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# *Memorandum*

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

## **CALENDAR**

1. AGENDA – **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**; Monday, January 26 @6:30 pm
2. **MEETINGS CANCELED**
  - a. Finance & Budget Committee
  - b. Safety & Human Resources Committee
  - c. Civil Service Commission
  - d. Parks & Rec Board

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. OMEA Newsletter, January 2015

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 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> HOLIDAY - New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:00 PM Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board Meeting 6:15 PM TECHNOLOGY Committee 7:00 PM City COUNCIL Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30 AM Healthcare Cost Committee Meeting	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:15 PM Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board Meeting 6:30 PM ELECTRIC Committee Board of Public Affairs	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM City TREE Commission Meeting 6:15 PM PARKS & REC Committee Meeting 7:00 PM City COUNCIL Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM PERSONNEL Committee Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

**City of Napoleon, Ohio**  
**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

**Meeting Agenda**  
Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:30pm

- I. Approval of Minutes *(In the Absence of any Objections or Corrections, the Minutes Shall Stand Approved)*
- II. Review of Personnel Matters
- III. Executive Session: Compensation of Personnel

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Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council



# Memorandum

**To:** Finance & Budget Committee, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director,  
City Finance Director, Department Supervisors, Media

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

**Date:** 1/20/2015

**Re:** Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Cancellation

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The Finance & Budget Committee meeting, regularly scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:30 PM has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.

# 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:** 1/20/2015

**Re:** Safety and Human Resources Committee Meeting Cancellation

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The Safety and Human Resources Committee meeting scheduled for Monday,  
January 26, 2015, at 7:30 PM 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:** 1/20/2015

**Re:** Civil Service Commission Meeting Cancellation

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The regular Civil Service Commission meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, January 27 at 4:30 PM, has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.

# Memorandum

**To:** Parks & Recreation Board, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director, City Finance Director, Department Supervisors

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

**Date:** 1/22/2015

**Re:** Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Cancellation

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The meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board, regularly scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 6:30 PM, has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.





## EVENTS OF NOTE

APPA Legislative Rally  
**March 9-11, 2015**  
*Grand Hyatt Washington  
Washington, D.C.*

OMEA Legislative Briefing  
& Mayors Reception  
**May 19, 2015**  
*Ohio Statehouse  
Columbus*



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## New General Assembly is under way

The Ohio House and the Ohio Senate observed the beginning of a new general assembly with opening day ceremonies on Jan. 5. The 131st General Assembly is now under way with two years that promise to provide changes and challenges to Ohio lawmakers.

Speaker Rosenberger, President Faber and their leadership teams will be assigning members to committees later this month. Standing committees have usually

been formed and start to meet by the end of January. Legislation is expected to be introduced almost immediately, including re-introducing bills that did not pass in the last general assembly. The state budget will be the top priority during the first part of the year – the budget needs to be passed by both the House and Senate and signed by Governor Kasich by June 30.

In addition to the state budget, lawmakers will continue their review of renewable energy through the Energy Mandates Study Committee. This committee, created as part of SB 310 last year, was formed to review the state's policy on renewable energy, with a focus on the costs and impacts of the advanced energy portfolio standard. The committee held its first hearings in late 2014, and must issue its report to lawmakers by Sept. 30, 2015.

Regulation of companies that offer sub-metering will also likely be a hot topic. At the end of 2014, the House Public Utilities Committee passed legislation impacting the companies that sub-meter. We were pleased that the bill included a provision recognizing Home Rule authority of municipal utilities, and we will remain engaged on the issue as lawmakers begin consideration of it in 2015.

The OMEA staff and legislative consultants will be closely following the deliberations over the state budget and in the Energy Mandates Study Committee, as well as tracking any legislation that would have an impact on local control.

### Ohio House leadership:

- Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville)
- Speaker Pro Tempore Ron Amstutz (R-Wooster)
- Majority Leader Barbara Sears (R-Sylvania)
- Assistant Majority Leader Jim Buchy (R-Greenville)
- Majority Whip Mike Dovilla (R-Berea)
- Assistant Majority Whip Dorothy Pelanda (R-Marysville)
- Minority Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton)
- Assistant Minority Leader Nicholas Celebrezze (D-Parma)
- Minority Whip Kevin Boyce (D-Columbus)
- Assistant Minority Whip Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood)

### Ohio Senate leadership:

- Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina)
- President Pro-Tempore Chris Widener (R-Springfield)
- Majority Floor Leader Tom Patton (R-Strongsville)
- Majority Whip Larry Obhof (R-Medina)
- Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman)
- Assistant Minority Leader Charleta Tavares (D-Columbus)
- Minority Whip Edna Brown (D-Toledo)
- Assistant Minority Whip Lou Gentile (D-Steubenville)



Marty Kanner, longtime OMEA federal legislative counsel, provides an update on legislative and regulatory issues affecting public power on the national level during a session on Oct. 29.



Craig Butler, Ohio EPA director, discusses USEPA issues during a panel discussion on Oct. 28.

