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	6:30 pm- Finance/Budget Comm.	4:30 pm – Civil Service Comm.	6:30 pm – Park & Rec Board			1:00 pm - Arbor Day Planting at Ritter Park
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	7:00 pm – City Council					
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	7:30 pm – Muni Prop ED Comm.					
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	7:30 pm – Safety HR Committee					
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6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Trick-or-Treat	6:15 pm – Technology Comm.	Election Day			8:00 am – 2022 Budget Review	8:00 am – 2022 Budget Review
	7:00 pm – City Council				Meetings	Meetings

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:30 pm

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

- 1) Approval of Minutes August 23, 2021 (In the absence of any objections or corrections, the Minutes shall stand approved.)
- 2) Third Quarter Budget Adjustments
- 3) Review Miscellaneous Appropriations for 2022
- 4) Any matters currently assigned to the Committee
- 5) Adjournment.

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Roxanne Dietrich - Clerk of Council

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:30 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members Joseph D. Bialorucki-Chair, Jeff Comadoll, Ken Haase, Mayor Jason Maassel

City Manager Joel L. Mazur
Others News Media
Clerk of Council Roxanne Dietrich

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June 28, 2021 Finance and Budget Committee meeting were approved as presented.

PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET CALENDAR

Mazur reviewed the proposed budget calendar with the committee. Maassel stated as long as the new Finance Director is okay with the schedule, the committee is good with the schedule. Bialorucki noted one councilmember will be gone on November 5 and 6. Maassel said we could do it on November 12 and 13 but, that would be tight if there would be any changes with first read on November 15, 2021. Mazur added there will be a new councilmember too. Bialorucki commented we can always adjust the date if need to. Maassel suggested leaving the schedule as is and we can review with City Council at the September 7, 2021 council meeting.

REVIEW DRAFT 2022 DEBT SCHEDULE

Mazur noted the debt schedule was put together by Sudsina. Outstanding Public Debt is anything we have that we went out to bond for.

2021 GO Bond (Water Fund) is for stranded water costs, the UV project and the pool project.

2021 Rev Bond (Sewer Fund) is \$4 million. We refinanced this bond earlier this year. This is for sewer work on Washington Street and Woodlawn.

2020 Bond (Water Fund) is for the MIEX plant, water tower and West Washington Street Waterline.

2010 Bond (General Fund) is for court capital when the Municipal Court moved.

2005 Bond (General and Sewer Funds) is for street and sewer work that was done on Northcrest Circle and Melody

The Public Debt Schedule outlines all the public debt we have and how it is portioned out to each of the funds. We will have some debt fall off in 2025 and 2027.

OWDA Water Fund. The Water Treatment Plant extends out to 2049. The waterline construction for the Wauseon Raw Waterline is in there too. The aggregate total for the water fund is the service we have on an annual basis with OWDA.

OWDA Sewer Fund. In this fund is the sewer system extension and improvements that will expire in 2025. A lot of smaller debt will be falling off in 2025 and 2026. There is the WWTP EQ Basin, Williams Pump Station Improvements and engineering for the VanHyning Pumping Station Replacement project. These are bi-annual payments. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project will come on later and will be one of the largest that we will have. The Sewer Debt Fund service combines what we owe on an annual basis on each date. OWDA has a better interest rate is why we have so many projects funded through them. There is no reason to go to bond when there are better financing options with OWDA. Maassel noted when the OWDA 8585 Sewer is paid off, there will be an extra \$12,000/year for the sewer fund. The question will be, do you if you can, pay down some of the debt to pay it off early, that is a question for future councils. Mazur pointed out this is put together for budgeting and also for planning purposes on what future projects are being anticipated so we can plan ahead. The large projects are the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Between 2025 to 2030, the sewer projects will have over a million dollars in debt service then it will start to back down as projects fall off. Mazur pointed out all sewer projects were EPA required projects that the city had to do. Maassel added in

