

## November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 7:00 pm – City Council	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:15 pm – Board of Public Affairs 6:15 pm – Water/Sewer Comm.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> 8:00 am – 2022 Budget Review Meetings	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00 am – 2022 Budget Review Meetings
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:00 pm – Park Rec Committee 7:00 pm – City Council	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm – Special Joint Meeting Finance & Budget & City Council 7:30 pm – Safety HR Comm	<b>23</b> 4:30 pm – Civil Service	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm – Park Rec Board	<b>25 Thanksgiving Day</b> <i>City Offices Closed</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Fifth Monday</i>	<b>30</b>				



# City of Napoleon, Ohio

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## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council  
**From:** Roxanne Dietrich, Clerk of Council  
**cc:** Joel L. Mazur-City Manager, Kevin L. Garringer-City Finance Director, Billy D. Harmon-City Law Director  
**Date:** November 08, 2021  
**Subject:** General Information

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### CALENDAR

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2021

Electric Committee - *Canceled*

Board of Public Affairs at 6:15 pm

- 1) Review/Approval of Power Supply Cost Adjustment Factor for November, 2021
- 2) Update on WWTP Project
- 3) Discussion on Water Rate Review Commission

Water, Sewer, Refuse, Recycling and Litter Committee at 6:15 pm w/BOPA

- 1) Update on WWTP Project
- 2) Discussion on Water Rate Review Commission – with language from the water contract, we put together for your review a draft *Purpose* and *Establishment* for the Water Rate Review Committee.

Municipal Properties, Building, Land Use & ED Committee - *Canceled*

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2021

Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission Meetings are *Canceled*

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021 AT 8:00 AM

Special Joint Meeting of Finance and Budget Committee and City Council

Special Joint Meeting of City Council and Finance and Budget Committee

- Review of 2022 Budget Proposals

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021 AT 8:00 AM

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### INFORMATIONAL

Leaf Pickup Press Release

AMP Weekly Newsletter – October 29, 2021

**CITY OF NAPOLEON WATER, SEWER, REFUSE, RECYCLING & LITTER COMMITTEE**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**


**Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:15 pm**

Council Chambers, 255 West Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

- 1) **Approval of Minutes: October 11, 2021** (In the absence of any objections or corrections, the Minutes shall stand approved).

**Meeting with Board of Public Affairs:**

- 2) Update on Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project
- 3) Discussion on Water Rate Review Commission Committee
- 4) Any other matters to come before the Committee
- 5) Adjournment

  
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Roxanne Dietrich ~ Clerk of Council

CITY OF NAPOLEON, OHIO  
**WATER, SEWER, REFUSE, RECYCLING & LITTER COMMITTEE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, October 11, 2021 at 6:15 pm

**PRESENT**

Committee Members	Jeff Comadoll-Chair, Lori Siclair, Ross Durham
BOPA Members	Rory Prigge-Chair, Mike DeWit, Dr. David Cordes
City Manager	Joel L. Mazur
City Finance Director	Kevin L. Garringer
City Staff	Jeremy Okuley-WWTP Superintendent Chad E. Lulfs, Director of Public Works
Others	Newsmedia
Clerk of Council	Roxanne Dietrich

**ABSENT**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Comadoll, Chair of the Water, Sewer, Refuse, Recycling and Litter Committee called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Hearing no objections or corrections, the minutes from the July 12, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

**UPDATE ON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Okuley reported the project is coming along very well. We did have a little trouble with the floor drains but, those should be coming this week. We are happy with the contractors and engineers and are optimistic at this point. Overall, we are very happy with the project. Mazur said the sludge press building should be done in February of 2022. We are currently renting the press. Other than that, we are working the project back to front. Another primary tank is going in and the headworks have been staked out. The project is coming along at a good pace. The only concern was the supply chain issue and whether or not we would experience any delays in not being able to get parts. Okuley noted the engineer and contractor knew this going in and sped up the ordering of the dewatering building equipment and that seemed to help.

