

# OCTOBER 2017

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	6:00 pm Ad-hoc Comm. on COUNCIL RULES					
	6:55 pm Special Council Mtg					
	7:00 pm City Council					
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	6:30 pm - Electric Committee & BOPA					
	7:00 pm Water/Sewer Comm.					
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	6:00 pm - Spec Bldg. Ground Breaking	5:00 pm Preservation			9:00 am Healthcare Cost	
	6:00pm Tree Commission	Commission Mtg.			Committee Mtg.	
	7:00 pm – City Council					
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	6:30 pm – Finance & Budget Committee	4:30 pm Civil Service Comm.	6:30 pm Park & Rec Board			
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*City of Napoleon, Ohio*  
**FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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

**MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm**

- 1) Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2017 (*In the absence of any objections or corrections, the Minutes shall stand approved.*)
- 2) Review of the 2018 Debt Schedules.
- 3) Review of the 2018 Estimated Revenue Listing.
- 4) Review of the 2018 Proposed Salary and Fringe Benefit Schedules.
- 5) Any other matters currently assigned to the Committee.
- 6) Adjournment.



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Gregory J. Heath  
Finance Director/Clerk of Council

## FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm

#### PRESENT

Committee  
City Staff

Jeff Mires-Chair, Joe Bialorucki, Mayor Jason Maassel, Lori Sicclair  
Greg Heath-Clerk/Finance Director  
Clayton O'Brien-Acting City Manager

Recorder

Roxanne Dietrich

Others

Eileen Stanic, Meeder Investment

#### ABSENT

#### Call To Order

Chairman Mires called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

#### Approval of Minutes

Hearing no objections or corrections, the minutes from the July 24, 2017 meeting stand approved.

#### Annual Review of City's Investment Policy and Investment Portfolio

Eileen Stanic, the City's investment advisor from Meeder Investment Management presented a review of the City's investment portfolio.  
Economic Update - 2017 saw two interest rate hikes, there has been talk of a potential raise yet this year, though the market is not overly convinced that will happen. The unemployment rate has dropped to 4.4% this is at the low end of the federal target. Inflation is at 1.4% which is defined by prices.  
City's Portfolio - as of August 31, 2017, cash on hand was \$4,817,618, securities were at \$22,360,000 with an average maturity of just under 2½ years and interest at 1.56% generated income around \$348,000. The City's total portfolio is \$27,177,618.

#### Third Quarter Budget Adjustments

Heath went over the requested budget adjustments for the third quarter, stating most were administrative changes that did not require Council action.

##### 242 Fire Equipment Fund - \$14,781.00

The Fire Department applied for and was awarded a BWC grant in the amount of \$14,781 the City's share is \$2,463.50. An invoice must be sent to the BWC to show the appropriate purchase and then we will be reimbursed the grant amount of \$12,317.50. Chief O'Brien reported the grant money is being used to purchase the turnout extractor washer and thirty-five sets of gloves and coats that will have the new tech barrier.

##### 243 Refund - Fire Loss Fund - \$4,233.75

When the unit that came in to demolish the house that had burned on West Clinton, the sidewalk and driveway were destroyed, the property owner had both fixed through their insurance company and the City has to reimburse the property owner.

##### 272 Court Computerization Fund - \$9,500

The Judge requested some major equipment and software upgrades that were not in the budget, this will not impact the General Fund.

**Motion to Recommend  
Council Approve Third  
Quarter Budget  
Adjustments**

**Passed  
Yea-4  
Nay-0**

**Set November 10 and 11,  
2017 for Council Review of  
2018 Budget**

**Passed  
Yea-4  
Nay-0**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Passed  
Yea-4  
Nay-0**

**Date Approved**

**October 23, 2017**

287 Probation Grant Fund - \$13,010

The Judge uses this grant fund for the probation officer program.

290 Police Pension Fund - \$1,825.90 and 291 Fire Pension Fund - \$278.56

Inside levy money is used solely to pay for fire and police pensions.

**400 Capital Improvements**

1100 City Council/Legislative - \$2,000.00

Additional money was requested for site work to be done on the sign project.

1600 MIS - (\$50,000.00)

We moved \$50,000 from the phone system to 2100 Police/Safety Services for the CAD System.

2100 Police/Safety Services - \$50,000.00

This is to update the CAD System and purchase Tough Books for the patrol cars.

Total Budgetary Adjustment for the Third Quarter of 2017 is \$45,629.21.

Motion: Bialorucki                      Second: Maassel  
to recommend to City Council to approve the third quarter budget adjustments as presented.

Roll call vote on the above motion:  
Yea-Bialorucki, Mires, Siclair, Maassel  
Nay-

Motion: Bialorucki                      Second: Maassel  
To set the dates of November 10 and 11, 2017 for Council to review the 2018 Budget.

