Memorandum

To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Jon Bisher

Subject: General Information

Date: January 17, 2014

CALENDAR

CITY COUNCIL MEETING; Monday, January 20th @ 7:00 pm

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 6, 2014

H. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 005-14** a Resolution Accepting the Annexation to the City of Napoleon Certain Territory that the Napoleon Area School District filed with the Henry County Board of Commissioners; and Declaring an Emergency.

K. GOOD OF THE CITY

- 1. Recommendation to Approve January Billing Determinants
- 2. Confirmation of Appointment to the Board of Public Affairs
- 3. Sole Sourcing VanHyning Interceptor, E. Riverview Interceptor and Front Street Interceptor Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Reduction Studies (L.T.C.P. Project No. 22, 23 & 25)
 - a. The attached Memorandum from Chad explains the consideration request for sole sourcing these projects.
- 4. Sewer Lateral Cost Responsibility and Sewer Assessments
 - a. I will not have the sewer spreads ready for this meeting. We are waiting on Finance to get the final numbers for 2013.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Memo from Greg appointing an Acting Finance Director

RELATED ITEMS

- 1. CITY TREE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA; Monday, January 20th @ 6:00 pm
- 2. PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE; Meeting Canceled
- 3. 2014 COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL
- 4. **AMP UPDATE; January 10, 2014**

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City of Napoleon, Ohio

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

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, January 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm

- A. Attendance (Noted by the Clerk)
- **B.** Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Swearing In: Patrolman Patrick Lannan
- D. Approval of Minutes: January 6 (In the absence of any objections or corrections, the minutes shall stand approved.)
- E. Citizen Communication
- F. Reports from Council Committees
 - 1. Technology & Communication Committee did not meet on Monday, January 6 due to lack of agenda items.
 - Electric Committee (*Majority Report*) met on Monday, January 13 and recommended:
 a. Approval of January billing determinants
 - 3. Water, Sewer, Refuse, Recycling & Litter Committee and Municipal Properties, Buildings, Land Use & Economic Development Committee did not meet on January 13 due to lack of agenda items.
- G. Reports from Other Committees, Commissions and Boards (Informational Only-Not Read)
 - 1. Civil Service Commission did not meet on December 24 due to lack of agenda items.
 - 2. Volunteer Fire Fighter Dependents' Fund Review Board met on Monday, January 13 with the following agenda items:
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Appointment of the Fifth Member of the Board
 - **c.** Members Oath of Office
 - d. Election of Officers
 - 3. Board of Public Affairs met on Monday, January 13 with the following agenda items:
 - a. Review of Electric Billing Determinants
 - **b.** Electric Department Report
 - 4. Board of Zoning Appeals did not meet on Tuesday, January 14 due to lack of agenda items.
 - 5. Planning Commission did not meet on Tuesday, January 14 due to lack of agenda items.
 - 6. Tree Commission met tonight with the following agenda items:
 - **a.** Election of Officers
 - **b.** Approval of Minutes
 - c. Tree Call Report
 - d. Spring Programs
 - e. Scott Street and W. Riverview Avenue Plantings
 - 7. Parks Committee did not meet on Monday, January 20 due to lack of agenda items.

H. Introduction of New Ordinances and Resolutions

- 1. **Resolution No. 005-14,** A Resolution accepting the Annexation to the City of Napoleon certain territory that the Napoleon Area School District filed with the Henry County Board of Commissioners; and declaring an Emergency
- I. Second Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions

There are no second readings of Ordinances and Resolutions.

J. Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions

There are no third readings of Ordinances and Resolutions.

- K. Good of the City Any other business as may properly come before Council, including but not limited to:
 - Discussion/Action: Recommendation to approve January billing determinants as follows: Generation Charge: Residential @ \$.07980; Commercial @ \$.07980; Large Power @ \$.04900; Industrial @ \$.04900; Demand Charge Large Power @ \$12.55; Industrial @ \$17.32; JV Purchased Cost: JV2 @ \$.03289; JV5 @ \$.03289

(Billing determinants for December 2013: Generation Charge: Residential @ \$.07728; Commercial @ \$.09449; Large Power @ \$.05139; Industrial @ \$.05139; Demand Charge Large Power @ \$12.54; Industrial @ \$14.67; JV Purchased Cost: JV2 @ \$.03177; JV5 @ \$.03177)

- 2. Discussion/Action: Confirmation of appointment to Board of Public Affairs
- **3.** Discussion/Action: Sole sourcing I /I Study
- 4. Discussion/Action: Sewer Lateral Cost Responsibility and Sewer Assessments
- L. Executive Session (As needed)
- **M.** Approve Payment of Bills and Approve Financial Reports (In the absence of any objections or corrections, the payment of bills and financial reports shall stand approved.)
- N. Adjournment

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

A. Items Referred or Pending in Committees of Council

- Technology & Communication Committee (1st Monday) (Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 3 @ 6:15 pm)
 a. Discussion Regarding Using Social Media to Improve Communication with Residents
 b. Discussion Regarding Online Applications for Various Services
- 2. Electric Committee (2nd Monday) (Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 10 @ 6:30 pm)
 a. Review of Electric Billing Determinants
 b. Electric Department Report
- **3.** Water, Sewer, Refuse, Recycling & Litter Committee (2nd Monday) (Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 10 @ 7:00 pm)
- 4. Municipal Properties, Buildings, Land Use & Economic Development Committee (2nd Monday) (*Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 10 @ 7:30 pm*)
 a. Updated Info from Staff on Economic Development (as needed)
- **5.** Parks & Recreation Committee (3rd Monday) (Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 17 @ 6:15 pm)
- 6. Finance & Budget Committee (4th Monday) (Next Regular Meeting: Monday, January 27 @ 6:30 pm)
- 7. Safety & Human Resources Committee (4th Monday) (*Next Meeting: Monday, January 27 @ 7:30 pm*)
 a. Scheduling of Meetings with Townships
 b. Review of EMS Costs and Revenues
- 8. Personnel Committee (As needed)

B. Items Referred or Pending In Other City Committees, Commissions & Boards

- Board of Public Affairs (2nd Monday) (Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 10 @ 6:30 pm)

 Review of Electric Billing Determinants
 Electric Department Report
- 2. Board of Zoning Appeals (2nd Tuesday) (Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 11 @ 4:30 pm)
- **3.** Planning Commission (2nd Tuesday) (Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 11 @ 5:00 pm)
- 4. Tree Commission (3rd Monday) (Next Regular Meeting: Monday, February 17 @ 6:00 pm)
- 5. Civil Service Commission (4th Tuesday) (Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 25 @ 4:30 pm)
- 6. Parks & Recreation Board (Last Wednesday) (Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 26 @ 6:30 pm)
- 7. Privacy Committee (2nd Tuesday in May & November) (Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 13 @ 10:30 am)
- 8. Records Commission (2nd Tuesday in June & December) (Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 10 @ 4:00 pm)
- **9.** Housing Council (1st Monday of the month after the TIRC meeting) (*Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 5, 2014 @ 6:30 pm*)
- 10. Health Care Cost Committee (As needed)
- 11. Preservation Commission (As needed)
- 12. Infrastructure/Economic Development Fund Review Committee (As needed)
- 13. Tax Incentive Review Council (As needed)
- 14. Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund Board (As needed)
- 15. Lodge Tax Advisory & Control Board (As needed)
- 16. Board of Building Appeals (As needed)
- **17. ADA Compliance Board** (As needed)
- 18. NCTV Advisory Board (As needed)

City of Napoleon, Ohio **CITY COUNCIL** Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes Due To Inclement Weather Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT Council Mayor City Manager Law Director Finance Director/Clerk Recorder City Staff Others ABSENT Council City Staff	John Helberg - President, Jeffrey Marihugh, Jason Maassel, Patrick McColley, Christopher Ridley, Travis Sheaffer, Heather Wilson Ronald A. Behm Dr. Jon A. Bisher Trevor M. Hayberger Gregory J. Heath Tammy Fein Dan Wachtman, MIS Administrator Robert Weitzel, Police Chief News Media, Rob McColley, Carey and Beth Lange
Prayer	Clerk of Council Heath called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Swearing In Of Council Members	Mayor Behm swore in Councilmembers Travis B. Sheaffer, Jason P. Maassel, Jeffrey C. Marihugh, and Heather R. Wilson.
Election of Council President	Heath asked each member by order of seniority to nominate a member for Council President: Sheaffer nominated John Helberg for Council President
Motion To Elect Council President	Motion: McColley Second: Maassel To elect John Helberg Council President
Passed Yea- 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Helberg, McColley, Ridley, Maassel, Marihugh, Wilson Nay- Helberg passed McColley passed Ridley passed Maassel passed Marihugh passed Wilson passed
Election of Council President Pro-Tem	Heath asked each member by order of seniority to nominate a member for Council President Pro-Tem: Sheaffer nominated Patrick McColley for Council President Pro-Tem
Motion To Elect Council President Pro- Tem	Motion: Maassel Second: Helberg To elect Patrick McColley for Council President Pro-Tem
Passed	Roll call vote on above motion:
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Yea– 7 Nay- 0	Yea- Sheaffer, Helberg, McColley, Ridley, Maassel, Marihugh, Wilson Nay-
	Helberg passed McColley passed Ridley passed Maassel passed Marihugh passed Wilson passed
Clerk Of Council Heath Turned Over Meeting To President	Clerk of Council Heath turned gavel and meeting over to newly elected President of Council John Helberg.
Seating Order Of Council	A proposed seating order was submitted, listed from President to President Pro-Tem to seniority order; President Helberg asked for any requests for changes to the seating order as presented.
Motion To Approve Seating Order	Motion: McColley Second: Ridley To approve the seating order of Council as presented
Passed Yea– 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Helberg, McColley, Ridley, Maassel, Marihugh, Wilson Nay-
Appointment of Standing Committees	The proposed appointment of Standing Committees of Council was provided by Council President Helberg, see attached. Helberg explained the memo and how the ratings were calculated to obtain the current lists. Wilson and Marihugh agreed to change the order to Wilson becoming the third seat on the Parks and Recreation Committee, Marihugh would become the Chair of the Technology Committee, and Wilson would become the Chair of the Safety & HR Committee; Marihugh also offered to be on the Tree Commission. Helberg offered the option to Council to vote by order of seniority on Standing Committees instead; Council approved of the Committees as they are listed with the changes.
Motion To Approve Standing Committees As Presented With Changes	Motion: McColley Second: Sheaffer To approve the Standing Committees of Council as presented with the above listed changes
Passed Yea– 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Helberg, McColley, Ridley, Maassel, Marihugh, Wilson Nay-
Recommend Personnel Committee – Helberg, McColley and Behm	Heath stated the current Personnel Committee is Helberg, Lankenau and Behm; Council President nominated Helberg, McColley and Behm to serve on the Personnel Committee; past practice has been to have the President, President Pro- Tem and Mayor on the Committee.
Motion To Approve Personnel Committee	Motion:SheafferSecond: RidleyTo approve the nominations for the Personnel Committee
Passed Yea– 7	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Helberg, McColley, Ridley, Maassel, Marihugh, Wilson
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Nay- 0	Nay-
Meeting Days And Times	
Council –	Helberg stated that the start time for Council meetings must be determined; Council currently has Regular meetings on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.
Motion To Approve Council Meeting Date And Time	Motion: Maassel Second: Ridley To approve Council regular meeting date and time of Council as the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.
Passed Yea– 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Helberg, McColley, Ridley, Maassel, Marihugh, Wilson Nay-
	Helberg asked if there were any changes to be made to the Standing Committee Regular meeting dates and times:
Electric Committee –	Second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm
WSRRL Committee –	Second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm
Municipal Properties –	Second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm
Parks & Rec Committee –	McColley suggested moving the regular meeting of the Parks & Rec Committee to 6:15pm; adding that most of these meetings take place as a Special meeting with the Parks & Rec Board; no objections were received
Finance & Budget Committee –	Fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 pm
Safety & HR Committee –	Fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 pm
Technology & Communication Committee –	McColley suggested moving the Regular meeting of the Technology & Communication Committee time to 6:15pm. Sheaffer stated he would be able to attend this meeting at that time; no objections were received
Motion To Approve Committee Meeting Dates And Times	Motion: McColley Second: Ridley To approve Committee regular meeting dates and times with changes as listed above
Passed Yea– 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Helberg, McColley, Ridley, Maassel, Marihugh, Wilson Nay-
Approval Of Minutes As Amended	Minutes of the December 16 Regular stand approved with the following corrections, and December 23 Special Council meetings stand approved with no objections or corrections:
	McColley stated he did not make the Motions to Suspend the Rules on Ordinance

