
Memorandum

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council
cc: City Manager, Finance Director, City Law Director
From: Roxanne
Regarding: General Information
Date: May 25, 2018

CALENDAR

1. Tuesday, May 29, 2018

- FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE Meeting @6:30 pm
 1. Approval of Minutes
 2. Discussion on Municipal Tax Code (Tabled)
 3. Funding Options for Income Tax Refund.
- SAFETY AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE - **Canceled**

2. Wednesday, May 30, 2018

- PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD @6:30 pm

3. Friday, June 1, 2018

- HEALTHCARE COST COMMITTEE @9:00 am

4. INFORMATIONAL

- OML – TPA Transition to CareWorksComp-Correction
- OML Legislative Bulletin – May 25, 2018
- AMP Update – May 18, 2018

May/June 2018

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24	25 6:30 pm Finance & Budget Committee 7:30 pm Safety & Human Resources Comm	26 4:30 pm Civil Service Commission	27 6:30 pm Parks & Rec Board Mtg.	28	29	30	

City of Napoleon, Ohio


FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Council Chambers, 255 West Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

- 1) Approval of Minutes: March 26, 2018 (*In the absence of any objections or corrections, the Minutes shall stand approved.*)
- 2) Discussion on Municipal Tax Code. [Tabled]
- 3) Funding Options for Income Tax Refund.
- 4) Any matters currently assigned to the Committee.
- 5) Adjournment.



Gregory J. Heath

Finance Director/Clerk of Council

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members
City Manager
Finance Director/Clerk
Recorder/Records Clerk
City Staff

Joseph D. Bialorucki-Chairman, Jeff Comadoll, Ken Haase, Jason Maassel
Joel L. Mazur
Gregory J. Heath
Roxanne Dietrich
Clayton O'Brien-Fire Chief, Shannon Fielder-Tax Administrator, Kim Franz -Senior Account Clerk
Vanessa Zack-AccuMed Group, Newsmedia, Lee Weirauch, Keith Fruchey, Dr. David Cordes

Others

ABSENT

Call to Order

Chairman Bialorucki called the Finance and Budget Committee meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Hearing no objections or corrections, the minutes of the November 27, 2017 Finance and Budget Committee meeting stand approved as presented.

Presentation by AccuMed on EMS Billings and Write-offs

Heath said Vanessa Zack, a representative from the AccuMed Group is with us tonight to describe the EMS billing and write-off process.
Ms. Zack reviewed the information she passed out beginning with the Level of Service describing the levels of service Napoleon Fire Department can respond to with the current fees that are charged for each service and also the suggested fees. She then moved onto the Billing/Collection Policies and explained that all delinquent accounts are transferred to Weltman, Weinberg and Reese, who is the collection agency for the City of Napoleon, to date there have been 114 accounts written off totaling \$75,230.00. AccuMed sends out three invoices to the patient then follows up with a phone call, if there is still no response, the account is then turned over to the collection agency, the account stays on AccuMed's books in the City's name until it is turned over to the collection agency. Maassel said, there were 114 accounts written off by AccuMed out of how many accounts? Zack replied to date, Napoleon Fire Department has billed 1,687 runs. Heath said to clarify, that goes from November 2016 until now. Zack continued, ALS is a higher level of service with advanced level of care whereas BLS is a lower level of service. If the patient refuses to be transported, we cannot bill them. Contractual is a mandated contractual allowance where the insurance company has a set fee schedule and that amount is only what is paid the balance is written off, contractual amounts are set by Medicare, Medicaid and most commercial carriers have contractual amounts. The contractual amount cannot be collected on, Medicare will only pay \$452 for an ALS emergency run, mileage is a separate charge at \$11/mile. Ohio Medicaid only pays \$85.14 for a BLS Emergency run, Medicare and Medicaid represents 77% of Napoleon's collection.

Zack informed the Committee, AccuMed does training at the Fire Department, Napoleon is doing everything right to collect as much revenue as possible. Chief O'Brien said AccuMed comes out once a year to do training or whenever we request, they inform us on what we need to do to be compliant. Heath said there were a lot of non-collections last year because of the change in both the EMS company and collection agency, a lot of catch up work had to be done.

Municipal Tax Code Discussion

Heath stated a scrivener error was found on the tax code section that deals with landlords providing a list of tenants to the tax administrator. He noted that one-third the residential units within the City are rentals. In 2016 there were 277 landlords with only two landlords that did not comply. There are tenants that live within the City but are employed outside of the City by an employer that does not voluntarily withhold income tax for the city. My recommendation is to leave this in, it is a collection tool for taxes to be paid by tenants, these taxes are paying for fire and police services. (a full copy of his Memorandum is attached).

**Comments
Lee Weirauch-Landlord**

I have been a landlord for 54 years in this town and you people keep wanting us to do work for the city we don't get paid for doing extra work, look up your own records that you already have on the computers and use that stuff, I have a tenant that moves out at 3:00 am I don't get anything out of you people where he moved to but they'll come down and want their deposit from you, you have ways of finding it without laying the burden on the landlord.

Bialorucki asked Mr. Weirauch how much extra time is involved for each tenant. Weirauch replied I don't know, I don't have a lot of the information you want, it is just one thing after another the City wants you to do and now they want you to give privacy of tenants, you people don't give me their name where they moved to if you have a new address on them but I'm supposed to give that to you, it's a 2-way street but it isn't.

Bialorucki asked if there is a policy if landlords come and ask the City where their tenant moved to. Fielder answered, we cannot give out that information, we have a red flag policy unless the tenant gives us permission, we cannot give any information out.

Maassel said if a tenant moves out at 3:00 am typically they owe you some back rent and they are not going to come down to city hall for their deposit because chances are they are probably behind on their utilities too so we may have no idea. Heath said many of our delinquents are the tenants. Maassel said we understand your concern that it is one more thing for you collect, at the same time, the City is trying to recoup all the tax dollars that we are owed. Mr. Weirauch replied, but I shouldn't have to work on it for you.

Keith Fruchey-Landlord

I'd be happy to supply a list on the issues we have as landlords, I do not feel like we are supported, the tenant moves out, the utilities are shutoff I need to clean or do a little bit of work inside and I need two gallons of water and some electricity, it is going to cost me about \$85 because I have to turn the utilities on. I just paid around \$1,000 for 15 gallons of water and a small amount of electricity, that is the kind of thing that eats at you and then the city proposes will you do this for us, yea but would you do something for us landlords. Years ago the city used to turn on the utilities for a little bit. Charge me differently for little bit of water and electricity I am different, I am not a homeowner, give us some support we are a significant part of the City and I feel we should be treated with a little more respect

Dr. David Cordes-Landlord

Dr. David Cordes. I only have one rental unit but I'm concerned about privacy, it seems like more and more we are losing our privacy and I feel this is just another good example. What kind of image does the city want to throw out there, do you want to throw a positive one that is helping support their community and helping it grow or do we want to have a spirt of intimidation because that is the form this is, I only have one rental unit it doesn't take me very long but think about the people that have fifteen units or more, where people are flipping in and out, imagine the nightmare they have doing that I have talked with another person that was unable to be here tonight, I understand the position that you have to do a job trying to track residents to keep the bills paid, but we are not law enforcement we are not part of that entity and I feel you are asking us to fill in that role. If you think about it, the Federal government does a census once every ten years you are asking the landlords to do a continuous census for the City of Napoleon for nothing, I understand your position, it is a tough one, but what kind of image are we throwing, are we supporting the people that are actually buying the housing and supporting the housing in the City, I only have one rental and this is not a beneficial thing.

Maassel stated collecting and paying taxes allows the City to pave roads and have adequate police and fire. Dr. Cordes responded, you also have that information from your utility department, we are not law enforcement that burden should not be on us that you are asking us to fulfill.

Motion to Table Municipal Tax Code Until There is More Information

Motion: Comadoll Second: Haase
to table discussion on Municipal Tax Code until there is more information.

**Passed
Yea-3
Nay-1**

Roll call vote on the above motion:
Yea-Haase, Bialorucki, Comadoll
Nay-Maassel

First Quarter Budget Adjustments

Heath presented the first quarter budget adjustments:

100 General Fund - 1300 City Manager
Professional Services to do City Master Plan – Appropriate \$35,000.00
The intent was to move the funds from one account to another account; but, somehow it got moved out of the one account but not into the other.

