Memorandum

To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Jon Bisher

Subject: General Information

Pate: April 19, 2013

1. CALENDAR

- 2. AGENDA Finance & Budget Committee Meeting
 - i. Approval of Minutes the minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting are attached.
 - ii. Mayor's Presentation on Spending Plan (Tabled)
 - iii. Review of Income Tax Credit and other Areas of Savings attached is information from Greg Heath with Potential Additional Tax Generated at Various Tax Credit Reduction Levels based on 2011 and 2010 Napoleon returns filed to date.
 - iv. Review of Adding Conveyance Fees to Recreation Programs Paid with Credit Card as noted on the attached Memorandum, this recommendation came from the Parks & Rec Board at their March 2013 meeting.
- 3. CANCELED Safety & Human Resources Committee Meeting
- **4.** CANCELED Civil Service Commission Meeting
- **5. AGENDA** *Parks & Recreation Board* Meeting; Wednesday, April 23rd @6:30 pm
- **6. OMEA LEGISLATIVE DAY & MAYORS' RECEPTION** will be held on Tuesday, May 14th in Columbus. We need to RSVP; therefore, if you would like to attend, please email Rox before Friday, May 3rd.
- 7. **HB59 BUDGET BILL AMENDMENT** attached is information Greg has received from OML on HB59.
- 8. **HB5 OPPOSITION –** April 15th Press Release from OML
- 9. OML Legislation Bulletin/April 12, 2013

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City of Napoleon, Ohio

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6:30 PM

- I. Approval of Minutes (In the absence of any objections or corrections, the minutes shall stand approved.)
- II. Mayor's Presentation on Spending Plan (Tabled)
- III. Review of Income Tax Credit and other Areas of Savings
- IV. Review of Adding Conveyance Fees to Recreation Programs paid with Credit Card.
- V. Any Other Matters Currently Assigned To Committee

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk

City of Napoleon, Ohio FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6:30 PM

PRESENT Committee City Staff

Christopher Ridley - Chair, John Helberg, Jason Maassel, Mayor Ron Behm

Robert Bennett, Fire Chief

Trevor Hayberger, Law Director

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

Chad Lulfs, Public Service Director Peg Miller, Income Tax Supervisor

Christine Peddicord, Asst. Finance Director

Sheryl Rathge, Executive Assistant

Robert Weitzel, Police Chief

Barbara Nelson

News Media, Jim Hershberger

Others ABSENT

Recorder

Finance & Budget

None

Call To Order

Chairman Ridley called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

Approval Of Minutes

Minutes from the January 28, 2013, meeting were approved with no objections.

Mayor's Presentation On Spending Plan Mayor Behm said this is an informal presentation and nothing that needs to be completed in a month or two, but we can go in that direction. He has two recommendations:

1. To set up a capital improvements fund to be named whatever we choose. The intention is to apply savings to help pay for EPA mandates. This fund would include money saved from the cuts we are making with line items specifying what the savings were (e.g. \$100,000 by reducing Human Resource position). Some savings would carry over from year to year and others (savings from a specific project) would be a one-time savings. Otherwise, the money from the cuts we are making will roll into the budget and get spread out over the next year. The goal is to show where the savings from these cuts went.

Helberg asked if cuts are operational, do we keep the money for operations? Behm said not necessarily. We hired a firm for a water cost study and asked for a chart showing what rates would be with additional revenues added. Portions of project savings could go to water/sewer funds since the original projects involved water/sewer. The goal is to drop rate increases. Behm spoke to a representative from the State Auditor's office who recommended creating a fund to deposit the savings.

Heath said enterprise funds (water, sewer, electric, sanitation) already have that ability. There are depreciation and reserve funds. This same request came up a few years ago for CIP funds. Council established a 401 CIP funding reserve fund in 2008. We are projecting \$186,000 in there by Fiscal Year ending 2013. He recommended not restricting funds by title. We budget based on reserves and conservative revenue estimates. Expenditures cannot exceed revenues and reserves. You can allocate money as you wish to the CIP fund.

Heath recommended that Council define service levels they want to provide for citizens and then fund those levels. A previous Council decided to raise the EMS level so a paramedic goes on every run. We allocate to pay for that high service level. Behm said potential cuts would be assigned to a certain fund. Heath said you may save \$200,000 and move it to a certain fund, but when cuts come from State or Federal government, you won't be able to move that money as needed. You can decide what minimum fund balance you want in the General Fund and the 400 CIP Fund, keep a net balance in there, and move the difference. Council can use the general fund for any proper public purpose. Enterprise activities qualify for only those that fund the Enterprise Purpose (electric, water, sewer, sanitation, etc.).

Ridley said if we have a large fund balance, the perception is that we have a lot of money, but we are \$20,000,000 in debt now. City sewer overflow (CSO) or sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) funds delineate that these moneys are for mandated projects. Heath said once you restrict the funds, they are restricted. This is not his recommendation. When something happens, we need a contingency. Behm said there are no funds now to re-do or build anything. We can make cuts and focus the money on capital improvements. Heath said you are doing that already with the \$186,000 set aside in the CIP fund.

Helberg asked what triggers Council to put money in the CIP fund. Heath said it is part of the budget process. Helberg said we could do that at the end of the year with the balances remaining. Heath said we typically transfer money year to year. Behm said the 50/50 split of levy money is 62/38 now. His second recommendation is:

2. To put a cap on the budget. The budget is based on expectations for expenses and revenue. Expenses are adjusted to fit. He would like to have a cap in place. We could go with the Consumer Price Index each year. When revenue goes up, we will have extra money if there is a cap in place. This money could be put in the CIP fund. Instead of waiting to receive a budget, cap it at a certain level.

Helberg said we have a 50/50 ordinance now. Behm said this will force everyone to think conservatively. It can be changed by a future Council. This would be a benchmak to shoot for. Heath said we are not spending willy nilly. We've had many reductions in staffing levels in the last two years by at least five bodies. This will impact services. Council needs to define what they want. Council says EPA mandated projects are our biggest borrowing issue, but the State is our immediate enemy taking things away. Council decides how many police officers are on the road.

Mayor Behm said Council increased taxes a few years ago. Heath said the citizens voted to increase taxes. Behm said citizens were threatened with loss of police and fire services. Heath said Council sets the policy and staff follows it. Behm said the City lost 2,000 residents in 10 years. Income dropped also. We can't continue operating at the same level. Ridley cited the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania that is in receivership. We have to make tough intelligent decisions to remain in control long-term. Before we implement a cap, the first goal is to return the ordinance division to 50/50. This is already in place.

Helberg said we can supplement funds at the end of year and decide where surpluses will go. Ridley asked if the CIP fund is included with balances that are invested. Heath said all funds are invested, but interest earnings are down. We used to get \$1,000,000 per year in interest. For the record, we are not anywhere close to

Harrisburg's situation or in fiscal receivership. The ORC is a good balancer in terms of appropriations carryovers. We are mandated to be in balance. Council can make the 50/50 split, but must decide on service levels. Fund what you want and use the balance for what you want.

Ridley said water/sewer rates are a service level question. Heath said the City is a large company you are running. Hayberger noted that with 9,000 people in the City and 600 leaving over a decade, there has been a 6% reduction in population. If there were 100 City employees and we are down five, there has been a 5% reduction in staff in the last 2 years. The trend is going the way Council wants.

Lulfs said we sent a request to the EPA regarding renewing a permit which will determine if/when extensions will be met. We have to know their answer before they can issue that permit. We should have an answer from them in the next month or two. He asked that Council not rush to a decision until we know what the EPA decides. He will bring it forward when it comes in. This can have a huge impact in defining the next three years or longer as to what we have to do with the LTCP. Our recommendation was that the EPA gives us three years off and we'll do the remaining three I/I studies and testing on other sections of the City to see where we need to go. Instead of doing 25 projects, we may be able to just do the components that will eliminate river intrusion. The goal is four overflow events per ear. If we can do projects in order to reach that goal, others could go away or schedule could be modified. The NPDES permit must be renewed in July. We would not have to catch up after three years. He spoke to someone at the EPA and they seemed in favor of this, but he has nothing in writing yet.

Ridley said we need to have a plan to pay for projects. He recommended tabling this item and addressing it at every meeting. Heath recommended setting minimum fund balances for the general fund, operational, water, sewer, electric. At the end of the year we can move money into reserve funds, maintaining the minimum balances for debt rating purposes. This would positively impact our bond rating. We have survived some tough times already with frozen pay, reductions in benefits and personnel. His department is already down two people from when he started here.

Motion To Table

Motion: Mayor Behm Second: Maassel To table *Mayors Presentation on Spending Plan*

Passed Yea-4 Nay-0 Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Behm, Ridley, Helberg, Maassel Nay-

Outsource All Or A Portion Of Income Tax Operations & Reduce Income Tax Dept. Staffing By 0.5 FTE Heath said he would like to address agenda items 3 & 4 at the same time. A memo was included in the Council packet (attached). His recommendation is to NOT outsource the Income Tax operations as recommended by Performance Audit recommendation #10. Staff contacted cities that use RITA and they complained about service levels. We would serve our citizens better by keeping income tax inhouse.

Heath said there is a retirement coming up in the Income Tax Department. Staff is working with him to take advantage of the retirement and work with one less full-time person. The Performance Audit recommended reducing by .5 and we are giving 1 full-time equivalent for a savings of \$50,760 from income tax and \$9,130 from finance/ administration for a total of \$60,980 per year. We need that staff person, but this will be the least impact to personnel involved and to City services.