	075-13 (page four (4) of the minutes) and Ordinance 078-13 (page five (5) of the minutes). These changes will be made and presented to the President of Council for signature.
Motion To Approve Minutes As Amended	Motion:McColleySecond:RidleyTo approve December 16 minutes as amended
Passed Yea– 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, McColley, Helberg Nay-
Citizen Communication	None
Committee Reports	The Parks & Recreation Committee did not meet on Monday, December 16 due to lack of agenda items.
	The Finance & Budget Committee did not meet on Monday, December 23 due to lack of agenda items.
	The Safety and Human Resources Committee did not meet on Monday, December 23 due to lack of agenda items.
Introduction Of Ordinance 001-14	President Helberg read by title Ordinance No. 001-14, An Ordinance establishing a new position classification pay plan for employees of the City of Napoleon and creating the MIS Technician position; Repealing Ordinance no. 084-13; and Declaring an Emergency
Motion To Approve First Read	Motion: McColley Second: Sheaffer To approve first read of Resolution No. 001-14
Discussion	Hayberger stated that this Legislation authorized the Appointing Authority to receive the 1.5% wage increase, including the backdated MIS Technician position prior to the hire date of the current employee, and including the HR position as a parttime position.
Motion To Suspend The Rules	Motion: Ridley Second: Maassel To suspend the rules requiring three readings
Passed Yea- 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, McColley, Helberg Nay-
Passed Yea- 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote to pass Ordinance No. 001-14 under suspension of the rules Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, McColley, Helberg Nay-
Introduction Of Resolution No. 002-14	President Helberg read by title Ordinance No. 002-14, a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Unison Site Management LLC for the Cell Site Lease Conversion Program; and declaring an Emergency
Motion To Approve First Read	Motion: Ridley Second: Sheaffer To approve first read of Resolution No. 002-14

Discussion	Hayberger stated that the attorney representing Unison wanted the wording 'easement' included in the contract that was already passed. Marihugh asked when the last wind shear study was performed stating that he was concerned the hardware would increase the wind shear load on the tower. Helberg stated that this Legislation does not increase hardware, but merely transfers ownership. Wachtman stated the last wind shear study was completed by Dixon when Verizon/Nextel went up and there were no concerns; Marihugh requested the results of this study.
Motion To Suspend	Motion: Sheaffer Second: Maassel
The Rules	To suspend the rules requiring three readings
Passed	Roll call vote on above motion:
Yea- 7	Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, McColley, Helberg
Nay- 0	Nay-
Passed	Roll call vote to pass Resolution No. 002-14 under suspension of the rules
Yea- 7	Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, McColley, Helberg
Nay- 0	Nay-
Introduction Of Resolution No. 003-14	President Helberg read by title Resolution No. 003-14, A Resolution to amend the Title, the Sixth Recital, and Sections 1 and 2 of Resolution No. 061-13 to correct scrivener's error to amend the wording from "General" Election to "Primary" Election; and declaring an Emergency
Motion To Approve	Motion: Ridley Second: Wilson
First Read	To approve first read of Resolution No. 003-14
Discussion	Hayberger stated that the wording was changed from 'General' Election to 'Primary' Election and the Legislation was taken to the Board of Elections to make sure it would be accepted; the Board of Elections told Hayberger that it was approved and should be passed tonight.
Motion To Suspend	Motion: Sheaffer Second: Ridley
The Rules	To suspend the rules requiring three readings
Passed	Roll call vote on above motion:
Yea- 6	Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, Helberg
Nay- 0	Nay-
Abstain- 1	Abstain- McColley
Passed	Roll call vote to pass Resolution No. 003-14 under suspension of the rules
Yea- 6	Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, Helberg
Nay- 0	Nay-
Abstain- 1	Abstain- McColley
Introduction Of Resolution No. 004-14	President Helberg read by title Resolution No. 004-14, a Resolution authorizing a contribution to the Community Improvement Corporation of Henry County, Ohio, in and for the year 2014; declaring an Emergency
Motion To Approve	Motion: Ridley Second: Maassel
First Read	To approve first read of Resolution No. 004-14
Discussion	Heath stated this is the money to go to the CIC; \$31,000 as approved in the budget, paid quarterly, including the \$2,000 increase, last year was \$29.000.
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Motion To Suspend The Rules	Motion: RidleySecond: MaasselTo suspend the rules requiring three readings
Passed Yea- 6 Nay- 0 Abstain- 1	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, Helberg Nay- Abstain- McColley
Passed Yea- 6 Nay- 0 Abstain- 1	Roll call vote to pass Resolution No. 004-14 under suspension of the rules Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, Helberg Nay- Abstain- McColley
Second Read Of Ordinances And Resolutions	There were no second readings of Ordinances and Resolutions
Third Read Of Ordinances and Resolutions	There were no third readings of Ordinances and Resolutions
GOOD OF THE CITY Discussion/Action Sewer Lateral Cost Responsibility And Sewer Assessments Helberg Referred Sewer Lateral Cost Responsibility And Sewer Assessments To BOPA	 Helberg asked that this item continue to be on the agenda. Bisher reminded Council that this issue has come out of Committee previously with the recommendation of no changes, but if changes are made to this issue, it will have to go to the BOPA as well. Helberg stated that the BOPA has asked Council's opinions on this issue. Helberg stated there is information that Bisher and City Engineer Lulfs are to gather, however this information was not expected at this meeting due to the holidays, therefore this issue will remain on the agenda. Marihugh stated that when Bisher and Lulfs gather the requested information, Marihugh would like to see other communities that are not AMP affiliated in the research, including Waterville, Paulding, VanWert, Norwalk and Bryan; Bisher stated he would include the information for these communities. Helberg asked Carey Lange if he had any comments; Lange replied that he is pleased that Council continues to talk about this issue. Helberg referred the issue of Sewer Later Cost Responsibility and Sewer Assessments to the BOPA.
Appointment To The Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependents Fund Board	Helberg stated these appointments were held off until the Safety & Human Resources Committee was determined. Sheaffer and Wilson were nominated for the Volunteer FireFighters' Dependents Fund Board.
Motion To Appoint Sheaffer And Wilson To The Volunteer FireFighters' Dependents Fund	Motion: McColley Second: Ridley To appoint Sheaffer and Wilson to the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund Board

Board	
Passed Yea- 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, McColley, Helberg Nay-
Assign The Scheduling Of Safety & HR Committee Meetings With Townships	Helberg assigned the scheduling of the Safety and Human Resources Committee meetings with the Townships to the Safety and Human Resources Committee.
Assign Review Of EMS Costs And Revenues To Safety & HR Committee With Townships	Helberg assigned the review of EMS costs and revenues to the Safety and Human Resources Committee with the Townships; Heath will inform the Townships as necessary.
Assign Review Of Electric Billing Determinants And Electric Department Report To Electric Committee And BOPA Monthly Meeting	Helberg assigned the review of the Electric Billing Determinants and the Electric Department Report to the Electric Committee and BOPA monthly meeting.
Assign Review Updated Information From Staff On ED To Muni Properties On An 'As Needed' Basis	Helberg assigned the review of updated information from Staff on Economic Development to the Municipal Properties, Buildings, Land Use and Economic Development Committee on an as needed basis.
Heath	Heath stated the Finance Department is in the process of closing the 2013 year, and plans on finishing the final budget book before the end of the month.
	Heath distributed information regarding the Ohio Municipal League (OML) Conference which is primarily for newly elected officials but Council members who have never attended could benefit from this as well, and the GFOA meeting regarding An Introduction To Gap Budgeting and Ohio Compliance Supplement and invited Council to attend.
Marihugh	Marihugh presented a list of questions: Marihugh asked Bisher about the property on East Riverview Avenue that is by the viaduct and body shop; Marihugh questioned the payment in the budget to Hall & Associates, and asked how the Covenant Not To Sue is progressing; Marihugh asked the status of the EPA matters on 1722 Oakwood Avenue; Marihugh asked if the guardrail by the boat ramp on Route 424 was being replaced; stating that the hill is starting to slide and there is a minimum distance between the top of the rail and the center of the road that must be met; Marihugh added there are no guide markers on the current guardrail; Marihugh requested a report of the last meeting of the Safety and Human Resources Committee; Marihugh asked when the manholes on the new portion of Scott Street with be brought to grade properly; stating that the manholes are located in the driving path

Ridley	and are approximately an inch low; Marihugh questioned a letter received on December 11, 2013 from the OEPA regarding changing the CSO in the backlot of Central School to an SSO and asked what other modifications would be made or if this issue would be referred back to Committee; Marihugh requested that Bisher schedule some time to meet with him to discuss an ongoing issue regarding a resident's driveway on West Maumee Avenue; Marihugh stated that in his opinion this resident has been treated 'arbitrarily by City Staff' or the resident had not been given the proper information and Marihugh stated that the resident feels like 'information is being withheld for retaliatory' and Marihugh believes this must come to a halt. Bisher took exception to this opinion, stating that he 'was just over there and just met with those people'; Bisher stated that they all agreed since there is an upcoming project and the work would get torn out during construction, so nothing should be done at this time. Bisher stated that he would get answers to Marihugh's issues listed, but this issue has been discussed with the resident already; and Marihugh requested a paper Council packet each week. Ridley welcomed Marihugh and Wilson to Council. Ridley praised the City Staff for handling the snow from the recent storm effectively. Clifteer's page on Facebook, and asked if the City should also have a Facebook page for this type of information. Bisher stated there is a press release system that goes to the press immediately, the Operations Department determines when the City is at a level 1 and 2 snow emergency and Bisher determines level 3. Bisher added this time when the Sheriff determined the County could. Wachtman stated that the side information was on the City ub level 3 as well; Bisher added that because the City streets were in better condition than the County's and there will eventually be an emergency banner on the page. Ridley stated he lowk at the city web page and did not see the information. Wachtman added that tresidents may no
Helberg Referred Using Social Media To Improve Communication With Residents to the Technology & Communication Committee	Helberg referred using social media to improve communication with residents to the Technology & Communication Committee.
McColley	McColley welcomed the new Councilmembers.

	McColley stated he received a number of compliments on the condition of the City streets.
Helberg	Helberg welcomed Marihugh and Wilson to Council, stating he is looking forward to working with them.
	Helberg stated that the snow removal went great, and heard on the radio that the City provided a hotel room for an employee who lives out of town; Bisher replied yes, this practice has been done in the past and was certainly done this time, adding that this practice keeps the plow drivers available. Helberg stated that in his opinion, the choice to live out of town is a decision made by the employee and the employee knows they have a responsibility to make it to work when they are required to be there. Bisher agreed, but rebutted that the City needs the employees available to run the equipment, adding that the City has run with the fewest number of employees possible and putting the employee up in a hotel is the easiest and most efficient method of insuring the availability; the employee did not have to drive home and back to work in level 3 snow emergency conditions; Hayberger added that this decreases the chances of a liability as well.
	Helberg stated that he saw in his bidding information at work that there would be a bid on State Route 424 on February 6; Bisher will research this. Marihugh asked if this was a joint replacement or repair to be done; Bisher will research what information Lulfs received regarding this.
	Helberg stated that Regan and Terri Williams are in the thoughts and prayers of Council.
	Heath reported to Helberg that the rules and changes of the reorganization of Council should be reviewed; possibly creating an ad hoc committee to accomplish this. Helberg requested a list of items to be reviewed.
Behm	Behm reported that the State Of The City Address will be at the February 3, 2014 Council meeting.
	Behm asked if residents could register for the utility bill Rounding Up program online; Heath replied there is currently a contract process in place that requires a signature to be on file; the signature decreases the chance of any liability as well. Behm stated there might be an increase in response if the program was easier to register for, especially for residents that pay the bill electronically.
Helberg Referred Discussion Regarding Taking Online Applications For Various Services To The Technology & Communication Committee	Helberg referred discussion regarding taking online applications for various services to the Technology & Communication Committee.
	Behm reminded Council that they are invited to the CIC Member Appreciation Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2014 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Armory Building; Rob McColley asked that Council please RSVP by January 16, 2014 if attending.