Mazur reported the Palmer Ditch pump station had a failure on Friday night. It happened right after the storm and caused all the pumps to shut down. One of the valves leaked and started filling the dry well. We got the emergency action plan and NPDES permit out to see what we needed to do. We ended up getting the pumps out and bypassed right into Palmer Ditch to pump it down, dry everything out and diagnose the issue. This is the only connection from the Southside to the Wastewater Plant. There is one pump running and we are working on the second pump. The change out of the controls is in the 2022 budget but, may have to be sped up. Notifications were made to the EPA. This was treated like any other CSO or SSO.

**DISCUSSION ON WATER RATE REVIEW COMMISSION COMMITTEE**

Mazur explained when we entered into the contract with the Village of Florida, part of the deal was Council is to establish a Water Rate Review Commission within 180 days from the date the contract was signed. The commission would consist of one member from each Community that has a contract with the City and two members appointed by City Council. The Commission would meet with this Committee and Board on an as needed basis on anything having to do with water rates. It is a recommendational committee to City Council. The commission is created by ordinance and the rules are established by what is in the contract. The Commission would review anything having to do with water rates. If there is anything you can think of that should or needs to be in the ordinance or if there are any specifics you think should be in there. DeWit commented I'm not sure if this would be for the committee. Right now we have a Water Plant that is underutilized or, can produce a lot more than we can sell. Is there any way we can or should look at direct costs and what we can sell it for and see if we can sell it? Even if we need to hire someone, it would be worthwhile to look at. We may have problems getting from point a to point b but if the contract is big enough, it might be worthwhile. Otherwise, we have a big piece of equipment we planned on utilizing at a higher rate than we are. The cost is the same but, the dividing number is a lot smaller than it should be.

Mazur said we do have a lot more capacity that we could be using. DeWit asked are there some ways we should be looking at doing something with the capacity, is there anything we can do? Mazur said there are a couple of things. DeWit stated it needs to be addressed by someone just not sure if it needs to be this group. Even if it does not work out, we owe it to the people who gave us the ability to borrow \$30 million. It is sitting out there and only producing 50%. Dr. Cordes said I think it is higher than that, isn't it? Mazur responded no, we are at about 1.2 million. Dr. Cordes asked we are only producing half of what we thought we would be producing? Mazur replied no, it is the same amount we were producing before and the same amount of capacity. We did not expand the capacity of the plant. DeWit noted we lost a lot of load. Dr. Cordes asked we lost Liberty and McClure? Mazur said not yet. Dr. Cordes asked what about going through Florida and catching Jewel. Mazur stated there are things we are looking into. Prigge said the district ties our hands if we want to expand because they control the county. Mazur clarified only by contract. They do not control the county. If somebody else wants to run water somewhere they can. We run water outside of the city limits. We will have to take a look at the current contract we have with them and see if it is valid. At this point they run the billing for what used to be the Henry County Water and Sewer District and they also own the line that runs outside of the city limits and we bill those individual customers for them at this point. At some point we have to look at canceling that contract. Prigge commented he talked with Hamler and they still have some issues, that would be a nice little community to pick up. Mazur added then there is Holgate. I know people from Northwestern have already been down there talking to people from Holgate. Dr. Cordes asked how tough would it be for us to service Holgate? Mazur replied it would be shooting a line down and picking them up. I'm not sure how many miles that would be. Prigge thought it would be about six miles. There is currently a 12" waterline at the Filling Home. Mazur noted we do not own that line. Those are some of the things we are up against. DeWit said if we know what the cost is and what we can produce even Campbell Soup is a possibility. Dr. Cordes said I don't think we can compete with Campbell Soup on water. DeWit commented I don't know what Campbell Soup does or what they will do next year or the year after or what they have to do to keep up with the EPA. Prigge noted the ROU unit will go online in November, the new slaker in February, they are rebuilding Clarifier 1. They are peaked out at ten million gallons a day during pack right now. They are producing all they can. DeWit pointed out we can produce and give them good quality water, it is just a matter of what they can produce it for versus what we can produce it for and maybe short term we can help them. Right now it is not costing us anything to look at. Prigge said what we need is a bottler. Mazur stated whatever contracts we have would be reviewed by the Commission, Board and Committee to make sure the agreements are congruent with each other so one person is not getting a better deal than another. DeWit asked if Northwest Water District could buy if we were low enough? Mazur replied they do now because we are the only ones that can supply them water to P3 and McClure for now. They plan on running a line from Weston to McClure and then to Liberty. DeWit pointed out even if we don't sell anymore, at least we know we have been trying to see if we can utilize the asset. Mazur didn't think that was something to be in the rules. Think about if there is anything that should be in the basic framework needed for review of the water rates to come before the commission. Comadoll asked what's the timeline? Mazur said the Commission has to be done by February, 2022. Think about it if you want to get more specific on establishing bylaws on what constitutes something that affects water rates, is it just adjusting the price of rates or does it involve everything including budget purchases and everything else? We will revisit the Water Rate Review Commission next month. Prigge added as a side note, in the newspaper it said it is costing Liberty Center \$6,992/household to tie into the line, if they tie-in later the cost is more.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Siclair                                Second: Durham  
to adjourn the Water, Sewer, Refuse, Recycling and Litter Committee meeting at 6:40 pm