particular was the EQ Basin. Bialorucki asked the sewer line going in for the Oberhaus project along Woodlawn where will that show up on here? Mazur stated that project is not debted out, it is budgeted and partially grant funded. The VanHyning Pump Station project will eventually have a construction phase. We had to postpone that project as the first time we did not receive any bids. That is not a requirement to get done now, we may bid it out later. That project is on our radar. The other piece will not be until after the WWTP rehab is done. There is a bottleneck in the downtown sewer system. To alleviate that, one of our remaining Long Term Control Plan projects is to redo the headworks at the WWTP first and then redo the sewer line that goes down Washington Street to downtown in the Reiser Street area. This is to alleviate pressure off the sewer line in that area. The bottleneck configuration is not big enough to handle the capacity when it surcharges. Alleviating that along with the WWTP rehab and the ten-year plan of cleaning sewers will help alleviate all the SSOs and CSOs. The East Washington project will be in 2026 or 2027. There are not any water projects on the horizon that require debt. Maassel stated the annual debt service will go from \$933,000 to almost one and a half million and then fall back again to \$954,000 after about seven years, is that going to require a rate adjustment for those years? Mazur responded at this point, we have the rates built to accommodate numbers coming down the road. Because the way the rates were previously built and where we are heading, they will accommodate that debt service. We will still take a look at the rates but, they will be healthy enough we won't have to do anything. Maassel said what I was driving at is, to put some thought into it now so that in 2024 we don't have to raise our rates 50% to cover debt. No one wants to increase rates but when you go from \$933,000 to almost one and a half million that is not a small jump. It is only for seven years and then it goes back down when the EQ Basin falls off is the nice part. Mazur said we should expect the East Washington Street project to fall in there somewhere as long as OWDA is around. OWDA does not kick in until the project is completed. The last main thing to know is that \$9.3 million is the debt limit for the City. A lot of our debt now is exempt from that limit. Legally that is our cap. What we have now is exempt from the debt limit because we have revenue to cover it. Your rates are like a revenue bond, rates cover your debt. Now, if voted on by the voters, we can go up to \$17.8 million, the pool levy was voted on. Maassel asked the pool levy is not included in the \$9.3 million? Mazur-correct. Maassel asked the total debt underneath the City of Napoleon is \$13.5 million, is that where we are actually at right now? Mazur replied the \$13.5 million is currently our public outstanding debt. That is not what we owe. Maassel said the maximum allowed is \$17.8 million and right now we are at \$13.5 million? Mazur responded that is good question but, I don't have a good way to explain. That is how much we can legally borrow, borrowing is exempt from your debt limit. Maassel stated as of right now if we wanted to, we could go borrow \$9.3 million and if we wanted to go up to \$17.8 million, the voters would have to vote on that. That is in addition to what we currently have? Mazurcorrect, that is a Chris Franzman question.

We are allowed to go up to 10 mills for the millage. The remaining millage is 6.5133 as we have 3.4867 mills on property owners tax. Maassel commented our goal is not to spend money we don't need to spend. We are putting in some big projects that will hopefully last 30 years, it was time to get them done. Mazur stated the Assessed Valuation History is property tax valuation and what our debt limits are based off of. This year is the second highest property valuation in the county's history due to values going up. The next re-appraisal will be in 2024. Bond Rates. We have a couple of debts that are callable. We will take a look at them at the time to see if it makes sense. Of the three we did, the highest was at 1.4%. We put the water and sewer, pool and UV project bonds into one and had really good rates, two were at 1.1% and one was around 1.3% to 1.4%. When they are callable in 2025 we will have to look at to see if it makes sense. The cost of issuance could outweigh any savings since the interest rates that we have are so low on the bonds.