100 General Fund – 1800 Municipal Court/Judicial
Professional Services not budgeted for \$ 2,500.00
Equipment needed to come out of operations \$ 400.00

100 General Fund – 5130 Service/Building & Properties
Hospitalization Insurance \$12,700.00
Person was covered by his spouse, spouse's employer has policy will not cover spouses now he has to pick up own insurance

243 Refund–Fire Loss Fund – 1900 General Government/Misc
Refunds-Fire Loss \$26,666.50
When there is a fire inside the city limits and is covered by insurance,

the insurance company has to pay to the City a certain percentage of the loss for purposes of demolition or remediation of the property. Per the attached Memo from Engineering, the property has been demolished and the money can be paid to the property owner.

287 Probation-1810 Municipal Court

Probation officers happened at end of year \$ 2.00

288 Justice Reinvestment Incentive Grant-1810 Municipal Court/Probation Dept.

Grant covered a two-year period, only appropriated for half \$ 370.00

Total Requested First Quarter Budget Adjustments \$77,638.50

Motion to Approve First Quarter Budget Adjustments as Presented

Motion: Maassel Second: Comadoll
to approve the first quarter budget adjustments as presented.

**Passed
Yea-4
Nay-0**

Roll call vote on the above motion:
Yea-Haase, Maassel, Bialorucki, Comadoll
Nay-

City Master Plan

Mazur said after looking into prior meeting minutes, this was discussed and at the end of the year the money was to be carried over or a contract was to be in place, the appropriation did not get carried over. The carryover balance was approximately \$1.5 million the \$35,000 would have been taken out of that.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Maassel Second: Haase
to adjourn the Finance and Budget Committee meeting at 7:23 pm.

**Passed
Yea-4
Nay-0**

Roll Call vote on the above Motion:
Yea-Haase, Maassel, Bialorucki, Comadoll
Nay-

May 29, 2018

Joseph D. Bialorucki-Chair



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Memorandum

To: City Council, Mayor, City Law Director, City Manager, Department Supervisors, Newsmedia
From: Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council *G.J.H.*
Date: May 25, 2018
Subject: Safety and Human Resources Committee – Cancellation

The regularly scheduled meeting of the **SAFETY AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE** for Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 7:30 pm has been *canceled* due to lack of agenda items.

City of Napoleon, Ohio

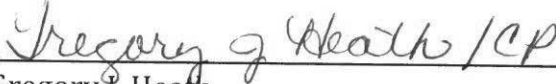
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Council Chambers, 255 West Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: March 28, 2018. *(in the absence of any objections or corrections, the Minutes shall stand approved)*
3. Discussion and/or Action on Proposal from the American Legion.
4. Discussion and/or Action on Fourth of July Activities.
5. Discussion on 2018 Budget Issues.
6. Miscellaneous.
7. Any Other Matters to come before the Board.



Gregory J. Heath
Finance Director/Clerk of Council

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2018 at 6:30 pm

PRESENT	
Board Members	Matt Hardy Chair, Peg Funchion Vice-Chair, Mike Saneholtz, Chad Richardson, Jon Knepley, Ryan Funchion
City Staff	Tony Cotter, Parks and Recreation Director
Recorder/Records Clerk	Roxanne Dietrich
Others	Councilman Jeff Mires, Councilman Ken Haase
Absent	
Board Member	Ryan Miller
Call to Order	Chairman Hardy called the Parks and Recreation Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
Approval of Minutes	Hearing no objections or corrections, the minutes from the January 31, 2018 meeting stand approved.
Playground Equipment for Glenwood Park	Cotter said the last time we met in January we narrowed the selection for the playground equipment down to three structures. I have met with each of the company representatives. The quotes for the two structures from Game Time are for materials only, our staff will need to do the installation. The structure from Play World does include installation. All three quotes are under \$25,000. Cotter noted the structure from Play World is clamped together, he stated he did not know if that would be a problem or not. Saneholtz suggested a choice be made from Game Time. Cotter said that would be his preference, the playground equipment at Ritter Park is from Game Time and we have not had any issues, it is a good company with quality equipment that is easy to install. The Timber Ridge structure has more to it, Coastal is similar but is not as big. Cotter said his staff can do the installation; however, it would be after July 4 th before they could get to it. There is \$25,000 in the 2018 budget for playground equipment.
Motion to Proceed with Purchasing Timber Ridge Playground Equipment in Color as Presented	Motion: Saneholtz Second: P. Funchion to proceed with purchasing the Timber Ridge playground structure from Game Time in the same color as shown.
Passed	Roll call vote on the above motion:
Yea-6	Yea-Knepley, Hardy, Saneholtz, Richardson, P. Funchion, R. Funchion
Nay-0	Nay-
Update on Capital Improvements and Spring Programming	Cotter gave an update on some of the capital items that were in this year's budget. We purchased a 2015 4-wheel drive Jacobson fairway mower and also a san pro both for under \$25,000. The order for three new 2018 golf carts has been put in, we will be trading-in three of the 2007 golf carts, this gives us a fleet of 24 golf carts with eleven carts being 2016 or newer, eventually we hope we are able to have a year we do not have to budget for golf carts. We are hopeful the leak detection company will be here in April before we begin doing the annual maintenance. Tentatively, the

pool opening date is set for June 1st.

We are finishing up Phase 2 of the batting cage improvements. In order to be done correctly, a new pad will need to be poured and butt up against the old one, the shed had to be taken down. There will be a two-three week period where there will be just two batting cages. The pad is scheduled to go in the second week of April, four-five days after that the new cages will be put in and a new building will be built. Girls softball registration is over and we are in the process of putting together the teams. Shane Gerdeman and Josh Lamming will be running the softball program. There are three leagues, the Henry County Bank league for Kindergarten and first grades, Minor League is for grades 2,3 & 4 with grades 5, 6 & 7 and any 8th grader not playing on a travel league making up the Major League.

Baseball registrations will finish up next week, Senior Little League tryouts will be held on Friday and Sunday (April 6th and 8th).

Weather permitting, the golf course will open on this Saturday, March 31st, all of the clubhouse staff is back, we are advertising to fill the maintenance position.

Around the Table

Saneholtz

There is a flagpole at Glenwood that was dedicated by the Moose Lodge back in 1950, there is still a flagpole there but no flag. Cotter replied we only fly the flag when the golf course is open. Saneholtz said we will need a new flag there is not one back there. Saneholtz continued, there were good intentions when we asked for the rate increase for the shelterhouse, there was quite a discussion to be passed onto Council, I find it disappointing that it was turned down, we voted 4-1 to support the increase, there has not been an increase for many years, the City Manager was here that night to understand the importance of what that money does for new roofs, maintenance and things like that. Mires responded he would have been in support had the money been designated for a roof, nothing was in there saying the increase was going for a specific item. Saneholtz said the specific item was for maintenance, we had the City Manager here and talked about the cost of things, the next time we will make sure we highlight that. Mires said I'd rather see a percentage, the one that went from \$50-\$70 was a 40% increase I didn't like that. Saneholtz said that one (Oberhaus) basically has the most maintenance and the rates had not been raised in over five years. Mires said you can bring it back to which Saneholtz replied we will, don't worry. P. Funchion responded just for the record. Hardy said just for the record, I voted no for the same exact reasons you brought up. Saneholtz said, just for the record his neighbor changed her mind. Hardy replied, I just wanted to go on the record the vote was 4-1 and I voted no.

Knepley

Nothing.

Richardson

I was kinda disappointed in the paper, we were looked at as the bad guys and Council was the superhero who put down the recommendation of us, if the paper would have known that Council wanted \$3,000 added for fireworks I'm wondering if we'd been on the same plane, both of us would have been bad guys. It did seem odd after all those years we don't add \$20 to something that is out there. P. Funchion said we researched comparable rates of shelter houses in other area communities. Saneholtz said and we are very low. Mires said, I could just see it in the paper you raise rates 40% Council people are the ones that have to answer to the voters. Richardson noted if you raised rates \$10, 40% is \$4.00, it's not like we

were adding \$400 to something. Mires said, I have no problem voting on it if you bring back something different.