Roll call vote on the above motion:

Yea-Sicclair, Durham, Comadoll

Nay-

**Yea-3, Nay-0. Motion Passed.**

**Approved**

November 8, 2021

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Jeff Comadoll – Chair

### Purpose

The purpose of the Water Rate Review Commission is to review water rates on an as needed basis and make recommendations to City Council related to the review and establishment of water rates. The Commission will also review contracts for any communities that would enter into contracts with the City of Napoleon Water System and would have a seat on the Commission to ensure that the terms and conditions of the contract are congruent with this contract.

### Establishment

The Water Rate Review Commission is to consist of at least two (2) members from Napoleon, appointed by City Council, and one (1) member of any community that is party to a contract with the City of Napoleon for purchasing water. The Commission shall meet with the Napoleon Board of Public Affairs and the City Council Water, Sewer, Refuse, Recycling and Litter Committee at the designated times to review items that could impact rates.

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WATER PURCHASE CONTRACT

This contract for the sale and purchase of water is entered into as of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2021, "Effective Date" between the CITY OF NAPOLEON, OHIO, 255 W. Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio 43545, hereinafter referred to as the "Seller" and the VILLAGE OF FLORIDA, OHIO, 206 E. High St., Napoleon, Ohio 43545, hereinafter referred to as the "Purchaser". When referencing both the Seller and the Purchaser together, they shall be referred to as the "Parties".

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the Purchaser is organized and established under the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, for the purpose of constructing and operating a water supply distribution system serving water users within the area described in plans now on file in the Office of the Purchaser and to accomplish this purpose, the Purchaser will require a supply of treated water; and,

Whereas, the Seller owns and operates a water supply distribution system with a capacity currently capable of serving the present customers of the Seller's system and the estimated number of water users to be served by the said Purchaser as shown in the plans of the system now on file in the Office of the Purchaser; and,

Whereas, <sup>Resolution</sup> Ordinance No. 013-21 was enacted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2021, by the Seller for the sale of water to the Purchaser in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and,

Whereas, <sup>Resolution</sup> Ordinance No. 2021-05 was enacted on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, by the Purchaser for the purchase of water from the Seller in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements hereinafter set forth,

A. Representations of the Seller:

**1. Quality and Quantity:** To furnish the Purchaser at the point of delivery hereinafter specified, during the term of this contract or any renewal or extension thereof, potable treated water meeting applicable quality standards of the Ohio Department of Health and The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in such quantity as may be required by the Purchaser not to exceed 300,000 cubic feet per month.