ADJOURNMENT Motion: Maassel Second: Comadoll to adjourn the Finance and Budget Committee meeting at 7:01 pm. Roll call vote on the above motion: Yea-Bialorucki, Comadoll, Haase, Maassel Nay-Yea-4, Nay-0. Motion Passed. **Approved** September 27, 2021 Joseph D. Bialorucki-Chair

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Memorandum

To: Mayor and City Council, City Manager,

City Law Director, City Finance Director, Department

Supervisors, News Media

From: Roxanne Dietrich, Clerk of Council

Date: September 24, 2021

Subject: Safety and Human Resources Committee -

Cancellation

Due to lack of agenda items, the regularly scheduled meeting of the **SAFETY AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE** for Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:30 pm has been canceled.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 4:30 pm

Council Chambers, 255 West Riverview Avenue, Napoleon, OH

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes: April 27, 2021 (in the absence of any objections or corrections, the minutes shall stand approved)
- 3. Set Date to Receive Applications through the National Testing Network for Firefighter/Paramedic
- 4. Determination of Credits and How Credits are Applied for Firefighter/Paramedic
- 5. Any Other Matters to Come Before the Commission
- 6. Adjournment.

Roxanne Dietrich ~ Clerk of Council

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 4:30 pm

PRESENT

Commission Members via WebEx Megan Lytle-Steele-Acting Chair, Amy Bains

City Staff Joel Mazur-City Manager

Lanie Lambert-HR Director – via WebEx

Clerk of Council Roxanne Dietrich

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

Lytle-Steele, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no objections or corrections, the minutes from the February 23, 2021 meeting shall stand approved as presented.

APPROVE FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC APPLICANTS

Lambert explained seven candidates sent their scores in from the National Testing Network. There are additional requirements that the candidates must comply with. One candidate did not turn in the City's Employment Application and another candidate turned in his City Employment Application after the 4:00 pm deadline. We are asking to have the following five applicants approved and certified:

Kyle Howard Zachary Reid Daniel Timpe Josh Anderson Brandon Klingshirn

Motion: Bains Second: Lytle-Steele to approve and certify the five candidates listed above

Roll call vote on the above motion:

Yea-Bains, Lytle-Steele

Nay-

Yea-2, Nay-0. Motion Passed.

CERTIFY LIST FOR POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Lambert asked that the four candidates remaining on the November 2020 list be combined with the five new applicants. A couple of candidates did not have their fire certification and we would like to keep them on the list in case they do obtain their certification. The nine candidates being requested to be on the Certified Eligible List for the Position of Firefighter/Paramedic are:

<u>Name</u>	Score	Expiration Date
Jeffrey Ralston	97.80%	November 24, 2022
Bradley McKee	93.96%	November 24, 2022
Kyle Howard	90.32%	April 27, 2023
Jacob Przeniczny	90.02%	November 24, 2022
Zachary Reid	89.03%	April 27, 2023
Daniel Timpe	88.97%	April 27, 2023
Josh Anderson	88.80%	April 27, 2023
Nathan Hossler	88.74%	November 24, 2022
Brandan Klingshirn	86.09%	April 27, 2023

Motion: Bains Second: Lytle-Steele

to combine the November 2020 Firefighter/Paramedic list with the five candidates certified today to create a new Certified Eligible List for Firefighter/Paramedic

Roll call vote on the above motion:

Yea-Bains, Lytle-Steele

Nay-

Yea-2, Nay-0. Motion Passed.

Mazur asked Lambert what the next step will be. Lambert replied Chief O'Brien and I will go over the list and set up interviews. There are a couple on the list that are not in paramedic school. Two candidates are paramedics, one is currently in paramedic school and one candidate will graduate in June.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bains Second: Lytle-Steele to adjourn the Civil Service Commission meeting at 4:39 pm

Roll call vote on the above motion:

Yea-Bains, Lytle-Steele

Nay-

Yea-2, Nay-0. Motion Passed.

Approved

September 28, 2021

Bill Finnegan-Chair Civil Service Commission

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:30 pm

 $Location \sim \text{Council Chambers}, 255 \text{ West Riverview Avenue}, \text{Napoleon}, \text{Ohio}$

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the May 25, 2021 meeting (in the absence of any objections or corrections, the Minutes shall stand approved)
- 2. Financial Reports for the Golf Course and Aquatic Center
- 3. Discussion on 2022 Capital Improvements
- 4. Review of Rates and Fees Schedule
- 5. Miscellaneous.