Ridley thanked Heath for the memo, analysis and the work he put into it. He did a fantastic job. Discussing reductions and cuts isn't easy or enjoyable. We are trying to balance services in an intelligent way. Maassel asked about HB5. Heath said the bill will define what you can or cannot tax. It will eventually mean the State will collect all income tax. Maassel said he agrees to not outsourcing. Helberg said he is nervous about going a full person down. He would be comfortable cutting .5. Heath said it is difficult to hire ½ person. If he feels this is not meeting the need, he will request a part-time person. Helberg asked about backups. Heath said backups are problematic for training. His staff spends a lot of time in training.

Mayor Behm asked if Heath could outsource a portion of income tax to RITA. Heath said he is leery of RITA. He contacted CCA. They have a program available from the collection standpoint that would give us access to the Federal database and helps identify individuals who have not filed in our jurisdiction. He will come back with a recommendation for that issue.

Behm asked about online or electronic filing. Heath said CMI (the City's software supplier) is working on a new program. The issue is how to audit what you get. The State has an advantage there. We will need different approaches. CCA has a database for collection. Heath said he will get the other information from CCA and bring it back to Council. Our goal is to get through the current filing season, then set this up. Ridley asked when the retirement will happen. Heath said it will be in June. His staff is all aware and committed to the change. One person will be promoted.

Motion To Reduce Income Tax Dept. By 1 FTE

Motion: Mayor Behm Second: Maassel
To accept the Finance Director's recommendation to reduce the income tax
department by one full-time person (in response to performance audit R #11)

Passed Yea-3 Nay-1 Roll call vote on above motion: Yea- Behm, Ridley, Maassel Nay-Helberg

Helberg said, "The only reason I'm voting no is because I'm afraid we're cutting service too much in that whole cog up there. The cross training to me is pretty important. I know you can't dedicate a half of a person to income tax, but for three months out of the year we need to dedicate somebody that would be full-time in the other half of the year, or however that works out. I'm all for making a cut. I just think this is one of the service level problems we're gonna run into. We're going too far."

Motion To Not Outsource All Income Tax Ops

Motion To Adjourn

Passed

Yea-4

Motion: Maassel Second: Mayor Behm

To not outsource all of the income tax operations (in response to Performance Audit #10)

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

Nay-0 Nay-

Motion: Mayor Behm Second: Maassel

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To adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM

Passed		Roll call vote on above motion:
Yea-4		Yea- Behm, Ridley, Helberg, Maassel
Nay-0		Nay-
Approved:		
	Date	
		Christopher Ridley, Chair



Tax Credits:	<u>2011</u>	2010
Tax Rate Higher than 1.5% Qualifying Wages:	\$34,476,510.53	\$31,632,721.29
Reduction of Credit: 100%	413,718,13	379,592.66
95%	393,032.22	360,613.02
90%	372,346.31	341,633.39
85%	351,660.41	322,653.76
80% 75%	330,974.50 310,288.59	303,674.12 284,694.49
70%	289,602.69	265,714.86
65%	268,916.78	246,735.23
60% 55%	248,230.88	227,755.59 208,775.96
50%	227,544.97 206,859.06	189,796.33
45%	186,173.16	170,816.69
40%	165,487.25	151,837.06
35%	144,801.34	132,857.43
30% 25%	124,115.44 103,429.53	113,877.80 94,898.16
20%	82,743.63	75,918.53
15%	62,057.72	56,938.90
10%	41,371.81	37,959.27
5% 0%	20,685.91 0.00	18,979.63 0.00
Tax Rate Lower than 1.5% (.5% & 1%) Qualifying Wages:	\$2,508,307.56	\$3,546,787.20
Reduction of Credit:		
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60%	18,059.81	25,536.87
55%	16,554.83	23,408.80
50%	15,049.85	21,280.72
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85%	\$377,245.14	\$358,830.99
80% 75%	\$355,054.25 \$332,863.36	\$337,723.28 \$316,615.58
70%	\$310,672.47	\$295,507.87
65%	\$288,481.58	\$274,400.17
60%	\$266,290.69	\$253,292.46
55% 50%	\$244,099.80 \$221,908.91	\$232,184.76 \$211,077.05
45%	\$199,718.02	\$189,969.35
40%	\$177,527.13	\$168,861.64
35% 30%	\$155,336.24 \$133 145 35	\$147,753.94 \$126.646.23
30% 25%	\$133,145.35 \$110,954.45	\$126,646.23 \$105,538.53
20%	\$88,763.56	\$84,430.82
15%	\$66,572.67	\$63,323.12
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City of Napoleon Parks and Recreation Department

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Memorandum

To: Jon A. Bisher, City Manager

From: Tony Cotter, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: *April 04, 2013*

Subject: Parks and Recreation Board Recommendation — Re-Evaluate Policy on

Accepting Credit Cards

At its March meeting, the issue of accepting credit cards for recreation program fees was discussed. Recently, City Council adopted a policy to accept credit cards for the payment of fees and to add a conveyance fee to cover costs associated with the transaction. The convenience fee charged by our current credit card processing company was established at \$3.00. This fee is added to the rate charged to the participant. The processing company deposits the appropriate payment amount with the City and the conveyance fee is retained by the company.

Concerns were raised by the Parks and Recreation Board that the \$3.00 conveyance fee is unreasonable based on the amount charged to the participant. Currently, recreation program participation fees are \$20.00 for a resident and \$30.00 for a non-resident so the additional conveyance fee equates to a 15% and 10% surcharge respectively. Most board members believe that this additional fee is unnecessary since the number of credit card transactions is relatively small. This fee also discourages online registration.

Eliminating the conveyance fee would mean that the transaction fee charged for credit card usage would be paid by the City. Typical transaction fees on credit card payments average approximately 3% of the total amount collected. Since this is the first year that recreation program fees are being charged, an accurate measure of the frequency of credit card use compared to other methods of payment is unavailable. We do, however, process payments with credit cards at the Golf Course and our records in 2012 indicate that approximately thirty-five percent (35%) of our customers paid with either a debit or credit card. Using that percentage and applying it to the revenue we expect to collect from recreation program fees (projected at \$23,000), we could estimate the total amount of payments through credit cards would equal approximately \$8,000. In this case, the total cost of accepting credit cards associated with \$8,000 worth of transactions would be approximately \$240. Most board members believe that this relatively small amount should be paid by the City as a "cost of doing business".

The Board has recommended that following the Spring program registration period, City Council should re-evaluate their current policy regarding credit card acceptance and consider eliminating conveyance fees for recreation program payments. By eliminating the conveyance fee, a simple card swipe terminal could be used at the front counter. Currently, the receptionist must input customer information and account numbers into the processor's website to process payment. With a card swipe terminal, the need for staff input of personal information would be eliminated.

I would ask that this recommendation be brought to City Council for their consideration. If you would like additional information, please let me know.

cc.: Greg Heath, Finance Director

Memorandum

To: Safety and Human Resources Committee, Township Trustees, Council,

Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director, City Finance Director, Department

Supervisors

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

Date: 4/17/2013

Re: Safety and Human Resources Committee Meeting Cancellation

The Safety and Human Resources Committee meeting scheduled for Monday,

April 22, 2013, has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.

Memorandum

To: Civil Service Commission, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director,

City Finance Director, Department Supervisors, Media

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

Date: 4/17/2013

Re: Civil Service Commission Meeting Cancellation

The regular Civil Service Commission meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, has been <u>CANCELED</u> due to lack of agenda items.

City of Napoleon, Ohio

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

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

Meeting Agenda Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 6:30 PM

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes
- 3. Discussion and/or Action on Recommendations from Golf Advisory Committee
- 4. Miscellaneous
- 5. Any other Items to Come Before the Board

Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

City of Napoleon, Ohio

PARKS AND RECREATION (P&R) BOARD

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 6:30 PM

PRESENT

Parks & Recreation

(P&R) Board **City Staff**

Recorder

Others

ABSENT

Members

Call To Order

Approval Of Minutes

Swimming Pool Management

Matt Hardy – Chair, Mike Saneholtz, David Prigge, Peg Funchion, Shawn

Thompson, Aaron Schnitkey

Tony Cotter, Parks & Recreation Director

Barbara Nelson

Chad Richardson

News Media, Patrick McColley

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

Minutes of the March 13, 2013, special meeting stand approved.

Cotter said he had no information from the Putnam County YMCA (Y) regarding taking over management of the City pool. He met with the person recommended by Lynn Wachtmann on March 13. She was going to get back to him with information. Cotter called and emailed, but got no response. Management companies can save on costs with wages because they don't have to pay PERS, etc. They buy chemicals in bulk for many pools.

The two quotes he got at the end of last year for pool management were near the same in price as for us to run the pool. USA Pools estimate was \$75,000, but the revenue would come back to the City. The cost would have to be no more than \$40,000-\$45,000 if they were keeping the revenue, which is what the Y would do. Cotter is running out of time. He typically interviews during spring break when kids are home from college. He is not opposed to a management company, but doesn't have time to do it this year. If someone comes with a good proposal tomorrow, it may be possible but otherwise he recommends that we forgo it for this year. Hardy said if the Y wanted to do it, they would have gotten back to Cotter. If that's the kind of communication they have, we don't want them.

McColley said Wachtmann was pushing them to do this. Cotter said we don't use the same type of chemicals as other pools use. Most use liquid chlorine. Saneholtz asked if the Y is aware of the Aquatic Club agreement. Cotter said he told them about it. They said they would factor that in.

Motion To Proceed As Normal With Pool **Management This Year** Motion: Saneholtz Second: Schnitkey

To proceed on as normal with management of the pool this year, and to let the Mayor and Committee of Council know that the outsourcing pool management option will not work this year

Passed Roll call vote on above motion.