**2. Pressure:** That water will be furnished at a reasonably constant pressure calculated at no less than 35 lbs./sq. inch from an existing six- inch main supply at a point located at the west corporate limit of the City of Napoleon on County Road 424. If a greater pressure than that normally available at the point of delivery is required by the Purchaser, the cost of providing such greater pressure shall be borne

(d) The Purchaser shall not add any one user as a customer who will use over 20,000 cu. ft. per month, without prior approval of the Seller. The Purchaser and Seller agree that this provision is intended to provide a review process solely for the purpose of determining whether the Seller's water system can physically support the additional demand without adversely affecting pressures or flows in the Seller's system.

The Seller reserves the right to refuse the additional request or service only in the event that:

- i) There would be an adverse impact on the Seller's water system, including, but not limited to, pressure, flow, quality, necessity for reconfiguration of water delivery point, increased meter size and testing.
- ii) The Purchaser cannot or will not provide additional measures or compensation to fully mitigate the adverse impact.

**3. Point of Delivery:** To furnish, install, operate and maintain at its own expense at point of delivery, the necessary materials and equipment, including a meter house or pit, valves and required devices of standard type for properly operating metering equipment. A meter registering not more than two percent (2%) above or below the test result shall be deemed to be accurate. The previous reading of any meter disclosed by test to be inaccurate shall be corrected for the six months previous to such test in accordance with the percentage of inaccuracy found by such tests. If any meter fails to register for any period, the amount of water furnished during such period shall be deemed to be the amount of water delivered in the corresponding period immediately prior to the failure, unless Seller and Purchaser shall agree upon a different amount. The metering equipment shall be read on the 1st day of each month. An appropriate official of the Seller at all reasonable times shall have access to the meter for the purpose of verifying its readings.

C. Representations of the Parties:

1. **Term of Contract:** That this contract shall end on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year 2049, which is when the debt for the rehabilitation of the Water Treatment Plant is scheduled to be paid in full.

2. **Water Rate Review Commission:** Within one hundred eighty (180) days from the execution of this contract, the Seller agrees to establish a Water Rate Review Commission as a standing body that will review water rates on an as needed basis and make recommendations to City Council related to the review and establishment of water rates. The Commission shall meet with the Napoleon Board of Public Affairs and the City Council Water, Sewer, Refuse, Recycling and Litter Committee at the designated times to review items that could impact water rates. The Commission will consist of at least two (2) members from Napoleon, appointed by City Council and one (1) member of any community that is party to a contract with the City of Napoleon for purchasing water. The Commission shall also review contracts for any communities that would enter into

180 days from  
August 2, 2021  
will be  
January 29, 2022.





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## Memorandum

**To:** City Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Finance Director, City Law Director, Department Supervisors, News-media  
**From:** Roxanne Dietrich, Clerk of Council  
**Date:** November 05, 2021  
**Subject:** Electric Committee Meeting Canceled

The Electric Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, November 08, 2021 at 6:15 pm has been CANCELED by the chair.



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## Memorandum

**To:** City Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Finance Director, City Law Director, Department Supervisors, News-media  
**From:** Roxanne Dietrich, Clerk of Council  
**Date:** November 05, 2021  
**Subject:** Municipal Properties, Building, Land Use and Economic Development Committee – Cancellation

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Municipal Properties, Building, Land Use and Economic Development Committee for Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:30 pm has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.



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## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Zoning Appeals, City Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director, Finance Director, Department Supervisors, News-media  
**From:** Roxanne Dietrich, Clerk of Council  
**Date:** November 05, 2021  
**Subject:** Board of Zoning Appeals – Cancellation

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals set for Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 4:30 pm has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.



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## Memorandum

**To:** City Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law  
Director, Finance Director, Department  
Supervisors, News-media

**From:** Roxanne Dietrich, Clerk of Council

**Date:** November 05, 2021

**Subject:** Planning Commission – Cancellation

The regularly scheduled meeting of the **PLANNING COMMISSION** for Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm has been *canceled* due to lack of agenda items.