Roll call vote on the above motion:  
Yea-Bialorucki, Mires, Siclair, Maassel  
Nay-

Heath informed the committee at their October 23, 2017 meeting he will present the revenue estimates and probably the projected salaries for the City as a whole.

Motion: Siclair                      Second: Bialorucki  
to adjourn the Finance and Budget Committee meeting at 7:22 pm.

Roll call vote on the above motion:  
Yea-Bialorucki, Mires, Siclair, Maassel  
Nay-

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Jeff Mires, Chair



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## Memorandum

**To:** City Council, Mayor, City Law Director, City Manager, Department Supervisors, Newsmedia  
**From:** Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council *GJH*  
**Date:** October 19, 2017  
**Subject:** Safety and Human Resources Committee – Cancellation

The regularly scheduled meeting of the SAFETY AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE for Monday, October 23, 2017 at 7:30 pm has been *canceled* due to lack of agenda items.

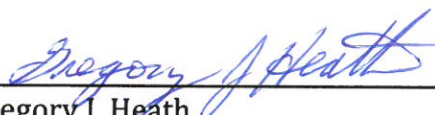
*City of Napoleon, Ohio*

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 4:30 pm**

Location: Council Chambers, 255 West Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, OH

1. Approval of Minutes: August 22, 2017 *(in the absence of any objections or corrections, the minutes shall stand approved)*
2. Promotional Exam for Fire Captain.
3. Discussion on Testing Options for Firefighter/Paramedic and Patrolman (Tabled)
4. Any other matters to come before the Commission.
5. Adjournment.

  
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Gregory J. Heath  
Finance Director/Clerk of Council



**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 4:30 pm**

**PRESENT**

Members  
City Staff

Bill Finnegan—Chair, Megan Lytle-Steele, Eric Rohrs  
Greg Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council  
Clayton O'Brien, Fire Chief  
Lt. Dave Mack, Acting Chief of Police  
Roxanne Dietrich

Recorder

Others

**ABSENT:**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Finnegan called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Minutes from the July 11, 2017 and August 3, 2017 meetings stand approved as presented hearing no corrections or objections.

**Testing Options for  
Firefighter/Paramedic and  
Patrolman**

Fire Chief O'Brien and Acting Chief of Police Mack gave a presentation on testing procedures for entry level firefighter/paramedics and patrolmen.

Chief O'Brien recapped the City's current procedure:

The testing date is set and then it is posted and advertised. On the day of the testing, the candidates start with a written exam, if they pass the exam, they move onto the physical agility test that consists of 37 sit-ups in one minute, 33 push-ups in one minute and a 1.5 mile run, this is not geared towards the requirements for a firefighter. The Pros of testing this way are, your list is done in one day and there are no costs to the candidates. Cons: We have a limited pool. When a specific date and time is set, it is difficult for the candidates to be there, many of the guys are working both full-time and part-time positions or they are working three part-time jobs and are not always able to be here on a specified day and time. We are also exposing ourselves to liability by having other employees help test the candidates plus, scheduling the high school for the physical agility test has become a hassle.

National Testing Network Review:

Firefighter Mile - The physical abilities test (PAT) of the firefighter mile is job specific and completed at an approved testing center by certified personnel. There are ten events: 1) high raise carry, 2) paced walk, 3) drag a hose line, 4) equipment haul, 5) paced walk, 6) blind crawl, 7) forcible entry tire swipe, 8) paced walk, 9) rescue drag, 10) CPR. Each event is timed and testing can be done at either the Ohio Fire Academy or Owens Community College, the cost to the candidate is \$95.00.

The cost for the written exam is \$50.00.

Acting Chief of Police Mack stated the cost for Law Enforcement is \$49.00 for both the written and PAT test. The physical abilities test (PAT) requirements are: sit-ups, push-ups and a 1.5 mile run; a fourth event was added that being the 300-Meter Run, each agency decides if they want to require just the three or

include the 300 Meter run too, you set up your parameters and they proctor. Chief O'Brien stated the candidates are able to test on their own time which can help us get more people. If candidates want to try and better their score, they can retest after three months, the scores are good for one year.

Finnegan asked if they fail one segment are they out, how is that scored?

Chief O'Brien explained they must complete all ten events, to obtain a point for each event it must be completed within the respective time for the event, one point may be awarded for a completing the event in the max time, they must obtain at least eight out of ten possible points.