Yea – Schnitkey, Thompson, Hardy, Saneholtz, Prigge, Funchion Yea - 6

Nay- 0 Nay -

Accepting Credit Cards

Cotter said we are accepting fees online now. The Finance Department put a \$3 conveyance fee on each transaction that occurs with a credit card. This has not

gone over well. We had a total of 245 softball registrants and less than 12 who signed up online. Most of them mailed or brought a check. Our bank went to a third party to collect fees and this is their charge. It works out to 15% on a \$20 (resident) charge and 10% on a \$30 (non-resident) charge.

One option is to find another third party processor. Finance is trying to do this. Another option is to add \$1 to the rates to cover this cost. Hardy asked if golfers pay the conveyance fee. Cotter said they do not. Saneholtz asked if that costs the City money. Cotter affirmed. McColley suggested finding a different system to process credit cards. Square was created on Twitter. It is 2% to swipe your card through. This is fairer than a flat fee.

Hardy asked why we don't use the same system in the whole City. Cotter said the original credit card swipe locations were the golf course and court. This was in place prior to the new law that allows businesses to take a conveyance fee. McColley said governments can pass these fees on too now. Saneholtz asked if the business or City must do this. McColley said we should do it with utilities and taxes. He recommends buying an iPad and signing up with Square to be able to swipe cards.

Hardy asked about online transactions. Schnitkey said he checked into Square and couldn't hook up to a printer. McColley said PayPal is another option. Hardy recommended that the City cover these fees. Cotter said Greg Heath, Finance Director, had a change of heart. He recommended dropping our current third party. He will meet with another 3rd party that may have tiers for charges and could be cheaper. Cotter's recommendation is to set up with PayPal. There are 2 fees: a \$.20 transaction fee and 2.8% on the amount. Schnitkey recommended that the Board make a motion to not charge a fee and let Council figure out how to do this. Cotter said it is too late. Softball is done and baseball is half over. Maybe we can be ready for soccer and volleyball season.

McColley said a 2% charge from PayPal would be simple. Schnitkey said he believes the charge ranges from 2%-4.5%. Cotter said there is no swipe now which is why the system is not user friendly. PayPal or other companies will give you a card swipe. People swipe their own card and we don't have to write down their information. The City pays about \$1,400 per year for transaction fees at the golf course. 42% of all revenue at the golf course came in via credit card. There are two factors that determine the fee (1) Which credit card you use; and (2) What the rate is on each card. The rate is higher when cardholder bonuses (frequent flyer miles, etc.) are given. PayPal doesn't have a monthly charge, just a transaction fee. This seems better since we don't take any money for several months of the year.

Funchion asked why golfers should get a break on fees. Everyone should pay. Saneholtz said there should be a uniform price for anyone using a card. McColley said he saw information about Square on TV. Schnitkey said there is a monthly fee for that. He believes it's about \$30. Grocery stores charge the same whether people pay in cash or with a credit card. Hardy said that is the cost of doing business. Cotter recommended not changing the fee until after baseball registration. There will be time to discuss fees then. Saneholtz said whatever is done should be established the same for all P&R programs, including the golf course.

Motion To Leave \$3 Fee Through Baseball Motion: Prigge Second: Thompson
To leave the \$3 conveyance fee through baseball registration, then reconsider and

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Registration, Then Re- Evaluate	use that time to re-evaluate or do away with the conveyance fee
Passed Yea - 6 Nay- 0	Roll call vote on above motion. Yea - Schnitkey, Thompson, Hardy, Saneholtz, Prigge, Funchion Nay – Prigge asked what Archbold does about conveyance fees. Cotter said they use a
	company we are meeting with next week. Finance is doing the legwork on this. This company would provide a swipe.
Miscellaneous Schnitkey	Schnitkey – no items
Prigge	Prigge said he would like to see how much money the recreation programs bring ir once registration is done. Cotter said last year there were 270 in girls softball. There are 245 this year. Class sizes are shrinking. Prigge said people on travel teams won't play both, rather than have to pay two fees. He asked how many people went through the free/reduced price program. Cotter said only 7 applied for it. This may be because it is a one-time cost and people just paid it as opposed to paying for lunch every day at school.
Thompson	Thompson – no items
Hardy	Hardy – no items
Funchion	Funchion asked if Cotter compiled info on costs for maintaining facilities. Cotter affirmed. Funchion asked him to put this in the packet for the next meeting.
Saneholtz	Saneholtz said there is nice equipment at West School. Can this be moved to City property before the school is torn down? Cotter said he asked about it. Saneholtz said basketball rims give kids something to do. Cotter said the equipment won't be easy to move, but if we can get it for nothing, we will move it.
Any Other Items	Cotter said Council approved the recommendations from the golf course advisory committee. This raises a current golf course member's membership fee \$50 more than last year's rate. A new member's rate is the same as last year. Electric & gas private golf cart rates are up \$50. This begins April 1. There is currently a moratorium on memberships, but this should be lifted by Council on Monday.
	Saneholtz said he paid \$450 for a cart and membership last year and will pay \$550 this year. That is not a problem. Diane Ressler did a good job working with the advisory committee. Members of the group understand the issues. They will meet again to try to promote two and four person scrambles. They want to sell burgers and hot dogs and use the proceeds to help the course advertise specials. Cotter said the advisory committee was formed informally like the Athletic Boosters. They are not part of Council. They can set up their own meetings. Saneholtz said members are willing to help do maintenance (repairing divots, etc.) if needed.
	McColley said Columbus has fireworks July 3 rd and has a party in the park. The

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City could have this on the practice area and sell beer. Thompson said the future is new memberships. Younger kids have to start playing. Maybe they could set up a youth day or have lessons to get kids involved. Saneholtz said Steve Mossing went

	out on his own time to do this. It will catch on.
	Cotter said the advisory committee is a good group. They are very committed and will come up with positive ideas. Ressler is helping them get organized. There is a diverse range of people. Funchion asked if the group will report to the Board before making policies. Saneholtz confirmed, saying recommendations will go from here to the P&R Committee or Council. Cotter said the advisory group wants to do this work and we appreciate it.
Motion To Adjourn	Motion: Thompson Second: Prigge To adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM
Passed	Roll call vote on above motion.
Yea - 6	Yea - Schnitkey, Thompson, Hardy, Saneholtz, Prigge, Funchion
Nay- 0	Nay -
Date Approved	Matt Hardy, Chair

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TO: OMEA and AMP Principal Contacts

FROM: Jolene M. Thompson, Executive Director

Michael A. Beirne, Assistant VP of Government Affairs & Publications

DATE: April 8, 2013

The annual OMEA Legislative Day and Mayors' Reception will take place Tuesday, May 14, 2013 in Columbus. This year's legislative briefing and reception for Ohio legislators will again be held in the Vern Riffe Center, just across the street from the Statehouse. Our Legislative Day issues briefing will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., and the reception for lawmakers will follow from 5 to 7 p.m.

Your attendance at this year's event is extremely important in light of the ongoing state budget debate, deliberations over state energy policy and legislative attacks on local control and Home Rule. In addition, there are a number of other issues under consideration before the Ohio General Assembly that are of interest to Ohio municipal electric communities.

The successes we've enjoyed at the Statehouse would not happen without your grass-roots support and the May 14 reception is a great opportunity to educate and thank your lawmakers. As the legislature prepares for their stretch run prior to summer recess, the timing of our event is critical to get our messages to state lawmakers before they break.

We've been pleased to have strong attendance from legislators and members at our previous Legislative Day and Mayors' Reception activities. This is a great chance to meet with your legislators in an informal setting and it is important to show that public power is engaged in the process. Your participation helps to provide the foundation for the efforts of the OMEA staff and counsel throughout the year.

The OMEA Board of Directors and staff strongly encourage you and your fellow municipal electric system community officials to attend May 14. This event provides a good opportunity for council members and mayors to see the impacts firsthand of our strong grassroots efforts.

Parking is available at the Statehouse, the City Center Parking Garage or Huntington Center, and directions are attached. There is no charge for either the afternoon briefing or evening reception.

Please contact Betty Wehrman at 614.540.6413, bwehrman@amppartners.org, or Michael Beirne at 614.540.0835 or mbeirne@amppartners.org with questions. We look forward to seeing you on May 14!



2013 Legislative Day and Mayors' Reception RSVP FORM

The annual OMEA Legislative Day and Mayors' Reception is scheduled for May 14 in Columbus. This year's reception for Ohio legislators will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. and our Legislative Day issues briefing will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Both events will take place in the Vern Riffe Center, just across the street from the Statehouse.

	I will attend the 2013 <i>full</i> Legislative Day and Mayors' Reception
	I will <i>only</i> be able to attend the Legislative Day activities (3 to 5 p.m.)
	I will <i>only</i> be able to attend the Mayors' Reception (5 to 7 p.m.)
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Name o	f community:
Name(s)) and title(s) of attendees:

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you on May 14. Please RSVP by fax, email, phone, or mail at your earliest convenience to Betty Wehrman. You can use this form to fax or mail your response.

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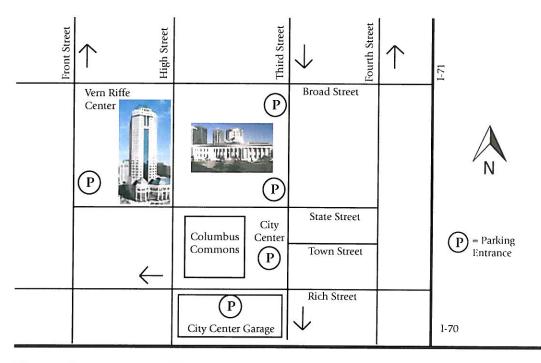


Directions

The OMEA Legislative Day Issues Briefing and the Mayors' Reception will be held in the Vern Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., which is across the street from the Statehouse at the corner of High and State Streets.