Sheaffer	Sheaffer commended the City Staff on doing such a great job	with snow removal.
	Sheaffer welcomed Marihugh and Wilson to Council.	
	Sheaffer stated that he will be absent from the February 3, 20 he will be out of town.	14 Council meeting as
Maassel	Maassel welcomed Marihugh and Wilson to Council.	
	Maassel thanked the City Staff for the great job with snow rem	moval.
Wilson	Maassel gave his condolences to Brian of the Northwest Sign Moe Brubaker. Thanked the City Staff for a great job with snow removal, and Police Department, Fire Department and Dispatch for the great as well.	d added thanks to the
	Wilson asked if this snow removal depleted the materials; Bis salt pile was large from last year, and the budget will be adjust	
Hayberger	Hayberger stated that although liquor permit changes usually Weitzel or Clerk Heath, Hayberger is requesting Council allo Supermarket in Lima, Ohio to transfer their liquor license to t in Napoleon, Ohio; this license will allow for sample and eve had no issue with this transfer.	w the Chief he Chief Supermarket
Motion To Approve Chief Liquor License Transfer	Motion: McColley Second: Ridley To approve the transfer of a liquor license from the Chief Sup to the Chief Supermarket in Napoleon, Ohio.	permarket in Lima, Ohio
Passed Yea- 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, McColley Nay-	y, Helberg
Bisher	None	
Rob McColley	Rob McColley commended the City Staff on doing a great job	b with snow removal.
Motion To Go Into Executive Session	Motion: Maassel Second: Ridley To go into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation	
Passed Yea- 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, McColley Nay-	y, Helberg
Into Executive Session	Council went into Executive Session at 8:28 pm.	
Motion To Come Out Of Executive Session	Motion: McColley Second: Maassel To come out of Executive Session	
Passed Yea- 7	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, McColley	y, Helberg
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Nay- 0	Nay-
Out Of Executive Session	Council came out of Executive Session at 8:45pm. President Helberg reported that the discussion was regarding Pending Litigation and no action was taken.
Motion To Authorize City Manager To Execute Any Documents With Approval Of The Bankruptcy Plan Regarding TNTE	Motion: Wilson Second: Maassel To authorize the City Manager to execute any documents with approval of the bankruptcy plan regarding TNTE
Passed Yea- 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, McColley, Helberg Nay
Approval Of Bills	Bills and financial reports stand approved as presented with no objections.
Motion To Adjourn	Motion: Sheaffer Second: Ridley To adjourn the meeting.
Passed Yea– 7 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Sheaffer, Maassel, Wilson, Marihugh, Ridley, McColley, Helberg Nay-
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.
Approved:	John A. Helberg, Council President
	Ronald A. Behm, Mayor Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 005-14

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF NAPOLEON CERTAIN TERRITORY THAT THE NAPOLEON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FILED WITH THE HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of October, 2013 a Petition for Expedited Type II Annexation of approximately 55.062 acres of land which is currently in the Township of Napoleon, Henry County, Ohio was filed with the Henry County Board of Commissioners by the Napoleon Area City School District; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Napoleon has previously consented to said annexation it now chooses to accept said annexation; and,

WHEREAS it is the intent of the City of Napoleon to respond accordingly; **Now** therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPOLEON, OHIO:

Section 1. That, the Council of the City of Napoleon, Ohio does hereby accept the annexation of the territory proposed.

Section 2. That, the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Henry County Board of Commissioners, the Henry County Auditor, the Henry County Recorder, and the Secretary of State for Ohio.

Section 3. That, it is found and determined that all formal actions of this City Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution 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 4. That, if any other prior Ordinance or Resolution is found to be in conflict with this Resolution, then the provisions of this Resolution shall prevail. Further, if any portion of this Resolution is found to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution or any part thereof.

Section 5. That, this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety of the City and its inhabitants, and for the further reason that this legislation must be in effect at the earliest possible time to allow for the City to comply with ORC requirements regarding Type II Annexation; therefore, provided it receives the required number of votes for passage as emergency legislation, it shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall be in full force and effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

Passed: _____

John A. Helberg, Council President

Approved: _____

Ronald A. Behm, Mayor

VOTE ON PASSAGE _____ Yea ____ Nay ____ 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 Resolution No. 005-14 was duly published in the Northwest Signal, a newspaper of general circulation in said City, on the _____ day of _____

_____; & 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 Department of Public Works

1 255 West Riverview Avenue, P.O. Box 151 Napoleon, OH 43545 Chad E. Lulfs, P.E., P.S., Director of Public Works Telephone: (419) 592-4010 Fax: (419) 599-8393 www.napoleonohio.com

Memorandum

To:	Dr. Jon A. Bisher, City Manager				
From:	Chad E. Lulfs, P.E., P.S., Director of Public Works				
cc:					
Date:	January 3, 2014				
Subject:	VanHyning Interceptor, E. Riverview Interceptor, and Front Street Interceptor Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Reduction Studies (L.T.C.P. Project No. 22, 23, & 25) – Sole Source Request Consideration				

As part of the requirements for the renegotiation of the L.T.C.P. with the Ohio E.P.A., the above listed projects are required to be initiated in 2014. In an effort to reduce costs, the three (3) projects have been combined. The combined projects were included in the City of Napoleon's 2014 Budget in the amount of \$425,000.00.

These three (3) studies will complete the studies required by the L.T.C.P. Because all previous studies required by the L.T.C.P. were completed utilizing Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (formerly R. D. Zande, Inc.), I am requesting that this project be sole sourced to Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

If this project is approved to be sole sourced, I will attempt to negotiate a contract within the 2014 budget constraints. If an agreement cannot be reached, I recommend then utilizing the Quality Based Selection process.

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DATE

CITY OF NAPOLEON, OHIO

255 West Riverview Avenue • PO 151 • Napoleon, Ohio 43545-0151 Gregory J. Heath, Director of Finance/Clerk of Council phone (419) 599-1235 fax (419)-599-8393 Web Page: www.napoleonohio.com E-mail: gheath@napoleonohio.com

DATE:	January 15, 2014	ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR
TO:	Christine R. Peddicord, Assistant Fir	ance Director
	Members of City Council	
	Ronald A. Behm, Mayor	
	Dr. Jon A. Bisher, City Manager	
	Trevor M. Hayberger, City Law Dire	ctor
	All Department / Division Heads	
FROM:	Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/C	lerk of Council

January 15 2014

Acting Finance Director/Clerk of Council -SUBJECT:

Assigned to Christine R. Peddicord

Please be informed I will be out of the office from Thursday, January 16, 2014, starting at 7:30 AM through Monday, January 20, 2014. I plan to return to my office on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:30 AM. In addition, I plan to attend the City Council Meeting on Monday, January 20, 2014 (Assuming no travel problems!).

During this period I appoint the following person as Acting Finance Director/Clerk of Council:

Ms. Christine R. Peddicord, Acting Finance Director

This person is hereby delegated all such power and authority of the Office of the Finance Director/Clerk of Council for the periods so listed as authorized by City Charter and Code.

Please direct all requests through Ms. Peddicord during this period. We will be in direct communication as needed.

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Thank you.

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Gregory J. Heath. Finance Director/Clerk of Council

City of Napoleon, Ohio

TREE COMMISSION

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

Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 20, 2014 at 6:00 PM

- I. Election of Officers
- II. Approval of Minutes (In the absence of any objections or corrections, the minutes shall stand approved.)
- III. Tree Call Report
- IV. Spring Programs
- v. Scott Street and W. Riverview Avenue Plantings
- VI. Any Other Matters to Come before the Commission

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

City of Napoleon, Ohio TREE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes Monday, October 21, 2013 at 6:00 pm

PRESENT Members City Staff Recorder Others ABSENT Call To Order	David Volkman – Chair, Anella Huff, Bill Rohrs, Kirk Etzler, Jason Maassel Marty Crossland, Assistant Engineer Tammy Fein (Barb Nelson attending) Ron Bahler Chairman Volkman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.		
Minutes Stand Approved	Minutes from the Monday, August 20, 2013 meeting stand approved as presented.		
Tree Call Report	Crossland reported the City of Napoleon Electric Department trimmed branches that were hanging on lines on Haley Avenue and Avon Place. Crossland noticed that the driveway of the residence at 610 W. Main Street is close to a maple tree and has wiped out the root base; this tree should be removed in 2014 as well as two (2) trees to the West which are hollow and dead and should also be removed.		
	Maassel asked if the water bags were all removed; Crossland replied yes, and only 3 out of 125 bags were damaged by residents' weed trimmers per Tom Ashbaugh, adding that a few trees died on High Street, and next year the water bag will be pulled at the end of May or beginning of June if a tree dies. Crossland stated that the Parks and Recreation Department is rebuilding the pump on the water truck to fill the bags faster, and the Department's staffing number will determine the number of bags used; the bags will be out before May in 2014. Etzler asked if the residents should be made aware of the destruction to the water bags; Volkman suggested remulching the trees as a less expensive way to avoid the damage next year.		
Fall Tree Programs	Crossland stated that the topsoil and seeding has been completed by Ron Foor and Northwest Landscaping and the project is caught up on all 119 holes for \$4,760. Crossland stated the July 2013 storm damage claim for insurance reimbursement was a total of \$2,100 but a partial payment may be received. Crossland stated that Jared has removed the trees from Welsted Street and from a residence that had damage; additional removals are estimated to cost \$6,500 - \$7,500 leaving approximately \$1,000 in the budget for trimming; Volkman asked if bids were taken regarding the removals; Crossland replied that the same company was doing the removals since they were handling the storm damage, and trimming will be done from Haley Avenue to Glenwood Avenue and from the railroad tracks to Riverview Avenue; no trimming will be done on W. Washington Street. Crossland stated that the trimming prices are holding steady; four (4) weeks of trimming will leave approximately \$250 - \$500 in the account.		

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	Maassel asked if the 2014 budget was completed; Crossland replied yes, stating that normally the budget is \$40,000 but he may ask for an increase due to removal prices rising; the tree planting price is remaining steady.
Any Other Matters To Come Before The Commission	Volkman stated that he spoke with Jim Fitzenrider regarding the trees to be planted at the entrance to Twin Oaks at Sedward Avenue and Neward Drive, reminding the Commission that Twin Oaks originally planted the trees but the trees are on City property.
	Volkman received an email from Stephanie Miller regarding a seminar Thursday about Urban Forestry programs for City Gardners and Foresters; Rohrs added the deadline for registration was today.
	Maassel stated that it is a Council tradition for the junior member of Council to be on the Tree Commission; next year it will not be Maassel. Maassel stated his appreciation to the Tree Commission for their efforts in helping to keep the trees trimmed and being proactive with the Electric Department before the storm damage accumulates. Maassel asked Crossland to be a guest at the Optimist Club meeting on Tuesday, October 22 nd at noon at Ritter Park; Crossland accepted.
	Crossland stated the Riverview Avenue plan for tree replanting will only be done on the portion where the sidewalks are currently replaced; Maassel asked if this should be done before or after the repaving project; Crossland replied that either will be acceptable, adding that the sewer line from Park Street to Sheffield Avenue is underground making the soil mediocre. Huff asked if there is a tree preference for this area; Crossland stated the largest trees possible would be the best option since there are no overhead wires and larger trees would have higher limbs that would not reduce visibility, and Stephanie Miller had a block by block species plan which restricted any issues; the plan lists the breakdown by family and recommended soil type; Crossland will forward this plan to the Commission members.
	Crossland stated the next meeting will be January 2014.
Motion To Adjourn	Motion: Rohrs Second: Maassel To adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm.
Passed Yea- 5 Nay-0	Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Rohrs, Etzler, Maassel, Volkman, Huff Nay-
Date Approved:	
	David Volkman, Chair

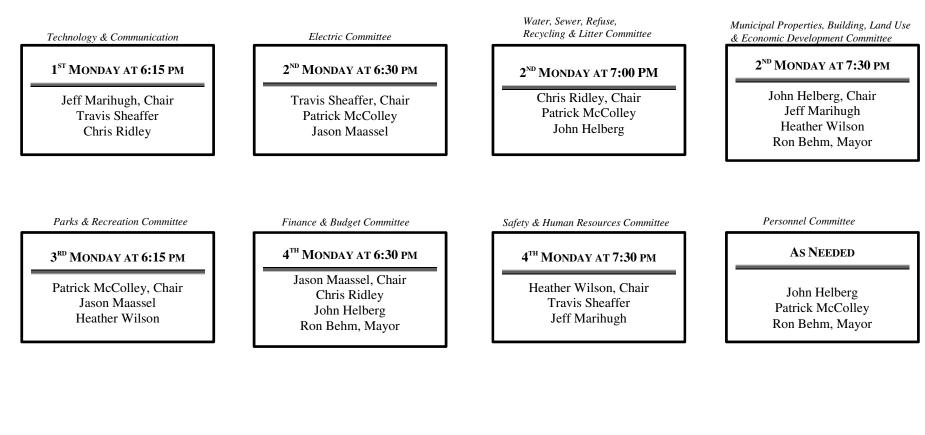
Memorandum

To:	Parks & Recreation Committee, Council, Mayor, City Manager,
	City Law Director, City Finance Director, Department Supervisors,
	Media
From:	Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council
Date:	1/16/2014
Re:	Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Cancellation

The regular Parks & Recreation Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, January 20 at 6:15pm has been canceled due to lack of agenda items.