#### Written Exam

Chief O'Brien said there are currently 130 test sites with the closest being in Toledo. After November, there will be 2,000 testing sites where the examination can be taken. The testing sites are at the University of Toledo, Owens Community College and there are some in the Columbus and Cleveland areas. Acting Chief of Police Mack noted not all sites offer both tests. Applications are completed through the National Testing Network, it is a pretty in-depth 42 page document for the firefighter when we receive the scores for the candidates, we will also receive the application/questionnaire that covers their history, personal information, relatives, etc. which will also help our Detectives with the background checks, references are listed and what education has been completed. It is pretty much the same document on the law enforcement side. You decide how long you want to leave the testing open for, the National Testing Network will help us put together the job posting, set up dates and times and they have a network that pushes the advertisement right out to online sites and other agencies. The firefighter mile can be scheduled through the National Testing Network too.

Rohrs stated this would save us a lot of time and money. Our applications have to be notarized, do these need to be notarized? If not, is Legal okay with that, I do not see an issue though I know it has been a concern in the past.

Heath asked about credits. Acting Chief of Police Mack replied the last section on page 4 of the handout addresses this. Chief O'Brien said you have to pass the test first before the extra credits can be added.

Heath said in the past we have allowed them to test before they receive certification. Chief O'Brien informed this only replaces our testing procedures everything else will be kept in place, you will have a meeting, we will give you a list of the candidates that meet our criteria and can go on the list.

Rohrs suggested we ask the Law Director to be at our next meeting to help us with the details.

Chief O'Brien stated on the written side the criteria has four parts 1) assessment, 2) reading, 3) writing, and 4) mechanical you would determine if you want a 70% score for each section to pass or a combined score of 70%. Acting Chief of Police Mack informed the Commission on the police side the test is a video based human relations and judgment tests, there is a multiple choice test that is divided into a couple components.

Costs: for the National Testing Network the cost is City \$750 each time we test. Currently, we pay \$99 for the entry level exam plus another \$15 or \$20 per person/per test. I don't know what the personnel or advertising costs would be.

Lytle-Steele said then there are the no shows that you have paid for a test.

Acting Chief of Police Mack noted this is something we can budget for instead of



paying per test and having to wait until you see how many applications you have before knowing what that cost of the tests will be.

**Motion to Table  
Testing Options for  
Firefighter/Paramedic and  
Patrolman**

Motion: Rohrs                      Second: Lytle-Steele  
to table Testing Options for Firefighter/Paramedic and Patrolman.

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

Roll call vote on the above motion:  
Yea-Rohrs, Lytle-Steele, Finnegan

**Adjourn**

Motion: Lytle-Steele                      Second: Rohrs  
to adjourn the Civil Service Commission meeting at 5:23 pm.

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

Roll call vote on the above motion:  
Yea-Rohrs, Lytle-Steele, Finnegan  
Nay-

**Approved:**

October 24, 2017

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Bill Finnegan, Chair

*City of Napoleon, Ohio*

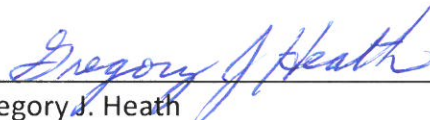
**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm

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

1. Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2017 *(in the absence of any objections or corrections, the Minutes shall stand approved)*
2. Discussion and/or Action on Rates and Fees
3. Discussion and/or Action on 2018 Budget Requests
4. Miscellaneous.



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Gregory J. Heath  
Finance Director/Clerk of Council

## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm

<b>PRESENT</b>	
Members	Matt Hardy-Chair, Peg Funchion, Mike Saneholtz, Jon Knepley
<b>City Staff</b>	Tony Cotter, Parks and Recreation Director
<b>Recorder</b>	Roxanne Dietrich
<b>Others</b>	Brian Koeller-NW Signal
<b>Absent</b>	
Committee Members	Ryan Miller, Chad Richardson
Council Representative	Joe Bialorucki
<b>Call to Order</b>	Chairman Hardy called the Parks and Recreation Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Hearing no objections or corrections, the Minutes from the August 30, 2017 meeting stand approved.
<b>Review of Parks and Recreation Rates and Fees</b>	<p>Cotter reviewed the rates for the golf course, shelterhouse and swimming pool.</p> <p><u>Golf Course</u> - The rates at the golf course have been the same since 2015.</p> <p><u>Shelterhouses</u> - a \$10.00 across the board increase was implemented in 2014.</p> <p><u>Swimming Pool</u> - There was a facility rental charge added in 2016 otherwise these rates have not changed.</p> <p>I do not have any recommended changes, unless the board would like to consider implementing corporate membership rates at the golf course. St. Mike's has a program with season membership packages of, less than 25 employees, 26-50 employees, 51-200 employees, 201-400 employees and 400+ employees, the rates would be set similar to what our greens fees are and there would be rules, a decision does not have to be made tonight. Saneholtz suggested Cotter talk to the golf course staff to see how they feel about this.</p> <p>Saneholtz said he would like to consider raising the shelterhouse rental rates \$10 across the board to recoup the costs of maintaining the shelterhouses, there is a lot of upkeep and maintenance that needs to be done. Cotter responded for each rental, even on the weekends, one of our guys has to go in after the rental, do an inspection and any cleaning that may need to be done they are paid time and a half when they come in after hours and on the weekends. I will check with area communities that have similar facilities on what they charge and will bring that information to the next meeting.</p>
<b>Revenue/Expense Report</b>	<p>Cotter went over the revenue expense reports.</p> <p><u>Golf Course</u> - is down about \$11,000 from last year, the three flood events this year did not help. Beer sales and concessions are down a bit, the discount cards are about where they were last year. Last year's revenue was \$160,000 I would estimate this year around \$150,000, expenditures were down about \$10,000.</p> <p><u>Swimming Pool</u> - there is only about a \$1,000 difference in revenue from 2015 to 2017, revenue for the pool has been consistently low.</p> <p>I will present the entire revenue and expenditure budget at the October meeting.</p>