OMEA Issues Briefing: 3 to 5 p.m. in the South B & C Room on the 31st Floor of the Vern Riffe Center

OMEA Mayors' Reception: 5 to 7 p.m. on the Third Floor Lobby of the Vern Riffe Center



FROM NORTH OF COLUMBUS

- Take I-71 South to the Broad Street exit. Turn right onto Broad Street
- Follow Broad Street and turn left onto Third Street
- Turn Right onto State Street the Vern Riffe Center will be on your right, after you
 pass the Statehouse and cross High Street

FROM SOUTH OF COLUMBUS

- Take I-71 North to I-70 East. Exit at Fourth Street/Livingston Avenue At top of exit ramp, move to the second lane from the far left
- Turn left onto Fourth Street while remaining in your lane
- Turn left onto State Street the Vern Riffe Center will be on your right, after you pass the Statehouse and cross High Street

FROM EAST OF COLUMBUS

- Take I-70 West to the Fourth Street exit. Turn right onto Fourth Street
- Turn left onto State Street. The Vern Riffe Center will be on your right, after you pass the Statehouse and cross High Street

FROM WEST OF COLUMBUS

- Take I-70 East to the Fourth Street/Livingston Avenue exit. At top of exit ramp, move to the second lane from the far left
- Turn left onto Fourth Street while remaining in your lane
- Turn left onto State Street. The Vern Riffe Center will be on your right, after you pass the Statehouse and cross High Street

PARKING

Parking is available at several locations. The most convenient and cost-effective parking is in either the underground Statehouse garage, which can be accessed from Third Street and State Street, or in the City Center underground parking garage (accessed off Third Street) or its above-ground parking garage (accessed off Rich Street).

Fw: ALERT: URGENT REVIEW: BUDGET BILL AMENDMENT IMPACTS MUNI TAX

From: "Gregory J Heath" <gheath@napoleonohio.com> 04/17/13 01:10 PM

To: "Roxanne Dietrich" <rdietrich@napoleonohio.com>
Attachments: HB 59 Budget Bill Amendment 4-17-13.pdf (927.5 kB);

For Council Packets.

----Original Message-----

From: "Michelle Jordan" <datataxgroup@gmail.com>
To: "undisclosed-recipients:"@napoleonohio.com

Date: 04/17/2013 12:16 PM

Subject: ALERT: URGENT REVIEW: BUDGET BILL AMENDMENT IMPACTS MUNI TAX

Dear DATA members:

Please see the pdf attachment to this e-mail. A last minute addition to the budget bill exempts Supplemental Executive Retirement Plans from qualified wages. Amendments are made to 718.01 definitions, and 718.03 exempts the SERP from qualifying wages.

Please pass this along to all other tax groups, Mayors and Managers groups, First Suburbs, etc. IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET THE WORD OUT ON THIS. This is a negative impact to revenue, and clearly put in at the very last minute.

Michelle

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Michelle Jordan

DATA

Dayton Area Tax Administrators

Tax Manager, Dayton Branch Office Central Collection Agency 371 W Second St, Suite 110 Dayton OH 45402

Fw: Fwd: OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OBJECTS TO MUNICIPAL TAX CHANGE IN BUDGET BILL

From:

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04/19/13 07:48 AM

То:

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Attachments: HB59SERPpresser.docx (27.2 kB); HB59SERPccmmaLetter.doc (862.4 kB);

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From: "Michelle Jordan" <datataxgroup@gmail.com>
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Date: 04/19/2013 07:05 AM

Subject: Fwd: OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OBJECTS TO MUNICIPAL TAX CHANGE IN BUDGET BILL

Dear DATA members:

Please circulate this very important information to everyone in your administration.

Thank you!

Michelle

Attached please find a press release regarding an amendment that was added in the "11th hour" Tuesday by the House Finance Committee to HB59, the budget bill, that would result in significant loss of revenue statewide with Cleveland already determining that they would stand to lose \$1 million from this proposal. I have also attached a letter from the Cuyahoga Co. Mayors and Mangers Assoc. explaining their concerns and impact analysis by Cleveland.

Our members are working to determine the impacts to their communities but safe to say, it will be a loss of already depleted revenues and the will serve as the genesis for another tax "loophole" on the backs of municipal budgets.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Kent M. Scarrett Director of Communications/Lobbyist



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April 18, 2013 PRESS RELEASE

CONTACT: Kent Scarrett, OML Director of Communications

OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE VOICES STRONG OPPOSITION TO MUNICIPAL TAX/BUDGET AMENDMENT

(Columbus, Ohio) Ohio Municipal League Executive Director Susan Cave announced today the league's strong opposition for legislative language that was included in the 660 page omnibus amendment that was offered and incorporated into HB59, the state biennial budget bill, Tuesday afternoon.

The language that was adopted as part of the budget bill would restrict municipalities' current and uniform ability to apply the municipal income tax to earned income generated through a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) compensation package. The effects of the legislative rider added to the budget bill would prohibit municipalities from including such types of non-qualified deferred compensation in the municipal tax base. This change would put municipal tax practices at odds with the State of Ohio and federal treatment of the same source of earned income.

"It is more than a little troubling that the Ohio House saw fit to include this onerous and source of significant loss in revenue on our municipal budgets statewide.", Director Cave said. "The league and a delegation team of municipal officials have been working on HB5, the municipal income tax uniformity bill for over two years and not once has this issue been presented as a source of difficulty to tax preparers or taxpayers alike. Hiding this clear special treatment for a "favored" subgroup of Ohio residents smacks of unfairness and irresponsibility as we work to achieve a more equitable tax system, on the local level" Cave added.

As the Legislative Service Commission (LSC) synopsis details in explaining what SERP is and the effects of the language which is located at the bottom of the draft amendment language, a "SERP" is a nonqualified deferred compensation retirement plan that is subject to federal tax practice and are "...."nonqualified in the sense that they do not receive the favorable tax treatment that qualified plans receive, which depends on, among other things, not discriminating in favor of highly paid employees."

At a time when HB5, the municipal income tax "uniformity" bill, has been introduced and hearings are rumored to resume next week in the House Ways and Means Committee, the OML Board of Trustees and members are more than perplexed as to why this recommendation to alter a current municipal tax treatment is not part of that discussion but rather buried in a 4,000+ page budget bill.

April 15, 2013 PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

CONTACT: Kent Scarrett, OML Director of Communications

OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONTINUES OPPOSITION TO HB5

On the heels of a press conference held today by the sponsor's of HB5, the municipal income tax "uniformity" bill, the Ohio Municipal League (OML) and it's over 750 member municipalities remain opposed to the latest version of the bill, for the same reasons HB601 was opposed.

HB5 is a reintroduction of HB601 from the previous General Assembly and unfortunately contains the same harmful components to the lifeblood of Ohio municipalities which is the ability to raise revenue to support basic services residents and businesses rely upon every day. The new bill, HB5, still contains the same onerous language that would: force municipalities to handover administrative powers to the State of Ohio by the legislation's mandate that Ohio Revised Code 718 would replace all locally controlled tax ordinances and failure to comply would result in a communities inability to enforce their voter supported income tax thus giving the state complete administrative authority over each of Ohio's 577 municipalities taxing procedures; the unnecessary expansion of state government through the creation of a new municipal tax policy board; create an unfunded mandate on over 230 Ohio municipalities by requiring them to offer a 5 year net operating loss carry-forward provision for businesses in their borders; lengthening of time an occasional worker can be in a municipality consuming those communities' services without an obligation to contribute to the financing of services used from 12 days to 20 days and the bill continues to restrict the ability of a municipality to collect the back tax obligation owed, which is the current uniform treatment practice, resulting in significant revenue loss for many communities; the proposed elimination of the current, uniformly applied local tax provision called the "throwback" provision which applies to certain sales originating from communities which would devastate local budgets statewide; forcing our basic service providing municipalities to use the same qualifying requirements as the state uses through the "Bright Line" test for determining a local residents residency status; replacing non-judgment, statutory liens with the current uniform civil and criminal court enforcement procedures municipalities employ to ensure equal treatment among taxpayers and to enforce tax obligations in a timely manner.

These are only a few examples of issues, cloaked under the title of "uniformity", that are included in HB5 which are a continuation of language from HB601, from the 129th General Assembly. "This conversation is not occurring in a vacuum. Municipal budgets in Ohio continue to suffer from the effects of the current state budget where the Local Government Fund has been

cut in half, the repeal of the Estate tax and the accelerated phase-out of revenues to cities and villages through the Tangible Personal Property (TPP) tax. These changes have had real effects on local budgets", OML Executive Director Susan Cave said. "We have repeatedly offered responsible language to the Sponsors that would address business concerns while protecting the integrity of Ohio's municipal tax system," Cave continued. "From the beginning of our conversations with the parties attempting to make these changes, we have always stressed we can achieve greater uniformity, responsibly, if we work together. What we have in HB5, like HB601, does not at all represent a responsible approach to resolving areas on non-uniformity that some in the business community have alleged to encounter. Good public policy must balance uniform municipal tax treatments with providing necessary services to all taxpayers."

April 19, 2013



AMP's Board of Trustees and executive management recognized the 2013 AMP Wall of Fame inductees following the Board meeting April 17. Spouses and family members of inductees were on hand to share in the celebration. Pictured (from left) are: Village of Pioneer Mayor Ed Kidston, son of the late Bruce Kidston; Ken Hegemann, 2013 honoree; Marilyn Wright, wife of the late Lyle Wright; AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken; and Joe Magee, son of the late Art Magee.

AMP inducts five champions of public power to Wall of Fame for 2013

By Jolene Thompson – senior vice president member services and external affairs/OMEA executive director

The five AMP Wall of Fame 2013 inductees were recognized by AMP's Board of Trustees and executive management earlier this week.

The Wall of Fame was created in 2010 to honor and recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the organization and to public power.