City of Napoleon, Ohio 2014 COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL



Mayor and City Council





January 10, 2014

AMP is newest member of TEA

By Marc Gerken - president/CEO

An agreement has been finalized per the direction and approval of the AMP Board of Trustees and General Membership for AMP to become The Energy Authority's (TEA) newest member.



TEA provides AMP with energy and gas bilateral

trading, natural gas management, RTO services, risk management, RTO settlement, billing and payment, credit management, and risk control services.

AMP joins existing TEA members: City Utilities of Springfield, Missouri; Cowlitz PUD of Cowlitz County, Washington; Gainesville Regional Utilities of Gainesville, Florida; JEA of Jacksonville, Florida; Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia; Nebraska Public Power District; and South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper).

"We are very pleased at this progression in the partnership between TEA and AMP," said Pat Pope, TEA's board chairman and president and CEO of the Nebraska Public Power District. "AMP's inclusion as one of TEA's equity owners is a testament to the value TEA delivers in the public power industry and the importance we place on maintaining low rates for our customers. TEA recognizes AMP as a long-standing leader in the industry with highly regarded efforts to actively develop renewable generation projects."

Coldest weather in 20 years prompts PJM emergency events, AMP generation response

By Pamala Sullivan – senior vice president of marketing & operations

As temperatures reached -15 in Toledo and -11 in Akron, PJM's load exceeded their forecast on Monday evening Jan. 6 and the entire day on Tuesday, Jan. 7, causing PJM



to invoke emergency measures to meet the unexpected load.

On Monday evening, PJM saw approximately 1,500 MW of generation trip offline just as the load started its rapid rise towards the evening peak. Emergency generation caused real time prices to spike to around \$900/ MWh between 7 and 8:45 p.m. Additionally PJM was forced to institute a 5 percent voltage reduction across their system between 7:45 and 8:45 p.m. to make it through the peak.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, 24 hour day ahead prices averaged over \$200/MWh with a low of \$120/MWh and high of \$500/MWh for the 7 to 8 a.m. hour as loads were expected to be high with the negative temperatures. AMP called for members to peak shave in AEP from 6 to 10 a.m. in anticipation of a

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Registration now open for AMP public power certification courses

By Kent Carson – senior director media relations & communications programs

As announced at the 2013 AMP/OMEA Conference, AMP has created a series of six webinars designed to cover both the technical and regulatory aspects of the industry, as well as an overview of public power and AMP. The program is designed for both newly elected (or appointed) and experienced utility policymakers.

The role of local governing boards is crucial as local oversight is one of the important differences between public power and other electric providers.

Municipal and borough councils, utility boards, boards of public affairs and other entities governing municipal electric systems have important responsibilities due to the complexities of the industry and the myriad regulations at both the state and federal level. AMP recognizes the challenges faced by governing board members as they strive to learn more about the technical side and to stay abreast of these regulatory changes to fulfill their responsibilities.

The program is being offered at no cost to AMP member community officials. Officials who complete all of the sessions will receive an AMP Public Power Governance Certificate and be recognized in AMP publications and at the annual AMP/OMEA Conference.

All sessions will be held live at 10 a.m., and will be recorded and available online for two weeks on the Member Extranet.

For more information, course descriptions, schedule and registration form, please visit the Member Extranet section of the <u>AMP website</u>.

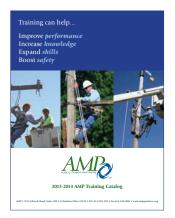
Please contact me with any questions at 614.540.0842 or <u>kcarson@amppartners.org</u>.

Two AMP/APPA training courses available this month

By Jennifer Flockerzie – technical services program coordinator

AMP will team up with APPA to offer two training courses in January.

"AMP's hosting of these APPA classes allows us the opportunity to do our jobs better," said Ed Krieger, Piqua Power System director and AMP Board of Trustees member. "They are cost effective, convenient, and certainly worth the time investment."



The first class will be held on Jan. 27, "APPA Maintenance of High-Voltage Electrical Distribution." The course will cover principles and elements of corrective, preventative and predictive maintenance programs; maintenance practices; specific activities related to the inspection, testing and maintenance of distribution lines and equipment; regulatory aspects of distribution maintenance; coverage of National Electrical Safety Code maintenance requirements, risk management, cost accounting and evaluation of maintenance programs.

The APPA classes have been well received so far. In response to the recent APPA Advanced Topics in Underground Distribution course, Clark Kinman, electric superintendent at Williamstown Municipal Electric, said, "I would highly recommend this class to anyone who designs, builds or services underground primary. It is very understanding and professional training."

The second AMP/APPA class this month will be offered Jan. 28-30. This three-day course, "APPA Overhead Distribution System," will focus on planning, design, construction, installation, operation and maintenance principles that drive today's overhead distribution practices. The course is conducted at a practical level and is appropriate for superintendents, operations managers and non-degreed high school graduates with a general knowledge of the electric utility system, as well as degreed engineers and engineering technicians.

"Several of Piqua's staff attended the APPA Advanced Topics in Underground Distribution class hosted at AMP's offices in early December. We all took home valuable information from this class," Krieger said. "Our group varied in experience from one year to 30 years and it was interesting and relevant for all. We were immediately able to apply what we learned upon our return to Piqua."

To find out more about this and other upcoming programs, please review the 2013/14 AMP Training Catalog, which is available on the Member Extranet section of the AMP website.

To register for a course or for more information, contact me at 614.540.0853 or <u>iflockerzie@amppartners.org</u>.

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

Week end	ling Jan. 10			
MON \$115.61	TUE \$224.50	WED \$188.32	THU \$45.41	FRI \$36.26
Week end	ling Jan. 3			
MON \$40.00	TUE \$40.75	WED N/A	THU \$41.50	FRI \$51.50
AEP/Dayton 2015 5x16 price as of Jan. 10 — \$39.59				

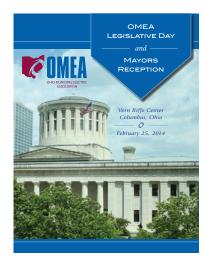
AEP/Dayton 2015 5x16 price as of Jan. 3 — \$39.50

Be on lookout for legislative event registration information

By Michael Beirne – assistant vice president of government affairs & publications

Two important upcoming legislative events of note are the OMEA Legislative Day and Mayors Reception and American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally.

The OMEA Legislative Day and Mayors Reception will take place Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Vern



Riffe Center in Columbus. An issues briefing will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. and the reception for lawmakers will follow from 5 to 7 p.m.

The APPA Legislative Rally will be held March 10-12 at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C. AMP/ OMEA will offer two webinars the week prior to the Rally at 2 p.m. March 5 and 10 a.m. March 6 to review and discuss issues of interest to municipal electric systems that will be raised in our Capitol Hill meetings. Log-in information will be sent to members following registration. These calls are open to members who are attending the Rally as well as those who have an interest in federal issues.

Registration materials for the OMEA Legislative Day and Mayors Reception and APPA Rally are being distributed, and material for the APPA Legislative Rally will be mailed next week. Please contact me with questions or for more information at <u>mbeirne@amppartners.org</u> or 614.540.0835.



News or Ads?

Call Krista Selvage at 614.540.6407 or email to kbselvage@amppartners.org if you would like to pass along news or ads.

EPA formally proposes GHG standards for new units

By Julia Blankenship – director of energy policy & sustainability

On Jan. 8, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) formally published in the Federal Register its proposed rule to establish new source performance standards (NSPS) for greenhouse gases released from new fossil-fueled electric generation facilities; the rule was unofficially released in September 2013. A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held in Washington on Jan. 28, and comments will be due by March 10.

USEPA's latest action continues its prior efforts to regulate CO2 from new sources, which were originally announced in December 2010. In April 2012, the agency proposed its first version of the rules for fossil-fueled power plants above 25 MW, which faced widespread criticism and promised legal challenges in part because it did not differentiate emission limits based on fuel or technology type, which is generally standard practice under the Clean Air Act. The current proposed rule officially withdraws the April rule from further consideration.

The GHG NSPS are tied directly to USEPA's prior issued Endangerment Finding, Tailoring Rule, and GHG BACT Guidance and are a result of a settlement agreement between USEPA and numerous states, the District of Columbia, New York City, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Sierra Club, and Environmental Defense Fund. The reproposed rule would eliminate the 25 MW (capacity) applicability threshold and substitutes a generation threshold of 219,000 MWh net sales averaged over a rolling three-year period, which USEPA states is "functionally equivalent." It also proposes three subcategories with corresponding emission limits for NEW units (as opposed to a single subcategory under the original proposal):

- New fossil-fueled boilers and IGCC units 1,100 lbs CO2/MWh
- New gas CTs with heat input > 850 MMBtu/hr. 1,000 lbs CO2/MWh
- New gas CTs with heat input < or = 850 MMBtu/hr. 1,100 lbs CO2/MWh

In addition to the above-referenced emission limits, USE-PA is seeking comments on a number of additional emissions ranges, based on various technologies and heat rates. The proposed rule would require "partial" carbon capture and sequestration for any new traditional coal or IGCC units as the "best system of emission reduction (BSER)." The proposed NEW unit rule is expected to impact AMP's future generation investment decisions and also be a consideration in any potential new investments as a result of AMP's ongoing peaking study process. AMP is reviewing the proposed rule and expects to file brief comments with USE-PA by March 10, as it also is expected to set the stage for the upcoming EXISTING unit rule, which is due to be released by USEPA in June 2014.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 614.540.0840 or jblankenship@amppartners.org.

Shiloh mourns loss of mayor

Shiloh Mayor Timothy Wireman passed away on Dec. 20. Wireman, 54, had been a Shiloh area resident the majority of his life. He was employed with the New Haven Supply Company from 1977 to 1990, worked at Graybar Electric Company from 1990 to 2010, and returned to New Haven Supply as a sales manager until January 2013.

He served on the Shiloh Village Council from 1994 to 1997 and served as mayor of Shiloh from 1997 to 2006. He regained his council seat from 2007 to 2010 and was elected as the mayor of Shiloh serving from 2010 until present.

AMP offers its sincere condolences to Tim's family and the entire Shiloh community.

AMP welcomes new employees

By John Pawlak – manager of human resources

Three new staff members joined AMP this week, Cory Chapman, Jim Eberly and Sabrina Kelley.

Chapman is a journeyman trimmer. He will be assisting AMP's forestry crew in performing maintenance tasks, pruning and line clearing. Prior to AMP, Chapman was a tree trimmer for Asplundh and previously worked with Anchor Hocking as a packer/crew leader.

Eberly joined AMP as OSHA/ safety compliance coordinator. He will be conducting OSHA and safety training for AMP's western region. Eberly was a lineman and line foreman for the city of Piqua for 30 years, from 1977 to 2007. He is a certified instructor for the American Builders & Contractors apprenticeship program and has been a licensed master electrician for 23 years. He is also a training consultant for Upper Valley Career Center adult division and previously worked for Power Solutions Group.



Cory Chapman



Jim Eberly



Sabrina Kelley

Sabrina Kelley is a Human Resources intern and will be helping the

department with recruiting, records and tracking. She attended Columbus State Community College and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in human resources at Ohio State University. Prior to AMP, she worked for Parker Hannifin Corp. and JPMorgan Chase Bank. She also volunteers with the Capital Area Humane Society.

Please join me in welcoming Cory, Jim and Sabrina.

PJM emergency events

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possible annual transmission peak (1CP).

Jan. 7 loads came in even higher than expected causing real time prices to start the day between \$300 and \$500/MWh for the first six hours of the day. The shortfall caused PJM to issue an emergency (EEA2 event) call for voluntary emergency demand response action beginning at 6:30 a.m. As loads started picking up at 6 a.m., real time prices rose to \$1,000/MWh and then shot to around \$1,800/MWh at 7 a.m.

In response, AMP began deploying diesel and gas turbine peaking generation. Startup of the units was hampered by the freezing conditions. Many AMP and member personnel rolled out of bed into the pre-dawn frigid weather to assist with the startup and operation of the units. Approximately 40 diesel units owned by members and JVs were able to get started and operated during the morning peak. Additionally, Bryan and Oberlin produced their full output from their natural gas and diesel units at their power plants.

Even with demand response resources, real time prices remained above \$1,400/MWh until noon. Prices dropped to the \$200/MWh after 12:30 p.m., and the emergency demand response event ended.