## Capital Improvement Items

Cotter said some of the capital improvement items are:

Leak detection repairs-concrete replacement was added and the cost went up to \$10,000, playground equipment, the second part of batting cage improvements, we have a twenty year old tractor that needs replaced (this will be shared with other departments) \$15,000 is the Rec Department's portion, the City Manager wants the boat taken out of the 220 Rec Fund instead of the CIP fund, cross fit equipment is an addition and could possibly be partially donated. Totals: CIP \$70,000 and Rec fund \$73,000.

Hardy said Cotter gave a tour of the pool last Thursday, there is not a section in that pool that is not patched, it is in bad shape.

Cotter said the pool is going on 40 years it was built in 1978.

Sanholtz said the shallow parts are worse, there are spots behind the paint and plaster where it is wet, we need to make up our minds what we are going to do, put in a whole new liner.

Cotter explained for the renovation proposal all patching will still take place, then the contractor would put in a couple different layers of felt to smooth out the uneven areas, next a fiberglass lining would be put in and last a stainless steel flange goes in to help weld between the fiberglass liner and gutter; the gutter is in bad enough shape that it needs to be replaced, I have that as an additional item in the renovations. In two-three weeks, a leak testing company is going to come in to try to identify the areas where our issues are, water loss is our biggest issue.

**Recommend Trick-or-Treat  
Night Oct. 31, 2017 6:00 pm  
– 7:00 pm**

Motion: Funchion

Second: Sanholtz

to recommend Trick-or-Treat night on Tues. October 31, 2017 from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm

**Passed  
Yea-4  
Nay-0**

Roll call vote on the above motion:

Yea-Sanholtz, Funchion, Knepley, Hardy

Nay-

**Around the Table**

**Knepley**

No items.

**Hardy**

Wauseon Homecoming Park shelter seats 125 and you can rent for the whole day, 8:00 am – 12 midnight, for \$180.00. Rotary Park is \$180/day and at Reighard Park there are three smaller park shelters (Potowanami, Miami or Shawnee) each are \$60/day.

**Funchion**

No items.

**Sanholtz**

No items.

**Cotter**

Flag football is underway tonight is the second week of games, we have about 65 kids signed up, Troy Barton is in charge.

The volleyball program was put on the back burner for a little with the change in high school coaches, it is now moving along with seven teams, game play is on Sundays with each team also having separate practice times. Amy Dietrich coordinated the program and helped Denine Cramer.

I am working with the soccer club to get the program going, the numbers are about

Dick Dennie is officially semi-retired after seventeen years with us, we had a going away /retirement party for him. He did a great job and will be missed. That was a part-time position at the Golf Course from 6:00 am- 1:00 pm.

Motion: Saneholtz                      Second: Knepley  
to adjourn the Parks and Recreation Board meeting at 7:40 pm.

**Approved**

Matt Hardy, Chair



# UPdate

A weekly newsletter presented by AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken

October 13, 2017

## Demand for renewables may be satisfied through AMP's EcoSmart Choice Program

*By Erin Miller, director of energy policy and sustainability*

American Municipal Power's (AMP) membership is uniquely positioned to respond to increases in demand from residents, commercial or industrial customers for renewable sourced power.

While many AMP members have significant investments in renewable energy resources, not all members have renewable assets in their portfolio and, even if they do, their customers may wish to invest more.



To serve this need, AMP provides EcoSmart Choice, a 100 percent renewable energy product that is based on the purchase and retirement of renewable energy certificates (RECs). Currently the price is \$5/MWh, however due to a combination of more affordable RECs and reduced program costs, a lower \$/MWh is currently under evaluation. At the end of each calendar year, unused funds are returned to participating members in the form of sustainability grants.