Hardy

Nothing.

P. Funchion

I second those guys because we did do research and the roofs and all the other stuff will come to bite us someday. Cotter responded, I will take some responsibility when you talk about rates, rates are always touchy. In this case the jump in the rate percentage looked bad but if you talk about a shelter house rental it is not like a utility rate you have to pay every month, it is a one-time deal, a choice. What I should have done was suggested that this be ear-marked like we are doing now for the swimming pool rehab, I'll take some responsibility I probably could have suggested that be added to the recommendation, if the board decides to do in the future, that is the way I would approach it.

R. Funchion

As the spring sport season is upon us, I have an idea. In Colorado, my son played in a t-ball league that was through I-9 Sports. I volunteered to coach and had to take a 4-hour class that had a bunch of facts on why kids play sports, how many kids start out in sports and athletics and how many actually quit and as time passes kids normally fall off and they talked about reasons why they quit they really homed in on sportsmanship and why you are playing this sport and being part of the team, attitude and communications but one thing they did I thought was an awesome idea and I think the kids really enjoyed it too was they had a weekly sportsmanship award. Every week before a game would start we would sit down as a group, everyone had to know their teammates' names, then the coach talked about the award word and asked the kids what it meant and went over it again after the game and the coach would recognize one kid for displaying that trait. They would receive a medal and a yard sign it was just a weekly sportsmanship award and if they brought it back, you got a ticket to be entered into a drawing to win a prize. It was really neat for the kids and parents, they told us to have conversation around the parents at the beginning and end of practice, it would not cost a lot, something to consider. Cotter said he may check if there is any reference material that could be given to the coaches. P. Funchion said you have to start somewhere, if you begin with the young kids, then they might have expectations as they move up.

Mires

Thank you to everyone for what you are doing here, you are doing great things for the City. I'm new, there is a lot to learn, I'm excited to be here.

Cotter

NOCAC offers a summer food service program that is for low income children, same as the school free lunch program. The last several years they have used West School last year the program was moved to East Riverdowns Park. This year they made a request to move the program over to Glenwood Park as they were not happy with East Riverdowns, Glenwood is very busy, the parking is limited and during the lunch hour a lot of people use the parking lot. After talking with Mike who has transported kids before and Tom Mack of the United Way, I have decided not to allow the program at Glenwood Park, I have not heard back from them, we just provide the spot the program is funded through NOCAC.

We are hoping to get someone hired at the golf course to replace Dick Dennie. P. Funchion asked if Cotter has received the quote for the fireworks, Cotter responded he has not.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Saneholtz Second: Richardosn
To adjourn the Parks and Recreation Board meeting at 7:21 pm.

Passed

Roll call vote on the above motion:

Yea-6

Yea- Knepley, Hardy, Saneholtz, Richardson, P. Function, R. Function

Nay-0

Nay-

Approved

May 30, 2018

Matt Hardy, Chair

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City of Napoleon, Ohio

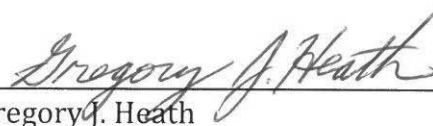
HEALTHCARE COST COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda

Friday, June 01, 2018 at 9:00 am

LOCATION: Council Chambers, 255 W. Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

- 1) Approval of Minutes: March 2, 2018. *(In the absence of any objections or corrections, the Minutes shall stand approved.)*
- 2) Wellness Funding Usage.
- 3) Any other matters currently assigned to the Committee.
- 4) Adjournment.



Gregory J. Heath
Finance Director/Clerk

HEALTHCARE COST COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 2, 2018 at 10:00 am

PRESENT	
Committee Members	Mike Foreman (PD)-Chair, Dave Bowen (FD), Dave Mack (NB), Jason Kupfersmith (AFSCME), Roger Eis (AFSCME)-arrived at 10:02 am, Chad Lulfs (NB), Greg Heath (AD)
Recorder	Roxanne Dietrich
Others	Morgan Druhot, Human Resources Director
ABSENT	
Committee Members	Brady Schaffner (FD); Joel Mazur (AD); Rocky Rubio (PD)
Call to Order	Foreman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Roll call was taken with it being noted a quorum was present.
Approval of Minutes	Hearing no objections or corrections, the minutes from the February 2, 2018 meeting stand approved as presented.
Wellness Program	Druhot passed out the Preventative Care Wellness Program policy for the Committee to review. If approved, it will be included in the Personnel Code.
Motion to Approve Preventative Care Wellness Program Policy	Motion: Mack Second: Heath to approve the Preventative Care Wellness Program policy.
Passed	Roll call vote on the above motion:
Yea-5	Yea-Non-Bargaining, Fire, AFSCME, Administration, Police
Nay-0	Nay-
Discussion on Wellness Program Incentives	Heath asked how soon before something is set up of what we are going to do. Druhot said, as far as incentives, will be starting with a lunch and learn. Those that attend will get points and once you have so many points the employee will receive something, that has not been figured out yet, has funding for incentives been worked out. Heath said he spoke with a couple other entities and who set up a reimbursement fund, Aetna paid money into a general BORMA fund to be reimbursed. The City will have to upfront the money and a separate fund will be created and an appropriation will have to be set up. The goal would be to have all reimbursements made before the end of the year; who determines the programs? Druhot replied whatever program we pick has to be approved by Aetna. Lulfs added he knows someone that works in Bowling Green and they have a similar program in place, why not contact BG to see how they run their program instead of trying to re-create the wheel. Heath said he talked with the State Auditor's office and they do not have a problem with the reimbursement, if city tax dollars were being used, that would be a different animal. Foreman said he was asked if the City would buy a

corporate membership at the golf course as part of the city's wellness program. Druhot did not believe Aetna would approve golf memberships, it has to be a gym membership, weight watchers, etc. Mack suggested reimbursement end on November 30th the same date required for the physicals to be turned in; let's keep it consistent. Foreman said the toughest part will be accommodating everyone. Eis added we will need to know the cost of lunch and learn before we know what amount of money is available as incentives for employees. Bowen said you could do a 50/50 split. Foreman recommended having another meeting to determine incentives and Heath asked that Druhot get more details from other cities that have incorporated a wellness program/policy.

Next Meeting Set for Friday, April 6, 2018 at 10:00 am

Chairman Foreman set the next meeting for Friday, April 6, 2018 at 10:00 am.

Other Matters

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Bowen
Second: Heath
to adjourn the Healthcare Cost Committee meeting at 10:32 am.

Passed

Yea-5

Nay-0

Roll call vote on the above motion:
Yea-Police, Non-Bargaining, Fire, AFSCME, Administration
Nay-

Approved:

June 1, 2018

Michael Foreman, Chair

Ohio Municipal League TPA Transition to CareWorksComp - Correction

From Ohio Municipal League" <info@omloho.org>
To: rdietrich@napoleonohio.com

Ohio Municipal League TPA Transition to CareWorksComp - Correction

You received an email on May 15, 2018 that contains a document titled "Clarifying Terms of the TPA Transition." We are reissuing the email and document to correct inadvertent mistakes in the original. The purpose of the email was solely to communicate our endorsement of CareWorksComp to administer TPA group rating services for our members. However, we are sending this email to ensure that you are aware that an employer's right to select an MCO is separate and distinct from the decision they make regarding their group rating program. An employer may select any MCO that meets its individual business needs during an MCO Open Enrollment period. Selection of an MCO is solely the choice of the employer.

The changes include the following. The Subject line in the email has been changed to Ohio Municipal League TPA Transition to CareWorksComp - Correction. The new document has been revised to include the logo for CareWorksComp, which is the TPA that is the subject of the document. Finally, the link to the MCO Open Enrollment Form that was inadvertently attached to the bottom of the previous document has been deleted in order to avoid any confusion, if such occurred, that the purpose of the document is to provide information on the TPA transition to CareWorksComp.