As the Tuesday evening peak approached, PJM once again issued a call for emergency demand response starting at 5 p.m. PJM reiterated that since mandatory compliance under the demand response program is limited to June through September, DR performance during these events would not affect demand response capacity payments for the planning year.

Prices quickly rose back to \$1,800/MWh at 5:30 p.m., but dropped back to the \$200/MWh level after 6 p.m. as PJM saw a large amount of power coming from MISO. The additional generation prompted PJM to cancel their EEA2 demand response emergency at 6:15 p.m. AMP had issued a peak shaving alert to members and started about 50 peaking units at 5:30 p.m., which was subsequently shut down.

Although temperature forecasts in Ohio and Illinois were not quite as extreme, the cold had moved to Eastern PJM, so Jan. 8 was expected to be a day with little generation margin once again. Day ahead prices once again averaged over \$200/MWh for the 24 hour period, with the 7 to 8 a.m. hour topping out at over \$600/MWh. AMP once again issued an alert to members for peak shaving between 6:30 and 9:30 a.m., while PJM called on emergency demand responses for the third time in two days. The EEA2 demand response request was made at 5 a.m. for a 7 a.m. start.

At 6:30 a.m., PJM began to see that their load was coming in below their forecast for the day and issued a message that demand response resources would not be needed. Real time prices reflected the lower loads and remained in the \$100 to \$300/MWh across the morning peak. AMP started many of the remote control diesel units at 6 a.m., but shut them off prior to 7 a.m. after the emergency demand response cancellation was received.

No emergency event was called for Wednesday's evening

peak and real time prices remained below \$80/MWh. AMP peaking generation was therefore not started.

These were the first emergency events that PJM had called in the winter since 1994. The efforts of the AMP and member personnel during this unprecedented time are greatly appreciated. These peak shaving efforts help to stabilize the PJM system, as well as provide wholesale power cost savings for the members.

Calendar

Jan. 23—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Jan. 27—APPA Maintenance of High-Voltage **Electrical Distribution** AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Jan. 28-30—APPA Overhead Distribution Systems AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Feb. 13—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting Coldwater, Michigan

Feb. 20—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting Ellwood City, Pennsylvania

Feb. 25-Regulator, Recloser, Capacitor Safety Training class AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Feb. 25—OMEA Legislative Day and Mayors Reception Vern Riffe Center, Columbus



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- Cybersecurity Awareness Training Part II Jan. 23
- Pole Attachments-Understanding Operational and Policy Issues Feb. 11
- Electric Utility 101 Series: Substations Feb. 19
- **Utility Governance Webinar Series: Duties, Responsibilities and Legal Obligations** of Public Power Governing Boards Feb. 25

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Natural gas markets settle down

By Craig Kleinhenz – manager of power supply planning

Natural gas markets have settled down with the departure of the extreme weather of this week. February natural gas prices closed yesterday at \$4.00/MMBtu, which is down 32 cents from last week (a three-week drop of 49 cents).

Next year electric prices settled slightly higher for the week with 2015 on-peak electric prices at AD Hub finishing up \$0.09/MWh, closing at \$39.59/MWh.

AFEC weekly update

By Craig Kleinhenz

Fremont had an unusual week caused by extreme temperatures and PJM transmission constraints. The week started with the plant clearing in the Day Ahead market at full output (including duct-firing) for most of the day on Jan. 3. Real time saw much lower LMP's (due to a transmission constraint) and the plant was dispatched to lower levels for the entire day.

On Jan. 4 the plant cleared at base maximum for most of the day. Once again, real time prices came in much lower than day ahead (off-peak prices averaged -\$51/MWh) which caused the plant to operate in a 1x1 minimum load configuration all day on Saturday. Jan. 5 saw both low Day Ahead and Real Time prices so the plant continued to operate in a 1x1 minimum load configuration to be ready for the cold weather on Jan. 6.

The plant cleared at base maximum levels for the day Jan. 6 and base maximum plus duct-firing for the evening hours. Real Time prices came in higher than Day Ahead (two hours over \$700/MWh). However, due to a PJM transmission constraint, PJM forced AFEC to operate at 2x1 minimum load levels for the entire day. Because of this, PJM must then reimburse AFEC for this lost potential revenue through "make whole payments." This reimburses AFEC for any money that is lost due to AFEC being forced to deviate from an economic dispatch.

Jan. 7 saw high Day Ahead prices which caused AFEC to clear at base maximum for the entire day. Real Time prices were even higher (several hours over \$1,500/MWh) but the PJM transmission constraint reappeared. This caused AFEC to have to operate at 2x1 minimum for the first part of the day and 1x1 minimum for the second half of the day. AFEC will be made whole for the lost revenue by PJM "make whole payments." Jan. 8 was a day similar to Tuesday with high Day Ahead prices (plant cleared at full duct-firing for most of the day) but AFEC was once again forced to operate at 1x1 base minimum due to the transmission constraint.

Things finally returned to normal on Jan. 9 with AFEC operating at base maximum levels during the morning and evening peak and base minimum levels during the overnight hours. The plant ended the week with a 45 percent load factor (based on 675 MW) and was approximately \$62.29/MWh cheaper than on-peak market prices for base generation.

NERC update webinar covers topics with Utility Services

By Art Iler – director of reliability standards compliance

AMP, in coordination with Utility Services Inc., will host the next NERC update conference call and webinar at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 23. The update will include discussions on ERO lessons learned, EOP-004-2 event reporting clarifications, PRC-005-2, changes to RFC self-certifications, and RFC operations and planning audits. The update will be followed by a question and answer session.

Please contact me with questions, and for the dial-in number and webinar instructions at 614.540.0857 or ailer@amppartners.org.

December Operations Statistics				
	JV6 Wind Output	Belleville Output	Avg. A/D Hub On-Peak Rate	
December 2013	32%	64%	\$40.19/MWh	
December 29% 2012		60%	\$35.50/MWh	
	Fremont Energy Center Output	Blue Creek Wind Output	Napoleon Solar Output	
December 2013	25%	42%	7%	
December 57% 2012		38%	7%	
*Fremont capacity factor based on 675 MW rating				

*Solar capacity factor based on 3.54 MW rating

2013 Operations Statistics			
	JV6 Wind Output	Belleville Output	Avg. A/D Hub On-Peak Rate
2013	23%	77%	\$40.86/MWh
2012	23% 60%		\$37.04/MWh
	Fremont Energy Center Output	Blue Creek Wind Output	Napoleon Solar Output
2013	46%	31%	17%
2012	59%	half year only	half year only
*Fremont capacity factor based on 675 MW rating			

*Solar capacity factor based on 3.54 MW rating



Oak Harbor accepts applications for wastewater operator position

The Village of Oak Harbor is accepting applications for the position of Wastewater Operator.

This is a fulltime position working under the general supervision of the superintendent of the Wastewater Plant. Pay rate DOQ and OEPA licensure, \$15 to \$23.99 hourly, plus benefits.

Minimum qualifications: graduation from high school education or GED equivalent, two years of experience in wastewater treatment and/or collection system, or combination of education and experience and a valid State of Ohio Driver's License. OEPA Wastewater Treatment Operator Class I preferred, but not required.

Applications and position descriptions are available at the village administrator's office located at 146 N. Church St., Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449. The application is available on the village's website at <u>www.oakharbor.oh.us</u> (Government Tab). For a full position description, questions or position details, may be directed to the village administrator at 419.898.5561, <u>rpauley@oakharbor.oh.us</u>, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Deadline to apply is Jan. 31 or until position is filled. The Village of Oak Harbor is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Westerville invites applications for tree trimmer-electric division

The City of Westerville invites applications for the position of Tree Trimmer/Electric Division. This is skilled technical work in the care and maintenance of trees. Work involves climbing, trimming and removing trees, operating heavy equipment, chain saws, chippers, and other power and hand tools and interacts with customers.

Work is performed under the general supervision of a Tree Crew Supervisor. Employee must be able to make correct decisions regarding the removal of tree limbs from live electric lines during tree trimming activities, in compliance with established safety procedures. The employee provides guidance and direction to other employees assisting with tree removal jobs. Work is reviewed through observation of completed projects for quality and adherence to policy.

Minimum requirements include: possession of a high school diploma and three years of experience in tree work, especially with regard to trimming trees; or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the following knowledge, abilities and skills.

Candidates must possess a valid Ohio commercial Class A with Air Brakes Driver's License, a valid First Aid and CPR Training Certification, a valid Electric Hazard Awareness Training Certification, and International Society of Arboriculture – Certified Arborist Certification.

Please visit <u>http://www.westerville.org/index.</u> <u>aspx?page=312</u> for a complete job description and requirements. Position posting will close Jan. 16.

AMP seeks part-time member marketing consultant

Part-time member marketing consultant provides the following essential functions, both internally and externally: assists the director of marketing/member relations in the administration and marketing of services, programs and projects to member management and elected officials; assists with membership development in accordance with Strategic Growth Marketing Plans; performs regular visits to member communities; may attend industry related forums and industry panels; and attend and make presentations at member council/ board meetings on an as needed basis.

A minimum of a four-year business or engineeringrelated degree is desired. Candidates must have five or more years of experience in the electric utility industry, including supervisory responsibilities. Three or more years of experience in day-to-day marketing and public relations is preferred. Candidates must possess proven management skills and technical expertise in the dayto-day activities of member electric systems. Position requires travel, primarily in Ohio and Michigan.

For a complete job listing, please visit <u>www.amppartners.</u> <u>org</u> or email to <u>jpawlak@amppartners.org</u>.

Schuylkill Haven in need of journeyman electric lineworker

The Borough of Schuylkill Haven is accepting applications for a journeyman electric lineman position.

Minimum qualifications include: graduation from the standard four-year high school, successful completion of an approved apprenticeship program of at least four years in duration and Pennsylvania CDL license.

Schuylkill Haven Borough owns and operates its own electric system. The electric system includes: substation, poles, transmission lines, transformers and secondary services. The successful application should have knowledge/ background including all of these appurtenances. This is a full time position.

Schuylkill Haven is located In Schuylkill County, PA and has a population of 5,500. Schuylkill Haven borough has an excellent compensation/benefit package and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. A complete job description and job application can be obtained by contacting the borough office at 570.385.2841 or by logging on to the Borough's website www.schuylkillhaven.org.

Please submit a completed job application, resume, certifications and three references to: Scott J. Graver, Borough Administrator, Schuylkill Haven Borough Office, 12 W. Main St., Schuylkill Haven, and PA 17972.



January 17, 2014

A year in review: Looking back on 2013

By Marc Gerken - president/CEO

Momentum continued to build in 2013 and I would like to take this opportunity to review some of the year's key accomplishments that have strengthened AMP's ability to achieve its strategic goals.



Peaking Needs

One of the biggest things that we believed was going to happen for AMP and its members in 2013 did not:

the advancement of the Eastlake project, which involved siting, building and operating an 873-megawatt natural gas peaking facility on the grounds of FirstEnergy Corp.'s (FE) existing Eastlake Plant in Eastlake, Ohio. In late 2012, FE and AMP announced they had entered into a non-binding memorandum of understanding. However, we determined in early 2013 that it would not be prudent to proceed with that project at that time as a result of uncertainty regarding a number of regulatory issues, several of which could affect AMP's financing for the project.

AMP's second-quarter cancellation of the proposed project, in which it would own 75 percent and FE 25 percent, did put more emphasis on AMP's need to move forward with a self-assessment of peaking. As part of that, we completed technology reviews and siting evaluations for self-build projects and also issued a request of interest from different suppliers for supply-type structures. As 2013 came to a close, we had conducted considerable due diligence and we were finalizing our evaluation of what the best peaking options currently are for AMP members.

We also continued to look at advancements in solar development, because putting solar peaking behind the meter within our members' communities will provide the additional benefit of helping offset transmission costs. We didn't deploy any more solar in 2013, but I think it is important to note that production from the Napoleon Solar Facility that we built in 2012 is looking very favorable. The pilot we did there is working like we thought it would from an operational perspective. It is providing us with a good tool to benchmark future behind-the-meter solar projects for our members.

Power Supply

Through the work of AMP's Power Supply Group and Generation Operations last year, we estimate a savings in 2014 to the members of \$10 million dollars in transmission costs from peak shaving during the 2013 one coincidental peak (1 CP). Peak shaving over the 5 CP and demand response efforts are projected to save an additional \$15 million in 2014.