Roxanne Dietrich ~ Clerk of Council

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm

PRESENT

Board Members Matt Hardy-Chair, Peg Funchion, Jon Knepley, Chad Richardson-WebEx

City Staff Tony Cotter-Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries

Council Representative Ken Haase
Clerk of Council Roxanne Dietrich

Others News Media

ABSENT

Board Members Mike Saneholtz, Ryan Miller, Ryan Funchion

CALL TO ORDER

Hardy called the special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hearing no objections or corrections, the minutes from the February 3, 2021 special Parks and Recreation Board meeting were approved as presented.

UPDATE ON THE NAPOLEON AQUATIC CENTER

Cotter reported all the play features, the two large slides, the climbing walls and the diving board have all been put in. Some critical things we do not have that were held up due to the issue of supply chain and delivery times are the windows at the bathhouse and the pump motor starters. The windows were ordered in December and just arrived today. Initially we wanted to open on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 29th but the opening had to be delayed. The pool and lines were painted and then that stretch of cold weather hit. Epoxy paint needs seven to ten days of temperatures averaging in the 70's and that temperature was not reached that week. The pool contractor could not guarantee the paint would not fail if we filled the pool this week. After discussions by Staff, it was felt the best decision was to push the opening to Saturday, June 5th. We have been very pleased with Midwest Contracting on the building side, they were frustrated as well on the delivery of supplies. Astro Pool also experienced some delays on submittals and approvals they needed from the Ohio Department of Health. If things go well in the next day or two, we should be able to fill the pool at the end of the week. The prediction is the weather is not to be very nice this weekend so, maybe it is a blessing in disguise that we had to delay the opening. The pool manager and the assistant manager are working at getting things put together. I am working on hiring concession workers who will be just concession workers. If we have extra lifeguards, we may hire them as concession workers. The City Manager's office will be announcing the itinerary for the grand opening by week's end. The site work was finished and will be seeded this week. The clubhouse is functioning well, the parking lot is in. It has been a challenge but is now coming together. The public will be impressed. The pool will open at 1:00 pm with one hour for dinner from 5:00-6:00 pm and then it will reopen for the evening. We anticipate being open every night except Mondays and Saturdays. Monday evenings there will be in-service training for the lifeguards. We will not do the Saturday evening rentals for the first couple of weeks. Knepley asked if there is specific training for the lifeguards or is it common sense? Cotter said it is a little bit of both. The biggest thing we need to focus on is to make sure there is no horse play and there are not too many on the play equipment at once. The lifeguards used to sit in chairs, now we will have some walking the parameter especially in the zero entry area. The slide will present a different challenge for them. The climbing walls are like diving off a high dive, this is where the guards will have to be cognizant of distressed swimmers. There was not a lot of

activity or people at the old pool. The lifeguards will have to be focused not complacent. The lifeguards are all trained. They are excited and think it will be fun. Funchion asked if there are cameras out there? Cotter said there are. We have cameras inside the bath house, next to the office down the hall, one looking at the pool, one on the backside and one will point over to the Kidz Kingdom/restroom area where we have a lot of vandalism. Providing all goes well, we hope to open on Saturday, June 5th. We have achieved what we wanted by having enough for both the little ones and bigger ones to do. What we have done is to combine a splash pad with a competition pool and a waterpark.