Clarifying Terms of the TPA Transition

OML made the choice to change the group TPA to CareWorksComp based on feedback from its members and because the new contract terms are more beneficial to our members and the association. CareWorksComp is proven to be a leader in this industry, far and above any other TPA we considered. If you believe your services have been good in the past, we encourage you to participate in our 2019 group administered by CareWorksComp to experience outstanding service that delivers what you need to solve your workers' compensation problems. You will be amazed at the difference!

Does CareWorksComp have experience with public entities?

Yes. CareWorksComp has represented 1,150 townships and libraries for 26 years. These group programs deliver discounts on average of a 35% to 59% range. In addition, CareWorksComp has, and continues to represent many large Ohio cities.

Why did CareWorksComp commit to no fees for the 2019 plan year?

CareWorksComp understands that CompManagement billed OML members almost one year in advance of providing services. CareWorksComp and OML did not want to put members in a position to fight for their money back from CompManagement. So, we decided the best approach would be to let CMI keep the payment, if they so choose.

Why should I accept this change in TPAs?

OML reviewed the service offerings of CompManagement and CareWorksComp and we tried to renegotiate our contract with CMI with improved service standards, to no avail.

CMI is trying to form a competing group, using the Ohio Association of Public Treasurer's (OAPT). OAPT does **NOT** have a group rating program for cities and villages today. Therefore, CMI has to start this group from scratch, which can be problematic when it comes to the final discounts offered.

OML is able to renew all qualified 2018 participants for the 2019 plan year. This means that the group rating discounts you received in 2018 remain intact for 2019, unless of course something in your risk profile has changed. However, if you sign away your right to participate in OML for 2019, you are at risk of receiving a lower, or even no discount, depending on OAPT's final submission. Once submission of the group occurs on May 31, it's too late.

OML highly encourages you to continue your participation and support of our group rating program. It is a solid, well-performing plan that you can count on. **And, participation in 2019 is at no additional cost to you.**

If you have any questions or want more information a representative of CareWorksComp can assist, please contact **Paul Feck, Manager of Client Services: 614-526-7138(office)/ 614-906-0535 (cell) or CareWorksComp Customer Service: 614-764-7600**. If you have direct questions about any BWC claims hearings that contact number is: **614-526-7211**.



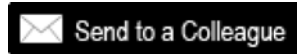
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Legislative Bulletin

May 25, 2018

LEGISLATURE TAKES RECESS NEXT WEEK

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the Legislature is currently not scheduled to be in session next week and no committees are currently scheduled to meet.

Over this long weekend, when our state representatives and senators are back in their districts and are out at parades and other civic events, we strongly encourage our municipal officials to talk with their local state elected officials about issues important to their communities. Some of the most pressing issues we see that the legislature could be helpful to cities and villages include the need for greater investment by the state in our dilapidated infrastructure system; the importance of municipalities ability to control their revenues locally, not have the state collect and redistribute a community's municipal tax revenues for them; and to stop preempting the ability of our elected municipal officials to make decisions best for their own communities and remove the heavy hand of state government on the ability of local leaders to lead.

There are a host of other issues confronting Ohio's municipalities that state elected officials should be engaged in, but the important point is that our members continue to reach out and speak with those they sent to the Statehouse to represent the best interests of the communities in their district.

We hope everyone has a safe and joyful Memorial Day weekend and takes time this week to reflect on those that have gone before us and have contributed so much to our lives.

OML UPDATE AT-A-GLANCE

Here are the top three things you need to know from this past week:

- The Ohio House of Representatives, after two weeks of deliberation, still have yet to select someone to be the interim Speaker of the House until January 2019. The House was scheduled to vote on an interim Speaker this week, but cancelled each of the three scheduled votes. The House does not plan to meet for a voting session until a Speaker is elected.

- Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted has announced the largest number of new business filings for one month in state history. In April, 12,874 businesses filed to do business in the state.
- Ohio's unemployment rate continues to be at its lowest in 16 years, with the rate in April dropping to 4.3%.

OML REGIONAL CONFERENCES COMING SOON

Last week, the Ohio Municipal League held the first Regional Conference in Athens and we believe it was a significant success and are grateful for all of the positive feedback we have received from our members who attended the training session. The League would like to thank each and every attendee who took the time out of their busy schedules to join us in beautiful southeastern Ohio. The day was a great success, and we are looking forward to the three remaining Regional Conferences coming up these next few months!

The goal of these Regional Conferences is to provide an opportunity for League members prevented from attending our three-day Annual Conference held in downtown Columbus, either because of distance constraints or other issues to have access to the timely information our members receive at our annual conference and to experience some of the opportunities that the conference provides. In an attempt to reach our members unable to attend the annual three day conference, we have put together a single day program of general session topics with presentations by featured speakers who are experts in their municipal sectors.

The Regional Conferences are an invaluable opportunity for municipal officials statewide to have the ability to be presented with critical information directly related to the success of their own communities, as well as connect and network with other local leaders in their area. This opportunity is not limited to League members but is a great opportunity for all municipal and local government officials to refresh their skill sets and get the most recent information on critical topics.

Registration information including the conference agenda can be accessed [HERE](#). The dates and locations for the remaining three Regional Conferences are as follows:

- Southwest: Friday, June 8th at the Manor House Banquet Center in Mason.
- Northeast: Friday, June 29th at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton.
- Northwest: Friday, August 17th at the Hancock Hotel in Findlay.

We encourage you to sign up as soon as possible, as space will be limited, and we look forward to seeing you there!

MUNICIPAL WATER SERVICES PREEMPTION BILL GETS TWO HEARINGS THIS WEEK

A former budget amendment that was vetoed last year by Governor Kasich is back as its own bill. HB 602, sponsored by Rep. Duffey (R - Worthington) and Rep. Lanese (R - Grove City), would penalize a municipal corporation for engaging in certain actions related to its provision of water and sewer services outside of its territory by reducing or withholding payments the municipal corporation receives from the Local Government Fund and rendering the municipal corporation ineligible for state water and sewer development funds.

During its first hearing on Tuesday before the House Finance Committee, Reps. Duffey and Lanese provided sponsor testimony, stating that they are concerned with municipal rates charged to township residents on water and sewer, and with cities withholding water and sewer services from townships to force annexation or "pay to play". During its second hearing on Wednesday morning, the House Finance Committee heard proponent testimony from Sharon Township Trustee Laura Kunze and the Ohio Township Association.

The League stands opposed to any preemption of municipalities by the state. We believe HB 602 violates Ohio's Home Rule authorities by interfering with a municipality's ability to charge fair and necessary fees for providing the complicated infrastructure required to allow neighboring political subdivisions to benefit from the construction and maintenance of its water and sewer lines.

We will be sure to keep our members aware of any future action on this bill and will make a call for testimony if an opponent hearing is scheduled. For those interested in testifying, please contact the League's Director of Communications, Ashley Brewster, at abrewster@omlohio.org.

GUN BILL WITH WRECKLESS MUNICIPAL PREEMPTIONS PASSED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

This week, a bill that began as "stand-your-ground" gun legislation was voted out of committee with serious preemptions on cities and villages across the state. HB 228, sponsored by Rep. Johnson (R - McDermott) and Rep. LaTourette (R - Chagrin Falls), would assign to the prosecution the burden of disproving a self-defense or related claim, expand the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat before using force under both civil and criminal law, and to modify the Concealed Handgun Licensing Law regarding a licensee's duty to keep the licensee's hands in plain sight, the penalties for illegally carrying a concealed firearm or improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, and the posting of warning signs regarding the possession of weapons on specified premises.

The bill contains numerous preemptions aimed at restricting a municipality's ability to manage access to certain firearms and ammunition and allows constituents who feel as though their Second Amendment rights have been violated by the municipality to sue for damages.

During its seventh hearing before the House Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee, opponents from Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America asked the committee to reconsider passing the bill in light of a high school shooting in Texas last week that ended the lives of 10 people. The bill was passed out of committee on "party lines" where all of the democrat members voted against the bill while republican committee members all supported the measure.

We ask that our members contact their local representative and express their opposition to HB 228 due to its clear violation of Municipal Home Rule and not support the bill in the event that the House elects a Speaker and can actually consider legislation to be passed by the lower chamber.