We also continued to work through RICE NESHAP (National Emissions see 2013 Page 2

2014/2015 Demand Response registrations

By Lisa McAlister – deputy general counsel and Chris Norton – director of market regulatory affairs

The PJM 2014/2015 capacity year, which runs from June 1, 2014, through May 31, 2015, is fast approaching. Each year provides retail customers with the opportunity to register as Demand Response (DR). In return for agreeing to reduce their load through curtailment or backup generation at PJM's direction, the customers receive capacity payments. Registrations for the PJM DR program are handled through what PJM calls Curtailment Service Providers (CSPs).

Based on current FERC rules, the regulatory or legislative body that sets the electric rates for the municipality must adopt legislation to allow retail customers to participate in the PJM DR programs. AMP developed a model ordinance for members to pass in order to allow their retail customers to participate in the PJM DR programs if the municipality so desires. Although many AMP members have already passed the ordinance, if you would like a copy of the ordinance please contact either Lisa McAlister at <u>lmcalister@amppartners.org</u> and the document will be provided to you.

AMP acts as a CSP through which many members register resources owned by the municipality as well as retail customers of the municipal electric utility. Additionally, for the 2014/2015 capacity year AMP has partnered with Comverge, a third-party CSP, to offer members and their retail customers access to and assistance in participating in the PJM DR programs. See Page 5 for a complete article on the partnership. This program is only available to members that choose to subscribe to the program. There are also third-party CSPs that do NOT have a busi-

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Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines) solutions for our members who rely on diesel generation for peak shaving and/or demand response.

That included filing comments with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on its reconsideration of aspects of its January 2013 final rule, as well as working on operational solutions to address the critical recordkeeping aspects of the rule. As a result of the rule, we anticipate the life span of our units to be in the 2017-2018 timeframe.

Additionally, the energy market prices remained low, so we continued to look for and assess opportunities for our members' power supply portfolios that would help provide certainty and cost advantages. This is something we are continually doing.

Efficiency Smart

AMP's Efficiency Smart program completed a very



successful third year of its original three-year contract by surpassing its three-year megawatt-hour (MWh) savings goals.

Although 2013 results aren't yet final and all savings claims are subject to verification, preliminary numbers show that Efficiency Smart achieved savings of approximately 120,000 MWh, or nearly 150 percent of its initial three-year target of 81,000 MWh. These preliminary numbers also indicate that all 49 participating AMP communities met their guaranteed savings goal, with 36 of these exceeding 100 percent of their target.

We also had surplus revenues because the Vermont Energy Investment Corporation (VEIC), which implemented and administers Efficiency Smart under a performancebased contract with AMP, managed the program very well. These dollars are being used to fund a grant program for current subscribers who sign up for the 2014-16 contract.

Following our three-year extension of the program through a new contract signed in July, we had a successful subscription rollout for members to participate in program years four through six. We are continuing with the subscription process and invite all members to benefit from an investment in this lowest-cost, lowest-risk resource.

Richard H. Gorsuch Generating Station

When it comes to the landfill closure and decommissioning at the Gorsuch Station, I have to say that both phases of that project went unbelievably well. These projects came in under budget and well within schedule. I give credit to AMP's environmental staff, the remaining Gorsuch staff and the consultants we brought in to conduct the analyzer.



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The only downside to the Gorsuch project was that we had to pay more for scrap metal recovery due to the falling scrap market, but we were aware of that risk going in. *see 2013 Page 3*

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

Week end	ling Jan. 17			
MON \$35.97	TUE \$35.12	WED \$38.20	THU \$37.36	FRI \$43.14
Week end	ling Jan. 10			
MON \$115.61	TUE \$224.50	WED \$188.32	THU \$45.41	FRI \$36.26
AEP/Dayton 2015 5x16 price as of Jan. 17 — \$41.28				

AEP/Dayton 2015 5x16 price as of Jan. 10 — \$39.59

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ness relationship with AMP that may solicit members' retail customers to participate in the PJM DR program.

AMP would like all members to be aware that, as the PJM DR registration process is open for 2014/2015, you might be contacted by either your retail customers or third-party CSPs on behalf of your retail customers about registration for the PJM DR program. The decision as to whether or not a retail customer may participate in the PJM DR program is up to the municipality. If you have any questions about retail customer participation or the PJM DR program please contact either Lisa McAlister at <u>lmcalister@amppartners.org</u> or Chris Norton at cnorton@amppartners.org or call AMP at 614.540.1111 and ask for either Lisa or Chris.

Board approves sponsorship for APPA lineworkers rodeo

By Michelle Palmer – assistant vice president of technical services

At the January AMP Board of Trustees meeting earlier this week, the Board passed a resolution to sponsor lineworker teams and apprentices to participate in the 14th annual American Public Power Association (APPA) Lineworkers Rodeo.

AMP members must submit a paragraph requesting sponsorship from the utility manager/director, city manager or mayor explaining why their attendance is beneficial to their utility, and detailing the number of individuals or teams for which sponsorship is being requested. Submissions will be reviewed by AMP staff and the Board to determine who receives sponsorship.

The APPA rodeo will be held April 4-5 in Edmond, Oklahoma. APPA holds the competition annually for municipal journeyman and apprentice lineworkers to compete in a variety of timed events. The rodeo promotes safety, good work practices and the advancement of skills. The reduced rate early registration deadline is Feb. 26.

AMP's sponsorship will cover registration fees and up to three nights of accommodation for participants based upon the available funds. Please contact me by Jan. 31 regarding sponsorship at 614.540.0924 or <u>mpalmer@amppartners.org</u>.

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Other than that, it was a very good project and the site today is clean because it was done properly.

We now have a site with a material handling permit that will enable us to find opportunities as a barge unloading facility, which will bring in revenue to participating members. We have some ongoing environmental obligations for the site, but they are reasonable and do not require full-time staff.

Hydro Projects

All four of the hydro projects made good progress in 2013, with our goal being to reduce the construction risk every month as we move these projects forward. At Cannelton and Mehldahl, we are essentially 100 percent complete with the concrete pours. We are getting those power-



Assembly of the Unit 2 shaft and inner gate barrel on the powerhouse roof at Cannelton.

houses watertight so that they are ready for water-up in the first quarter of 2014.

The Willow Island and Smithland projects also progressed well, with approximately 66 percent and 63 percent, respectively, of structural concrete placement done by the end of the 2013.

Our biggest push has been on commissioning at Meldahl and Cannelton, because there is a massive amount of vital commissioning work that has to be coordinated among AMP; Hamilton (in the case of Meldahl); our future hydro employees - some of whom we are hiring now to operate those two facilities; our powerhouse contractors; our turbine generator vendor, Voith; and MWH, our project engineering consultant.

You can follow the progress of the four projects on the Hydro page, found under Generation Assets at www. amppartners.org, as new photos are posted monthly. If you haven't already, you can sign up for an email alert that notifies you when the hydro project pages are updated. Click on Subscribe at the top of the home page. Phil Meier, AMP vice president of hydroelectric development & operations, also regularly provides status reports on the hydro projects in Update.

Prairie State Energy Campus

Prairie State Energy Campus (PSEC) had its reliability issues in 2013, but the owners and PSEC staff continue to work through them and are getting closer to resolution.

Last year, PSEC completed, on schedule, the near field ash-handling facility that sits adjacent to the power plant and stores coal combustion residuals (CCRs) transported by conveyor. Also, AMP took a very active role in the organizational governance restructuring as PSEC transitioned from construction to operations. We also addressed redefining the committees, and those seem to be working well.

Overall, AMP believes PSEC will run well and will be a good project for participating members. It is a massive and complex system that has a host of different, complicated systems that have to be coordinated, not the least among those, the emissions controls that make it one of the cleanest coal plants in the world. PSEC has brought in staff with better skill sets and expertise to manage and maintain those systems and plans to make further refinements in 2014 as it gets systems adequately sized and changes out some of the technologies.

IT Upgrades

Our Information Technology (IT) Department did a good job this year of moving forward with upgrades of technologies that play an integral role in our ability to serve members efficiently, effectively and securely. Completed implementations included the Oracle Financial system upgrade (on time and under budget), which was followed by the launch of the related business process review; the new OSI Monarch SCADA system; and the Revenue Meter/Data Collection System and Enterprise Reporting.

IT also implemented a number of new cyber/information security systems and measures to ensure the protection of AMP's business and operations networks, and updated the AMP Disaster Recovery plan.

Staying on top of AMP's IT needs is a challenging task because of our size and the ongoing changes in the industry. However, we are making every effort to do so because of the strategic, risk management and other benefits we gain as an organization. Naming Branndon Kelley, AMP's vice president of IT and chief information officer, to the Executive Management Team in 2013 was important to that effort.

Risk Management

To address AMP's critical need for risk management, we brought in a Senior Vice President of Risk Control and Chief Risk Officer, Bobby Little, who has extensive utility industry risk experience. Little joins the Executive Management Team and we now have a full staff in place in the Middle Office - the independent oversight, compliance, control and monitoring office - to move forward on implementing and managing an Enterprise Risk Management Program. This is critical to AMP and its members and we must be successful at it.

The Energy Authority

We completed all preparations to become an equity owner of The Energy Authority (TEA), a provider of strategic energy solu-

The Energy Authority

tions, by the end of 2013 and closed that transaction on Jan. 2, 2014.

AMP, which has received risk management and natural gas supply services through its partnership with TEA for several years, will benefit further by gaining access to best practices, TEA's modeling capability, IT services and more. Additionally, as an owner we will have direct input into the direction of TEA and, we believe, our economics will also be improved. The value of the best practices is derived from TEA's work on behalf of its eight other owners, as well as the many resource partners they work for.

Several different segments of our operation will be interacting with TEA - including IT, Risk, Power Supply and Finance - so our relationship with the organization will become an integral aspect of how we operate and serve our members.



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Legal/Regulatory

AMP works diligently to provide its members with an active, well-informed voice with the Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs), as well as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Last year, we made great strides in raising our engagement level with PJM, thanks to the efforts of John Bentine, senior vice president/general counsel; Pam Sullivan, senior vice president of marketing & operations; Lisa McAlister, deputy general counsel - FERC/RTO affairs; and Chris Norton, director of market regulatory affairs.

Finance

AMP's financial strength and strong management continued to be recognized by the rating agencies in 2013. In April, Moody's Investors Service affirmed AMP's A1 issuer rating. In addition to affirming the A1 rating, Moody's identified the outlook as stable.

Among the factors Moody's cited for the affirmation were the strength of AMP member utilities, AMP's credit monitoring system and the diversification of AMP's power supply portfolio. I want to recognize the members for their contributions to this rating.

New Member

In 2013, we also welcomed a new AMP member, the village of Georgetown, located in Brown County in southwestern Ohio. childhood Georgetown, the home of President Ulysses S.



Grant, currently has 4,331 residents.

Member Services & External Affairs

Based on member feedback, AMP expanded its training offerings in 2013 to meet the growing needs of members who wanted to develop the skills of their workforce through additional technically oriented, hands-on training. This training expansion, which has included courses presented by the American Public Power Association (APPA) and Cooper Industries, has been very well received by participants and their member communities.

We also continued to work on improving our ability to engage and communicate effectively with members and made significant strides in that area in 2013. I think that was reflected, in part, by the record attendance at the 2013 AMP/OMEA Conference in Columbus, which drew nearly 500 participants.

Our communications efforts were also recognized, with AMP receiving an Award of Merit in APPA's national annual report competition for our 2012 annual report. We are continuing to make strides in other areas of communications as well. In late 2013 we began redesigning our website to enhance its appearance, simplify site navigation and make it mobile compatible for the rapidly growing number of visitors who use Smart phones and tablets to view our pages.

Loss

Finally, in 2013, we also suffered the tragic loss of two former and highly regarded employees, Jane Juergens and Roger Dean. Jane was the vice president of human resources & talent management for a number of years before she left earlier in 2013 to start her own consulting business. She continued to work with AMP on several projects. Roger worked for the Village of Carey as electrical superintendent for 20 years, retiring in 1997. He was also a circuit rider and consultant with AMP for several years. In retirement, he was also an instructor for AMP.

Our thoughts continue to be with their families and their many friends.

Next Week: Looking Ahead At 2014

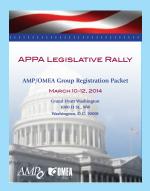
The activities of AMP and its members will be reviewed in more detail in the 2013 AMP Annual Report, as well as in AMP's 2013 Sustainability Report, coming out this spring. Be sure to watch for those publications, which are provided in print and online at our website, www.amppartners.org, in late spring.

In next week's issue of Update, I will outline the challenges, opportunities and milestones I see ahead in 2014 for AMP and its members.

AMP/OMEA registration packet for 2014 APPA rally has been mailed

By Michael Beirne – assistant vice president of government affairs & publications

Information and registration materials were sent to members earlier this week for the annual American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally, which will take place March 10-12 at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C.



