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# Memorandum

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**To:** Mayor & Members of Council  
**From:** Monica Irelan, City Manager  
**Subject:** General Information  
**Date:** June 26, 2015

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015

## **Agendas**

1. **City Council** in Joint Session with the Personnel Committee @ 6:30 pm
  - a. Personnel Issue dealing with Employment of Personnel in the Law Department
  - b. Resolution No. 031-15, a Resolution of Necessity regarding Roundhouse Road; and declaring an Emergency (Suspension Required)
2. **Personnel Committee** in Joint Session with City Council @6:30 pm
  - a. The Personnel Committee meeting minutes from June 10, 2015 are enclosed.

## **Informational Items**

1. ***Fourth of July Celebration*** Schedule of Events
2. ***Flood Damage Report*** on both the Golf Course and Boat Docks
3. ***2014 Audit Exit Conference*** /Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> @2:00 pm
4. AMP Update /June 19, 2015
5. OML Legislative Bulletin /June 19, 2015

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 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM City Council/Personnel Committee Joint Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 6:00 PM River City Rodder's Downtown Cruise-In	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> HOLIDAY - Closed - July 4th H	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:15 PM TECHNOLOGY Committee Meeting 7:00 PM City COUNCIL Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Rally in the Alley	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM ELECTRIC Committee Board of Public Affairs (BOPA) Mtg. 7:00 PM WATER & SEWER Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM Municipal Properties/ED Committee Meeting	<b>14</b> 4:30 PM Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 5:00 PM Planning Commission	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00 PM Tree Commission Meeting 6:15 PM Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting 7:00 PM City COUNCIL Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM FINANCE & BUDGET Committee Meeting 7:30 PM SAFETY & HUMAN RESOURCES Committee Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM Parks & Rec Board Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>

City of Napoleon, Ohio  
**City Council**  
in joint session with  
**Personnel Committee**

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

**Special Meeting Agenda**

Monday, June 29, 2015 at 6:30pm

- I. Personnel Issue dealing with Employment of Personnel in the Law Department
- II. Introduction of Resolution No. 031-15, a Resolution of Necessity regarding Roundhouse Road; and declaring an Emergency (Suspension Requested)
- III. Executive Session: Economic Development
- IV. Any other matters that may properly come before Council
- V. Adjournment

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Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk

# **City of Napoleon, Ohio**

## **Personnel Committee**

in joint session with

## **City Council**

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

### **Meeting Agenda**

Monday, June 29, 2015 at 6:30pm

- I. Approval of Minutes (*In the absence of any objections or corrections, the Minutes shall stand approved*)
- II. Personnel Issue dealing with Employment of Personnel in the Law Department
- III. Any other matters that are assigned to the Committee
- IV. Adjournment

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Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

City of Napoleon, Ohio  
**Personnel Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 8:00pm

**PRESENT**  
**Personnel Committee**  
**City Staff**

**Acting Recorder**  
**Absent**

**Call To Order**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Review Of Personnel Matters**

**Motion To Go Into Executive Session: Employment Of Personnel**

**Passed**  
**Yea- 3**  
**Nay- 0**

**Into Executive Session**

**Motion To Come Out Of Executive Session**

**Passed**  
**Yea- 3**  
**Nay- 0**

**Out of Executive Session**

**Motion To Adjourn**

**Passed**  
**Yea- 3**  
**Nay- 0**

**Date Approved**

Travis Sheaffer – Chair, Jason Maassel, Mayor Ronald Behm  
Monica Ireland, City Manager  
Trevor Hayberger, Law Director  
Monica Ireland

Chairperson Sheaffer called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

The minutes of the May 29 meeting stand approved with no objections or corrections.

Motion: Maassel Second: Behm  
To go into Executive Session to discuss employment of personnel

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

The Committee went into Executive Session at 8:01pm.

Motion: Maassel Second: Behm  
To come out of Executive Session

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

The Committee came out of Executive Session at 9:13pm. Sheaffer reported that the Executive Session was held to discuss the employment of personnel and

Motion: Maassel Second: Behm  
To adjourn at 9:14pm

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

Travis Sheaffer, Chair



# Napoleon Parks and Recreation Fourth of July Celebration 2015

## Thursday, July 2:

**12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Hole In One Contest** - sponsored by the Napoleon American Legion. Any person scoring a hole-in-one will receive \$1,000 compliments of the American Legion. (Two or more winners shall split the prize). Gift certificates will be awarded daily to persons closest to the pin. Located near wooden shelterhouse at Glenwood Park.

**1:00 pm – 9:00 p.m.**

### **3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – Glenwood Park**

Age groups – 13- 15 (boys and girls) 1:00 p.m. start

Open Division 5:00 p.m. start

Teams shall consist of a maximum of four (4) players.

Double elimination format. \$20.00 entry fee per team.

