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**CITY OF BELPRE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

City of Belpre  
Washington County  
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To the City Council:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Belpre, Washington County, Ohio (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the City's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Belpre, Washington County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General and Street Funds thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's Discussion and Analysis*, as listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 14, 2015, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

May 14, 2015

## CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 (UNAUDITED)

The discussion and analysis of the City of Belpre's (the City) financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance.

#### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2014 are as follows:

In total, assets decreased \$1,069,870. Governmental activities decreased \$752,528; the business-type activities experienced a decrease of \$317,342.

In total, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources decreased \$930,763. Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources of governmental activities decreased \$39,247. Total liabilities of business-type activities decreased \$891,516 from 2013.

In total, net position decreased \$139,206. Net position of governmental activities decreased \$713,380, while net position of business-type activities increased \$574,174 from 2013.

#### **Using this Annual Financial Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the City as a financial whole or as an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial conditions.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole City, presenting both an aggregate view of the City's finances and a longer-term view of those assets. Major fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what dollars remain for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the City's most significant funds with all other nonmajor funds presented in total in one column.

#### ***Reporting the City of Belpre as a Whole***

##### *Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities*

While this document contains information about the funds used by the City to provide services to our citizens, the view of the City as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2014?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by private sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the City's net position and the changes in those assets. This change in assets is important because it tells the reader whether, for the City as a whole, the financial position of the City has improved or diminished. However, in evaluating the overall position of the City, nonfinancial information such as the condition of City capital assets will also need to be evaluated.

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In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the City is divided into two kinds of activities:

**Governmental Activities** - Most of the City's services are reported here including police, fire, administration, and all departments with the exception of our sewer and water activities. Effective April 1, 2011, the City began reporting sanitation services in the General Fund.

**Business-Type Activities** - Sewer and water services have charges based upon the amount of usage. The City charges fees to recoup the cost of the entire operations of our Sewer and Water Treatment Plants as well as all depreciation associated with the facilities.

***Reporting the City of Belpre's Most Significant Funds***

***Fund Financial Statements***

The basic governmental fund financial statements begin on page 14. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the City's major funds. Based upon restrictions on the use of monies, the City has established many funds which account for the multitude of services provided to our residents. However, these fund financial statements focus on the City's most significant funds. In the case of the City, our major funds are the General, Street, Sewer, and Water Funds.

***Governmental Funds*** - Most of the City's activities are reported in the governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end available for spending in the future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future on services provided to our residents. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled as part of the financial statements.

***Proprietary Funds*** - When the City charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds use the same basis of accounting as business-type activities; therefore, these statements will essentially match.

***Fiduciary Funds*** - Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the City. They are not reflected on the government-wide financial statements because the resources from those funds are not available to support the City's programs. The accounting method used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for the proprietary funds.

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**The City of Belpre as a Whole**

Recall that the Statement of Net Position looks at the City as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the City's net position for 2014 compared to 2013.