"As you look back at the more than 40-year history of AMP and the over 50 years of history for the Ohio Municipal Electric Association, there are hundreds of people who have made a mark on the organizations," said AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken during the induction ceremony. "But there are those individuals who stand out due to the significance of their efforts and the contributions they have made to our growth and success. It is those individuals that we honor with inclusion on the Wall of Fame."

The 2013 inductees are: Ken Hegemann, Lyle B. Wright (deceased), Bruce Kidston (deceased), Art Magee (deceased) and Joe Mattaliano (deceased).

Ken Hegemann

Ken Hegemann worked for the City of St. Marys, Ohio for 17 years, serving as safety service director. During that time he served on both the Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA) and AMP Boards, chairing the OMEA Board from 1972-73 and the AMP Board from 1982-84. While AMP Board Chair, a major reorganization took place under Hegemann's see WALL OF FAME Page 2

Phan promoted to billing program supervisor

By Tom Sillasen – director of energy accounting and reporting

I'm pleased to announce that Tony Phan was recently promoted to billing program supervisor. In his new role, Tony will manage the day-to-day operations of the billing department. He will also use his billing experience and expertise to increase efficiencies and maintain the integrity of AMP's billing programs.



Tony Phan

Tony joined AMP in 2005 in the billing department after working for PowerNetGlobal Communications as a support engineer. He holds a bachelor's degree in information systems and international business from the University of Cincinnati.

Please join me in congratulating Tony.

University names Kelley to top 40 graduate list

By Bob Trippe - senior vice president and chief financial officer

AMP's own Branndon Kelley, vice president of IT/ chief information officer, has been named to DeVry University-Keller Graduate School of Management's list of top 40 graduates. In honor of its 40th anni-



Branndon Kelley

versary, the school is honoring its top 40 graduates in the last 40 years. Kelley receiv

in the last 40 years. Kelley received his master's degree in business administration from Keller in 2005, with a concentration in finance and general management.

This represents the third time Kelley has been recognized by DeVry University. His other awards include the Alumni Wall of Fame and the DeVry Pinnacle.

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leadership. AMP assumed the trade association duties from the OMEA, allowing the OMEA to function exclusively as the legislative voice for AMP and Ohio public power communities. In 1987, Hegemann was named President of then AMP-Ohio, a position he held until his retirement in 2000. Hegemann's efforts and leadership as president built the infrastructure for the modern, strategically driven organization that now exists. He oversaw development of AMP's first Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, the organization's first distributive generation, creation of the on-behalf of financing program, purchase of the Richard H. Gorsuch Generating Station and construction of the Belleville Hydroelectric Plant – the first generation construction project undertaken by the organization.

Lyle Wright

Lyle Wright was a strong public power advocate on both the state and local levels. Wright began his career in public power with Bowling Green (Ohio) Municipal Utilities, eventually becoming the city's director of utilities. Wright was a member of the AMP and the OMEA Boards from 1979-86, serving as president of the OMEA Board from 1981-82. He became secretary of the AMP Board in 1983 and served in that position until his death in 1986. He played an important role in the 1983 reorganization that defined the roles of the two organizations. Wright's efforts had a strong impact on his community and other public power communities across the state. In 1987, the AMP Board voted to pay him tribute by establishing the Lyle B. Wright Scholarship.

Art Magee

Art Magee served as mayor of the City of Hubbard, Ohio from 1974-83 and then again from 2003-09. Art believed strongly in the important role elected officials could serve as advocates for public power at both the state and federal levels. He was the early voice of elected officials in AMP's efforts to secure improved transmission access, a critical effort to the success of member power supply planning, system growth and reliability. During his second term as mayor, he served on the OMEA Board of Directors bringing his strong commitment to public power and his political instincts – contributing greatly to the success of the organization's efforts.

Joe Mattaliano

Joe Mattaliano worked for the City of Philippi, West Virginia, for 37 years as city clerk and city manager and previously served as a member of the West Virginia State Legislature. He was the recipient of numerous local, state and national awards, recognizing his tireless promotion of the city and of public power. Joe saw the need for joint action in a state that only had two municipal electric systems. Due largely to his efforts, AMP expanded outside of Ohio for the first time in 1996 when Philippi became the 78th member of the organization. The seven-state footprint of AMP in 2013 is the result of Joe's efforts.

Bruce Kidston

Bruce Kidston served as a member of Pioneer City Council from 1966-75 when he was appointed mayor, a position he held for nearly 20 years. Bruce was a strong advocate of public power, active with both AMP and OMEA. It was through his efforts that the Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 4 was formed, creating a transmission line that serves as a second delivery point for Williams County municipal electric systems and providing service to

the Village of Holiday City. In recognition of his efforts, the JV4 transmission line and the substation in Pioneer were named in his honor. He served as president of the OMEA Board from 1990-96, and his leadership helped move the organization to being on the offensive, after years of being on the defensive – taking an active role in the legislative process on issues impacting municipal electric systems. One of his most visible legacies is the red buckeye carnation that the Ohio delegation wears to the APPA Legislative Rally, which was his idea.

SEPA names AMP members as top American electrical utilities for solar

By Alice Wolfe – assistant vice president of power supply planning and alternative generation

Three AMP member communities, the City of St. Marys Municipal Electric System, Bryan Municipal Utilities and Napoleon Light & Power, have been named in the top 10 American electric utilities by the Solar Electric Power Association (SEPA). The list recognizes utilities that have added the most solar on a watts-percustomer basis in 2012.

St. Marys ranked first nationally, with Bryan in third place and Napoleon in ninth.

The Village of Waynesfield was also recognized by SEPA and was given SEPA's first ever honorable mention for having a high number of solar watts per customer. Waynesfield did not meet the minimum number of customers required to qualify for the ranking, but if it had, the village would have ranked second in the country, according to SEPA.

This annual SEPA ranking identifies the companies that are integrating solar into the nation's power grid. Ohio is a newcomer to the list and is now tied with Hawaii for the state that contributed the most utilities to the watt-percustomer Top 10 list. AMP is continuing its role as a regional leader in developing and deploying renewable generation.

A complete list of rankings can be found here: http://www.solarelectricpower.org/me-dia/296561/top-ten-final.pdf

RICE NESHAP webinar

AMP will host a webinar at 10 a.m. on April 25 on reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE) National Emission Standards for Hazardous Pollutants (NESHAP). The webinar will include a demonstration of the AMP RICE NESHAP web-based compliance tool that is going to be made available to members. Cost and contract information for the service will also be discussed. Contact Cody Dill at cdill@amppartners.org or 614.540.6382.

AMP, OMEA outline tax-exempt financing concerns for committee

By Julia Blankenship – manager of energy policy and sustainability

AMP and OMEA continue to make the voice of public power heard in Washington. The organizations jointly submitted comments earlier this week to the Committee on Ways & Means of the U.S. House of Representatives in response to the committee's request for public input on the topic of comprehensive federal tax reform.

As we mentioned in last week's *Update*, President Obama's Fiscal Year 2014 budget proposal represents a troubling and renewed attack against tax-exempt financing. Convincing the tax-writing committees of the House and Senate to not repeat the Administration's mistake remains the No. 1 federal legislative priority for AMP and OMEA.

AMP and OMEA's comments argue in support of maintaining the current structure and tax-exemption of municipal bonds, which finance the bulk of public infrastructure in the United States today.

Main points addressed in the document include:

- The municipal bond market is well established and provides stable and low-cost financing options for essential infrastructure projects.
- Tax reform proposals cannot be made in a vacuum and need to be assessed for all possible impacts on the interrelated segments of the economy, which is particularly applicable to the energy sector.
- Disruption of the current tax-exempt financing market would be detrimental for both issuers and investors alike.
- Municipalities will likely be priced out of the corporate bond market if they lose the ability to offer taxexempt bonds to investors.
- Tax credit and direct payment bonds may provide appropriate benefits to certain investors, but they do not generally appeal to traditional municipal bond investors, including those who participate in the market through mutual funds. They would offer a poor substitute for traditional tax-exempt financing.
- Absent workable, low-cost financing options, municipalities will not be able to provide essential services or infrastructure improvements to their citizens. So-called "inefficiencies" cited for tax-exempt financing fail to recognize that even greater inefficiencies would be encountered if local financing and infrastructure decision-making all were to be abrogated to the federal government - a potentially real outcome if tax-exempt financing were to disappear as a tool for local governments.

The comments are available under the Services/Legislative-Regulatory-Legal tab on AMP's website. If your community's council/board has not enacted the sample resolution in support of tax-exempt financing that we sent previously, we urge you to do so now and to forward a copy to your elected officials. Time is critical.

If you have questions or need more information on this topic, please contact me at <u>iblankenship@amppartners.org</u> or 614.540.0840.

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Portman, Shaheen introduce modified energy efficiency bill

By Julia Blankenship

Earlier this week, Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) introduced the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness (ESIC) Act. The bill is similar to that introduced in the last Congress but also includes some new provisions.

The bill seeks to promote energy efficiency through "a variety of low-cost tools to reduce barriers for private sector energy users and drive adoption of off-the-shelf efficiency technologies that will save businesses and consumers money, make America more energy independent, and reduce emissions," according to a bill summary released by the sponsors.

Key provisions of the bill would strengthen national model building codes, provide grants to states to help finance energy efficiency improvements, establish worker training programs through new university-based Building Training and Research Assessment Centers, and direct the Department of Energy (DOE) to work closely with manufacturers to streamline supply chains and to encourage research, development, and commercialization of innovative energy efficiency measures. The bill also would impose new requirements for the federal government's use of energy efficiency.

A hearing on the bill is scheduled for April 23 in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. There is no companion bill in the House at this time. AMP is evaluating the legislation.