Trophies and shirts awarded to winners. Registration deadline is Wednesday, July 1.



## Friday, July 3:

**12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Hole In One Contest** - sponsored by the Napoleon American Legion. Located near wooden shelter house at Glenwood Park.

**6:00 - 7:30 p.m**

**Big Wheel Race** – Napoleon Middle School rear parking lot. Age groups for those 7 and under. Prizes for winners. Register at the site.



## Saturday, July 4:

**8:00 a.m.**

### **Red, White, and Blue Golf Scramble – Golf Course**

This is a unique 4 person scramble where teams play from the red, white, and blue tees. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams as well as individual awards for closest to the pin, long drive, and longest putt. Entry fee will be \$100.00 per team (10 team minimum). Contact the clubhouse at 592-5526 to enter your team or for more information.



**9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m**

### **Hole-In-One Contest - Glenwood Park**

**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Basketball Hotshot Contest - Glenwood Park Basketball Court.** Boys and Girls age groups are 9-12, 13-15, and 16-18. Registration at 9:00 a.m. with competition to begin at 9:30 a.m. Trophies to winners in each age group

**10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m**

### **Free Open Swim at the Napoleon Municipal Pool**



***BE SURE TO VISIT OUR FOOD VENDORS***



**11:00 a.m.**

**Girls Softball All-Star Game** - All Stars from the Girls Softball program to compete – Glenwood Park

**12:00 p.m.**

**Chicken Barbecue** - located inside at the American Legion. Chicken dinners and bratwurst sandwiches. Eat in or carry-outs available. Outside beverage stand also open at 11:00 a.m.

**1:00 p.m.**

**Junior Little League All-Star Game** – Glenwood Park.

**2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Kids Games at the Municipal Pool** - prizes and candy donated by the American Legion.

**5:00 p.m.**

**Sr. Little League Baseball All-Star Game** – Glenwood Park



**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Live Music – featuring Dave Grahn Live.** Acoustic guitar performance playing hits of the 60s, 70s, & 80s. Glenwood Park

**8:00 p.m.**

**Napoleon Community Band** - Glenwood Park  
Local instrumental band playing all of the traditional Independence Day music leading up to the fireworks display.

**10:00 p.m.**

**Fireworks Display** - Glenwood Park  
(Please park in the parking lots at Glenwood Park and the High School - there will be no parking on Bales Road from Briarheath Dr. to Chelsea Ave. and on Briarheath Dr. from Kenilworth to Bales)



# City of Napoleon Parks and Recreation Department

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## *Memorandum*

To: *Monica Irelan, City Manager*  
From: *Tony Cotter, Director of Parks and Recreation*  
Date: *June 25, 2015*  
Subject: *Flood Damage Report – Golf Course and Boat Docks*

### **Golf Course**

As you are aware, the high river level due to the excessive rain both locally and to our South caused extensive flooding on the golf course. Garrett Creek runs along the west and south borders of the golf course. When the river level reaches 7 feet and above, it “back-floods” the creek which, in turn, spills on to the golf course. The amount of area of the course that floods is dependent upon how high the river level reaches. In this case, reports were that the river level in Napoleon reached between 13 and 14 feet so we had water across a large area of the course. We posted a video taken from a drone on the City of Napoleon’s Facebook page that shows the extent of the flood water.

Although it is too early to tell at this point, I would estimate about 40 percent of the course will sustain turf loss. Once grass is underwater for 3 days or more, it becomes oxygen starved and essentially suffocates and dies. This was the case in this flood event.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the water had receded to a point where there were only small pockets of water remaining on the course. What remains is grass with heavy amounts of mud and silt. Once we believe that it is dry enough to sustain foot and golf cart traffic, we’ll be able to open the course to the public. We were able to open five (5) holes on Wednesday. These holes are located on higher ground and areas that did not sustain as much flooding. The holes impacted the most (#4, #5, and #7) will still need to remain closed for a few more days to allow for further “drying”.

As we move forward from a maintenance standpoint, we attempt to “wash off” greens and tees that have the layer of mud and silt covering them to determine if they will survive. We will also core aerify these areas to break up the crusted layers to get oxygen back into the root zone. The areas that we are not able to revive will need to be seeded and new grass will need to be grown back in. We believe that the only green that we may lose is #4. Our hole #3 was under water but for a shorter period of time and we are optimistic it will survive. We verticut (cutting small slices on the surface) and top-dressed (applying a fine layer of sand) these greens to aid in their recovery. All other greens were unaffected. The fairways that were most damaged include the majority of hole #4 and portions of #3, #5, #7, and #8. It is likely these areas will not survive. We do have grass seed on hand but we will be ordering more to reseed these areas.