(Table 1)  
Net Position

	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Business Type Activities	Total	Total
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
<b>Assets</b>						
Current and Other Assets	\$ 3,127,276	\$ 3,459,797	\$ 1,232,704	\$ 1,447,404	\$ 4,359,980	\$ 4,907,201
Capital Assets, Net	11,234,042	11,654,049	13,009,328	13,111,970	24,243,370	24,766,019
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>14,361,318</u>	<u>15,113,846</u>	<u>14,242,032</u>	<u>14,559,374</u>	<u>28,603,350</u>	<u>29,673,220</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Current and Other Liabilities	207,567	192,474	194,199	221,862	401,766	414,336
Long-term Liabilities:						
Due Within One Year	197,008	169,103	898,957	1,010,193	1,095,965	1,179,296
Due in More Than One Year	425,408	508,953	1,728,028	2,480,645	2,153,436	2,989,598
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>829,983</u>	<u>870,530</u>	<u>2,821,184</u>	<u>3,712,700</u>	<u>3,651,167</u>	<u>4,583,230</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>						
Property Taxes Levied for The Next Fiscal Year	311,000	309,700	-	-	311,000	309,700
<i>Total Deferred Inflows Of Resources</i>	<u>311,000</u>	<u>309,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>311,000</u>	<u>309,700</u>
<i>Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>1,140,983</u>	<u>1,180,230</u>	<u>2,821,184</u>	<u>3,712,700</u>	<u>3,962,167</u>	<u>4,892,930</u>
<b>Net Position</b>						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	10,697,207	11,026,921	10,393,968	9,634,127	21,091,175	20,661,048
Restricted	435,277	493,832	120,404	135,426	555,681	629,258
Unrestricted	2,087,851	2,412,962	906,476	1,077,121	2,994,327	3,490,083
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$ 13,220,335</u>	<u>\$ 13,933,715</u>	<u>\$ 11,420,848</u>	<u>\$ 10,846,674</u>	<u>\$ 24,641,183</u>	<u>\$ 24,780,389</u>

Total governmental assets decreased \$752,528. The largest decrease was capital assets. Capital assets decreased \$420,007 as a result of depreciation expense exceeding current year additions.

Total governmental liabilities and deferred inflows of resources decreased \$39,247. Long-term liabilities decreased \$55,640 with a capital lease payment of \$138,385, a reduction of \$534 in the police pension payable, and an increase in compensated absences of \$3,488.

For business-type activities, total assets decreased \$317,342. While equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents decreased \$161,920, accounts receivable decreased \$759, materials and supplies inventory increased \$6,033 and capital assets decreased by \$102,642. Total liabilities decreased \$891,516. The most significant decrease was in long-term liabilities, decreasing \$863,853 with a capital lease payment of \$769,653 and other debt payments of \$274,950.

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Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the year ended December 31, 2014, and comparisons to 2013. The general revenues - property taxes and income taxes have been restated to properly reflect the amounts for 2013 in Table 2.

(Table 2)  
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities 2014	Business- Type Activities 2014	Total 2014	Governmental Activities 2013	Business- Type Activities 2013	Total 2013
<b>Revenues</b>						
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
Charges for Services	\$ 1,107,303	\$ 2,550,956	\$ 3,658,259	\$ 1,298,314	\$ 2,486,424	\$ 3,784,738
Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	476,684	-	476,684	426,715	-	426,715
Capital Grants and Contributions	342,248	-	342,248	-	-	-
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<b>1,926,235</b>	<b>2,550,956</b>	<b>4,477,191</b>	<b>1,725,029</b>	<b>2,486,424</b>	<b>4,211,453</b>
<b>General Revenues</b>						
Property Taxes	298,480	-	298,480	321,988	-	321,988
Income Tax	1,281,579	-	1,281,579	1,604,302	-	1,604,302
Franchise Tax	121,963	-	121,963	122,487	-	122,487
Grants and Entitlements	253,795	-	253,795	322,627	-	322,627
Interest	26,766	52	26,818	25,450	48	25,498
Donations	9,831	-	9,831	8,712	-	8,712
Other	90,856	36,669	127,525	25,417	150	25,567
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>2,083,270</b>	<b>36,721</b>	<b>2,119,991</b>	<b>2,430,983</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>2,431,181</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>4,009,505</b>	<b>2,587,677</b>	<b>6,597,182</b>	<b>4,156,012</b>	<b>2,486,622</b>	<b>6,642,634</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>						
General Government	703,875	-	703,875	635,980	-	635,980
Security of Persons and Property:						
Police	1,320,698	-	1,320,698	1,238,158	-	1,238,158
Fire	214,773	-	214,773	259,760	-	259,760
Public Health Services	694,211	-	694,211	717,987	-	717,987
Transportation	1,409,619	-	1,409,619	1,385,032	-	1,385,032
Leisure Time Activities:						
Senior Center	86,985	-	86,985	80,991	-	80,991
Parks	160,178	-	160,178	129,132	-	129,132
Pool	108,715	-	108,715	94,190	-	94,190
Interest and Fiscal Charges	23,831	-	23,831	30,138	-	30,138
Sewer	-	1,279,480	1,279,480	-	1,172,102	1,172,102
Water	-	734,023	734,023	-	696,026	696,026
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>4,722,885</b>	<b>2,013,503</b>	<b>6,736,388</b>	<b>4,571,368</b>	<b>1,868,128</b>	<b>6,439,496</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</b>	<b>(713,380)</b>	<b>574,174</b>	<b>(139,206)</b>	<b>(415,356)</b>	<b>618,494</b>	<b>203,138</b>
<b>Net Position Beginning of Year</b>	<b>13,933,715</b>	<b>10,846,674</b>	<b>24,780,389</b>	<b>14,349,071</b>	<b>10,228,180</b>	<b>24,577,251</b>
<b>Net Position End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 13,220,335</b>	<b>\$ 11,420,848</b>	<b>\$ 24,641,183</b>	<b>\$ 13,933,715</b>	<b>\$ 10,846,674</b>	<b>\$ 24,780,389</b>

## CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 (UNAUDITED)

#### *Governmental Activities*

Several revenue sources fund our governmental activities, with the City income tax being the biggest contributor. The income tax rate is 1.0 percent. General revenues from grants and entitlements, such as local government funds, are also a large revenue generator. The City monitors both of these revenue sources very closely for fluctuations because the income tax and intergovernmental revenue represent 40 percent of all revenues in the governmental activities.

Income tax collections experienced a decrease of \$322,723. The City began using the Regional Income Tax (RITA) for its income tax collection effective January 1, 2013 (see Note 18.C for detail).

The City has worked very hard on increasing our income tax base by being proactive with new businesses and is continuing to strive to provide better service to the taxpayers at the lowest possible cost. The ability of the City to continue to provide quality services without income tax increases rests on City Management's ability to keep costs in line. The level of services provided have put a strain on the City's finances since no increase has occurred in the income tax rates since the enactment of the income tax levy in 1976.

Security of persons and property is a major activity of the City, generating 32% of the governmental expenses. During 2014, expenses for police and fire operations amounted to \$1,320,698 and \$214,773, respectively. These activities are, for the most part, funded by the municipal income tax. The City attempts to supplement the activities of the police department with grants to enable the police department to widen the scope of its activities. The Belpre Volunteer Firefighters, Inc., an entity separate and distinct from the City, has worked hand in hand with the City to help reduce costs to the taxpayer by providing much of the equipment used by the fire department.

Transportation activities of the City accounted for 29% of the governmental expenses. The expenses were related to street maintenance, paving, and patching as well as street lighting.

#### *Business-Type Activities*

The City's business-type activities provide water and sewer services. Effective April 1, 2011, the City began reporting the revenues and expenses associated with sanitation services in the General Fund. The City, itself, does not provide trash pickup, but contracts this service from an outside vendor. The City provides the billing service for trash pickup on the existing utility bills and receives a commission from the vendor for providing this service for them. In July 2010, contracts were signed, commercial billing was audited, and correct rates were put into place. During 2014, program expenses for all water and sewer operations were exceeded by revenues by \$574,174.

The City's water and sewer departments continued to operate with low rates. In April 2012, the minimum water rate increased to \$9.78 from \$9.39 for the first 3,000 gallons of water consumed and the sewer rate increased to \$19.16 from \$18.42. The administration and city council are proud to be able to keep rates below the neighboring water associations and provide a quality product.

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**The City's Funds**

The City's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$3,724,743 and expenditures of \$4,134,059. Revenues decreased \$220,658 and expenditures increased \$150,230 from 2013 levels.