Indicators of corporate demand for renewable energy include enrollment in the RE100 initiative and the EPA's Green Power Partnership program. To date, 111 companies have joined the RE100 initiative, committing to 100 percent renewable electricity. Companies include Johnson & Johnson, Citi, Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, General Motors, JP Morgan Chase, ING, MARS, P&G, Starbucks and Walmart, to name a few.

Thus far in 2017, there are 240 companies that have joined the EPA's Green Power Partnership program, as compared to 130 companies enrolled in 2016. Green Power Partners commit to use green power for all, or a portion, of their annual electricity consumption, in exchange for technical assistance and recognition.

For more information on how your community can enroll in the EcoSmart Choice program, contact Erin Miller at 614.540.1019 or [emiller@amppartners.org](mailto:emiller@amppartners.org).

## Proposed repeal of Clean Power Plan (CPP)

*By Adam Ward, vice president of environmental affairs, sustainability and energy policy*

Initiated through Executive Order 13783, the U.S. EPA (EPA) is expected to publish their proposed repeal of the CPP in Tuesday's Federal Register. The proposed repeal provides a legal basis and justification for repeal of the rule to be consistent with the Agency's historical understanding and exercise of statutory authority.

EPA proposes to reinterpret "best system of emissions reduction" to only consider measures that can be applied within the fence line of an applicable source. EPA has asked for concurrence and comments on this revised legal interpretation.



Separately, EPA has indicated that a replacement rule is currently under review and that this additional action will outline the details of a proposed CPP replacement. It is unclear when EPA will release that advance notice for comment.

EPA is expected to accept comments on the proposed repeal for 30 or 60 days from publication in the Federal Register.

## Energy markets update

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

The November 2017 natural gas contract increased \$0.10/MMBtu to close at \$2.989 yesterday. The EIA reported an injection of 87 Bcf for the week ending October 6 was slightly above market expectations of 85 Bcf. This compares to a +79 Bcf injection last year and a five-year average of 86 Bcf.

On-peak power prices for 2018 at AD Hub closed yesterday at \$36.48/MWh which was \$.38/MWh higher for the week.

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

Week ending Oct. 13

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$41.67	\$43.27	\$35.07	\$30.83	\$31.85

Week ending Oct. 6

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$34.26	\$35.39	\$36.83	\$41.60	\$42.23

AEP/Dayton 2018 5x16 price as of Oct. 12 — \$36.48

AEP/Dayton 2018 5x16 price as of Oct. 5 — \$36.10

## AFEC weekly update

*By Jerry Willman*

Fremont plant remained on-line for the week. Regional generator maintenance outages and continued above average temperatures have supported market prices. The plant ramped down to its economic minimum during the off-peak hours and ramped up to its max output during the peak hours. PJM limited Duct fire operation on Tuesday due to a local transmission constraint. Duct firing operated for 85 hours this week. The plant generated at a 77 percent capacity factor (based on 675 MW rating).



### 2017 AMP/OMEA Conference presentations available

Presentations given at this year's annual conference are now available online on the AMP website's Member Extranet (login required). You can access the presentations web page from the Recent Updates on the home page of the extranet. The PowerPoint presentations have been converted to pdf files for quick downloads.

# AMP/OMEA Conference **SAVE THE DATE**

**2018**

Sept. 24 - 27

InterContinental Hotel in Cleveland



**2019**

Sept. 23 - 26

Hilton Columbus at Easton



**2020**

Sept. 21 - 24

Hilton Columbus at Easton



## **Hamons and Criswell receive Hard Hat Safety Award**



Dave Hamons, Monroe Electric Division superintendent, receives the AMP Hard Hat Safety Award, presented to him by Scott McKenzie of AMP.



Mike Criswell (third from the left), Wadsworth Electric and Communications substation technician 2, receives the AMP Hard Hat Safety Award, presented to him by (left to right) Robert Patrick, City of Wadsworth service director, Scott McKenzie of AMP and Bill Lyren, City of Wadsworth Electric and Communications manager.

## **Ivanko to serve as new cyber security manager**

*By Brandon Kelley - chief information officer*

Stephen Ivanko is the newest member of the AMP team, joining the organization this week as manager of cyber security. His responsibilities will include the tactical management and assisting me in the strategic management of AMP's cyber security program. In addition Ivanko will assist me in working with the Risk Management Committee in AMP's adoption of the NIST (cyber) Framework.

Ivanko comes to AMP from OhioHealth Group where he served as a network/security engineer. He holds a bachelor's degree in personal finance and is an SSCP® System Security Certified Practitioner.



## **AMP hosts crew leadership training**

*By Michelle Palmer, PE - vice president of technical services*

AMP hosted a training course on crew leadership Oct. 11-12 at Columbus headquarters, with 13 attendees from seven Ohio and Michigan member communities in attendance.