*City of Napoleon, Ohio*

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
in Joint Session with the  
**FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

*Location:* Council Chambers, 255 West Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021 AT 8:00 AM**

- A. Review of 2022 Budget Proposals
- B. Adjournment

  
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Roxanne Dietrich - Clerk of Council

*City of Napoleon, Ohio*

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of the  
**FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
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**CITY COUNCIL**

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Perry Hunter

**Head Mechanic**

Tony Kuhlman

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Curbside Leaf Pickup**

The City of Napoleon's bagged leaf pickup will run from Monday, November 15, 2021 through and including Friday, November 19, 2021. There will not be a specific schedule for the pickup of bagged leaves. Bagged leaves should be at the curb by 7:00 AM Monday, November 15, 2021.

Curbside leaf vacuuming is available for senior citizens, Golden Buckeye Card holders, or those individuals designated as legally disabled. A written request including street address and proof of eligibility must be received at the City Administration office no later than Friday, November 5, 2021. Approved residents will be mailed a letter of confirmation for their scheduled pickup day. No other residents are permitted to rake their leaves to the curb.

City residents are reminded that leaves may be deposited at the 1722 Oakwood Avenue facility in loose (bulk) form on the existing grass, leaf and vegetative pile. Do not deposit leaves with the brush or the wood chips. Other items such as flower bed or garden wastes may also be deposited here. The City of Napoleon will prosecute all violators for misuse of the yard waste facility.

Please contact the Operations Department between 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM at 419-599-1891 with any questions regarding this matter.

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## AMP Update for Oct. 29, 2021

American Municipal Power, Inc. <webmaster@amppartners.org>

Fri 10/29/2021 3:44 PM

To: Roxanne Dietrich <rdietrich@napoleonohio.com>



Oct. 29, 2021

### AMP October Board meeting update

By Jolene Thompson - President/CEO

The AMP Board of Trustees met in person on Oct. 20, hosted by the Borough of Ephrata. We enjoyed our visit to the community and thank the Borough for their hospitality. The meeting was also available to Board and Committee members virtually.

Chair Jeff Brediger, Orrville director of utilities, reported on updates to the Board Committee assignments, and I presented the proposed 2022 AMP Board and Committee Meetings schedule, noting the April Board meeting will be hosted by the City of Danville.

#### Finance Committee

PricewaterhouseCoopers presented their 2021 quarterly review of the consolidated financial statement report to the Board, which included a summary of the results of their audit work and other required communications. The Board adopted a resolution approving the Second Quarter, 2021 Interim Consolidated Financial Statements Report.

The Board adopted a resolution for a request made by the Village of Pioneer to issue Bond Anticipation Notes to refinance improvements to the village's municipal electric system.

#### AFEC Committee

The Board adopted a resolution approving the AMP Fremont Energy Center Project Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series 2021A.

#### RICE Peaking Project Committee

Staff reported that the Borough of Ephrata site is ready for commercial operation as of Nov. 1.

#### Focus Forward Committee

Staff reported that the WattPlan EV customer engagement tool's planned release will be between November and December. An announcement and more information will be provided in *Update* and through an email to principal contacts and the Focus Forward Advisory Committee.

#### Member Services Committee

Staff reported on the 2022 Richard H. Gorsuch and Lyle B. Wright scholarship program. Nomination submissions are due by Dec. 17.

Staff reported on the total registrants for the 2021 AMP Annual Conference. Of the 337 registrants, 135 members attended the conference; 105 in person and 30 virtually.

The next Board meeting will be held Nov. 17 and 18.

If you have any questions or need additional information about the Board meeting, please contact me at 614.540.1111 or [jthompson@amppartners.org](mailto:jthompson@amppartners.org).

## AMP member communities named Smart Energy Providers

*By Erin Miller - assistant vice president of energy policy and sustainability*

The cities of Bowling Green, Napoleon and Westerville recently received the 2021 Smart Energy Provider (SEP) designation during the annual American Public Power Association (APPA) Customer Connections Conference. There are only 97 communities nationwide that hold the designation. The cities of Bowling Green and Westerville also earned SEP designation in 2019.