BILL PREEMPTING LOCAL LICENSING GETS FIRST HEARING

A bill preempting local licensing laws for municipalities received its first hearing in committee this week. HB 583, sponsored by Rep. Henne (R - Clayton), would limit the occupational license and registration requirements and fees that a political subdivision may impose on state-regulated occupations, establish a waiver exempting certain persons from paying occupational license or registration fees, and revise the licensing restrictions applicable to individuals convicted of criminal offenses.

During its first hearing before the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee, the bill's sponsor said the state would become the sole licensing entity for the professions in question. As Rep. West (D - Canton) pointed out, this will limit the ability of municipalities to deal with licensing issues at the local level.

The League is opposed to this bill and maintains that municipalities have the right to enact local licensing requirements, insuring accountability measures are in place and the best interests of the local community where work is performed are respected. This ability ensures that the needs and issues of each municipality are addressed locally.

We will continue to report on any action taken on this bill. For those interested in testifying against HB 583 in the event that it receives additional hearings, please contact the League's Director of Communications, Ashley Brewster, at abrewster@omlohio.org.

FLOOR ACTION FOR BILLS OF MUNICIPAL INTEREST

Below is legislation voted out of the Senate this week impactful to municipalities:

- SB 252 - VISITORS BUREAUS. Sponsored by Sen. Peterson (R - Sabina), this bill would authorize local elected officers that have levied a hotel lodging excise tax, or a designee of such officers to simultaneously hold the position of officer or member of the board of trustees of a convention and visitors' bureau without constituting incompatible offices. During its fifth hearing before the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the bill was voted out of committee unanimously. The full Senate then passed the legislation unanimously later that same day. The League is neutral on this legislation.

LEGISLATION OF MUNICIPAL INTEREST: COMMITTEE RECAP

Here are the bills that received hearings in committees this week:

- HB 643 - WATER IMPROVEMENTS. Sponsored by Rep. Arndt (R - Port Clinton) and Rep. Patterson (R - Jefferson), allow equipment for the protection and preservation of Lake Erie to be purchased with proceeds from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund and to appropriate funds for projects enhancing water quality in the Western Lake Erie Basin. During its second and third hearings before the House Finance Committee, the bill's sponsors explained that the bill contains no regulations, but rather is designed to incentivize innovative solutions to address the phosphorus levels in Lake Erie. Proponents from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the Nature Conservancy in Ohio and the Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund said the bill was a much-needed first step in understating how to decrease the lake's phosphorus levels. The League is supportive of this bill.

- **HB 575 - VOLUNTEER TAX CREDITS.** Sponsored by Rep. Keller (R - Middletown) and Rep. Rezabek (R - Clayton), this bill would grant income tax credits to persons who serve as volunteer firefighters or emergency medical service technicians. During its second hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee, proponents from local nonprofits and firefighters said the incentives in the bill would help counter the lack of volunteer firefighters throughout the state. The League is neutral on this bill.
- **HB 425 - POLICE BODY CAMERAS.** Sponsored by Rep. Antani (R - Miamisburg) and Rep. Craig (D - Columbus), this bill would provide that specified portions of peace officers' body-worn camera recordings and the infrastructure record of a public school are not public records for purposes of the Public Records Law. During its third hearing before the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, an amendment was adopted which allows records that were confidential because they were part of a law enforcement investigation to be requested after the legal cases are resolved. The Ohio News Association offered proponent testimony and said that if several changes were introduced, Ohio could boast one of the best laws in the nation as far as police body cameras are concerned. The bill was then voted unanimously out of committee. The League is supportive of this legislation.
- **HB 469 - MIXED-USE TAX CREDITS.** This bill, sponsored by Rep. Schuring (R - Canton) and Rep. Patton (R - Strongsville), would authorize a nonrefundable insurance company tax credit for contributions of capital to transformational mixed-use development projects. During its seventh hearing before the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, an amendment was adopted that adds a qualification requirement of 350,000 square feet of floor area to the bill. The bill was then voted unanimously out of committee. The League supports this bill and is grateful that the committee voted out legislation that promises to incentivize the economic revitalization that mixed-use buildings can bring to municipal downtown areas.
- **HB 625 - AUXILIARY CONTAINERS.** Sponsored by Rep. Lang (R - West Chester Township) and Rep. Lipps (R - Franklin), this bill would authorize a person to use an auxiliary container for any purpose, to prohibit a municipal corporation, charter county, or limited home rule township from imposing a tax or fee on auxiliary containers, and to clarify that the existing anti-littering law applies to auxiliary containers. During its first hearing before the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee, the bill's sponsors explained that they want to implement a ban on municipalities imposing a tax or fee on auxiliary containers, even though they explained that no municipalities have passed any such tax. The League is opposed to this legislation and will be testifying against the bill if an opponent hearing is scheduled.
- **SB 296 - LAW ENFORCEMENT BENEFITS.** This bill, sponsored by Sen. LaRose (R - Hudson) and Sen. Hottinger (R - Newark), would revise the payments that surviving family members receive from the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund and to permit surviving spouses and children to participate in the health, dental, and vision benefits offered to state employees as if the survivors were employees of this state. During its second hearing before the Senate Finance Committee, proponents from local police departments, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Ohio Law Enforcement Line of Duty Death Surviving Spouses and Children and surviving members of a fallen police officer's family spoke to the need for this bill. The League is supportive of this

legislation.

- **HB 621 - LAW ENFORCEMENT BENEFITS.** This bill, sponsored by Rep. Hughes (R - Columbus), would revise the payments that surviving family members receive from the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund and to permit surviving spouses and children to participate in the health, dental, and vision benefits offered to state employees as if the survivors were employees of this state. During its first hearing before the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the bill's sponsor explained how the bill updates Ohio law to extend the payments of a deceased police officer's benefits to his family through his full retirement date. The League is supportive of this legislation.
- **SB 299 - LAKE ERIE IMPROVEMENTS.** Sponsored by Sen. Gardner (R - Bowling Green) and Sen. O'Brien (D- Bazetta), this bill would allow equipment for the protection and preservation of Lake Erie to be purchased with proceeds from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund, and to appropriate funds for projects enhancing water quality in the Western Lake Erie Basin. During its second hearing before the Senate Finance Committee, proponents from organizations including the Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association, the Ohio Soybean Association and the County Commissioners Association of Ohio's Water Quality Task Force described the bill as "prudent" and "thoughtful." The League is supportive of this legislation.
- **HB 482 - NUISANCE PROPERTIES.** Sponsored by Rep. Lipps (R - Franklin) and Rep. Miller (D - Columbus), this bill would expedite public nuisance and blight foreclosure actions and to declare an emergency. During its first hearing before the House Civil Justice Committee, the bill's sponsors explained that the legislation does not actually change Ohio's nuisance law, but rather speeds up the process by which communities can deal with nuisance properties. The League is supportive of this legislation.
- **HB 554 - DESIGN CONTRACTS.** Sponsored by Rep. Seitz (R - Cincinnati), this bill would regulate the use of indemnity provisions in professional design contracts related to public improvements. During its third hearing before the House Civil Justice Committee, no testimony was given on this bill. The League is neutral on this legislation.
- **HB 585 - FIREARM LAWS.** This bill, sponsored by Rep. Henne (R - Clayton), would expand the definition of dangerous ordnance to include armor piercing ammunition and expand the definition of an automatic firearm to include any device within the federal definition of machine gun; create additional conditions under which an individual may not possess a firearm or dangerous ordnance and eliminate the process by which an individual may apply for relief from a weapons disability; generally prohibit a person from buying, purchasing, obtaining, or furnishing a firearm on behalf of a third party; provide for the entry of protection orders into the federal NCIC database and LEADS; and provide for the issuance by a court of an extreme risk protection order. During its third hearing before the House State and Local Government Committee, opponents from organizations such as Ohioans for Concealed Carry, the Western Reserve Fish & Game Association and Ohio Gun Owners testified against the bill. The League is neutral on this legislation.
- **HB 422 - WATER SEWER ACQUISITIONS.** Sponsored by Rep. Ginter (R - Salem) and Rep. Rogers (Mentor-on-the-Lake), this bill would govern acquisitions of municipal water-works and sewage disposal system companies by

certain larger nonmunicipal water-works or sewage disposal system companies. During its second hearing before the Senate Public Utilities Committee, Brian Barger, one of the League's third-party lobbyists, testified on the behalf of the League in support of the bill. You can read his testimony [HERE](#).