### **Boat Docks**

The west end of the boat docks also sustained damage due to the flooding. While it is common that debris will build up on the west side of the dock structure during high water, this event caused a number of large trees that drifted in to get lodged under one of the docks causing a large debris pile up. The strong current pushed the large trees and logs further under the dock and possibly driven into the river

bottom. This buildup created a large pile of trees, branches and debris that are essentially locked in place. The Electric Department has worked to cut some of the large trees away to free them but have had limited success. After consulting with Chad Lulfs weighing several options, we agreed that our only option is to have a large excavator brought in that can reach the debris pile from the top of the bank. The excavator can move the larger trees and logs so they can be brought to the top or drift down river. The excavator is scheduled to begin work on Friday morning.

Once the debris is cleared, we will assess the damage to the dock itself. The large bracket that holds the dock to the pile has been bent and will need repaired. It also appears that one or more floats under one of the dock sections may have suffered puncture holes and will need to be replaced as well.

Please see images attached.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

Golf Course - #4 Fairway



Boat Dock Area







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DATE: June 22, 2015

TO: Members of the Finance and Budget Committee of Council  
All Other City Council Members  
Ronald A. Behm, Mayor

FROM: Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

SUBJECT: **2014 Audit – Exit Conference on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 2:00 PM**

Please be informed the 2014 Financial Audit of the City of Napoleon, Ohio, has been completed and an unqualified opinion letter was issued to the City.

**On Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 2:00 PM there will be an Exit Conference via phone at the City Building, 255 West Riverview, Napoleon, Ohio.**

If you are interested in attending the Exit Conference please let me know.

Thank you.



# UPdate

A weekly newsletter presented by AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken

June 19, 2015

## Moody's affirms AMP's A1 issuer rating

By Chris Deeter – assistant vice president finance & member credit compliance

On June 18, Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) affirmed the A1 issuer rating on American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP). In addition to affirming the A1 rating, Moody's identified the outlook as stable.

The issuer rating is significant in that it is a total entity rating as opposed to a specific bond issue rating. This rating is relied upon by power supply counterparties, banks and financial institutions doing business with AMP. An A1 rating as opposed to a lower rating means AMP and its members will realize significant savings in power supply costs, interest rates and borrowing costs over the long-term.

Although Moody's stated that the average credit quality of the AMP membership was A3, other positive factors bring the credit rating up to the A1 category. In the rating affirmation, among other things, Moody's recognized AMP's established role in providing competitive and reliable wholesale power supply to its diverse membership, AMP's strong financial liquidity position with a credit facility of \$750 million expandable to \$1 billion, and its strong strategic planning to diversify and manage member power supply. Moody's also noted that AMP is providing a diverse resource mix for its members and reducing reliance on market purchases, creating more competitive and reliable options. Moody's also pointed out AMP's oversight role in monitoring member credit quality as a positive and heavily weighted factor in the rating assigned.

The rating is very important to AMP, our members and the financial community. AMP staff, Board of Trustees and members work diligently to maintain creditworthiness through sound management, financial best practices and strategic planning. The affirmed A1 rating is the result of these efforts.

If you would like a copy of the report, it has been posted electronically to [AMP's website](#). For more information, please contact me at 614.540.0848 or [cdeeter@amppartners.org](mailto:cdeeter@amppartners.org).

## Moody's affirms A3 rating for Meldahl Hydroelectric Project revenue bonds

By Chris Deeter

Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) has affirmed the A3 rating on the American Municipal Power, Inc. Meldahl Hydroelectric Project revenue bonds.

Moody's says the rating outlook is stable, and stated in addition to the unconditional take-or-pay contract obligations of the 48 participants, that one of the other factors which bears significant weight in the rating is the

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## FERC order generally accepts PJM Capacity Performance proposal

By Lisa McAlister – deputy general counsel FERC/RTO affairs

On June 9, 2015, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an order that generally accepted PJM's Capacity Performance proposal with some modifications effective April 1, 2015. The order also accepted in part the PJM energy market changes concerning unit scheduling and dispatch parameters.

PJM argued that Capacity Performance is necessary to improve reliability and generator performance, but will likely cost customers billions in additional costs for capacity. PJM will now move forward with transitioning its forward capacity construct (referred to as the Reliability Pricing Model or RPM) to the Capacity Performance rules, which require capacity performance resources to be available to provide energy and reserves during emergency conditions or pay a significant penalty. This means that, during a transition period beginning with the 2016-2017 delivery year through the 2018-2019 delivery year, there will be two capacity products available: base capacity and capacity performance.

Beginning in the 2020-2021 delivery year, all capacity resources must qualify as capacity performance resources to offer into the auctions. PJM will hold transition auctions that permit capacity resources that already have commitments to elect to offer as capacity performance resources, presumably for additional payment, under the more stringent capacity performance rules. The transition auctions will be held: 1) on July 27-28 for the 2016-2017 delivery year with results posted on July 30; 2) on Aug. 3-4

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"51% obligation share of Hamilton," which is the largest participant. Hamilton's outstanding revenue bonds were affirmed this week as well, at an A3 rating. Moody's rating also considers the long-term value and economics of the "non-carbon hydroelectric project, as well as the A1 issuer rating assigned to AMP, Inc., who has been an effective power supply agency to its members."