SEP designation is given to utilities that demonstrate commitment to and proficiency in energy efficiency, distributed generation and environmental initiatives that support a goal of providing low-cost, quality, safe and reliable electric service. It recognizes public power utilities for demonstrating leading practices in four key disciplines: smart energy program structure, energy efficiency and distributed energy programs, environmental and sustainability initiatives, and the customer experience. The designation is valid for two years and expires on Nov. 30, 2023.



This is the third year the designation has been awarded. The AMP member communities of Coldwater and Wadsworth also hold this designation. To learn more about the program, click [here](#). To see the full list of communities that received the SEP designation, click [here](#).

If you are interested in applying for 2021 designation, please contact me at 614.540.1019 or [emiller@amppartners.org](mailto:emiller@amppartners.org) for assistance.

## AMP projects, JVs hold leadership elections

*By Michael Kyser - assistant general counsel*

*Following the conclusion of the 2021 AMP Annual Conference, leadership elections were held for AMP projects and joint ventures. The election results are as follows:*

**JV2:** Joel Mazur/Napoleon, Chair; Michael Dougherty/Cuyahoga Falls, Vice Chair; Jeff McHugh/Painesville, Secretary; Brian O'Connell/Bowling Green, Treasurer

**JV4:** Dawn Fitzcharles/Edgerton, Chair; Nathan Gardner/Bryan, Vice Chair; Jason Rocky/Montpelier, Treasurer; Al Fiser/Pioneer, Secretary

**JV5:** Michael Dougherty/Cuyahoga Falls, Chair; Brian O'Connell/Bowling Green, Vice Chair; Robert Patrick/Wadsworth, Treasurer; Doug McMillan/Oberlin, Secretary

**JV6:** Brian O'Connell/Bowling Green, Chair; Michael Dougherty/Cuyahoga Falls, Vice Chair; Robert Patrick/Wadsworth, Treasurer; Joel Mazur/Napoleon, Secretary

**AFEC:** David Filippi/Dover, Chair; Jason Grey/Danville, Vice Chair

**AMPGS:** Jason Grey/Danville, Chair; Chris McArthur/Hillsdale, Vice Chair

**AMP R.I.C.E. Peaking Project:** Robert Patrick/Wadsworth, Chair; Thomas Gray/Monroeville, Vice Chair

**AMP Pennsylvania R.I.C.E. Peaking Project:** Andrea Coaxum/Perkasie, Chair; Jaime Snyder/Hatfield, Vice Chair

**MESA:** Robert Patrick/Wadsworth, Chair; Jeff McHugh/Painesville, Vice Chair; Dawn Fitzcharles/Edgerton, Treasurer; Doug McMillan/Oberlin, Secretary

**Hydro Phase I:** Jeff Brediger/Orrville, Chair; Dave Carroll/Paducah, Vice Chair

**Hydro Phase II - Meldahl:** Brian O'Connell/Bowling Green, Chair; Dave Carroll/Paducah, Vice Chair

**Hydro Phase II - Greenup:** Jason Grey/Danville, Chair; Brian O'Connell/Bowling Green, Vice Chair

**Prairie State:** Ed Krieger/Piqua, Chair; Jeff Brediger/Orrville, Vice Chair

**Solar Phase I:** Joel Mazur/Napoleon, Chair; Patrick McGowan/St. Marys, Vice Chair

**Solar Phase II:** Brian O'Connell/Bowling Green, Chair; Kimberly Schlichting/DEMEC, Vice Chair

If you have any questions about the results or process, please contact me at 614.540.0984 or [mkyser@amppartners.org](mailto:mkyser@amppartners.org).

## **AMP IT team wins POWER Award**

*By Michele Lemmon - manager of public relations and digital media*

The AMP IT team received the Top Digitalization Adoption Team Award from *POWER Magazine* at the recent Experience POWER conference, an event the magazine hosts that focuses on the full energy value chain for the power industry.

