Oberlin

May 14—OMEA Legislative Day and Mayors' Reception

Vern Riffe Center, Columbus

May 23—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting

Napoleon Shelter House, Napoleon

June 3-7—AMP Basic 1 Lineworker training

AMP Headquarters, Columbus

June 6—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting

Salem Civic Center, Virginia

June 14-19—APPA National Conference and Public Power Expo

Nashville, Tennessee

June 17-21—AMP Intermediate Lineworker training

AMP Headquarters, Columbus

July 25—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting

AMP Headquarters, Columbus



Update Classifieds

City of Columbus seeks power division administrator

The City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities is seeking qualified candidates for an administrator for the division of power. Under administrative direction, this position is responsible for planning, coordinating, and directing the operations of the Division of Power.

Applicants must possess a Bachelor's degree and five years of management experience to include policy formulation and implementation, management of a budget in excess of one million dollars, and direction of a large staff (20 employees or more) through subordinate supervisors.

Substitutions: A master's degree in business administration, public administration, or closely related field may be substituted for one year of the required experience. Salary \$89,627 to \$149,344.

Send resumes by Feb. 7 to: Krista McGee, Department of Public Utilities, 910 Dublin Road – Room 4150, Columbus, OH 43215, or fax them to 614.645.0500, or email to DPURecruitment@Columbus.gov. Telephone: 614.645.5883. EOE

Bowling Green in need of public works equipment operator

Public works equipment operator maintains roads and parks; participates in trash and recycling collection; prepares/paves/maintains streets; plows/shovels snow; mows/trims grass; trims trees; maintains cemetery/digs graves; performs building maintenance such as light plumbing and electric; operates heavy equipment such as front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes; runs street sweepers; tears out and rebuilds basins; and performs other related duties as assigned.

Heavy physical demands; lifting up to 50 pounds. Work is usually performed outdoors. High school diploma or equivalent; six months related experience; Commercial Driver License (Class B) required. A copy of the job description will be provided to applicants. Interested persons must complete the application that is available online at <http://www.bgohio.org/departments/personnel-department/employment-opportunities> or available in the Personnel Department. Resumes may be included, but will not substitute for a completed application. Pay Grade 5 BGEO Contract: \$18.39 to \$23.49 Per Hour

Applications must be completed and returned to the Personnel Department, City of Bowling Green, 304 N. Church St., Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. Telephone: 419.354.6200; email: BGPersonnel@bgohio.org. Office hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The deadline for making application is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25. AA/EEO

Water treatment plant operator applications now accepted

City of Bowling Green: water treatment plant operator: OEPA Class III Water Treatment Certification Required. This position is responsible for the safe, efficient, and compliant operation and maintenance of the City's Water Treatment Plant.

Performs laboratory analyses to determine water quality; oversees plant operations; collects and tests water samples; inspects the water plant and its equipment, and makes necessary adjustments; ensures proper levels of clear-well and water towers; records chemical feed amounts, meter readings, plant flow; maintains records; cleans and paints the plant; trains new employees; performs preventive maintenance of equipment and facility – both electrical and mechanical; handles hazardous and toxic chemicals; operates lime application equipment; conducts tours of the water plant; and performs other related duties as assigned.

High school diploma or equivalent; Ohio Class III Water Treatment Certification required; Chemical Analysis Certification required; three to five years of relevant experience required. Pay Grade: \$19.31 to \$24.66 per hour

A copy of the job description will be provided to applicants. Interested persons must complete an application that is available in the Personnel Department, 304 N. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402. The City's employment application is located online at <http://www.bgohio.org/departments/personnel-department/employment-opportunities>.

Resumes may be included, but will not substitute for a completed application. Telephone: 419.354.6200 Email: BGPersonnel@bgohio.org Fax: 419.352.1262 Office hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. City offices closed Jan. 21. Deadline for making application: 4:30 p.m. Jan. 25. AA/EEO



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January 25, 2013

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

The most significant legislative action that took place this past week, at the Statehouse, was the releasing of the House and Senate legislative committees lists. The list is [HERE](#). League staff continues to meet with new members of the Ohio General Assembly to introduce them to the OML, if they are not already familiar with our organization. Although new bills have not been introduced yet, a number of committee Chairmen have announced that they will be holding informal committee meetings next week to have members meet one another and discuss "housekeeping" issues on topics such as how the Chairman will run his or her committee and what is expected from committee members.

WEBSITE EASES SEARCH FOR NEW OR RETURNING LEGISLATORS

Because of the redrawing of legislative districts that recently took place and as a result of the new General Assembly bringing new faces to the Statehouse, some of our members have contacted our office asking who exactly is their Senator or House member? We would like to direct our members to a website available, www.legislature.state.oh.us where you can find your member of the legislature by using the zip code search.

LEAGUE SEEKS INFORMATION REGARDING INTERNET CAFES

State legislators are considering, once again, legislation that will further regulate the operations of internet café businesses. We are working with others to learn more about these businesses in your communities and to help educate policy makers on this topic. We would appreciate if our members would participate in a brief, five question survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/OML to continue this flow of information on this important matter. The responses will be tabulated and shared with legislators as they study the future role of the state and local governments in this area.

LIMA TO HOST GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE

Governor Kasich announced earlier this week that he has selected Lima as the location for his State of the State address which will be held February 19th at 6:30pm. Governor Kasich will be accompanied to Lima by members of the Ohio General Assembly and the full entourage of media representatives. We want to congratulate Mayor Berger and his team for being selected to showcase Ohio's leaders as they chart the course for Ohio's future.

JOIN US FEBRUARY 6TH FOR LUNCH WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

We are a little more than two weeks away from the OML Legislative Luncheon, February 6th from 12-1:30p at the Statehouse Atrium and we want to remind you, if you have not already done so, to please return your RSVP (additional form [HERE](#)) to our office so we can save your spot. We have had a very strong response from members of the General Assembly who will be joining us and hope to see municipal officials from their districts to join them in a bite to eat and a legislative preview from Statehouse leaders. We hope you all will consider joining us on February 6th.

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