Moody's also went on to note that the "Meldahl project has the highest rated capacity factor of any of the new hydroelectric projects AMP is undertaking."

In addition to the take-or-pay contracts and highest expected capacity factor as mentioned above, Moody's also went on to point out several strengths of the project:

- Meldahl will be coordinated by AMP with five other hydro projects amounting to over 400 MW
- FERC license 50-year, renewable and non-carbon based
- Power supply contract extensions by its members are a strong indication supporting AMP's role as a regional power supplier
- Meldahl hydro generation will be a small percentage of the overall power supply of the participants, which limits the impact of any additional cost increases. However, the financial impact on Hamilton is larger as would be expected with their share of the project.
- Competitive member retail rates. Hamilton's rates are below the neighboring major investor-owned utility
- AMP's "...well regarded fiscal monitoring system including use of financial metrics to provide ongoing assessment of members' credit profiles."

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

### Week ending June 19

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$44.20	\$37.90	\$35.20	\$37.00	\$33.30

### Week ending June 12

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$35.69	\$36.86	\$42.67	\$47.31	\$48.14

AEP/Dayton 2016 5x16 price as of June 19 — \$42.06

AEP/Dayton 2016 5x16 price as of June 12 — \$42.65

## Murphy joins AMP's Willow Island team

By Scott Kiesewetter – senior vice president of generation operations

Allen Murphy joined the AMP staff this week as Willow Island Plant Operator II. He will be one of the operators responsible for operations at the Willow Island Hydroelectric Plant. Murphy worked with American Electric Power (AEP) for 10 years. As AEP's control tech senior, he worked for the regional service organization performing outage work. Murphy holds an associate degree in electrical engineering from Washington State Community College and has experience in protection and controls.



Allen Murphy

He will be a welcome addition at Willow Island and we will utilize his experience when needed at all of our hydro plants. Please join me in welcoming Allen.

## Lineworkers learn skills, safety during intermediate course

By Bob Rumbaugh – manager of technical training

Thirteen participants from 11 communities in Ohio and Pennsylvania took part in AMP's Lineworker Training Intermediate course, held July 15-19 at AMP headquarters.

The third class in AMP's lineworker series, the intermediate program incorporates book work and hands-on training to help provide additional installation skills, troubleshooting and simulated energized work. Attendees were instructed in metering, transformers, system protection and national standards.

AMP's next course offering will be a Hotline Training class July 7-9. Similar to lineworker training, the hotline course is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of proper work techniques for line construction from the bucket. There are still spots available.

For more information or to register for a course, please contact Jennifer Flockerzie at [jflockerzie@amppartners.org](mailto:jflockerzie@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0853.



Class participants are (from left): row one-Kyle Novak, Wadsworth; Lucas Chasteen, Cuyahoga Falls; Jeff Tester, Wapakoneta; Travis Boyd, Wadsworth; Chris Klinger, Mifflinburg; Tyson Metz, Milan; Nathan Keller, Kutztown; Bob Rumbaugh, instructor; row two-Gary Shultz, instructor; Jim Eberly, instructor; Josh Almanza, Deshler; Russell Swartz, Cuyahoga Falls; Mark DeMarino, Grafton; John Charles, Blakely; Zachary Schrupp, Hubbard; and Jeff Cool, Lodi.



## Prices slightly down

By Ryan Thompson – power supply planning engineer

With normal temperatures and gas storage injection levels, prices traded in a small range throughout the week. July natural gas prices are down \$0.05/MMBtu from last week, finishing yesterday at \$2.77/MMBtu. 2016 on-peak power prices at AD Hub also closed down, finishing yesterday at \$42.06/MWh.

It is interesting to note that 2016 power is selling at a higher rate than the rest of the decade. On-peak power at AD Hub is being offered for around \$41/MWh for the each of the years 2017 through 2020. Prices for these years are at their all-time low points.

## AFEC weekly update

By Ryan Thompson

AFEC was offline last Friday due to economic reasons and returned online in a one-by-one configuration after an issue with unit two turning gear. AFEC returned to a two-by-one configuration on Wednesday morning.

AFEC had 40 hours of duct firing in one-by-one configuration and three hours of duct firing in two-by-one configuration. The plant ended the week with a 38 percent load factor (based on 675 MW).