The POWER Awards recognize leading innovators in the power generation industry, according to the magazine. Brandon Kelley, AMP's senior vice president of technology and CIO, and the AMP IT team earned the award for their implementation of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and Cybersecurity programs.

"Our selection committee felt the AMP group was very worthy of recognition, which led to them receiving POWER's Top Digitalization Adoption Team award," said Aaron Larson, executive editor of *POWER Magazine*.

The submission supporting the award nomination explained how the turnkey AMI/Smart City Program focuses on providing best-in-class, scalable technology, using joint action to drive down total cost of ownership and increase operational efficiency, creating a long-term, low-risk operational model for AMP members, providing enterprise level technology support to AMP members and demonstrating a clear expectation of return on investment. The nomination also detailed how AMP's cybersecurity program — created in response to the ever-increasing threat of cyberattacks to both electric utilities and municipal governments — provides a 360-degree approach to assessing, mitigating and monitoring potential cyberthreats.

Congratulations, to Brandon, and the rest of the AMP IT Team!

## AMP IT Team Receives POWER Award

Congratulations to Brannndon Kelley and the AMP IT Team for winning a POWER Award from *POWER Magazine* in recognition of their ingenuity and dedication to excellence in developing the AMI and Cybersecurity programs!



### White House releases proposed framework for reconciliation

*By Michael Beirne - vice president of external affairs and OMEA executive director*

On Oct. 28, the White House released a proposed reconciliation package (Build Back Better) that includes, among other things, \$550 billion in climate and clean energy funds. A fact sheet on the framework can be found [here](#). An effort to vote on the bill on Thursday was postponed after progressive Democrats objected.

The \$1.75 trillion proposal is less than the previous \$3.5 trillion proposal, and does not include several items of note. Specifically, it does not include or reference the Clean Electricity Performance Program that raised concerns from numerous entities, including AMP, OMEA, APPA and others. It also does not include provisions beneficial to public power, including the reinstatement of advance refunding bonds and the ability to issue direct pay bonds.

On Thursday night, the legislative text of the Build Back Better plan was released. We are in the process of reviewing the 1,600-plus-page bill and will provide a detailed update as soon as possible. With narrow majority margins in the House and Senate, and with Republicans indicating they will all oppose the Build Back Better plan, getting final agreement among Democrats remains elusive.

While there appears to be agreement/acceptance of the overall price tag at \$1.75 trillion, down from the original \$3.5 trillion, it remains unclear whether the legislative text released last night will appease everyone enough to support passage of both the infrastructure bill and the reconciliation/Build Back Better bills. With President Biden out of the country and with congressional lawmakers sent home, formal activity will be on hold until at least next week.

### New all-time peaks set for eight members in 2021

*By Craig Kleinhenz - director of power supply planning*



After the impacts related to COVID-19 in 2020, electric loads returned to normal levels in 2021 with eight AMP members setting all-time peaks during the summer cooling season. June was very warm (in the top 15 percent of all time) with temperatures in Columbus reaching 93 degrees on June 28 and 96 degrees on June 29. On those days, the following AMP member communities established new all-time peaks:

- Holiday City — 7.881 MW on June 28 during the 3 to 4 p.m. hour (previous peak was 7.19 MW on Aug. 10, 2020)
- Blakely — 9.244 MW on June 29 during the 5 to 6 p.m. hour (previous peak was 9.216 MW on July 22, 2011)
- Columbiana — 19.037 MW on June 29 during the 2 to 3 p.m. hour (previous peak was 18.47 MW on July 18, 2013)
- Jackson Center — 6.823 MW on June 29 during the 2 to 3 p.m. hour (previous peak was 6.471 MW on July 27, 2020)

The month of August 2021 was also one of the hottest on record. This led to two AMP members setting peaks when temperatures in Columbus were in the lower 90s:

- Marshall — 26.842 MW on Aug. 11 during the 1 to 2 p.m. hour (previous peak was 26.716 MW on Aug. 1, 2006)
- New Bremen — 14.715 MW on Aug. 24 during the 1 to 2 p.m. hour (previous peak was 14.12 MW on Sept. 4, 2018)