The fund balance of the General Fund decreased \$277,340. Revenues decreased \$276,667 from 2013 levels mainly due to a decrease in intergovernmental revenues of \$122,545, a decrease in income taxes of \$34,778 and a decrease in charges for services of \$170,574. Expenditures increased \$51,408 from 2013 levels mainly in security of persons and properties police expenditures, which increased \$83,626.

The Street Fund did not experience any significant changes from the previous year. The fund balance decreased \$58,912. The decrease in fund balance was mainly due to an increase in transportation expenditures of \$109,869.

During 2014, the Sewer Fund had operating revenues of \$1,513,636 (\$1,498,184 in 2013) and operating expenses of \$1,213,290 (\$1,088,394 in 2013). The Water Fund had operating revenues of \$1,073,989 (\$988,290 in 2013) and operating expenses of \$672,991 (\$618,907 in 2013).

***General Fund Budgeting Highlights***

The City's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. From time to time during the year, the fund's budget may be amended as needs or conditions change.

During the course of 2014, the City's Estimated Revenues did not change. Appropriations were increased \$60,299. Recommendations for any budget changes come from the City Auditor to the Finance Committee of Council for review before going to Council for Ordinance enactment on the change. The allocation of appropriations among objects, except personal services, within a fund may be modified during the year by the City Auditor without an ordinance of Council. With the General Fund supporting many of our major activities such as our police and fire departments, as well as most legislative and executive activities, the General Fund is monitored closely looking for possible revenue shortfalls or over spending by individual departments.

The City's ending unencumbered cash balance in the General Fund was \$1,210,139, \$431,253 above the final budgeted amount. The City received \$271,527 more in revenues than anticipated partly explained by an increase in income taxes. The City also cut actual expenditures by \$159,726, reducing amounts in nearly all appropriated programs.

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**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

(Table 3)  
Capital Assets at December 31, 2014

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Land	\$ 2,727,575	\$ 2,725,175	\$ 242,194	\$ 242,194	\$ 2,969,769	\$ 2,967,369
Construction in Progress	80,000	-	-	-	80,000	-
Buildings and Improvements	2,911,792	2,656,926	454,436	470,066	3,366,228	3,126,992
Machinery and Equipment	390,657	432,622	478,664	279,775	869,321	712,397
Vehicles	373,567	480,040	22,442	23,967	396,009	504,007
Infrastructure:						
City Streets	4,558,813	5,144,372	-	-	4,558,813	5,144,372
Street Signals	191,638	214,914	-	-	191,638	214,914
Sewer System	-	-	6,069,877	6,217,317	6,069,877	6,217,317
Water System	-	-	5,741,715	5,878,651	5,741,715	5,878,651
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 11,234,042</b>	<b>\$ 11,654,049</b>	<b>\$ 13,009,328</b>	<b>\$ 13,111,970</b>	<b>\$ 24,243,370</b>	<b>\$ 24,766,019</b>

The capital assets of the City are reported at historical cost, net of depreciation. The City's major outlays for governmental activities included improvements and equipment of \$32,221 for the parks, \$17,026 for police and fire equipment, \$122,540 for infrastructure and equipment for street, \$13,465 in equipment for the pool and parks, \$36,416 in vehicles for police and \$80,000 construction in progress for the city building HVAC project. During 2014, the City received capital contributions in the governmental activities from a developer for a new fire station. The deed to the old fire station building and land parcel, with a value of \$30,152 net of accumulated depreciation, was transferred to the developer in exchange for a newly constructed fire station building and land parcel valued at \$372,400. The City's major outlays for business-type activities included \$6,000 and \$90,465 for water vehicles and equipment, respectively, and \$176,733 for sewer machinery and equipment.

For additional information on capital assets, see Note 9 to the basic financial statements.