## Deserving high school senior receives scholarship

Hartlee Johnston (center) of Westerville receives a \$2,000 Lyle B. Wright Scholarship from Kent Carson (left), AMP senior director of media relations and communications programs, and Westerville Electric Director Andy Boatright, member of the AMP Board of Trustees. AMP awarded eight high school seniors with scholarships for 2015. Since 1988, \$272,000 has been awarded to deserving high school seniors through AMP's Richard H. Gorsuch and Lyle B. Wright scholarship programs.

## MAY OPERATIONS STATISTICS

	May 2015	May 2014
<b>JV6 Wind Output</b>	21%	22%
<b>Belleville Output</b>	94%	68%
<b>Fremont Energy Center Output</b>	56%	20%
<b>Blue Creek Wind Output</b>	28%	28%
<b>Napoleon Solar Output</b>	18%	24%
<b>Prairie State Output</b>	58%	70%
<b>Avg. A/D Hub On-Peak Rate</b>	\$39/MWh	\$51/MWh

\*PS Unit 1 had planned outage in early May  
 \*Fremont capacity factor based on 675 MW rating  
 \*Solar capacity factor based on 3.54 MW rating  
 \*PS capacity factor based on 1,582 MW rating

## AMP promotes Hibbard to assistant vice president

By Scott Kiesewetter

The generation operations department is pleased to announce the promotion of Marty Hibbard to assistant vice president of generation business and development. In his new role, Hibbard will be responsible for generation project analysis, development and engineering support on existing generation resources. He previously served in the position of chief electrical engineer.



Marty Hibbard

He holds a bachelor's degree from the Ohio State University, a professional engineer license in the state of Ohio, and is a senior member in the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Please join us in congratulating Marty in his new role.

## DEED fall funding cycle now open; contact AMP for assistance

By Michelle Palmer, PE – assistant vice president of technical services

The fall funding cycle of the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments (DEED) utility cycle opened on June 1.

Grants, up to \$125,000, are designed to fund innovative utility projects that increase efficiency, reduce costs, investigate new technologies, offer new services, or improve processes and practices to better serve customers.

The fall cycle application deadline is Aug. 15. AMP pays for its members to be DEED participants through APPA membership and will assist utilities in the grant application process. AMP and a number of its members have received grants in previous years.

If you need AMP's assistance in compiling your DEED application, please contact me at 615.540.0924 or [mpalmer@amppartners.org](mailto:mpalmer@amppartners.org), or Alice Wolfe at 614.540.6389 or [awolfe@amppartners.org](mailto:awolfe@amppartners.org). For additional program information, email to [DEED@PublicPower.org](mailto:DEED@PublicPower.org) or visit the DEED section of [APPA's website](http://APPA's website).



## AMP shines Member Spotlight on Village of Edgerton

By Krista Selvage – manager of publications

The Village of Edgerton, Ohio, is the latest AMP member to be highlighted in our online [Member Spotlight](#). Incorporated in 1865, Edgerton is celebrating its 150th birthday next month – July 20-26 – with special events.

The economy of the Edgerton area is strong in agriculture and many family farms are prevalent. The village is known for being a family-oriented and hardworking community.

Edgerton participates in a number of AMP programs and projects, including AMP Combustion Turbine, AMP Fremont Energy Center, Efficiency Smart, New York Power Authority, Joint Ventures 2, 4, 5, 6, Phase 1 Hydro, Prairie State Energy Campus and is a member of the OMEA Board.

Learn more about Edgerton – the “Top of Ohio” – and its diverse power supply portfolio in the [Member Spotlight](#).



## AMP to hold NERC webinar, call

By Art Iler – director of reliability standards compliance

AMP, in coordination with Utility Services Inc., will host its monthly North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC) update call and webinar for members from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on June 25.

Topics to be discussed include: (i) Risk-Based Registration; (ii) NERC’s Risk-Based Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program; (iii) recent Standards developments including: COM-001/COM-002, COM-001 SAR, and PRC-005 Implementation Plans; and (iv) TADS training videos. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

Please contact me with questions, and for the dial-in number and webinar instructions at [ailer@amppartners.org](mailto:ailer@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0857.

## Calendar

July 7-9—AMP Hotline Training class  
AMP Headquarters, Columbus

July 23—AMP Finance & Accounting Subcommittee meeting  
AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Aug. 29—AMP Lineworkers Rodeo  
AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Aug. 31-Sept. 4—AMP Lineworker Basic 2 class  
AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Sept. 28-Oct. 1—AMP/OMEA Conference  
Hilton Columbus at Easton

## PJM Capacity Performance

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for the 2017-2018 delivery year with results posted on Aug. 6; and 3) on Aug. 10-14, a base residual auction for the 2018-2019 delivery year with results posted on Aug. 21.

FERC Chair Norman Bay issued a dissenting opinion criticizing the proposal for its lack of cost-benefit analysis, opportunities for resources to profit from non-performance, and incentives to move auction-clearing prices up to 85 percent of the net cost of new entry. In other words, Bay stated that PJM “has purchased little certainty for what may be a lot of money.”