## Conference sessions help attendees navigate the industry

The 2014 AMP/OMEA Conference was held the last week of October in Columbus. Members attended several legislative and policy-related sessions – taking advantage of the knowledge from a diverse group of speakers.

One of the featured sessions was a panel on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) greenhouse gas (GHG) rules. Guest speakers Director Craig Butler with the Ohio EPA and Quin Sorenson, partner with the Sidley Austin law firm in Washington, D.C., were on hand to explain the complex details of the USEPA's new rules regarding GHG and section 111(d).

Butler and Sorenson provided valuable insight into how this new rule will affect AMP's member communities and projects.

Marty Kanner, founder and president of Kanner & Associates, joined Jolene Thompson for the Federal Legislative & Regulatory

Issues session, and Ohio-specific issues were covered by Michael Beirne during the Ohio Legislative Update session.

At the OMEA General Membership meeting, the communities of Cuyahoga Falls, Dover, Pioneer and Wadsworth were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Cuyahoga Falls is represented by Mayor Don Walters; Dover, Mayor Rick Homrighausen; Pioneer, Mayor Ed Kidston; and Wadsworth, Mayor Robin Laubaugh. Also elected to an ex-officio seat on the OMEA Board was St. Marys, represented by Mayor Pat McGowan.

The OMEA general membership selected seven new honorary members:

- **Chris Easton**, who served the



St. Clairsville Mayor Robert Vincenzo and Dover Mayor Richard Homrighausen network with attendees to develop and maintain public power partnerships.

city of Wadsworth for 10 years as service director before retiring from the city earlier this year

- **Mayor Chad Hollon** (deceased), who served as mayor of Blanchester at the time of his passing in September 2014
- **Mayor Lowell Krumnow** (deceased), who was the longtime mayor of the Village of Elmore – from 1992 until his passing in October 2013

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# Conference sessions help attendees navigate the industry

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- **Larry Lautzenheiser**, who retired as superintendent of the City of Dover’s electric field division in 2011 after 27 years of service to Dover
- **Gene Post**, who retired from Wadsworth Electric and Communications in January 2014 with 40 years of experience in the electric and communication industry
- **Mayor Don Robart**, who has the distinction of being the longest serving mayor of Cuyahoga Falls – 1986-2014, and served on the OMEA Board for most of those years
- **Mayor Bill Snider** (deceased), who served as mayor of Mendon at the time of his passing in February 2014

At the Board reorganization meeting that followed the general membership meeting, Mayor Homrighausen (Dover) was re-elected president. Mayor Robert Vincenzo (St. Clairsville) was re-elected to serve a one-year term and Mayor Laubaugh (Wadsworth) will join the executive committee for a one-year term.



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### House Political Makeup Since 1967\*

1967-68	R-62; D-37
1969-70	R-64; D-35
1971-72	R-54; D-45
1973-74	D-58; R-41
1975-76	D-59; R-40
1977-78	D-62; R-37
1979-80	D-62; R-37
1981-82	D-62; R-37
1983-84	D-62; R-37
1985-86	D-59; R-40
1987-88	D-60; R-39
1989-90	D-59; R-40
1991-92	D-61; R-38
1993-94	D-53; R-46
1995-96	R-56; D-42; I-1
1997-98	R-60; D-39
1999-00	R-59; D-40
2001-02	R-60; D-39
2003-04	R-63; D-36
2005-06	R-60; D-39
2007-08	R-53; D-46
2009-10	D-53; R-46
2011-12	R-59; D-40
2013-14	R-60; D-39

*\*Chamber realigned to 99 seats that year following the one-person, one-vote U.S. Supreme Court ruling.*

## 2014 November elections wrap-up

The November elections have come and gone without much incident in Ohio. As expected, the Republicans managed to strengthen their control in the Ohio House as well as maintain all the statewide seats.

In the race for Governor, John Kasich easily beat his opponent, Democrat Edward Fitzgerald. Among the statewide offices it was a clean sweep for Republicans: Attorney General Mike DeWine, Treasurer Josh Mandel, Auditor Dave Yost and Secretary of State Jon Husted all kept their seats for another term.

The Ohio House Republicans picked up two new seats to strengthen their majority to 65-34.

The Ohio Senate Republicans maintained their majority with no upsets. The leadership for the Senate remains the same as last general assembly.

The standing committees for the next general assembly will be announced in the coming weeks. At that time, chairs and committee members will be appointed.

Ohio’s congressional races also played out as predicted with no major upsets.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR LEGISLATORS:

### Senator Bill Beagle



Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) is serving his second term in the Ohio Senate and represents the 5th District,

which includes all of Miami and Preble Counties, as well as portions of Darke and Montgomery counties. Senator Beagle's district includes the OMEA member communities of Arcanum, Eldorado, Piqua and his home town of Tipp City.