- **HB 633 - LITTER RESTRICTIONS.** This bill, sponsored by Rep. Boggs (D - Columbus) and Rep. Miller (D - Columbus) would prohibit individuals who own or control private property in municipal corporations from depositing litter on that property. During its first hearing before the House State and Local Government Committee, the representatives stated that this bill is meant to penalize individuals who are repeat offenders. The League is supportive of the legislation.

NEW LEGISLATION OF MUNICIPAL INTEREST INTRODUCED

Here is the new legislation introduced this week of interest to municipalities:

- **HB 662 - IMMIGRATION LAWS.** Sponsored by Rep. Howse (D - Cleveland) and Rep. Ramos (D - Lorain), this bill would clarify a municipal corporation's authority to enact policies to effectively allocate its resources in order to satisfy municipal law enforcement needs and comply with federal immigration laws as appropriate.
- **HB 664 - NALOXONE USE.** Sponsored by Rep. Ramos (D - Lorain), this bill would cease payments to a subdivision that materially hinders or prevents its personnel from carrying and using naloxone.
- **HB 668 - PUBLIC FACILITIES.** Sponsored by Rep. Patton (R - Strongsville), this bill would authorize state agencies, state institutions of higher education, counties, townships, municipal corporations, school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools to enter into public-private initiatives with a private party through a public-private agreement regarding public facilities.
- **HB 670 - MUNICIPAL TAXES.** Sponsored by Rep. Barnes (D - Cleveland), this bill would enact the "Simplified Alternative Withholding Tax Compliance Act" authorizing an employer to enter into an agreement with a municipal tax administrator to prescribe, subject to certain parameters, the portion of nonresident employee wages that will be subject to the municipal corporation's income tax.

MAYORS CONFERENCE COMING SOON: REGISTER NOW!

From Wednesday, June 13th through Friday, June 15th, the Ohio Municipal League will be hosting the Mayors Association of Ohio's Annual Conference in Akron. After the annual golf outing Wednesday, the conference schedule will include workshops on topics ranging from gun safety and guns in schools to medical marijuana, in addition to many other important and timely topics Ohio's mayors should be aware of. We are happy to share with our members that gubernatorial candidate Richard Cordray will be speaking at the conference along with a representative of the DeWine Campaign, to talk about their visions for Ohio's future and the role municipalities play in the success of

our state.

The Mayors Conference is a unique opportunity to hear from expert speakers on a number of important topics, but it is also a chance to meet and trade best practices with leaders of cities and villages, rural and urban, all across Ohio. If you have yet to register, click [HERE](#) and be sure to save your spot. We look forward to seeing you there!

ANNUAL MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX SEMINAR APPROACHING: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Ohio Municipal League's Annual Municipal Income Tax Seminar will be taking place from Wednesday, July 11th through Friday, July 13th. With the recent changes to municipal income tax law - most notably the centralized collection of business net profit filings and the ensuing legal challenge from hundreds of municipalities - the topics the seminar will cover are timely and crucial.

Click [HERE](#) for more information, to view the tentative agenda and to register for the conference. We look forward to seeing you there!

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE IS LIGHT DUE TO MEMORIAL WEEK PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE TUESDAY FOR ANY UPDATES TO THE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Up Coming Meetings & Events

Regional Summer Conference Series	June 8, June 29, August 17	<u>Registration Information</u>
<u>OML/OMAA Webinar</u> Small Cell Wireless Service & Placement of Facilities in the Public Way	June 21, 2018 10:00 am ~ 11:00 am	<u>Registration Information</u>
Mayors Association Annual Conference	June 13 ~ 15, 2018 Akron, Ohio	<u>Registration Information</u>
Annual Municipal Income Tax Seminar	July 11 ~ 13, 2018 Renaissance Hotel	<u>Registration Information</u>

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AMP receives Ohio Auditor of State Award

By Marcy Steckman - senior vice president of finance and CFO

The 2017 financial audits of the Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Ventures (OMEGA JV) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, as well as of the Municipal Energy Services Agency (MESA) by the Ohio Auditor of State's office has returned clean audit reports. The strength of the organization and fiscally sound efforts of AMP's executive management, finance staff and project administrators are recognized through this well-deserved Auditor of State Award.

The Auditor of State Award is presented upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a "clean" audit report:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State's office in accordance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles);
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than \$10,000
 - Lack of timely report submission
 - Reconciliation
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
 - Findings for recovery less than \$100
 - Public meetings or public records

For information on the OMEGA joint ventures and MESA, click [here](#).

To view the Auditor of State Award certificate, [click here](#).

AMP recognized for support and partnership of the Ohio Energy Project

By Holly Karg - director of media relations and communications

AMP was recognized by the Ohio Energy Project (OEP) for 30 years of support and partnership. The OEP is hands-on, relevant, informative and fun energy education created by teachers, for teachers. The OEP has been energizing classrooms since 1984.

Many AMP member communities have been participants in the Ohio Energy Project over the years. This summer, OEP has programs scheduled in Bowling Green, Orrville, Tipp City and Wadsworth. AMP is a proud partner. For more information on OEP, visit their [website](#).



Holly Karg (center) accepts the 30 Year Award for AMP. Mackenzie (right) and Julian (left) of Westerville North High School, an AMP member community, shared their

Webinar covers the value of solar and battery storage

By Joe Regan - member credit compliance analyst

On May 10, AMP hosted 39 participants from 26 communities in five states for the first Finance & Accounting webinar of 2018.

Chris Lund, Utility Financial Solutions, presented on the Value of Solar and Battery Storage. Lund provided an overview of solar valuation methods to determine the kWh credit, discussed metering and billing preferences for solar, including methods to apply the value of the solar kWh credit, and discussed the differences between community solar and rooftop solar. Lund finished the webinar with a discussion on battery storage, including the impacts of battery storage, and an interactive case study.

For those interested in viewing this webinar, a recording is available on the AMP [member extranet page](#) (login required). If you need assistance logging in or have any questions, please contact me at 614.540.6913 or jregan2@amppartners.org.

Our next webinar will be held on June 13, 10 a.m. Please stay tuned for details regarding that webinar.

PP&L customers to see decrease in transmission rate in June

By Mike Migliore - vice president of power supply planning

PP&L has filed its updated transmission rate that will be in effect starting this June. The rate will decrease by 4.6 percent from \$5.15 kW-month to \$4.91 kW-mo. Although, PP&L's revenue requirement rose by 2 percent, the effective rate dropped due to a 5 percent increase in peak load and a true-up credit from last year. PP&L's formula rate changes mid-year and is based on the previous year's actual costs plus some amount of estimated costs. PP&L currently has the highest network service rate of all the utilities that AMP members utilize for transmission.



AMP and its consultants will review the filing to ensure that the numbers in the formula for calculating the rate have been applied correctly.

Electric vehicles - benefits and risks

By Erin Miller - director of energy policy and sustainability

Electric vehicles (EVs) represent a load and revenue growth opportunity for public power utilities (approx. \$350-\$400/vehicle/year; 3500 kWh/year). However, if left unmanaged or unplanned, customers can add to a utility's peak demand and/or stress its distribution infrastructure.

For example EVs can:

- overload circuits with excessive demand. This can be mitigated by tracking the number and location of Level 2 residential chargers, and managing where DC Fast chargers go.
- trigger cost and reliability problems if too many charging sessions occur during peak hours of the day. This can be mitigated through time-of-use rates and/or smart managed charging.

Type of Charging	Level 1 – 110V (~1.4kW)	Level 2 – 220V (~7.2kW)	DC Fast Charger (50kW)	Tesla SuperCharger (140kW)	Extreme Fast Charging (350kW)*
Charging Station 101	Provides same electricity as a regular electrical outlet	More powerful than Level 1 charging	DC current directly supplied to vehicle	Only available for Tesla vehicles	Provides significantly faster charge rates than anything else on market
		Comprises the majority of stations in the U.S	Commonly adds 40 to 60 miles of range in ~20 minutes	Offers fastest charging rate currently available	
Range Gained per Hour of Charge	3-5 miles	25 miles	100 miles	330 miles	787.5 miles
Time to Charge for 200 miles	40 hours	8 hours	2 hours	36.55 mins	15.25 mins

*Estimates based on DOE calculations

This chart shows the type of charging stations (Level 1, 2 DC Fast, Tesla Super Charger and Extreme Fast Charging), the maximum power draw and time to charge.