DISCUSSION ON FOURTH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

Cotter reported the fireworks contract with Melrose Pyrotechnics has been signed. As you will recall, last year we had to make a decision and in order to forego the fireworks display we had to pay for half of the display then we could pay the other half for this year's display. The Fourth of July activities will be spread out over four days with a couple extra activities added. On Thursday, July 1st will be the 3-on-3 basketball tournament. The Legion may start their hole-in-one contest on July 1st, we do not have their schedule yet so that is tentative. Friday, July 2nd the Hole-in-One will start for sure on that day. One of the new activities for this year will be a cornhole tournament for youth up to 16 years of age at Glenwood Park. Brad Strickland, the School Resource Officer will be running this. The big wheel race will be on Friday night. The only event held on Saturday, July 3rd will be the triathlon. Most activities will be on Sunday, July 4th with the fireworks being the grand finale at 10:00 pm.

Motion: Knepley Second: Funchion to approve the schedule for the Fourth of July Activities as presented

Roll call vote on the above motion:

Yea-P. Funchion, Hardy, Knepley, Richardson

Yea-4 Nay-0. Motion Passed.

AROUND THE TABLE

KNEPLEY. No items.

HARDY. No items.

FUNCHION. I have items for the Golf Course, the Pool and Oakwood Trail.

Starting with the golf course, there are dead tree limbs especially off of 2. There is a big tree off to the back and by number 3 tee. Cotter – we are aware there are a number of trees. We wanted to get in there this past winter but, it never firmed up for the Electric Department's tree trimmers to go down there with the chipper and minimize damage.

Funchion-Sand in the traps, we need a ton of sand. Cotter-normally Mike will bring sand in. I will talk to him.

Funchion-the clubhouse is beautiful! Will there be small railing going down the front two steps? Don't you think the step edge should be painted yellow? Cotter-I did not know was an issue on the step, have you experienced/been told? Staff has not said anything. Funchion-when it opened up that day, Boxer almost walked off. Cotter-that was prior to the asphalt being put in. Funchion-now they have plants that you can see but, I think you can put yellow paint or tape on the edge.

I take it there are no trail fees this year. Cotter-no trail fees as it pertains to driving a personal golf cart to the golf course or trailer your cart there and you put it on.

Funchion-The new cement is really nice going up 8 and 9 but needs filled in with dirt. Cotter-Mike is aware, he filled in half and needs to fill in the other half.

Every year I bring up the Red, White and Blue. Cotter-it was painted last year. Funchion-have you looked at it this year? Cotter-did it fade away? Funchion-oh yea.

Pool. Will there be lockers in the changing rooms? Cotter-no. Funchion-can some be put on the outside wall for people who bring their kids and have diapers bags, or they have purses, wallets and cell phones they do not want laving around. Cotter-that was considered and did not make the final draft. They do make outdoor lockers, we may look into that.

Walking trail/bike trail in wooded area. Initially there were railroad ties there in different spots that have rotted away and there is rebar standing up that is a hazard. Cotter-I talked to the foreman last week. Tom Ashbaugh who was our trail guy has retired and made sure the foreman is up on the trails. Funchion-that could be a liability.

<u>RICHARDSON</u> – No items.

HAASE – No items.

COTTER - The baseball and softball leagues are going this year. The numbers are down on the girls side. We did not have enough for the Major League that consists of the fifth, sixth and seventh grade. In baseball we did not enough sign up for Junior Little League this year. Senior Little League is now accepting 9 year olds and that was the biggest group in Junior Little League. Those who did not make Senior Little League were brought down to Junior Little League. Because of the ways things are shifting and the way the ages are getting juggled around, I would like to put the youth baseball committee back together at the end of the season and bring the commissioners in to discuss how things are. Do we need to realign the age groups in different leagues so we have the right format? This would be a good time to do that. We just came off a year no one played baseball or softball, don't know if they just lost interest or what. I would like to get together and put a format together we think will work for everyone.

We are try to put the golf program together with the high school golf coach.

The tennis coach will be starting that program.

Our long time foreman, Tom Ashbaugh retired at end of April. Shawn Thompson was promoted into that position and we just hired someone to fill that vacant spot, Scott Jacqua. There were a lot of things staff had to do to get the Aquatic Center open and they are doing a great job and we appreciate it. Staff is up to the challenge.