We strongly encourage AMP members from every state to attend the Rally. It is important that congressional policymakers hear from their public power constituents. You know best the impact of legislation and regulations at the local level and can deliver that message to the policymakers operating on Capitol Hill. Among the key issues are tax-exempt financing, BABs sequestration, energy policy, and environmental policies.

Log-in information for AMP's pre-Rally webinars (2 p.m. March 5 and 10 a.m. March 6) will be sent to members following registration.

Registration packets for the AMP/OMEA APPA Legislative Rally group and the OMEA Legislative Day and Mayor's Reception are available on the Member Extranet section of the AMP website.

Please contact Jodi Allalen with questions or for more information at jallalen@amppartners.org or 614.540.0916.

FERC capacity market review

By Lisa McAlister and Chris Norton

On Sept. 25, 2013, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) held a technical conference on Eastern Regional Transmission Organization (RTO)/Independent System Operator (ISO) capacity markets. Its purpose was to help FERC consider how current



centralized capacity market rules and structures in the regions served by ISO New England Inc. (ISO-NE), New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO), and PJM Interconnection LLC (PJM) are supporting the procurement and retention of resources necessary to meet future reliability and operational needs.

The conference did not include MISO. After the conference, FERC issued notice that it would accept comments on capacity market issues through Dec. 9, 2013. FERC later extended the comment date to Jan. 8, 2014.

AMP filed comments in the FERC docket and provided input to APPA and TAPS, two trade industry groups of which AMP is a member, for their comments. AMP concentrated its comments on debunking the arguments of some entities that if a load-serving entity (LSE), such as a municipal electric utility operating in the PJM capacity market, wanted to self-supply capacity, then the PJM Fixed Resource Requirement (FRR) option was sufficient. All three sets of comments are posted on AMP's website. AMP pointed out the numerous deficiencies with the argument, including the potential for local capacity zones to change after the initial capacity commitments, requirements for FRR entities to maintain excess reserves, limits on FRR entities ability to sell excess capacity, excessive compliance penalties for FRR entities with capacity deficiencies, the historic lack of availability of bilateral capacity contracts, and the negative impacts of the ability of Transmission Owners to migrate from one RTO to another attempting to maximize affiliate revenues as recently witnessed by the migrations of Duke and FE from MISO to PJM.

In their comments, to which AMP provided input, TAPS and APPA lobbied FERC on a number of issues. They asked FERC to not seek a one-size fits all approach to capacity markets, counseling FERC to instead allow regional variation. They also cautioned FERC against a continued expansion of the centralized capacity markets from the three Eastern RTOs because regions to the West in large part still use the traditional vertically integrated utility model with state retail regulation. TAPS and APPA also urged FERC to return to a real market where buyers and sellers negotiate bilateral capacity trades with a residual centralized capacity market instead of the current centralized capacity construct under which the RTO is responsible for purchasing the capacity for all load. APPA and TAPS devoted a significant amount of

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AMP partners with Comverge to provide demand response

By Lisa McAlister

At their December meeting, the AMP Board of Trustees approved



teaming up with Comverge to expand the demand response services available to AMP members and their retail customers.

This collaboration presents an opportunity for AMP member communities and their retail customers to enroll in PJM's demand response program for the 2014-15 PJM delivery year, which begins on June 1, 2014, without a commitment to participate three years in advance, via the Base Residual capacity auction.

The AMP-Comverge Demand Response Program provides revenue to both the municipality and the retail customer, maintains existing long-term member/customer relationships, and hedges against some auction risk. The program also includes a Transmission Peak Shaving (1 CP) aspect.

The AMP-Comverge Demand Response Program will begin as a one-year pilot, with the potential to extend the term. This program will operate exclusively through the member community, and will observe any and all protocols established by the municipal electric utility.

Informational materials, an AMP member schedule and sample contracts with Comverge were sent to members on Jan. 10. AMP members may enroll in the program immediately by passing the legislation and executing the AMP member schedule. Marketing to retail customers will be jointly conducted by Comverge, AMP and the municipality and can begin upon enrollment. As a limited amount of megawatts are available for the 2014/2015 DY, customer enrollment in the program is on a first-come, first-served basis. Retail customers need to be enrolled with Comverge by May 1. Please note that a recordable/ revenue meter is required to enroll.

If you have any questions regarding the AMP-Comverge Demand Response Program, the member schedule, sample legislation, or contract, or would like copies, please contact Harry Phillips at <u>hphillips@amppartners.org</u> or myself at <u>lmcalister@amppartners.org</u>.

Member Directory updated

Updates have been made to the AMP Member Directory. The 2014 directory is located on the Member Extranet section of the <u>AMP website</u> (login required). On that web page, you will also find a Word document that details all the changes made since the last directory update. Please contact Bethany Kiser at <u>bkiser@</u> <u>amppartners.org</u> or 614.540.0945 if there are changes to your community's directory page.

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their comments to the issue of returning the capacity rules to prior versions that allowed LSEs to supply their own capacity and purchase their remaining needs from the market instead of the more recent rules that seek to protect suppliers from buyers controlling the markets and illegally suppressing capacity prices.

FERC will now consider the comments from the Sept. 25, 2013, technical conference as well as the comments submitted by the Jan. 8, 2014, deadline and decide whether or not to initiate a rulemaking or to incorporate any of the issues into its decisions on specific capacity market filings by the Eastern RTOs/ISOs. AMP will provide additional information as FERC issues any additional or related orders. AMP's, TAPS and APPA's comments are available <u>here</u>.

Please contact either Lisa McAlister at <u>lmcalister@</u> <u>amppartners.org</u> or Chris Norton at <u>cnorton@amppartners.</u> <u>org</u> if you have questions or need additional information.

AMP Regional Safety Meeting has been scheduled for Feb. 18

By Sandi Sherwood - senior safety/OSHA compliance coordinator

The first of AMP's four Regional Safety Meetings has been scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 18. The meeting will be held at the Simpson Building located at 1291 Conneaut Ave. in Bowling Green. Topics to be covered include: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Electric Hazards, Basic Rigging for Line Clearance, Slings and Loops, Job Briefing, Chaps, Chainsaw Operations, and Brush Chipper Safety.

Attendance is free but registration is required for lunch count. Seating is limited. To register, please contact me at 614.203.0351 or Jennifer Flockerzie at 614.540.0853 or <u>jflockerzie@amppartners.org</u>. Registration deadline is Feb.12.

Additional Regional Safety Meetings will be scheduled at other locations throughout the year. The Regional Safety Meetings are replacing the Safety Subcommittee meetings that were previously held biannually.

Prices up as result of cold weather

By Craig Kleinhenz – manager of power supply planning

The effect of last week's cold can now be fully seen in this week's natural gas storage report. The amount of natural gas that was withdrawn from storage set a new all-time record this week. The new record was almost 7 percent higher than the old one set last month. The amount of natural gas in storage is now 21 percent lower than this time last year and 15 percent lower than the average amount of gas that is normally in storage at this time of the winter. This news has caused higher natural gas and power prices.

February natural gas prices closed yesterday at \$4.38/ MMBtu, which is up 38 cents from last week (giving back most of the 49 cent drop over the last three weeks). Next year electric prices settled higher for the week with 2015 on-peak electric prices at AD Hub finishing up \$1.69/MWh, closing at \$41.28/MWh.

Hard Hat Award winners



Dane Nagel, utilities superintendent for the Village of Versailles Utilities, receives a 2013 AMP Hard Hat Award.

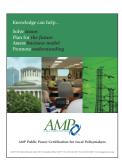


Jeremy Wolford (right) of Orrville receives a 2013 AMP Hard Hat Award from AMP Safety Manager Scott Mckenzie.

Still time to register for AMP's Public Power Certification

By Kent Carson - senior director media relations & communications programs

There is still time to register for AMP's Public Power Certification Course and we are strongly encouraging participation by elected officials in AMP member communities responsible for electric system oversight. The new offering is a series of six webinars covering both the technical and regulatory aspects of the



industry, as well as an overview of public power and AMP.

We encourage AMP principal contacts to share the registration information they have received with their elected officials.

The program is designed for both newly elected (or appointed) and experienced utility policymakers. Participants can join the live webinars or view a recording via the Member Extranet section of AMP's website. Deadline for registering is Jan. 24 and the first session will be held Jan. 30.

More information is available on the <u>AMP Member</u> <u>Extranet</u>. Feel free to contact me at 614.540.0842 or <u>kcarson@amppartners.org</u>.

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AFEC weekly update

By Craig Kleinhenz

The cold temperatures have retreated further north this week and that has resulted in lower loads and lower market prices. This caused AFEC to be dispatched offline for most of the week due to economics.

The only day of operation was last Friday when the plant operated at base maximum during the daytime hours and base minimum during the overnight hours. The plant was off for the remainder of the week. The plant ended the week with a 12 percent load factor (based on 675 MW).

DEED deadlines approach for awards, grants, scholarships

Deadlines for the Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments (DEED) program awards are quickly approaching.

Submissions for both the Energy Innovator Award (EIA) and the Award of Continued Excellence (ACE) are due by Jan. 31.

The EIA recognizes utility programs or projects that have demonstrated advances in the development or application of creative, techniques or technologies that demonstrate resource efficiency and consumer benefits.

All current DEED members in good standing for the last five years are eligible for an ACE. DEED members may nominate their own utility or another DEED member utility.

The application deadline for grants and student internships is Feb. 15. DEED members may apply for up to \$125,000 in funding for their innovative utility projects. Grants can be used to, among other things, improve utilities by increasing efficiency, reducing costs, investigating new technologies, offering new services, and improving processes and practices to better serve customers. DEED internships (\$4,000 in funding) serve as a purposeful and beneficial link between communities and utilities.

AMP covers the DEED dues for its members, and AMP members have participated in a number of projects throughout the years.

For more information, please visit <u>http://publicpower.</u> <u>org/Programs/Landing.cfm?ItemNumber=31245&navItem</u> <u>Number=37529</u> or email to <u>DEED@publicpower.org</u>.

Calendar

Jan. 23—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Jan. 27—APPA Maintenance of High-Voltage Electrical Distribution AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Jan. 28-30—APPA Overhead Distribution Systems AMP Headquarters, Columbus

AMP scholarship reminder

Richard H. Gorsuch and Lyle B. Wright scholarship nominations are due by Jan. 31. Each member can nominate one graduating high school senior for the Gorsuch and/ or Wright scholarships. The scholarship program packet is available on the <u>Member</u> <u>Extranet</u> section of the AMP website. For more information, please contact Karen Ritchey at 614.540.0933 or <u>kritchey@amppartners.org</u>.

Deadline extended for 2014 Joint Purchasing Alliance Program

By Jennifer Flockerzie – technical services program coordinator

The deadline for members to turn in quantity sheets for the 2014 Joint Purchasing Alliance Program (JP Program) has been extended until the end of January. Members are being asked to review the list of joint purchase items and provide AMP with estimated quantities of forecasted purchases for 2014.

Members filling out the quantity sheets are NOT required to make a purchase through the program. AMP will only go out for pricing on the items that AMP members request. By providing estimated quantities for specific transformers sizes, wire sizes, pole classes, and pole heights, etc., it will guarantee that members receive price quotes for each specific item they may plan to purchase.

The JP Program is open to all AMP members and participation in this program and the request for proposal process is voluntary. There is no cost to participate and there are no costs associated with the program beyond the purchase price of any material ultimately ordered by the participating member community.

By combining member quantities AMP hopes to improve and increase the response from vendors, thereby providing members with more significant savings than they would be able to obtain individually.

"The City of Bowling Green has seen savings by participating in the Joint Purchase Program," said John Stewart, assistant electric superintendent of Bowling Green. "The competitive pricing is already done! I would recommend this program to everyone – big or small. It's another great service that is available through AMP."

The Village of Versailles has also experienced a great deal of savings to rate payers by being a part of the JP Program.

"While AMP employees are taking care of the administration portion of the program, this allows minimal time spent bidding out items on our part," said Versailles Utilities Superintendent Dane Nagel. "I would highly recommend becoming a part of this program as doing so would mean even more savings to the participating group."

To obtain a list of items and instructions on how to participate in the program, please contact me at 614.540.0853 or <u>jflockerzie@amppartners.org</u>.

City of Columbus seeks engineering associate

The Division of Power, City of Columbus is accepting resumes for an Engineering Associate III position. Salary: \$45,739.20 - \$68,640. To qualify, candidates must have completed the twelfth grade/GED, have five years of experience performing paraprofessional engineering work (Substitution: college education in engineering or a related curriculum may be substituted for up to four years of the experience on a year-for-year basis), and have a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

This position will be responsible for performing electrical engineering work associated with design and construction of the street light project.