Led by Northwest Lineman College Training Specialist Darrow Leslie (pictured below on far right), the course covered topics such as conducting effective tailboards, improving safety, crew leader responsibilities and improving employee performance and delegating.

For additional information about AMP's training programs, please contact Bob Rumbaugh at 614.204.8500 or [rumbaugh@amppartners.org](mailto:rumbaugh@amppartners.org), Jennifer Flockerzie at 614.540.0853 or [jflockerzie@amppartners.org](mailto:jflockerzie@amppartners.org), or me at 614.540.0924 or [mpalmer@amppartners.org](mailto:mpalmer@amppartners.org).



## **DEED webinar: building a case for UAS (drones)**

### **Webinar description:**

The use of drone technology in utility operations is expected to expand significantly as a result of lower prices and the easing of federal drone regulations. A growing number of utilities are already testing and making use of this technology to improve operational efficiencies. Researchers at North Carolina State University and ElectricCities of North Carolina recognized the potential uses for UAS in supporting the operation and maintenance of municipal power distribution systems and sought DEED's support in exploring its practical value. They took a close look at how UAS can address the needs of public power utilities, estimated the cost savings and increased efficiency resulting from its use, and took a deep dive into the capabilities offered. Join us as these researchers share their experience and findings.

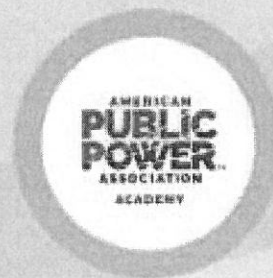
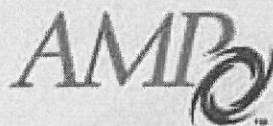
AMP is a member of DEED, therefore AMP members are able to participate in this webinar for no charge.

To register for this Wednesday, Oct. 18 webinar, click [here](#).

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FEMA Basics for the Municipal Utility **Nov. 14**
- Workforce Webinar Series  
Game Changers and Gaps in the Energy Workforce Pipeline **Nov. 15**
- Customer Engagement Webinar Series  
Using Online Customer Engagement Strategies to Improve Satisfaction and Program Participation **Nov. 16**



## Classifieds

### Lineworker position available in Carey

The Village of Carey is seeking applications for a qualified full-time electrical line utility worker; responsible for operation and routine maintenance of the village electrical distribution system. Applicant



must possess a high school diploma or GED and a valid class B, CDL license with air brakes, or obtain same within 6 months of hire date. Knowledge of overhead and underground primary distribution lines required. May require pole climbing and operation, and use of a bucket truck, digger truck, trencher or other required equipment. Position requires a 30-minute response time to Call Out emergencies, and 24/7 carry of a village issued cell phone for safety and troubleshooting, includes holiday and weekends hours, and standby time in rotation with other department members.

Position requires varied duties to include but not limited to: snow removal, tree trimming for power lines, and other general maintenance duties. Any of the above may require working in inclement weather.

Applications may be obtained at the village offices, 127 N. Vance St., Carey, OH 43316, weekdays from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. Candidates should return completed applications with a resume and any supporting documentation helpful in consideration for employment to the attention of the Village Administrator. EOE / Drug testing / Pay commensurate with certifications. Applications will be accepted until position filled.

## **Arcanum seeks water/wastewater operator 1**

The Village of Arcanum Utility Department is now accepting applications to fill a vacancy for water/wastewater operator 1. Duties include operating and maintaining electrical generation facilities, monitoring water/sewer facilities, and performing physical labor within the Village Utility Department as needed.

Requirements include a high school education, Water Supply License and Wastewater Works License 1, a valid Ohio driver's license, and possess a class B CDL endorsement or obtain within 6 months of employment.

Applications are available at the City Building located at 104 W. South Street, Arcanum, Ohio 45304 or [www.villageofarcanum.com](http://www.villageofarcanum.com). Job applications are not kept on file beyond six months, so any previous applicants are encouraged to re-apply. EOE.

## **Lineworker position available in Bradner**

The Village of Bradner is seeking applications for a qualified full-time electrical line utility worker; responsible for operation and routine maintenance of the village electrical distribution system.

Must possess a high school diploma or GED and a valid class B, CDL license with air brake or obtain six months after hire date. Knowledge of overhead distribution lines and underground primary distribution lines required. Water and waste water experience helpful. May require pole climbing and operation and use of bucket truck.

Position requires response within 30-minute time period to call-out emergencies, and 24/7 carry of village-issued cell phone for troubleshooting and emergencies, including holidays and weekends.