Hardy asked if we saved money by doing fireworks the way we did? Cotter-I do not know that we saved money. They are not having any supply problems that we are aware of, a lot of shells come from China. The shells are ordered a year in advance so that possibly could impact next year's show.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Function to adjourn the Park and	Recreation Board		Knepley at 6:42 pm.
Roll call vote on the abo Yea-P. Funchion, Hardy Nay- Yea-4, Nay-O. Motion P	. Knepley, Richards	on	
Approved			
August 24, 2021			
	Matt Hardy - Chair		



CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

with the

CITY OF NAPOLEON

TREE COMMISSION

on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 @1:00 PM

at

RITTER PARK



AMP Update for Sept. 17, 2021

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

Fri 9/17/2021 5:18 PM

To: Roxanne Dietrich <rdietrich@napoleonohio.com>



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Sept. 17, 2021

2021 AMP Annual Conference begins next week

By Adam Ward - senior vice president of member services and external affairs

There is still time register for the 2021 AMP Annual Conference! Conference begins on Monday, Sept. 20, and has an agenda full of industry experts and insiders. Click here to register for the in-person or virtual option: 2021 AMP Annual Conference.



Conference will include informative sessions on issues and technologies affecting public power, local government and the electric utility industry in general. Attendees will find the opportunity to learn about trends, changes and new ideas, as well as a way to develop practical programs to benefit customers. All general and concurrent, educational sessions will be livestreamed for those who attend virtually. To see the full agenda of sessions available, click here.

If you have questions about conference or registration, please contact Jodi Allalen at 614.540.0916 or jallalen@amppartners.org. We look forward to seeing you at the AMP Annual Conference!

AMP History Minute: Key turning points in AMP's first 50 years

By Michele Lemmon - manager of public relations and digital media

As American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) marks its 50th anniversary in 2021, we are sharing an AMP History Minute each month to celebrate this milestone. This month, we look at the history of AMP's contractual, regulatory and legislative battles through the years.

AMP's early pioneers had to "litigate, negotiate, claw and scratch any way they could to stay alive," said John Bentine, former AMP senior vice president and general counsel and AMP Wall of Fame honoree. Often those battles occurred because of something an investor-owned utility (IOU) was trying to accomplish.

The first skirmish began even before AMP was formed, when American Electric Power filed in 1969 to acquire Columbus & Southern Power. Seeing an opportunity, AMP and some municipal electric utilities in Ohio intervened. The "1974 agreement" came about because of the intervention in that proposed merger, and AEP agreed to provide AMP and its members with improved interconnections. Later, through additional negotiations, that agreement was expanded to provide system-wide transmission access for AMP members. Just a few short years later, in 1978, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission placed provisions on the licenses for IOU-owned nuclear plants as a result of testimony from AMP member officials. Those provisions included transmission provisions that were favorable to municipal electric utilities.

The 1980s brought the 1983 reorganization of AMP and the Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA), a move that aligned the two organizations with their current, respective, operational and legislative strengths. Soon after that realignment, OMEA faced its first major test with Ohio House Bill 27, a bill that would have prohibited municipal utilities from selling power outside their corporate limits. After the bill passed overwhelmingly in the House, OMEA mounted a strong grassroots fight. The bill was killed in the Senate, marking OMEA's first major legislative win.

The 1990s started off fast with the development of joint ventures after AMP and its members gained access to tax-exempt financing. The first of those, in 1992, was Ohio Municipal Electric Generation Agency Joint Venture 1, a group of diesel units placed in Cuyahoga Falls. In 1999, Ohio Senate Bill 3 opened the state to customer choice, while recognizing Home Rule and tax parity issues. The past 20 years have been marked by continued efforts to protect the public power business model and retain reliable and affordable access to the transmission grid by continuing to negotiate and litigate at federal agencies such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, regional transmission organizations and the courts.