AMP, likely among many others, will seek rehearing of the FERC order. We will provide additional information as it becomes available. In the meantime, please contact Chris Norton at 614.540.6417 or [cnorton@amppartners.org](mailto:cnorton@amppartners.org), or me at 614.540.6400 or [lmcalister@amppartners.org](mailto:lmcalister@amppartners.org) if you have questions regarding this matter.

## OEPA approves more AMP programs for contact hours

By Kyle Weygandt LSP-MSA – director of member safety

An additional five AMP programs have been approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for contact hours. These programs are offered through the AMP Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Compliance program. OSHA Safety training is available as a subscription service. OEPA contact hours are required for those who hold water and wastewater licenses in Ohio. New programs approved are:

1. The What If Factor: two OEPA hours
2. The Dangers of Distracted Drivers: two OEPA hours
3. The Art of Communication in Safety: two OEPA hours
4. Don’t Drink & Drive: two OEPA hours
5. Taking Safety to New Heights: two OEPA hours

With the addition of these five courses, it brings the total AMP-offered OEPA contact hours to 60. For a complete list of topics and information or to schedule a program, please contact me at [kweygandt@amppartners.org](mailto:kweygandt@amppartners.org) or 330.323.1269.



## News or Ads?

Call Krista Selvage at 614.540.6407 or email to [kbselfage@amppartners.org](mailto:kbselfage@amppartners.org) if you would like to pass along news or ads.



## Tipp City seeks deputy director of municipal services, engineering

The City of Tipp City, Ohio, seeks qualified applicants for the Deputy Director of Municipal Services and Engineering position. Under the administrative direction of the Director of Municipal Services and Engineering, the deputy director assists the director with the daily operations of the city's utility systems and infrastructure, as assigned, which may include street design and maintenance, park maintenance, storm water, electric, water and wastewater systems, and facilities; assists with the administration of capital improvement projects; ensures compliance with state and federal regulations; and engages in short and long-term planning for the city's infrastructure. Reviewing plans for compliance with city regulation and specifications. The incumbent is responsible for the accuracy of their work product involving execution of various procedures and processes.

Requires a bachelor's degree in engineering and/or public administration with four years of experience working for a public agency overseeing public infrastructure projects, with two years of supervisory experience or; any equivalent combination of education, experience, and training which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. Ohio Professional Engineers License and/or master's degree preferred. Licensure or certification - OEPA Water or Wastewater Operator license I or II preferred; a valid State of Ohio driver's license and maintain insurability under the city's vehicle insurance policy. Excellent oral and written communication skills a must. Valid Ohio driver's license required at appointment or within six months.

Salary: \$2,291.36 - \$3,081.52 biweekly, with excellent fringe benefits. Submit resume, cover letter and salary history to Tim Eggleston, City Manager, Tipp City Government Center, 260 S. Garber Drive, Tipp City, OH 45371. Deadline to submit resume is 4 p.m. June 26, 2015. For more information, visit [www.tippcityohio.gov](http://www.tippcityohio.gov). EOE.

## AMP accepts applications for open positions

American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) is seeking applicants for the following positions. For complete job descriptions, please visit the "careers" section of the [AMP website](http://AMP website) or email to Teri Tucker at [ttucker@amppartners.org](mailto:ttucker@amppartners.org).

**Human Resources Generalist** – This position works with senior management to create and maintain an employee culture that supports AMP's mission, vision and values. Also administers human resources functions in accordance with labor laws and AMP policies. A four-year degree in business, communications or human resources is required. A minimum of three years of corporate human resources experience and previous payroll processing and/or Oracle experience are also required.

**AFEC Facility Manager** – This position is responsible for day to day management of operations at the AMP Fremont

Energy Center (AFEC) natural gas combined cycle facility, which includes managing contracted services for operation and maintenance. Candidates should have a four-year engineering-related degree and 10 years of generation experience is preferred. A thorough knowledge of power plant equipment, maintenance practices and principles of operation is required.

**Vice President of Transmission** – This position will participate in the appropriate RTO (MISO, PJM, etc.) stakeholder committees as an advocate of AMP related to transmission and reliability; develop strategies related to influencing, interpreting, and implementing the rules and regulations developed by FERC and RTOs; keep staff and members abreast of regulatory issues which impact transmission, ancillary services and wholesale markets.

Candidates must have a four-year accredited degree in engineering; licensed Professional Engineer preferred. Must have a minimum of 15 years of utility experience in transmission operation, planning or transmission tariff analysis. Knowledge of PJM and MISO transmission expansion processes preferred and must have a working knowledge of the wholesale electric energy marketplace and the impact of transmission.