Please send resumes by close of business on Feb. 4 to: Lindsay Robinson, Department of Public Utilities, 910 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Email: <u>DPURecruiment@columbus.gov</u> Phone: 614.645.5802 Fax: 614.645.0500. Pre-employment medical/drug screen and background investigation required if selected. EOE

Electrical lineman candidates needed in Newton Falls

The City of Newton Falls is accepting applications for a qualified Electrical Lineman. Candidates must have a valid Journeyman card from an accredited union or comparable lineman training, valid State of Ohio commercial Driver's License and five years experience in the electrical trade.

Resumes will be accepted until Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. in the City Manager's Office, 19 N. Canal St., Newton Falls, Ohio 44444 or by email to <u>cityclerk@ci.newtonfalls.oh.us</u>.

Oak Harbor accepts applications for wastewater operator position

The Village of Oak Harbor is accepting applications for the position of Wastewater Operator.

This is a fulltime position working under the general supervision of the superintendent of the Wastewater Plant. Pay rate DOQ and OEPA licensure, \$15 to \$23.99 hourly, plus benefits.

Minimum qualifications: graduation from high school education or GED equivalent, two years of experience in wastewater treatment and/or collection system, or combination of education and experience and a valid State of Ohio Driver's License. OEPA Wastewater Treatment Operator Class I preferred, but not required.

Applications and position descriptions are available at the village administrator's office located at 146 N. Church St., Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449. The application is available on the village's website at <u>www.oakharbor.oh.us</u> (Government Tab). For a full position description, questions or position details, may be directed to the village administrator at 419.898.5561, <u>rpauley@oakharbor.oh.us</u>, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Deadline to apply is Jan. 31 or until position is filled. The Village of Oak Harbor is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

AMP seeks part-time member marketing consultant

Part-time member marketing consultant provides the following essential functions, both internally and externally: assists the director of marketing/member relations in the administration and marketing of services, programs and projects to member management and elected officials; assists with membership development in accordance with Strategic Growth Marketing Plans; performs regular visits to member communities; may attend industry related forums and industry panels; and attend and make presentations at member council/ board meetings on an as needed basis.

A minimum of a four-year business or engineeringrelated degree is desired. Candidates must have five or more years of experience in the electric utility industry, including supervisory responsibilities. Three or more years of experience in day-to-day marketing and public relations is preferred. Candidates must possess proven management skills and technical expertise in the dayto-day activities of member electric systems. Position requires travel, primarily in Ohio and Michigan.

Please visit <u>www.amppartners.org</u> or email to <u>jpawlak@amppartners.org</u> for a complete job listing.

Schuylkill Haven in need of journeyman electric lineworker

The Borough of Schuylkill Haven is accepting applications for a journeyman electric lineman position.

Minimum qualifications include: graduation from the standard four-year high school, successful completion of an approved apprenticeship program of at least four years in duration and Pennsylvania CDL license.

Schuylkill Haven Borough owns and operates its own electric system. The electric system includes: substation, poles, transmission lines, transformers and secondary services. The successful application should have knowledge/ background including all of these appurtenances. This is a full time position.

Schuylkill Haven is located In Schuylkill County, PA and has a population of 5,500. Schuylkill Haven borough has an excellent compensation/benefit package and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. A complete job description and job application can be obtained by contacting the borough office at 570.385.2841 or by logging on to the Borough's website www.schuylkillhaven.org.

Please submit a completed job application, resume, certifications and three references to: Scott J. Graver, Borough Administrator, Schuylkill Haven Borough Office, 12 W. Main St., Schuylkill Haven, and PA 17972.

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Legislative Bulletin

January 17th 2014

STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SCIP) REAUTHORIZATION ADVANCES TO OHIO HOUSE

The Ohio General Assembly continued its "fast tracking" process of the two separate legislative resolutions that would enable Ohio voters to reauthorize the state to issue tax-exempt bonds to assist local governments in maintaining vital infrastructure such as roads, bridges, storm sewer and wastewater systems. On Tuesday, the Ohio Senate unanimously passed SJR6 sponsored by Sens. Kevin Bacon (R-Columbus) and Gayle Manning (R-N. Ridgeville), which is the upper-chambers version of the reauthorization of the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP). While the Senate has been working on their initiative, the Ohio House has simultaneously been considering HJR9 sponsored by Reps. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) and Tim Brown (R-Bowling Green) that too would allow voters in May to consider the \$1.875 billion dollar, 10-year funding system. It is expected that SJR6 will be taken up by the Ohio House next week and sent on to the Governor for his approval in time for the May ballot.

On Wednesday, officials representing local government associations including the Ohio Municipal League were pleased to join Governor Kasich, Senate President Keith Faber and Ohio House Speaker William Batchelder at a press conference to announce the legislative action underway to renew one of the most important state-local funding partnership that was first initiated in 1987 and has been renewed two times since. The 2014 reauthorization proposal included in SJR 6 is especially important since the Governor and legislative leaders are proposing to increase the amount of revenue available for local projects that qualify for the next 10 year cycle. During the current funding cycle that will be expiring soon, SCIP provided \$120 million annually for the first five years and \$150 million for the remaining five year term. The reauthorized language being proposed would have a 39% increase in project funding by providing \$175 million annually for the first five years and \$200 million thereafter.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND THREATENED BY PROPOSED SEVERANCE TAX PROPOSAL

Hearings continue in the House Ways and Means Committee on HB 375, legislation introduced by Rep. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) that would make changes to the state's oil and gas severance tax. The

bill would replace the current severance tax with a new tax structure that creates a distinction between horizontal wells and non-horizontal wells. The legislation, as currently drafted, states that beginning April 1, 2014, the owner of a horizontal well must pay a 1% rate on the owner's net proceeds from the sale of oil and gas. After 20 calendar quarters, the 1% rate raises to 2% of the owner's net proceeds unless the horizontal well does not meet predetermined benchmarks. HB 375 currently stipulates that a portion of the revenue will be used to partially offset revenue losses to two Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) funds, with the remaining revenue to be used to fund a Personal Income Tax (PIT) cut. Owners of horizontal wells will also be afforded the opportunity to deduct any severance tax payments from their Commercial Activities Tax (CAT) obligations, also reducing revenues going to the state General Revenue Fund (GRF). The fiscal note for HB 375 produced by the nonpartisan Legislative Service Commission (LSC) which can be found <u>HERE</u> states, "Although the GRF revenue loss will likely be less than \$10 million in FY 2015, the annual revenue loss could be up to tens of millions of dollars in future years. These GRF losses will be accompanied by corresponding losses to the LGF."

Since all personal income tax revenues and half of CAT receipts are deposited into the state GRF (of which the LGF receives 1.66%), the creation of the PIT credit for severance taxes paid from horizontal wells and the CAT exclusion will reduce the distribution amounts local governments receive through the already slashed Local Government Fund (LGF).

In a letter <u>HERE</u> sent this week to members of the House Ways and Means Committee, OML has joined with the Ohio County Commissioners Association (CCAO) and the Ohio Township Association (OTA) to express our shared concern for the current language contained in HB 375 and the detrimental effects it would have to Ohio's local governments. There have been meetings legislative leaders that have taken place to discuss alternative language that may offer relief to impacted communities. We are hopeful those conversations and considerations continue.

The true impacts are yet to be determined but the projections have been made and communities across the state cannot afford addition revenue being depleted from the remaining Local Government Fund. We do want to acknowledge the point that in the severance tax package first proposed by Governor Kasich, there was some revenue targeted to support local communities impacted by the increase in oil and gas drilling activities and the stress that these increases in demand for services has had on municipal budgets. We are hopeful that while the members of the Ohio House continue to consider changes to the introduced version of HB 375, there will be a recognition of the contributions made by cities in villages located in areas of the state that have been impacted by the new drilling activities and that revenues will be shared with the state's local partners so that the true economic development opportunities can be realized from this growing industry.

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTORS SPONSOR SEMINAR ON UNION CONTRACTS

The Ohio Association of Public Safety Directors (www.oapsd.org) is sponsoring an event on February 28, 9am-12:00 at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Hines Hill Conference Center, 1403 West Hines Hill Road Peninsula, OH 44264, that will address how public employers can prepare for and work to modify terms of unions contracts. A flyer with more information for this event can be found on our website at <u>www.omlohio.org</u>.

This seminar will: 1.) Identify specific restrictive contract provisions, 2.) Prepare support/justification for modifications, 3.) Include examples of successfully changed contract provisions, and 4.) Provide specific resources, research to support proposals for modifications. Contract provisions to be addressed will include: health/medical insurance, manning/manpower provisions, drug testing, discipline, and past practice provisions. This session is designed for those who negotiate and/or administer union contracts. Registration for the event can be completed by emailing OML Legislative Advocate, Josh Brown at <u>jbrown@omlohio.org</u> or the day of the conference beginning at 8:30am. The cost for attending the seminar is \$20.

Below is the list of committees scheduled to meet next week. The Senate Finance Committee which has been assigned subHB5 is not scheduled to meet next week. If there are any additions to the schedule, we will notify our members.

Have a great weekend.

PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2014

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

HOUSE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTRep. Blair: 614-466-6504Tue., Jan. 21, 2014, 1:00 PM, Hearing Room 121

HB377 CASINO OPERATOR SETTLEMENT FUND (ANIELSKI M) To make changes to the second payment from the Casino Operator Settlement Fund to certain local government entities. Second Hearing, All Testimony

HB198 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (BUTLER, JR. J, BURKLEY T) To establish a procedure by which political subdivisions proposing a tax increment financing (TIF) incentive district are required to provide notice to the record owner of each parcel within the proposed incentive district before adopting the TIF resolution. Third Hearing, All Testimony

JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE-DISTRICT (SCHURING K) To require subdivisions to obtain written approval from owners and lessees of real property located within a HB289 proposed or existing joint economic development zone (JEDZ) or joint economic development district (JEDD) before approving, amending, or renewing the JEDZ or JEDD contract.

Fifth Hearing, All Testimony, AMENDMENTS/SUBSTITUTE BILL

HOUSE SHARED SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY SUBCOMMITTEE Rep. Maag: 614-644-6023

Tue., Jan. 21, 2014, 5:00 PM, Hearing Room 113

HB321 DATAOHIO BOARD (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To create the DataOhio Board, and to specify requirements for posting public records online. First Hearing, Sponsor/Proponent Testimony

HB322 UNIFORM ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices. First Hearing, Sponsor/Proponent Testimony HB323 ONLINE PUBLIC DATA CATALOG (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov. First Hearing, Sponsor/Proponent Testimony

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION EXCHANGE GRANT PROGRAM (DUFFEY M, HAGAN HB324 C) To establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program and to make an appropriation.

First Hearing, Sponsor/Proponent Testimony

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

HOUSE FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONSRep. Amstutz: 614-466-1474Wed., Jan. 22, 2014, 9:00 AM, Hearing Room 313

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ISSUANCE (BACON K, MANNING G) Proposing to enact Section SJR6 2s of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to permit the issuance of additional general obligation bonds to fund public infrastructure capital improvements. First Hearing, All Testimony, AMENDMENTS/POSSIBLE VOTE

HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES

Rep. Stautberg: 614-644-6886

Wed., Jan. 22, 2014, 10:00 AM, Hearing Room 121

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT RIDER-GAS COMPANIES (GROSSMAN C) To permit HB319 natural gas companies to apply for an infrastructure development rider to cover costs of certain economic development projects.

First Hearing, Sponsor Testimony

Wed., Jan. 22, 2014, 3:00 PM, Hearing Room 116

HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS

Rep. Beck: 614-644-6027

HB375 SEVERANCE TAX-HORIZONTAL OIL AND GAS WELLS (HUFFMAN M) To levy a severance tax on well owners of oil and gas severed from horizontal wells, to create a nonrefundable income tax credit for the amount of horizontal well severance tax paid, and to repeal a cost recovery assessment imposed on oil and gas well owners. Fourth Hearing, All Testimony

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND REFORM Sen. Burke: 614-466-8049 Wed., Jan. 22, 2014, 3:30 PM, South Hearing Room

OPEN MEETINGS ACT (JONES S) To require that further information be stated in motions to SB93 hold executive sessions under the Open Meetings Act, to expand the fees and expenses that may be recovered for violations of the Act, and to make other changes to the Act. First Hearing, Sponsor/Proponent Testimony

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE TUESDAY MORNING FOR THE FINAL COMMITTEE