Position requires various duties to include but not limited to: water distribution repairs, assist in wastewater treatment plant, tree trimming power lines, road maintenance and snow removal, park and pool maintenance, lawn care and other general maintenance as required. Above duties will require working in all weather conditions. Twice monthly Board Meeting attendance is also required.

Applications may be obtained at the Town Hall (located at 130 N. Main St. Bradner, OH) on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or at [www.bradnerohio.org](http://www.bradnerohio.org). Candidates should return applications with resume and supporting documentation that would be helpful for consideration of employment to the attention of James Smith, Board of Public Affairs President. They can be mailed to PO Box 599 Bradner, OH 43406 or emailed to [kkaminski@bradnerohio.org](mailto:kkaminski@bradnerohio.org).

## **Operations Manager position available in Bryan**

Bryan Municipal Utilities is currently accepting applications for an Operations Manager. This position reports to the Director of Utilities. The position oversees and administers all of the operational functions and components of the Communications Department, Electric Transmission and Distribution Department, Power Plant Department, Water Distribution, Water Supply and Treatment Departments, Utilities Engineering Department and the general office within Bryan Municipal Utilities. Responsible for overall management of projects, environmental reporting and compliance and the implementation of policies and procedures in all utilities functions.

A job description with qualifications may be downloaded from [www.cityofbryan.net](http://www.cityofbryan.net).

Please submit resume by November 13 to [humanresources@cityofbryan.com](mailto:humanresources@cityofbryan.com) or mail to 841 E. Edgerton St, Bryan, OH 43506. EOE

## Oak Harbor has Hershey water meters for sale

The Village of Oak Harbor is selling the following items:

1. Hersey Water Meters Model 420 - Quick Connect (Lot of 32)  
Pit Style - BRAND NEW  
\$800.00
2. Hersey Water Meters Model 420-Direct Wire (Lot of 256)  
In-home Style - BRAND NEW  
\$6,400.00



Please contact Jerry Buhrow, operations manager, Department of Public Works at 419.898.1823 or at [jbuhrow@oakharbor.oh.us](mailto:jbuhrow@oakharbor.oh.us)

## Opportunities available at AMP

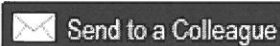
AMP is seeking applicants for the following position:

Director of Generation Optimization and Reporting  
Power Supply Planning Engineer I  
Senior Electrical Engineer  
Communications/Public Relations Specialist

For complete job descriptions, please visit the "[careers](#)" section of the AMP website.



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## Legislative Bulletin

### OML UPDATES: AT-A-GLANCE

**October 20, 2017**

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

- It has been a week of shake-ups on the political front this week. Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R - Marysville) announced she is withdrawing her candidacy for Ohio Secretary of State, and Franklin County Auditor announced he is dropping his bid for State Treasurer. Congressman Pat Tiberi (R-Westerville) announced that he is resigning from his congressional seat, while Sen. Cliff Hite (R - Findlay) resigned from the Ohio Senate on Monday.
- The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) has voted to reduce the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) starting in 2019, basing it on the U.S. Consumer Price Index and capping it at 2.25%. To find out more about the changes, please click [HERE](#).
- Infrastructure: Ohio has the 3rd largest number of urbanized areas in the country (trailing only Texas and California) and the 5<sup>th</sup> largest vehicle miles traveled in the nation.

### **TAX EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST MEETING**

This week marked the first meeting of the Tax Expenditure Review Committee, a panel created during the last General Assembly and tasked with reviewing tax expenditures and making recommendations to the legislature. The committee heard testimony from Tax Commissioner Joe Testa, who gave the committee a 30,000-ft view of the Tax Expenditure Report, which is created alongside the budget bill by the Department of Taxation.

A tax expenditure, broadly speaking, is a term used to define any legislated deviation from the standardized tax base. This could be a tax exemption, credit, or deduction. In his testimony, Testa explained that in Ohio a tax expenditure is defined as a tax provision in the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) that exempts - either totally or partially - some people, types of income, items, services or property from taxes. "Tax expenditures take the form of tax benefits for certain taxpayers or activities and result in foregone revenue to the state," Testa explained.

The Tax Expenditure Report serves two purposes: one, it describes each expenditure and estimates how much money is not available to the State due to the foregone revenues for each expenditure. Then it compares those unavailable revenues to the amount of unavailable revenues from the previous biennium. This year's report counted 129 tax

expenditures and calculated a total of \$9.1 billion in foregone revenue for 2018, expanding to \$9.4 billion in 2019.

While Testa declined to give any advice or recommend a direction for the committee to take, he did agree with Sen. Eklund (R - Munson Township) when the Senator recommended the committee review all kinds of taxes, including the Local Government Fund and revenues collected by municipalities.

The committee's next hearing is currently not scheduled.