## Marshall seeks utility engineer

The City of Marshall is now accepting applications for an Electric Utility Engineer. This position is responsible for the planning, engineering, design, and project management of electric utility system addition and improvement projects. The electric utility engineer is also responsible for the development and technical management of electric utility SCADA and fiber optic systems.

Position performs electric system load analysis and makes recommendations for proper utilization of system assets, operates and maintains the city's GIS program and creates various Auto Cad Drawings. Starting pay \$55,000 - \$60,000 DOQ plus benefits. Apply online at [cityofmarshall.com](http://cityofmarshall.com). Deadline to apply is June 22, 2015. EOE M/F/H/V

## Minster offers transformer for sale

The Village of Minster is offering for sale a McGraw-Edison Substation Transformer. The three-phase transformer was manufactured in 1988 and is rated at 10,000 to 12,500 KVA. It is copper wound and has a primary voltage of 70,600 volts and a secondary voltage of 13,717 volts with 16 taps. The unit is filled with non-PCB mineral oil with a total weight of 70,670 pounds. The length of the transformer is 11 feet with radiators. Depth with radiators is 12 feet. The unit measures 16 feet 4 inches to the top of the bushings.

The Village of Minster has set a minimum acceptable price of \$45,000.00 for the unit. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Electrical Superintendent John Neuman at 419.305.2971.



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**June 19 , 2015**

### **OHIO SENATE APPROVES STATE OPERATING BUDGET/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEXT STEP**

This week the Ohio Senate, by a vote of 23-10 approved the two year spending package that Senators have deconstructing and reconstructing for the past six weeks. The Senate's biennial budget proposal was not accepted by the members of the Ohio House, as expected and Conference Committee hearings began today for members of the House and Senate to work through their legislative differences.

It is with much regret that we must share with our members that Ohio cities and villages again are taking the brunt of additional cuts in financial assistance by the state through more revenue being withheld via redirect municipal LGF distributions and additional threats to the constitutionally granted Home Rule provisions of self governance.

Instead of going through the list in last week's bulletin of items inserted by the Ohio Senate that will be detrimental to Ohio municipalities in the next two year budget cycle if they remain part of HB64 and are enacted into law, below you will find a letter we have sent to members of the HB64 Conference Committee outlining our objections for what has been proposed as the budget for the state of Ohio.

The league strongly encourages municipal officials to immediately contact the Governor Kasich's office and individual state representative and state senator and educate them on how important revenue is to your community, citizens and businesses that the financial and Home Rule assaults against Ohio's hometowns.

June 19, 2015

Senator Scott Oelslager

Chairman

HB64 Conference Committee

Chairman Oelslager:

On behalf of the OML Board of Directors and our member municipalities, we are writing to ask that reconsideration be given to several budget items that have been added to sub.HB64, the proposed state operating budget bill, currently before you. The areas highlighted below include changes that, if were to be included in the final, enacted version of the budget bill, would further compromise the ability of municipalities to deliver the quality services business and resident constituents depend upon daily without increasing the financial burden through higher local tax rates.

The most objectionable policy changes proposed in the current budget language relate to the “redirection” of Local Government Fund (LGF) distribution amounts specifically dedicated to municipalities that will now be siphoned away from the locales that are instrumental in generating the state revenue amounts making the program possible. Ohio municipalities are once again being told that they must “pick-up the slack” and have more revenue withheld to support perceived financial deficiencies in other government entities, to fund new state mandates applied to a universe of service providers and as a punitive measure meant to punish autonomous political subdivisions. Specifically, the following provisions included in HB64 will take more LGF revenue from service providing municipalities:

- \$24 million over the biennium “redirected” from the LGF municipal distribution to townships and small village’s general funds. State revenue dedicated towards municipalities should not be a “revenue enhancer” for other political subdivisions financial challenges, originally created by changes in state revenue sharing policies. This revenue should be “redirected” back to municipalities.
- \$15 million over the biennium “redirected” from the LGF municipal distribution to the Law Enforcement Assistance Program to increase the required number of hours of police officer training for all police officials across the state including State Highway Patrol Troopers, Township Constables, County Sheriff Deputies, Park Rangers and municipal police forces, changes proposed by the Governor’s Police Relations Advisory Commission. State revenue dedicated towards municipalities should not be redistributed to other state supported law enforcement programs or mandates initiated through executive order. This revenue should be “redirected” back to municipalities.
- \$2 million over the biennium “redirected ” from the LGF municipal distribution to implement key recommendations of the Governor’s Community Police Relations Task Force including financing the creation and operation of a database and public awareness campaign.
- The league objects to language incorporated in HB64 financially penalizing municipalities that have conformed to new state statutes regulating the use of electronic traffic devices by withholding LGF distribution. The league believes this is a reckless attack on the Home Rule provision of the Ohio Constitution and will only perpetuate future constitutional challenges.