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

Technical conference reminder

AMP's Annual Technical Services Conference will take place next week, April 23-24. The agenda is available on AMP's Member Extranet. The event will feature a Vendor Expo and demonstration of the AMP RICE NESHAP compliance tool. Scheduled topics include Orrville System Conversion, Street Lighting Case Study, OSHA's Focus Four, Efficiency Smart, Energy Depot, Joint Purchasing, and Basic Electric Concepts. Contact Jennifer Flockerzie at 614.540.0853 or jflockerzie@amppartners.org

AMP's four hydroelectric projects advance closer to completion

By Phil Meier – vice president of hydroelectric development and operations

Cannelton

At Cannelton, Walsh set the first Morgan Engineering Bridge Crane girder as shown in the picture below. Walsh continues the powerhouse concrete construction. Seven concrete placements took place from April 11-17 for a total of approximately 714 cubic yards, bringing the total to 87,857 cubic yards of the 94,500 yards needed (approximately 93 percent complete). Hardfill operations, which provide the closure structures that prevent flow from upstream to downstream, were completed on the river side and are advancing on the landside – brining us to a 46 percent completion. Lastly on the equipment erection, Walsh continued with the embedment of Unit 1, Unit 2, and Unit 3 is completely embedded.



Smithland

At Smithland, pre-assembly of the stay cones and bulb turbine housings is ongoing. Concrete remains at about 31 percent (28,593 cubic yards) towards the total amount of 94,500 yards. Harmon Steel continued installing rebar for the intake, stay cone and draft tube walls, and around liner sections. CJ Mahan, the general contractor, continued erection of the hardfill batch plant for the closure structures. A view from the upstream crane looking down on the work is shown below:



Willow Island

At Willow Island, Ruhlin Construction continued with forming, rebar and concrete placement in the powerhouse. In the last week, 1,427 cubic yards were placed reaching a total of 19,404 cubic yards to date with approximately 75 percent or 56,766 yards remaining. Ruhlin began preparing to transport the draft tube liner (DTL) sections to the downstream end of the powerhouse. They expect to transport the first DTL section around May 1.The stay cone sections are on site and ICS (Ruhlin's Mechanical subcontractor) has begun pre-assembly work, continued installing the DTL supports, and is placing embeds for the draft tube liners and embedded piping. A recent aerial of the work is shown below:



Meldahl

Lastly is the project with the greatest capacity and energy output, Meldahl, with the City of Hamilton and AMP's oversight. The project continues and has advanced to 83,651 cubic yards placed to date (nearly 86 percent) of the 97,500 need. Hardfill for the landside closure structure is just getting started. Alberici/Baker (the Joint Venture general contractor) continued with the pre-placement monitoring of Bulb Turbine Housing/Stay Cone alignment. They also continued with the Unit 3 rotor hub pre-assembly, are installing rotor poles, and were working on pre-erection of the bridge crane. An aerial of the work is attached below:



Crew installs new compressor at JV2 Hamilton

By Tim McNay - director of generation operations

A Kobelco screw gas compressor was recently off-loaded at JV2 Hamilton to replace the existing 1992 KcI/ Superior reciprocating gas compressor. The compressor weighs more than 45 tons and has an ap-



proximate installed cost of \$1.5 million.

The new compressor will be more reliable and efficient. We estimate it will take about 14 days of installation, 10 days commissioning and five days tuning. The gas compressor should be ready before the summer run.

Formed in 2001, OMEGA JV2 consists of three gas turbine distributed generation units and 35 diesel units with a total capacity of 138.65 MW at sites located across Ohio.

Efficiency Smart launches social media accounts

By Steven Nyeste - communications and public affairs specialist, Efficiency Smart

Social media is an increasingly common communication tool that is utilized by many organizations. Efficiency Smart recently launched its social media presence on Facebook and Twitter as another way to keep subscribing utilities' customers informed of our services. You can find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/EfficiencySmart and on Twitter at @ES_Save.

The launch of our social media accounts presents an additional opportunity for two-way communication between your customers and our organization. It also serves as a news and information resource on platforms that many of them already utilize on a regular basis.

Through regular conversation and updates, we plan to build an engaged community where customers can find answers to their questions, learn about energy efficiency, receive information on upcoming community events, and be informed about the various services Efficiency Smart provides to help them save money and energy.

Some of the things you can expect to see on our social media pages in the future include:

- Energy efficiency tips for both homes and businesses
- Information on community events
- Video testimonials
- Photos from various communities
- Energy efficiency news
- Efficiency Smart news
- Program details

In addition to these social media platforms, we plan to launch a redesigned website later this spring. Be on the lookout for more information as this becomes live.

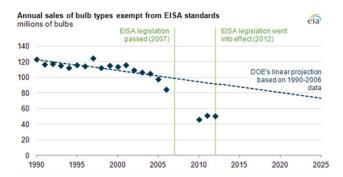
We look forward to connecting with you!

Trends in sustainability

By Julia Blankenship

This month, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) reported that sales of specialty incandescent light bulbs have declined, despite their exemption from efficiency standards established by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA).

EISA targeted efficiency improvements for the more common general-service incandescent bulbs, while exempting most specialty light bulb types – like three-way bulbs and appliance bulbs – from the new energy efficiency standards. EIA notes that recent shipment data show that sales of these exempt incandescent lamps have declined (see the chart below). This effect points to broader lighting market transformation beyond the target of the original legislation.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, based on Department of Energy and the National Electricity Manufacturers Association Note: EISA is the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

For most of these exempt types, sales have been lower than expected. Indeed, sales began declining well in advance of the legislation's effective date, which began in January 2012 and will be phased in through January 2014.

Although not part of the DOE analysis, the reduced sales of these incandescent specialty bulbs could be attributable to market transformation to more efficient lighting, like compact fluorescent (CFL) and light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs. Additional information can be found at http://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.cfm?id=10631#

AMP Member Spotlight shines on Martinsville, Virginia

By Krista Selvage - manager of publications

Martinsville, Virginia, is the latest member community to be highlighted in the Member Spotlight section of AMP's website.

The scenic City of Martinsville was built on a strong work ethic and supports a diverse energy portfolio.

Popular community attractions include the Martinsville Speedway, a high-energy NASCAR racetrack; and Blue Ridge Parkway, 469 miles connecting the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina to the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia – named "America's Favorite Drive."

We encourage you to visit Member Spotlight and take a little time to get to know some of the other AMP member communities.

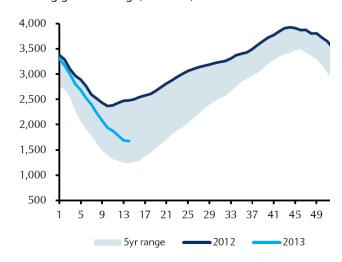
Natural gas prices higher due to reduced storage amounts

By Craig Kleinhenz - manager of power supply planning

This week saw the first injection of natural gas into storage, ending the winter season of withdrawals of natural gas from storage. This switch happened three weeks later than last year. Natural gas storage levels are well below the levels seen this time last year. This has caused both natural gas and power prices to increase for the week.

May natural gas prices rocketed up \$0.26/MMBtu from last week to end at \$4.40/MMBtu. Power prices followed the gas rate increase. 2014 on-peak electric prices at AD Hub finished up \$0.80/MWh from last week, closing at \$43.62/MWh.

Working gas in storage, total US, Bcf



AFEC weekly update

By Craig Kleinhenz

AFEC returned to full two unit operations this week as the spring maintenance outage wrapped up on Sunday. For the week, AFEC had a 60 percent load factor with Sunday through Thursday averaging 74 percent (based on 675 MW). The majority of the week saw the plant at base max during daytime hours and the plant ramping down during the overnight hours. Duct burners were only used for a couple of hours on Tuesday evening. For the week, AFEC was \$6.19 cheaper than on-peak market prices.

Calendar

April 23-24—8th Annual AMP Technical Services Conference Columbus

April 25—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting Oberlin Fire Department, Oberlin

May 14—OMEA Legislative Day and Mayors' Reception Vern Riffe Center, Columbus

May 23—AMP finance & accounting subcommittee meeting Napoleon Shelter House, Napoleon

June 3-7—AMP Basic 1 Lineworker training AMP Headquarters, Columbus

Update Classifieds

Deputy income tax administrator needed in Monroeville

The Village of Monroeville is seeking qualified candidates for the part-time position of Deputy Income Tax Administrator. The successful candidate will be subject to a background check, and must be willing to work flexible hours based on filing dates.

The successful candidate must also be knowledgeable in federal, state and local income tax laws. Starting hourly wage is \$13.00.

Letters of interest should be submitted with a resume and three professional references to the Monroeville Income Tax Administrator, PO Box 156, Monroeville, OH 44847 by May 1. The Village of Monroeville is an EOE.

AMP seeks qualified candidates for open positions

American Municipal Power, Inc., (AMP) is seeking candidates for the positions listed below. For complete job listings, please visit https://performancemanager4.suc- cessfactors.com/career?company=amp or contact AMP by email at jpawlak@amppartners.org.

- Senior Vice President of Risk Control April 26 submission deadline
- Safety/OSHA Compliance Coordinator May 3 submission deadline
- Member Safety Manager May 3 submission deadline
- Director of Reliability Standards Compliance May 3 submission deadline

City of Hamilton seeks hydroelectric plant superintendent

The City of Hamilton seeks qualified applicants for the classification of hydroelectric plant superintendent. Salary: \$75,941 to \$97,365/year. This is difficult managerial and administrative work directing and controlling the operation and maintenance of the City's Greenup Hydroelectric Plant on the Ohio River, near Franklin Furnace, Ohio.

Seeking applicants with extensive progressively responsible experience in operations and maintenance of an electric generating plant including planning and preparation of hydroelectric project maintenance and considerable supervisory experience or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the work. A valid driver license is required.