### **COMMITTEE HEARINGS: THE WEEK IN REVIEW**

The legislative schedule this week was very light, but a few bills of municipal interest did receive committee hearings.

- **HB 278 - VEHICULAR ASSAULT.** The bill, sponsored by Rep. Patton (R - Strongsville) and Rep. Kelly (D - Cincinnati), got its second hearing in the House Criminal Justice Committee. It increases the penalty for negligently causing serious physical harm to a law enforcement officer while operating a motor vehicle from a minor misdemeanor to a first-degree misdemeanor. Proponents praised the stiffer penalties as a deterrent for negligent behavior while driving, which risks the lives of law enforcement officers helping drivers or enforcing traffic laws on roadsides.
- **HB 361 - TAX COMPLAINTS.** Sponsor testimony was held in the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee for HB 361, which is sponsored by Rep. Greenspan (R - Westlake) and increases the timeframe within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints. Current law allows 90 days, which Rep. Greenspan says isn't enough time. The bill expands the timeframe to 90 business days.
- **HB 312 - POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SPENDING.** This bill, sponsored by Rep. Schuring (R - Canton) and Rep. Greenspan, got a third hearing in the same committee. As we reported in last week's bulletin, the legislation regulates aspects of the use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions. One person testified as an interested party.
- **HB 249 - SUBMETERING.** Rep. Duffey's (R - Worthington) bill permitting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to adopt rules governing residential utility reselling got a second hearing in the House Public Utilities Committee (PUCO). This legislation is not a preemption, as municipalities would maintain the right to regulate sub metering within their jurisdictions. Proponents said the bill restores balance between the consumers and the providers of utility services.
- **SB 31 - SEWAGE SYSTEMS.** The bill, sponsored by Sen. Eklund (R - Munson Township), received proponent testimony during its second hearing in the Senate

Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The bill would authorize a board of county commissioners or municipal legislative authority to elect to withdraw the county or municipal corporation from the application of any rule adopted by the Department of Health after January 1, 2014, that governs the design of household sewage treatment systems. During committee, an amendment adopted by Sen. Jordan (R - Ostrander) was adopted. The amendment clarifies jurisdiction language in the bill to account for entities like townships and also clarifies that testing of a household sewage system can stop after hitting a 10% failure rate.

## COMMITTEE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2017

### Tuesday, October 24, 2017

#### HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS

Tue., Oct. 24, 2017, 9:00 AM, Hearing Room 121  
Rep. Schaffer: 614-466-8100

**HB343\*\*** PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (MERRIN D) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners.

**First Hearing, Sponsor Testimony**

**HB371\*\*** TAXES ON UNSOLD PROPERTY (MERRIN D) To exempt from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development until construction commences or the land is sold.

**First Hearing, Sponsor Testimony**

#### SENATE JUDICIARY

Tue., Oct. 24, 2017, 10:15 AM, North Hearing Room  
Sen. Bacon: 614-466-8064

**SB195\*\*** DOGS LAW REVISIONS (BEAGLE B, LEHNER P) To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints of certain violations of that Law.

**Second Hearing, Proponent Testimony**

#### HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCE AND LABOR

Tue., Oct. 24, 2017, 1:30 PM, Hearing Room 113  
Rep. Young: 614-644-6074

**HB127\*\*** BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS-WELDING (PERALES R, DEVER J) To establish in the Ohio Building Code requirements pertaining to structural steel welding and bridge welding.

**Second Hearing, Proponent Testimony**

**HB263\*\*** OUTDOOR DINING-DOGS (LANESE L) To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation.

**Third Hearing, Opponent Testimony**

### Wednesday, October 25, 2017

#### SENATE WAYS AND MEANS

Wed., Oct. 25, 2017, 9:00 AM, South Hearing Room  
Sen. Eklund: 614-644-7718

**SB181\*\*** UNPAID MUNICIPAL GARBAGE FEES (O'BRIEN S, YUKO K) To authorize all municipal corporations that charge a garbage collection fee to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor, who must enter the fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes.

**First Hearing, Sponsor Testimony**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE MONDAY FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE  
COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

**Meeting/ Training**

<b>Mayors Court Refresher Course</b>	<b>November 3</b>	<b><u>Registration Information</u></b>
<b>OML Annual Conference</b>	<b>November 1 ~ 3</b>	<b><u>Registration Information</u></b>
<b>MFOA Fall Conference</b>	<b>November 2nd &amp; 3rd</b>	<b><u>Registration Information</u></b>

Ohio Municipal League

Legislative Inquires:

Kent Scarrett, Executive Director

Edward Albright, Deputy Director

Ashley Brewster, Director of Communications

Website/Bulletin Issues:

Zoë Wade, Office Manager