For reference, a typical household's peak demand is approximately 3.5 kW. A Level 2 charger draws about 3-7 kW; note that Tesla's home charger can draw as much as 19-20 kW. Level 2 chargers are typically what is installed in homes, public spaces and in workplaces.

DC Fast is becoming more popular as it only takes 20 minutes to add 40-60 miles of range. These chargers require 50 kW capacity; Tesla's DC Fast charger uses 140 kW. Both types would require three phase 208 or 480 volts.

Extreme Fast is under R&D and is expected to take eight minutes to add 120 miles of range and requires 350 kW capacity. ABB unveiled their Terra HP 350 kW fast charger in April, and Electrify America is partnering with them to deploy highway sites throughout the country.

If you would like to get more involved in the EV conversation, consider joining the newly formed Focus Forward EV Group or would like more information on electric vehicles, visit the [Focus Forward extranet page](#), under "Electric Vehicles" or contact me at emiller@amppartners.org or 614.540.1019.

Regional safety meeting - tree trimming

By Michelle Palmer, P.E. - vice president of technical services

AMP will be hosting a regional safety meeting in Bowling Green on May 25. The topic will be Chain Saw Operation and Maintenance. The class will be taught by Arborist Skills, Inc. and will include a classroom and hands-on portion. The class is limited to 24 individuals. Each individual who plans on taking part in the hands-on training will be required to sign a release form from Arborist Skills, Inc. and provide their own chain saw(s).

If you are interested in attending, please contact Sandi Sherwood at 614.203.0351 or ssherwood@amppartners.org to register. Attendees must pre-register for the class to ensure a correct lunch count. There is not a fee to attend the regional safety meeting.

AMP holds lineworker training

By Robert Rumbaugh - manager of technical training

AMP held a Lineworker Training Basic 1 course in Columbus, May 14-18. The training course provides first-year apprentices with an introduction to and practice in climbing skills, as well as basic electrical theory,

applied mathematics, first aid, safety, transformer basics and other introductory skills. It is designed to serve as a supplement to in-house training and includes both book work and hands-on training.

Fifteen lineworkers from Amherst, Coldwater, Cuyahoga Falls, Orrville, Painesville, Shiloh, St. Clairsville, Wadsworth and Wapakoneta were in attendance.

Throughout the year, AMP offers high-quality training designed to improve employee performance and enhance safety. A second Lineworker Training Basic 1 course was recently added to the training schedule for the week of Aug. 6. Members are encouraged to browse the [2018 training catalog](#) and sign up for any courses that might benefit their community.

If you have questions about training, please contact me at rumbaugh@amppartners.org or 614.540.1111.



Cody Crose (far left) and Robert Rumbaugh (far right) host lineworkers from AMP communities. From front row, left to right: Gilbert Moothart, Cuyahoga Falls, Alex Myer, Orrville, Joe Puhalla, Amherst, Mitch Sampson, Shiloh, Evan Schoffner, Wapakoneta, Nathan Anzels, Painesville, Mike Doty, Wapakoneta, Mark Gingerich, Orrville, Brendan Oliver, Cuyahoga Falls, Brandon Philson, Coldwater, Andy Shafer, Cuyahoga Falls, Chris Swartz, Cuyahoga Falls, Nathan Teater, St. Clairsville, Trevor Alexis, Wadsworth, and Mike Dowdell, Amherst.

AMP scheduled to speak at upcoming Exacter conference

Michelle Palmer, AMP vice president of technical services, is scheduled to speak at Exacter's upcoming Improving Grid Resiliency and Exploring Predictive Reliability Methods Conference on June 5. She will provide a presentation on the benefits of tracking outages. If you are interested in attending the conference, please visit the [conference page](#) on the [Exacter website](#).



AMP Fremont Energy Center sets new energy production during April

By Mike Migliore

A combination of cold weather and low natural gas prices during the heart of spring generator outage season led to a consistent need for energy from the Fremont natural gas combined cycle plant in April. Fremont returned from its two-week planned spring outage on March 31, and was immediately called into service by PJM. Fremont was then dispatched at close to full base load throughout the month. In addition, the duct fired generation was operated almost 500 hours of the month, as the cost of energy from the plant remained below the rate of the PJM hourly market. For the month of April, Fremont's total net energy generated was 428,739 MWh. This is the highest month of output since the plant came online in January 2012. The previous high of 394,000 MWh was set in December 2017.

Energy markets update

By Jerry Willman - assistant vice president of energy marketing

The June 2018 natural gas contract increased \$0.044/MMBtu to close at \$2.859 yesterday. The EIA reported an injection of 106 Bcf for the week ending May 11, which was slightly higher than market expectations of 104 Bcf.

On-peak power prices for 2018 at AD Hub closed yesterday at \$35.43/MWh, which was \$.09/MWh lower for the week.

On Peak (16 hour) prices into AEP/Dayton hub				
Week ending May 18				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$56.00	\$50.46	\$41.54	\$40.62	\$32.53
Week ending May 11				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$35.19	\$34.50	\$36.42	\$38.50	\$39.05
AEP/Dayton 2019 5x16 price as of May 17 — \$35.43				
AEP/Dayton 2019 5x16 price as of May 10 — \$35.52				

AFEC weekly update

By Jerry Willman

The AMP Fremont Energy Center gas burns remained strong again this week. The plant was online last weekend and remained in 2x1 operation for the week until a unit trip-on occurred on CT2 on Thursday, due to a low pressure drum door gasket leak. Duct firing operated for 126 hours this week. The plant generated at an 81 percent capacity factor (based on 675 MW rating).

Three students awarded AMP scholarships

By Jodi Allalen - member events and programs coordinator

Brooke Richards was presented with a Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship by Jay Myers, AMP member marketing representative, on May 15. The one-time scholarship is presented to a student whose parent or guardian is an employee of either a municipal electric system or AMP, or is an elected official with responsibility for the electric system.

Richards, a student at Norton High School, will attend the University of Akron to pursue a degree in early childhood education. She is involved in a number of school and community activities, including National Honor Society and Key Club.



Jay Myers presents Brooke Richards with her scholarship



Marni Hollman presents Grace Butler with her scholarship

Grace Butler was presented with a Lyle B. Wright Scholarship by Marni Hollman, AMP manager of marketing/member relations, on May 15. The one-time scholarship is presented to a student whose household receives electricity from an AMP member community.

Butler, a student at Minster High School, will attend University of Kentucky to pursue a degree in architecture. She is involved in a number of school and community activities, including student council and Buckeye Girls State.

Jean Fallon O'Malley was presented with a Lyle B. Wright Scholarship by Harry Phillips, director of marketing/member relations, on May 14. The one-time scholarship is presented to a student whose household receives electricity from an AMP member community.



Jean Fallon O'Malley

Fallon O'Malley, a student at Skyline High School, will attend the College of William and Mary to pursue a degree in biochemistry or international relations. She is involved in a number of school and community activities, including Key Club and the Garden Club of Virginia.

AMP promotes Frakes to generation specialist

By Kyle Schimley - director of generation optimization and reporting

AMP is pleased to announce that Joe Frakes has been promoted to generation specialist. In his new role, Frakes will provide assistance and oversight of instrumentation, control systems and electrical equipment for AMP's power generation fleet.



Frakes joined AMP in 2014 as a plant operator at the Cannelton Hydro Plant. His experience at Cannelton, his time as a journeyman electrician, and the power plant operations and repair training he received during his time as a member of the U.S. Air Force have proven to be a valuable asset to AMP and should serve him well in this new role.

In addition to his time in the U.S. Air Force, Frakes holds an associate degree in electrical and mechanical technology from the Community College of the Air Force and a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Western Kentucky University.

Please join me in congratulating Joe on his new role.

AMP offers electric safety tips and reminders for National Electrical Safety Month

By Zachary Hoffman - communications and public relations specialist

May is National Electrical Safety Month and AMP offers these safety tips.