Prior to joining the Ohio Senate, Beagle was a member of the Tipp City Council, and served as president where he worked with his fellow council members to build a new water plant, and invest in the downtown area and local parks to encourage economic development. In addition, Beagle served as a member of the

Tipp-Monroe Community Services Board, the Tipp City Power Plant Re-use Committee, the Tipp City Planning Board and the Tipp City Public Library Board of Trustees. He also worked for several years in the banking and finance industry.

Beagle's background has led him to be named vice chair of both the Senate Financial Institutions Committee, and the Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee. In these roles he has helped oversee legislation impacting revenues and economic development at the state and local level, as well as bills affecting banks and other financial institutions. Beagle also served as a member of the Senate Education Committee and the Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee.

During the 130th General Assembly, Senator Beagle introduced SB 59,

which would authorize regional councils to establish as an education energy council. The purpose would be to issue debt to pay for school district energy purchases. Senator Beagle worked with the OMEA to ensure that municipal electric utilities' local control was protected. While the bill did not become law, we expect the legislation to be re-introduced in 2015.

In addition to his legislative duties and operating his own small business, Beagle created a group focusing on the needs of stay-at-home dads in the Dayton area. This venture was profiled in both local and national media.

Beagle holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Miami University and an MBA from Cleveland State University. He and his wife live in Tipp City with their three children.

### Speaker Cliff Rosenberger



New Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) was sworn in during the 131st opening day ceremonies on Jan. 5, 2015, beginning

his third term as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. He was elected by his colleagues to serve as Speaker. He represents the 91st House District, which includes Clinton, Highland, Pike counties and part of Ross County. This area also includes OMEA member Blanchester.

In the 130th General Assembly, which completed its work in December, Rosenberger served as the chair of

the Subcommittee on Higher Education for the Finance and Appropriations committee and served on the full finance committee. He was also a member of the Public Utilities, Military and Veterans Affairs, and Gaming and Wagers committees. While he was chair of the Subcommittee on Higher Education, his number one priority was creating jobs through a stronger, more competitive workforce.

Rosenberger is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Originally stationed in Springfield, Ohio, with the 178th Fighter Wing, he transferred to the 113th Fighter Wing of the District of Columbia after accepting a position with the White House in February 2007. He has also served as the national political events coordinator for Gov. Mitt

Romney's presidential campaign and special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Interior Dirk Kempthorne.

Rosenberger has a long tradition of civic accomplishments with leaders of his hometown, Clarksville. He helped establish a village planning commission for Clarksville, and also led a movement to establish a Clinton County Veterans' Memorial in Wilmington, Ohio. He has served as the representative for the village to the Clinton County Republican Central Committee from 2004 until 2010.

Rosenberger continues to be active in the Clarksville community where he resides.

# GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:

## Mayor Patrick Hale



Mayor Patrick Hale is currently serving his third term on the city council for Tipp City. Following the November

2013 elections, his colleagues on council elected him to serve as Mayor. Hale served as city council president for two terms and is the first council member to be elected three terms in almost 30 years.

Mayor Hale has served on the OMEA Board of Directors since

2012. He has been active in the organization, in both Ohio and Washington, D.C. Additionally, he currently serves on the Policy Makers Council for the American Public Power Association.

Mayor Hale is a private business owner with a bachelor's degree in education from Miami University. He is very active in his community and with many sporting events in his area. Hale has been a high school sports announcer for Tippecanoe High School boys' basketball and soccer. He also runs the clock for all home varsity

football games. Hale has spent a number of years coaching and refereeing sports. He currently helps run the Destination Imagination scoring room.

Mayor Hale has also been very active in the Tipp City Mum Festival. He has chaired committees for this festival as well as serving as the emcee of the Mum Festival Queen's pageant for 18 years and as president in 1997. Hale resides in Tipp City with his wife and two sons.

## 2015 APPA Legislative Rally is just around the corner

With the holidays now over, the OMEA is making plans for the annual American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally in Washington, D.C. The 2015 Rally will be held March 9-11 at the Grand Hyatt Washington. This is the same location as last year and most Rally events will take place at the hotel.

As in previous years, attendance is important to ensure that public power's message is heard by Washington's policymakers.

On Monday, March 9, leadership meetings, pre-conference seminars and the APPA welcoming reception will take place.

Tuesday, March 10, will start with an AMP/OMEA legislative briefing and breakfast. The briefing will take place in the hotel from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and will provide important information and updates regarding issues that will be discussed during the meetings with lawmakers. Also on Tuesday, the APPA Legislative and Resolution Committee (L&R) will meet, followed by the L&R lun-

cheon. The afternoon will consist of Capitol Hill meetings and the OMEA Board meeting.

Wednesday morning, March 11, will begin with the APPA legislative breakfast followed by additional meetings on Capitol Hill before members depart in the early evening.

With the 114th Congress now under way, OMEA staff is beginning to arrange meetings with lawmakers.

Plans are being finalized to make the 2015 Rally another successful event for OMEA members and more information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Registration materials for the AMP/OMEA group have been mailed. If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Allalen at [jallalen@amppartners.org](mailto:jallalen@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0916.