From the 1950s to the 1970s, the number of municipal electric utilities in Ohio and other states dwindled as investor-owned utilities bought out public power utilities. But those that survived did so because they knew that by coming together, by fighting together, by working jointly through AMP, they were - and are - "Stronger Together."

Learn more about AMP's 50 years of history on the <u>AMP 50 Years - Stronger Together webpage</u>, where you can view videos with current and former leaders, read Q&As of interviews and learn more about AMP's history and accomplishments. Also, keep an eye on future editions of *Update* and follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>YouTube</u> for more historical information on the organization.

Student applicants must be attending or planning to attend an accredited vocational institution, lineworker school or two- to four-year college/university within the U.S. and must not be graduating within 12 months of the application deadline. New applications must be initiated at least a week before the deadline. Email DEED@publicpower.org to request login credentials to begin your application through our web-based scholarship application site. Official transcripts as well as the application must be submitted by the application deadline.

You can find more information on DEED's student funding opportunities here. If you would like feedback on a possible request for internship funding, you can me at 614.540.0924 or mpalmer@amppartners.org or Erin Miller at 614.540.1019 or emiller@amppartners.org.

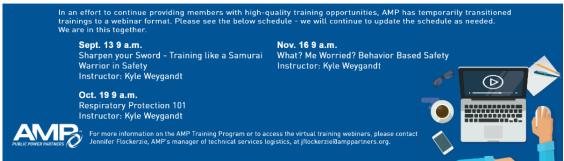
AMP holds virtual safety training course

By Kyle Weygandt - director of member safety

On Sept. 13, AMP held the virtual training course *Sharpen Your Sword - Training Like a Samurai Warrior in Safety*. The session covered the Samurai Code and how to apply its principles in safety. Attendees learned how to identify ways to cut through short cuts, snap decisions and complacency errors that can lead to injuries and accidents.

If you were unable to attend, a video recording has been posted to the <u>Member Extranet</u> (login required) and the AMP YouTube channel (links available to members upon request). If you have any questions, need assistance accessing the Member Extranet or would like the YouTube link, please contact Jennifer Flockerzie at <u>iflockerzie@amppartners.org</u> or 614.540.0853.





Energy market update

By Jerry Willman - assistant vice president of energy marketing

The October 2021 natural gas contract has increased at a substantial rate all week, with increases as large as \$0.293/MMBtu day over day, but decreased yesterday \$0.125/MMBtu to close at \$5.335. The EIA reported an injection of 83 Bcf for the week ending Sept. 10, which was above industry estimates of +76 Bcf. Last year was an injection of 74 Bcf and the five-year average was +70 Bcf. Storage is now 3,006 Bcf, 16.5 percent below a year ago and 7.1 percent below the five-year average.

On-peak power prices for 2022 at AD Hub closed yesterday at \$49.45/MWh, which was \$2.65/MWh higher for the week.

On Peak	(16 hour)	prices into	AEP/Day	/ton	
Week endin MON \$79.29	g Sept. 17 TUE \$68.14	WED \$67.05	THU \$66.20	FRI \$70.80	
Week endin MON \$38.01	g Sept. 10 TUE \$46.84	WED \$43.97	THU \$43.66	FRI \$40.28	
AEP/Dayton 2022 5x16 price as of Sept. 16 — \$49.45 AEP/Dayton 2022 5x16 price as of Sept. 9 — \$46.80					

AFEC weekly update

By Jerry Willman

The AMP Fremont Energy Center (AFEC) plant operated in 2x1 configuration for the week. The plant cleared offline for the day Friday through Wednesday based on PJM day-ahead economics but ran overnight Friday and Wednesday. Duct firing operated for 59 hours this week. For the week, the plant generated at a 64-percent capacity factor (based on 675 MW rating).

Prairie State Power Plant maintains operational excellence

By Alyssa Harre - vice president of external affairs and organizational strategy, PSGC

Throughout the summer of 2021, Prairie State Generating Company's (PSGC) team delivered exceptional operational performance for its owners and the member communities they serve. This excellent performance has increased



generation and reduced cost, ensuring that our rates remain low for the communities who depend on reliable power from the campus.