Submit one detailed resume and proof of driver's license by 5 p.m. May 7 to: Civil Service Dept., Hamilton Municipal Bldg., 345 High St.-1st Fl., Hamil ton, OH 45011 in person or by fax: 513.785.7037 or email: <u>cspersonnel@ci.hamilton.oh.us</u>. Use Word or PDF only. Specify interest in HYDRO PLANT SUPT. Visit our employment quick link at www.hamilton-city.org for more details. The City of Hamilton is an EEO & AAE. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.



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BOSTON STRONG

The Ohio Municipal League would like to pass along our most heartfelt sympathies and prayers to the victims, families and residents of Boston and all the surrounding municipalities for the senseless tragedy that has befallen their entire community as they deal with and recover from the cowardly acts of terrorism, that have been perpetrated against them. We all honor the First Responders of our communities but it takes a horrific act such as the attack during the Boston Marathon and the pursuit of those who would victimize the innocent, to remind us that we are surrounded daily by our hero's behind the badge. We all stand united behind the families and friends of those who are suffering and lift up the entire Boston area as they recover.

OHIO HOUSE PASSES STATE BUDGET BILL ON TO SENATE

The Ohio House worked into the night Thursday to put their finishing touches on HB59, the proposed biennial budget bill, and with time to spare before a new day, the House passed the bill by a vote of 61-35, with one republican voting against and four democrats crossing party lines to support the bill.

The environment was anything but calm yesterday as details began to emerge in what had been included in a 600+ page omnibus amendment late Tuesday afternoon by the House Finance Committee. Included in the voluminous amendment affecting a myriad of issues statewide from Sex Education changes in schools to increased funding for Poultry inspections, there was language added that would prohibit municipalities from taxing Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) compensation packages, as is currently the practice on the local, state and federal level. We have attached HERE a copy of a letter we sent to every member of the House of Representatives, sharing with them our opposition to the change in municipal tax collection practices and our desire to have it removed from the bill.

We want to extend our great appreciation and thanks to Rep. Tom Letson (D-Warren) who took to the House floor last evening to offer an amendment that would remove this change to the municipal tax treatment. With the support of Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) who was the author of the original proposal, the amendment was accepted, by voice vote, and the SERP change was removed from the bill. We want to thank Rep. Schuring for agreeing with Rep. Letson and us that the appropriate venue for this change to be discussed is through the ongoing examination of municipal tax treatments reflected in HB5, the municipal income tax uniformity bill, currently in the House Ways and Means Committee. We also want to thank the Cuyahoga Mayors and City Managers Association and Northeast Ohio Mayors and City Managers Association for activating so quickly and sharing with their Statehouse delegation members their objection to the language being added to the budget bill and for sharing with NE Ohio legislators Cleveland's \$1 million projected loss resulting from the proposed prohibition.

Unlike the SERP language that was added to the budget bill only to be quickly removed, there are several other items that remain in the legislation that will affect Ohio municipalities. In the interest of brevity, the following is the list of topics currently part of the state budget which will be taken-up as the committee process continues in the Senate Finance Committee and topics we will be following closely. The items listed are still to be resolved on how the final treatment will be determined, but they are officially on our radar.

- *Local Government Fund (slight increase reflected in as introduced version of the budget; more changes expected)
- *Local Government Innovation program
- *Changes to how public records are to be displayed on the internet (requirements to program in searchable format that as presented would result in revenue challenges)
- *Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program
- *Annual Law Enforcement Agency Drug Fines Report
- *Revolving Loan Program for Underground Storage Tanks
- *Unclaimed Motor Vehicles and how garages and private towing companies take possession of said vehicles
- *Applying the Sales and Use tax and Lodging Tax on Hotel Intermediaries.
- *Clean up the meaning of indigent for the purposes of indigent burial
- *Allocation of Lodging Tax Revenue by Convention Facilities Authorities
- *Local Park Use of Revenues from the Sale or Lease of Mineral Rights
- *Joint Economic Development Zone Income Tax Revenue Uses
- *Elections for Legislative Authority of Non chartered Villages
- *Changes to General or City Health Districts

HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS ANNOUNCES HEARINGS NEXT WEEK ON HB5

Chairman Peter Beck has announced the House Ways and Means Committee will be holding two hearings next week on HB5, the municipal income tax uniformity bill, for Proponent testimony only. The hearings will be held Tuesday at 1pm and Wednesday at 3pm or immediately following House Session. Both committee hearings will be held in hearing room #116. We encourage any of our members interested in hearing the presentations that will be offered by supporters of the legislation to join us in committee next week as legislators receive testimony on how businesses are impacted by the current municipal tax system and to experience the back and forth discussions that are sure to take place.

RED LIGHT/SPEED CAMERA BILL RECEIVES PROPONENT HEARING, OPPONENT NEXT WEEK.

On Tuesday, the House Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a second hearing on HB69, legislation introduced that would prohibit municipalities, townships and the Ohio Highway Patrol from employing the use of traffic photo-monitoring devices, to assist in driver safety throughout Ohio communities.

The committee has scheduled a third hearing for Opponent testimony on the bill Tuesday, April 23 rd, 1:30 pm in hearing room #112 of the Ohio Statehouse.

We are encouraging any members or community officials who may be concerned with the State's proposal in HB69 to prohibit the use of these traffic control devices, to join us Tuesday in the House Transportation Committee to share with committee members the benefits to residents the use of the safety cameras offers and the need to rethink alternative ways to address the problems that may arise through their use.

The committee schedule looks a little thin to us, so if there are additional committee meetings scheduled later today or Monday, we will be sure to share those with you. Have a great weekend.

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SOUTHWEST MUNICIPALITIES RALLY TO OPPOSE HB5

On Monday, Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory along with mayors and municipal officials from neighboring communities, held a press conference in the St. Bernard City Council Chambers to share with the public the negative effects HB5, the municipal income tax reform bill, would have on their budgets and the resulting loss of local control that would significantly interfere with their ability to operate. The press conference held by these local leaders is a continuation of press conferences that have taken place across the state, as officials from cities and villages are becoming more aware of the contents of the proposed legislation, including the detrimental effects the reforms being proposed would have to the vitality of their already financially strapped communities and the confirmation that greater uniformity in the municipal tax system is also a goal of theirs and that it can be achieved without causing the loss of revenue reflected in the legislation currently being considered.

We want to thank all the representatives from the communities who participated in the rally. With your commitment to help further educate Ohio's policymakers to the details and effects of the bill, we are hopeful a responsible and balanced solution can be reached that will benefit Ohio businesses while at the same time help protect the ability of municipalities to fund critical services.

GOVERNOR'S BIENNIEL BUDGET PROPOSAL GETS MAKEOVER

As we have been reporting to our members, the House Finance Committee has been hard at work on HB59, Governor Kasich's \$63.3 billion biennial budget package, examining components of the proposals taxing changes through the recommendations to expand and lower the rate of Ohio's current Sales tax, increase the rate of Ohio's Severance tax, expand Ohio's Medicaid program through the Affordable Care Act, along with other items. On Tuesday, the House Finance Committee unveiled their first series of changes they are proposing to the as introduced version of HB59. You can access the LSC Budget Comparison document HERE which details the differences, so far, from what the Governor has proposed to what the House of Representatives is suggesting.

Although the committee made these recommendations earlier in the week, the work has not been concluded by Chairman Amstutz and his fellow Finance Committee members as they continue to work through more details this week and into next to have the House version ready for a vote in committee and on the House floor next week. House leadership has targeted next Thursday, as the day they would prefer to have the full House act on the budget bill and send it to the Ohio Senate, where they will take-up the new version. Once the work of the House is complete on the budget package, we will provide our members with a detailed explanation of the recommendations the House has made to the biennial budget. It is important to note that the major components of the bill that dealt with the Sales and Severance taxes and Medicaid issues have been significantly altered or altogether removed and no additions have been made to the bill that effect municipalities. Once the legislative picture becomes clearer to what the House will be voting on, we will report those details in next week's bulletin.

NEW LEGISLATION INTRODUCED OF MUNICIPAL INTEREST

The follow are bills that have been introduced that would impact Ohio cities and villages, in addition to the bills previously introduced which we have reported on. As the proposals move their way through the committee process, we will be sure to keep our members up to date on their status. If you are interested in reading the bills or analysis yourself, the documents can be obtained through the legislature's website at www.legislature.state.oh.us.