Additionally, two AMP members set new peaks this year due to their large industrial customers:

- Huron — 37.272 MW on Oct. 27 during the 1 to 2 p.m. hour
- Wapakoneta — 58.968 MW on Oct. 26 during the 2 to 3 p.m. hour

## Webinar: AMP Energy Education Program for member community schools

*By Holly Karg - assistant vice president of communications and public relations*

Please mark your calendar for Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. for a webinar covering [AMP's Energy Education Program](#).

Available to all AMP members and facilitated by the Ohio Energy Project — a nonprofit organization that provides teachers with STEM-based, hands-on, interactive learning tools, programs and training — the program brings the latest in energy education to teachers and students in the classroom and virtually.

The AMP Board of Trustees asked that [a customized program be developed for AMP member community schools](#). The program includes highlights of the benefits and values of public power and provides a direct way to promote your municipal utility, the science of energy and careers in energy to your community's schools, classrooms and students.

Please watch for an invite to this webinar in your inbox, or reach out to Harry Phillips at [hphillips@amppartners.org](mailto:hphillips@amppartners.org), Sam Wolfe at [swolfe@amppartners.org](mailto:swolfe@amppartners.org) or Jay Myers at [jmyers@amppartners.org](mailto:jmyers@amppartners.org) for more information.



## Focus Forward: Community Solar 101 and Models webinar scheduled for Nov. 9

*By Erin Miller*

On Nov. 9, Focus Forward will host the *Community Solar 101 and Models* webinar from 2 to 3 p.m. Speakers Maddy Wendell, American Public Power Association (APPA), and Joyce McLaren, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, will provide an overview of community solar and the various program design and subscription model options for building a shared solar program, and will share best practices for community solar.

APPA is a partner in the National Community Solar Partnership (NCSP) an initiative led by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. As a leader

Field previously served in this role with AMP during summer 2021 and is returning to the role as a full-time employee. Prior to joining AMP, he served as a lineworker for the City of Columbus Division of Power, where he attended AMP Lineworker Training, experiencing it firsthand. He also previously served as a groundman for U.S. Utility Contractor Co., Inc. He is a graduate of the London Digital Academy.

Please join me in welcoming Brandon to AMP!

## AMP TECHNICAL AND SAFETY TRAINING WEBINAR SCHEDULE

In an effort to continue providing members with high-quality training opportunities, AMP has temporarily transitioned trainings to a webinar format. Please see the below schedule - we will continue to update the schedule as needed. We are in this together.

**Nov. 16 9 a.m.**  
 What? Me Worried? Behavior Based Safety  
 Instructor: Steven Mutchler



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For more information on the AMP Training Program or to access the virtual training webinars, please contact Jennifer Flockerzie, AMP's manager of technical services logistics, at [jflockerzie@amppartners.org](mailto:jflockerzie@amppartners.org).

### Energy market update

*By Jerry Willman - assistant vice president of energy marketing*

The December 2021 natural gas contract debuted yesterday and decreased \$0.416/MMBtu to close at \$5.782. The EIA reported an injection of 87 Bcf for the week ending Oct. 22, which was below industry estimates of +90 Bcf. Last year was an injection of 32 Bcf and the five-year average was +62 Bcf. Storage is now 3,548 Bcf, 10.2 percent below a year ago and 3.4 percent below the five-year average.

On-peak power prices for 2022 at AD Hub closed yesterday at \$57.10/MWh, which was \$1.10/MWh higher for the week.

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

Week ending Oct. 29

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$69.95	\$69.22	\$63.04	\$71.03	\$64.37

Week ending Oct. 22

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$70.58	\$60.59	\$57.79	\$55.96	\$67.65

AEP/Dayton 2022 5x16 price as of Oct. 28 — \$57.10

AEP/Dayton 2022 5x16 price as of Oct. 21 — \$56.00