Electricity is an inescapable part of a modern life, but it can become a deadly force when best practices and proper safety measures are not taken. Whether you are indoors or out, following these safety tips can help to prevent accidents.

Indoor safety:

- When not using an appliance, unplug it.
- When unplugging something, pull on the plug, rather than the cord.
- Regularly check power cords for any damage and replace them when needed.
- Do not overload outlets.
- Never force a plug into an outlet. All plugs should fit securely in place.
- Ensure that heat-producing appliances are kept away from combustibles and are cool before putting them away.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupter outlets in potentially hazardous areas, such as near pools, crawl spaces, kitchens, bathrooms and unfinished basements.

Outdoor safety:

- If severe weather causes a downed power line, keep a safe distance away and do not touch the line or surrounding objects. Contact emergency responders and the local utility.
- Do not use a ladder near power lines. If you must, use a fiberglass ladder and stay at least 10 feet away from the line.
- Call 8-1-1 before any digging or excavating.
- Do not trim trees or plants growing close to electric lines. Call your electric utility for assistance.
- Avoid planting trees and bushes that will grow high enough to disturb electric lines.
- Do not let children climb trees that are touching power lines.

These safety tips are available for members to share in press release form on the [AMP website](#).

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Classifieds

Members interested in posting classifieds in Update may send a job description with start and end advertisement dates to zhoffman@amppartners.org. There is no charge for this service.

Village of Elmore seeks applicants for utility billing clerk

The Village of Elmore is seeking applicants for the position of utility billing clerk. This position will perform routine clerical, accounting, bookkeeping and record retention for the preparation of financial records, reports and documents for the administrator. The position will also include the coordination of office assignments as well as scheduling coordination for the village administrator and other officers of the village.

Applications may be picked up at 340 Clinton St. or resumes dropped off in a sealed envelope at the same address between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., or mailed to P.O. Box 1, Elmore, OH 43416. The deadline to apply for this position is June 7.

AMP has surplus materials available from hydro and gas turbine projects

Combined hydro project surplus materials

AMP has an inventory of leftover construction related items from the hydro plant buildout including backup diesel generators, cable and wiring, conduit, conduit fittings, copper piping and various other electrical and mechanical items. The majority of materials are located at the Smithland Hydro Plant. We are currently making plans to liquidate this surplus material. If any members are interested in potentially purchasing some of the items, the full list of materials can be obtained by emailing Phil Meier at pmeier@amppartners.org. We respectfully request that all inquiries be submitted no later than June 1.

AMP gas turbine project surplus materials

AMP has surplus materials associated with the AMP CT project including a Frame 5 combustion turbine, generator (associated with the Frame 5), associated inlet and exhaust parts, as well as various other items. The majority of materials are located at the Bowling Green AMP CT plant. We are currently making plans to liquidate this surplus material. If any members are interested in potentially purchasing some of the items, the full list of materials can be obtained by emailing Willey Sandell at wsandell@amppartners.org. We respectfully request that all inquiries be submitted no later than June 1.

Montpelier seeks bids for sale of garbage truck, dumpsters

The Village of Montpelier is seeking sealed bids for the sale of the following items:

- 2012 McNeilus 17-yard rear loader/packer garbage truck with an international truck chassis in very good condition, inside and out. It also has most of the equipment set-up for rear garbage collection in the Tidy Totes containers.
- Six - six-yard, rear-load dumpsters
- Five - four-yard, rear-load dumpsters
- One - three-yard, rear-load dumpster with wheels

The bid should include all items listed above, as the village is not entertaining bids on separate items. **There is a \$30,000 minimum reserve, and the Village of Montpelier reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.**

For questions, additional specifications or if you would like to look at the items, contact Street Superintendent Dennis Bishop at 419.485.1526. Sealed bids must be received by 4:30 p.m. on May 30 and will be publicly opened on May 31 at 9 a.m. at the Montpelier Town Hall. Please drop off or mail sealed bids to the Clerk of Council, c/o Kevin Brooks, Garbage Truck/Dumpsters, 211 N. Jonesville St., P.O. Box 148, Montpelier, OH 43543.

Village of Pemberville seeks electric distribution lineworker

The Village of Pemberville is seeking applicants for the position of electric distribution lineworker. The lineman will be responsible for delivering reliable electric service to customers by performing inspections, maintenance, operations and construction work on substations, transmission, distribution and streetlight systems within the village to the level that their training dictates. Having or obtaining a CDL is required, as is mechanical knowledge and knowing how to operate equipment including but not limited to: bucket truck, digger derrick, backhoe, wood chipper, chain saws and dump truck; with a willingness to follow all current and future safety practices and maintain equipment. Wage is negotiable. Applications are available on the [village website](#). Please submit a resume and application to the Village of Pemberville, 155 Main St., P.O. Box 109, Pemberville, OH 43450.

City of Hamilton seeks applicants for director of utility operations

The City of Hamilton is seeking applicants for the position of director of utility operations. This position is responsible for professional and administrative work in the planning, organization, direction, supervision and coordination of the operations and activities of the City's Department of Utility Operations. The Department of Utility Operations consists of electric power transmission and distribution, hydroelectric plant operations, fossil power plant operations, water production and wastewater reclamation facilities. This position reports directly to the executive director of infrastructure, but extensive leeway is granted for the exercise of independent judgement in directing the Department of Utility Operations. Direct and indirect supervision is exercised over professional, managerial/supervisory, technical and clerical personnel.

Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree in business administration or engineering, with five years of professional experience in public electric utility management, including supervisory experience. A master's degree in business administration or engineering, as well as a valid registration as a professional engineer in the state of Ohio or other equivalent certification from another state is preferred.

Applications must be completed by May 18 at 11:59 p.m., EST. To view the job description or to apply, click [here](#).

Village of Minster seeks applicants for three positions

Wastewater superintendent

The Village of Minster is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of wastewater superintendent. The potential candidate will be responsible for the continuous operation and maintenance of a Class III wastewater treatment facility. Successful candidate should have a minimum of a high school degree supplemented by specialized academic training in the areas of chemistry and biology and specialized training in the operation of a wastewater treatment facility. A degree in science or engineering preferred; experience in a superintendent position preferred; with a minimum of five years of experience operating a biological treatment process facility; a valid Ohio Class III Wastewater Treatment certificate; knowledge of the Ohio EPA's rules and regulations regarding wastewater treatment; a valid driver's license.

For information about the position and to download an application, visit, www.minsteroh.com. To apply, send resume, application with at least three references to: Village Administrator, Village of Minster, P.O. Box 1, Minster, OH 45865. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Water superintendent

The Village of Minster is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of water treatment superintendent. The potential candidate is responsible for the continuous operation and maintenance of a Class I water supply works and the delivery of safe, clear and sufficient water to the community. Successful candidate should have a minimum of a high school degree supplemented by specialized academic training in the areas of chemistry and biology and specialized training in the operation of a water treatment facility. A degree in science or engineering preferred; experience in a superintendent position preferred; a valid Ohio Class I Water Supply certificate. A minimum of five years of experience in a Class I facility; a valid driver's license; knowledge of the Ohio EPA's rules and regulations regarding water treatment.

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Wastewater/water superintendent

The Village of Minster is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of wastewater superintendent/water superintendent. The potential candidate will be responsible for the continuous operation and maintenance of a Class III wastewater treatment facility and a Class I water treatment facility. Successful candidate should have a minimum of a high school degree supplemented by specialized academic training in the areas of chemistry, science and biology and specialized training in the operation of a water treatment facility and a wastewater treatment facility. A degree in science or engineering preferred; experience in a superintendent position preferred; with a minimum of five years of experience in a Class I water facility and a Class III wastewater facility; valid Ohio Class I Water Supply certificate and an Ohio Class III Wastewater Treatment certificate; a valid driver's license; knowledge of the Ohio EPA's rules and regulations regarding water and wastewater treatment.

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Opportunities available at AMP

AMP is seeking applicants for the following positions:

Plant operator I or II - Cannelton Hydro Plant

Administrative assistant - finance

Generation optimization specialist

For complete job descriptions, please visit the [AMP careers page](#).

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