During two of these summer months, the equivalent availability factor (EAF) was above 99 percent. We have also seen the four best production months since inception this year. In a summer where MISO has sent four maximum generation alerts and six capacity advisories, it is vital that baseload sources of power, like Prairie State, are available to ramp up production and meet the demand of the grid.

Since the beginning of the pandemic last year, energy workers have been considered essential. Our employees provide a service that is necessary for society to function. While other industries began remote work or had brief closures, our team has been showing up to work each day for the past 18 months to continue delivering on the promise to provide this essential power.

"Accountability is one of our team's core values," said Don Gaston, President and CEO of PSGC. "Holding ourselves accountable means setting goals, and doing everything possible to achieve them, while maintaining safety and compliance standards. The entire PSGC team is proud to deliver this excellent performance and sustained reliability on behalf of our member communities."

Apple releases security updates; CISA urges immediate action

By Jared Price - vice president of information technology and chief technology officer



On Sept. 13, Apple released version 14.8 of its iOS operating systems for iPhone and iPad in order to address a vulnerability that hackers were exploiting to take control of an affected device. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) suggests application of the patch on impacted devices immediately.

Update iPhone

To update you iPhone, take the following steps:

- 1. Plug your device into a charger and connect it to the internet using Wi-Fi.
- 2. Tap Settings > General > Software Update.
- Tap "Download" and "Install". If a message asks to temporarily remove apps because iOS
 needs more space for the update, tap "Continue" or "Cancel." Later, iOS will reinstall apps
 that it removed.
- 4. To update immediately, tap "Install." Additionally, you can tap "Later" and choose "Install Tonight" or "Remind Me Later." If you tap "Install Tonight," just plug your iOS device into power before you go to sleep. Your device will update automatically overnight.
- 5. If asked, enter your passcode.

If you see an error or need more space when updating wirelessly

If you need more space for a wireless update, you can update using iTunes or delete content manually from your device. Whether you use iTunes or update wirelessly, you'll have the same amount of free space on your device after you update.

Update iPhone automatically

- 1. If you did not turn on automatic updates when you first set up your iPhone, do the following: Go to Settings > General > Software Update.
- Tap "Customize Automatic Updates" (or "Automatic Updates"). You can choose to automatically download and install updates.
- 3. When an update is available, your iPhone downloads and installs the update overnight while charging and connected to Wi-Fi.

If you have questions about this issue, please contact me at 614.540.0879 or iprice@amppartners.org.

PUCO issues annual Winter Reconnect Order

By Brian Hickman - director of government affairs

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has issued its annual order to Ohio investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities to reconnect or maintain service to customers who have been disconnected or are facing disconnection during the colder months.



While this order does not apply to locally regulated municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives, it is still noteworthy for AMP

and OMEA members. Member utilities are encouraged to take this order and the forthcoming colder weather into consideration and implement or update local policies accordingly. The full PUCO order, along with additional specifics of the provisions described below, can be found here.

Also of note, the PUCO notes their concerns over residential customers who may not have gas or electric service due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The PUCO notes that it is their expectation that utility companies will assist their customers to maintain their heating service. Additionally, the Commission noted that utilities must "err on the side of maintaining service" when there is a doubt as to the applicability or interpretation of any rule.

Under the PUCO program, customers who are disconnected or facing disconnection can have their service restored or maintained if they pay the amount owed or \$175, whichever is less, plus a service reconnection fee of no more than \$36. Participants may use the program once during

the upcoming winter heating season between Oct. 18, 2021, and April 15, 2022. There is no income eligibility requirement, but participants must sign up for a payment plan to cover any remaining past due balance on their utility bill.

Other payment assistance programs with distinct eligibility requirements are available for municipal utilities. The national Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is available to all customers, including those of municipal utilities. The Ohio Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) Plus program is available to participating municipal electric utilities.

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