The Ohio Municipal League objects to language added late in the budget hearing process that we believe has not been vetted extensively enough through the legislative process to determine the full impact to municipal worker’s compensation rates and premiums required of our local governments. Specifically, portions of SB5 has been inserted into the state budget bill, legislation making the mental affliction of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) an eligible condition covered through workers' compensation benefits for peace officers and other first responders, regardless of the presence of a physical injury. The league shares the concerns put forth by the Administrator of BWC, which have been expressed during committee hearings held on the proposal that this inclusion of covered conditions will place a significant strain on the state insurance program causing an undetermined increase in public employer rates. We are hopeful this provision is removed from the state operating proposal and more study is given to the change.

The Ohio Municipal League asks that language be removed currently in HB64 which also was a late addition

to the bill that received no legislative hearings this session and was previously attempted to be enacted surreptitiously only to be removed through veto. The Senate Finance committee included language that will encroach upon the regulatory responsibilities placed upon municipalities with maintenance of buffer zone requirements around drinking water reservoirs. The proposal will prevent a municipality that has established and implemented a watershed management program with respect to a drinking water reservoir from restricting a property owner that has a parcel of land contiguous to property that constitutes a buffer from interfering in maintenance requirements and responsibilities placed upon the municipality. This provision violates requirements by USEPA for erosion management and other pollution control procedures mandated on municipalities.

Further changes are being proposed for the administration of the municipal income tax that were not vetted through the legislative process, neither through committee hearings or by not distributing the included changes with municipal tax officials or representatives of municipal government. They include changes to extension for municipal income tax returns; taxation of publicly traded partnerships; changes to municipal taxation of foreign income; new procedure for former municipal income taxpayer to submit affidavit; changes to municipal tax sharing with school districts; and language related to the Net Operating Loss (NOL) Carry Forward provision that was tremendously ambiguous in previous tax reform legislation.

The most objectionable change made in the current state budget bill in relation to the municipal income tax is language originally inserted by the Ohio House of Representatives and later removed by the Ohio Senate which specifies that taxpayers seeking damage awards on the basis of actions or omissions regarding municipal income taxes may sue the municipal corporation, but not the tax administrator.

The league very much appreciates the Ohio Senate reauthorizing the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit program, insuring that this popular and very important public-private revitalization program will continue. We also appreciate the different grant programs included in the current version of the bill directed towards such things as Brownfield remediation and the extension of the Enterprise Zone program.

Although we have outlined the top objections the league has identified currently in HB64, there are numerous other areas of the proposed spending plan that we ask the Ohio legislature to reconsider before enacting, including the removal of \$20 million originally supported by a majority of Ohio House members and included in their budget plan, appropriating excess state revenue to create a much needed Local Government Safety Grant Program. Building a stronger partnership between the state and municipalities through critical support programs like the proposed grant program and a secure and stable LGF distribution procedure would be a tremendous benefit to communities that are the front lines of service to Ohio's constituents while simultaneously providing for a healthier Ohio.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our requests to improve upon the state budget proposal.

Yours in service,

Susan J. Cave

## **STATE AUDITOR ANNOUNCES ENHANCED AUDIT STANDARDS**

The league wants to bring to the attention of our municipal officials action being initiated by the Auditor of State David Yost related to enhanced audit standards that will become effective July 1, 2015. The additional audit standard information was first distributed to municipal officials through an "Auditor of State Bulletin" dated May 18, with the subject heading: "Abuse Standards." The league did not receive a copy of the notification by the Auditor's office, but was able to obtain a copy which can be found [HERE](#).

**The league is concerned that municipal officials may not be aware of the upcoming enhanced category of audit standards being imposed July 1 st.**

The Bulletin announcing the introduction of the new micromanaging procedure from the Auditor states that:

“.....for audit periods beginning July 1, 2015 and after, auditors will report abuse on the part of any public official coming to our attention. If auditors become aware of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively significant, auditors will obtain evidence to ascertain the potential effect of the abuse. After performing the additional work, auditors may determine that the abuse requires reporting as fraud or illegal acts, and, in either case, appropriate further action will be taken.”

The announcement goes on to state that:

”.....if auditors discover conduct which may constitute abuse under the foregoing standards, notice to the public official and opportunity for comment will be provided in a manner similar to that utilized for proposed Findings for Recovery. The public official will be afforded written notice of the potential abuse with sufficient information to identify, with reasonable specificity, the assertion. The public official will be afforded a period of five days to respond to the finding with an explanation or other pertinent information.”

We strongly encourage Ohio municipal officials to read the directive from the Auditor of State carefully and share any comments or concerns you may have with the league and the Auditor’s office directly, so an accurate reflection of local officials’ opinion of this enhanced oversight procedure can be measured.

Below is a list of upcoming committee meetings for next week. If there are any changes, we will post them to our website.

Have an enjoyable weekend.~

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