- SB SPECIAL ELECTIONS (Jordan, K.) To eliminate the ability to conduct special elections in
- February and August. Am. 323.17, 3501.01, 5705.194, 5739.021, and 5739.026. Pending first hearing in the Senate State Government and Oversight Reform Committee.
- SB WATER ACCESS (Gentile, L., Hite, C.) To create the Water Access To Every Residence Task
- 37 Force. Pending first hearing in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.
 - MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS (Gardner, R.) To authorize municipal corporations to establish districts
- SB and impose special assessments for the installation, maintenance, and improvement of
- 41 sidewalks and paths. Am. 133.13, 727.01, and 727.14 and to enact section 727.014. Pending first hearing in the Senate Public Safety, Local Government & Veteran's Affairs Committee.
- ELECTION LAWS (Seitz, B.) To revise the Election Law. Am. 3.02, 302.09, 305.02, 503.24, 733.31, 1901.10, 2301.02, 3501.301, 3501.38, 3503.06, 3503.14, 3503.16, 3503.19, 3503.28,
- SB 3505.13, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.182, 3505.183, 3509.03, 3509.04, 3509.05, 3511.02, 3511.05, 3511.09, 3513.04, 3513.262, 3513.263, 3513.30, 3513.31, and 3519.16 and to enact
 - 3511.05, 3511.09, 3513.04, 3513.262, 3513.263, 3513.30, 3513.31, and 3519.16 and to enact section 3501.302. The bill has been passed and signed by the Governor on March 22, 2013.
- LIQUOR PERMITS (Balderson, T.) To allow a specified C or D liquor permit that has been transferred to an economic development project to be subsequently transferred to a location
- that does not qualify as an economic development project. Am. 4303.29. The bill was passed by the Senate on March 20th and is pending action by the House Policy & Oversight Committee.
- AUDIT PROCEDURES (Peterson, B.) To create an agreed-upon procedure audit for certain eligible political subdivisions and to eliminate the Auditor of State's exemption from filing a rule summary and fiscal analysis with proposed rules. Am. 111.15, 117.11, 117.12, 117.16, 117.20, and 127.18 and to enact section 117.114. The bill has received one hearing in the Senate State Government & Oversight Committee.
- OPEN MEETINGS (Jones, S.) To require that further information be stated in motions to hold
- SB executive sessions under the Open Meetings Act, to expand the fees and expenses that may be recovered for violations of the Act, and to make other changes to the Act. Am. 121.22. Pending first hearing in the Senate State Government & Oversight Committee.
- PERS DETERMINATIONS (Schuring, K.) To delay determinations by the Public Employees
- HB Retirement System of eligibility for retirement system membership and to declare an emergency Am. 145.037. The bill has been passed and signed by Governor Kasich and becomes effective March 6, 2013.
- GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY (Schuring, K.) To create the Local Government Bridge Fund for the purpose of providing grants to local governments up to the reduced amount of funds the HB government received in fiscal years 2012 and 2013 from the Local Government Fund to assist

115 in the implementation of efficiency and cost-saving measures, and to make an appropriation, Am. 126.33. The bill has been referred and is pending its first hearing in the House Finance Committee.

Below is the list of committees that are scheduled to meet next week. As you will notice, HB69. legislation introduced by Reps. Ron Maag (R-Loveland) and Dale Mallory (D-Cincinnati) which would prohibit the use of red light and speed cameras by municipalities, townships and the Ohio Highway Patrol is up for a second hearing in the House Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee on Tuesday, April16th. The hearing will be held for proponent testimony only. We will be sure to keep our members aware of the committee activity pertaining to this proposal and the opportunity to share with committee members concerns you may have regarding the proposed prohibition, when that opportunity becomes available.

PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14. 2013

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

HOUSE FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS Rep. Amstutz: 614-466-1474

Tue., Apr. 16, 2013, 10:00 AM, Hearing Room 313

BIENNIAL BUDGET (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating appropriations for the biennium HB59 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015; to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

Twelfth Hearing, No Testimony, AMENDMENTS/POSSIBLE VOTE

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS

Sen, Schaffer: 614-466-5838

Rep. Damschroder: 614-466-

Tue., Apr. 16, 2013, 10:00 AM, South Hearing Room

SB52 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS (COLEY W) To permit property tax complaints to be initiated only by the property owner.

Second Hearing, All Testimony

SENATE FINANCE Sen. Oelslager: 614-466-0626

Tue., Apr. 16, 2013, 11:00 AM, Senate Finance Hearing Room

BIENNIAL BUDGET (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating appropriations for the biennium HB59 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015; to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

First Hearing, Invited Testimony, PENDING REFERRAL

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND **SECURITY**

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Tue., Apr. 16, 2013, 1:30 PM, Hearing Room 122

TRAFFIC LAW PHOTO-MONITORING DEVICES (MAAG R, MALLORY D) To prohibit the use of

HB69 traffic law photo-monitoring devices by municipal corporations, counties, townships, and the State Highway Patrol to detect traffic signal light and speed limit violations.

Second Hearing, Proponent Testimony

SENATE WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Sen. Beagle: 614-466-6247 Tue., Apr. 16, 2013, 4:00 PM, North Hearing Room

OHIOMEANSJOBS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN FUND (BEAGLE B, BALDERSON T) To create the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund, to create the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, to allocate a portion of casino license fees to finance the loan program, and to make an appropriation.

Fourth Hearing, All Testimony, AMENDMENTS/POSSIBLE VOTE

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

SENATE FINANCE Sen. Oelslager: 614-466-0626

Wed., Apr. 17, 2013, 9:30 AM, Senate Finance Hearing Room

BIENNIAL BUDGET (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating appropriations for the biennium HB59 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015; to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

Second Hearing, Invited Testimony

Thursday, April 18, 2013

SENATE FINANCE Sen. Oelslager: 614-466-0626

Thu., Apr. 18, 2013, 9:30 AM, Senate Finance Hearing Room

BIENNIAL BUDGET (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating appropriations for the biennium HB59 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015; to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

Third Hearing, Invited Testimony

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE MONDAY MORNING FOR THE FINAL COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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Legislative Inquires: Edward Albright, Director of Legislative Affairs
Kent Scarrett, Director of Communications
Josh Brown, Legislative Advocate

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	Current Pay	Current Pay	Current Pay	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
<u>Department</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	Gross Pay	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Overtime</u>	<u>Gross Pay</u>	
City Council/Legislative	\$1,983.82	\$0.00	\$1,983.82	\$7,935.28	\$0.00	\$7,935.28	
Mayor/Executive	\$519.77	\$0.00	\$519.77	\$4,158.10	\$0.00	\$4,158.10	
City Manager/Administration	\$6,548.08	\$0.00	\$6,548.08	\$52,320.38	\$103.17	\$52,423.55	
Human Resource	\$564.85	\$85.98	\$650.83	\$564.85	\$85.98	\$650.83	
Law Director/Administration	\$3,780.06	\$0.00	\$3,780.06	\$34,194.44	\$636.23	\$34,830.67	
Finance/Administration	\$10,644.05	\$17.08	\$10,661.13	\$85,152.44	\$167.50	\$85,319.94	
Finance/Income Tax Department	\$3,797.00	\$1,222.77	\$5,019.77	\$30,376.03	\$1,353.44	\$31,729.47	
Finance/Utility Billing Collection	\$3,478.56	\$31.48	\$3,510.04	\$28,340.49	\$244.35	\$28,584.84	
Management Information System	\$2,329.72	\$0.00	\$2,329.72	\$18,637.76	\$0.00	\$18,637.76	
Engineering/City Engineer	\$6,839.25	\$923.21	\$7,762.46	\$56,061.02	\$4,132.85	\$60,193.87	
Municipal Court/Judicial	\$13,592.59	\$0.00	\$13,592.59	\$107,946.34	\$0.00	\$107,946.34	
Police Safety Services	\$43,018.45	\$1,106.55	\$44,125.00	\$347,949.32	\$9,265.06	\$357,214.38	
Police Jag Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fire/Safety Services	\$19,971.95	\$807.82	\$20,779.77	\$183,879.38	\$7,060.97	\$190,940.35	
Building & Zoning	\$3,148.36	\$0.00	\$3,148.36	\$24,747.65	\$0.00	\$24,747.65	
Parks/Administration	\$2,846.54	\$0.00	\$2,846.54	\$22,772.32	\$0.00	\$22,772.32	
Recreation/Golf Operating	\$4,746.83	\$0.00	\$4,746.83	\$20,997.64	\$0.00	\$20,997.64	
Recreation/Pool Operating	\$337.67	\$0.00	\$337.67	\$2,126.05	\$0.00	\$2,126.05	
Recreation/ Programs	\$5,004.79	\$384.08	\$5,388.87	\$39,174.68	\$1,141.17	\$40,315.85	
Cemetery/Grounds	\$2,244.58	\$0.00	\$2,244.58	\$16,137.17	\$656.14	\$16,793.31	
Streets Maintenance	\$6,993.39	\$0.00	\$6,993.39	\$54,263.49	\$140.48	\$54,403.97	
Ice & Snow Removal	\$75.47	\$0.00	\$75.47	\$5,075.47	\$6,209.10	\$11,284.57	
Service Storm	\$218.36	\$0.00	\$218.36	\$515.33	\$0.00	\$515.33	
Service/Buildings, Properties	\$1,718.27	\$0.00	\$1,718.27	\$14,398.96	\$246.65	\$14,645.61	
Service/Central Garage	\$3,697.91	\$0.00	\$3,697.91	\$30,376.84	\$1,064.28	\$31,441.12	
Electric/Distribution	\$30,737.35	\$1,845.00	\$32,582.35	\$245,773.90	\$8,758.42	\$254,532.32	
Water Treatment Plant	\$9,026.13	\$0.00	\$9,026.13	\$72,801.48	\$602.99	\$73,404.47	
Water Distribution System	\$10,656.12	\$488.54	\$11,144.66	\$81,955.73	\$4,799.60	\$86,755.33	
Sewer WWT Plant Operations	\$10,485.06	\$110.63	\$10,595.69	\$84,528.61	\$1,605.67	\$86,134.28	
Sewer (WWT) Collection System	\$1,082.80	\$0.00	\$1,082.80	\$8,667.54	\$0.00	\$8,667.54	
Sewer Cleaning & Improvement	\$3,168.24	\$184.24	\$3,352.48	\$22,825.22	\$261.48	\$23,086.70	
Sanitation Collection & Disposal	\$2,411.04	\$74.51	\$2,485.55	\$20,708.72	\$1,407.48	\$22,116.20	
Sanitation Special Refuse Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Sanitation Yard Waste	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Sanitation Recycling Programs	\$1,616.65	\$60.62	\$1,677.27	\$12,933.20	\$1,280.66	\$14,213.86	
TOTAL GROSS PAY	\$217,283.71	\$7,342.51	\$224,626.22	\$1,738,295.83	\$51,223.67	\$1,789,519.50	
TOTAL GROSS PAY 4-20-12	\$227,763.90	\$4,292.94	\$232,056.84	\$1,779,764.12	\$39,878.17	\$1,819,642.29	