(Table 4)  
Outstanding Debt at December 31, 2014

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Issue II Water Well Loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,824	\$ 37,965	\$ 33,824	\$ 37,965
Ambulance Promissory Note	47,179	77,363	-	-	47,179	77,363
Water Tank Loan	-	-	147,710	200,994	147,710	200,994
Water Lines Loan	-	-	37,262	62,384	37,262	62,384
Issue II Sewer Treatment Plant Loan	-	-	108,597	118,880	108,597	118,880
Capital Leases	411,380	549,765	2,287,967	3,057,620	2,699,347	3,607,385
Lease Purchase	109,975	-	-	-	109,975	-
Police Pension Liability	17,702	18,236	-	-	17,702	18,236
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 586,236</b>	<b>\$ 645,364</b>	<b>\$ 2,615,360</b>	<b>\$ 3,477,843</b>	<b>\$3,201,596</b>	<b>\$4,123,207</b>

## **CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

### **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 (UNAUDITED)**

The City had no bond issues outstanding but had a police pension liability, various loans payable, capital leases payable and a lease purchase agreement at December 31, 2014, totaling \$3,201,596, of which \$1,095,271 is due within one year. The City has two Ohio Public Works Issue II loans outstanding, one for a water well replacement and one for sewer treatment plant improvements. The City also has three long-term loans outstanding for a water tank and water line as well as a promissory note for an ambulance.

For additional information on debt, see Note 12 to the basic financial statements.

#### **Current Financial Related Activities**

In the fall of 2011 Marietta Memorial Health System broke ground on a medical facility in the Farson Street area. They opened the first facility in 2012 and broke ground on another two buildings in 2013. One will include an emergency room. This new facility has brought new jobs, increasing the tax base for the City and customer traffic for current and new businesses. The Farson Street roadway was widened in 2013 to relieve the increased amount of car traffic.

The City is committed to improving the safety of our City by beginning the task of replacing fire hydrants that have been in place for over 50 years. Four hydrants are scheduled for replacement each year beginning in 2011.

Two national retail chains opted for Belpre as the site for new locations in the Mid-Ohio Valley since 2013. City administration is aggressively working with realtors to move businesses into our available locations.

#### **Contacting the City Auditor's Department**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, creditors, and investors with an overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Leslie Pittenger, Belpre City Auditor, 715 Park Drive, Belpre, Ohio 45714, 740-423-7592.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business-type Activities</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets:</b>			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . .	\$ 1,602,801	\$ 984,721	\$ 2,587,522
Cash and cash equivalents in segregated accounts. . . . .	6,127	-	6,127
Cash with escrow agent. . . . .	31,699	-	31,699
Receivables:			
Income taxes. . . . .	679,299	-	679,299
Property taxes . . . . .	339,598	-	339,598
Accounts. . . . .	102,139	226,144	328,283
Intergovernmental . . . . .	321,365	-	321,365
Accrued interest . . . . .	1,898	-	1,898
Materials and supplies inventory. . . . .	16,625	9,439	26,064
Prepayments . . . . .	25,725	12,400	38,125
Capital assets:			
Non-depreciable capital assets, net. . . . .	2,807,575	242,194	3,049,769
Depreciable capital assets, net. . . . .	8,426,467	12,767,134	21,193,601
Total capital assets, net. . . . .	<u>11,234,042</u>	<u>13,009,328</u>	<u>24,243,370</u>
Total assets . . . . .	<u>14,361,318</u>	<u>14,242,032</u>	<u>28,603,350</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable. . . . .	60,917	26,642	87,559
Contracts payable. . . . .	35,416	-	35,416
Accrued wages and benefits payable . . . . .	41,250	13,544	54,794
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	43,027	12,276	55,303
Accrued interest payable . . . . .	96	1,625	1,721
Vacation benefits payable. . . . .	26,861	19,708	46,569
Customer deposits payable . . . . .	-	120,404	120,404
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year . . . . .	197,008	898,957	1,095,965
Due in more than one year. . . . .	425,408	1,728,028	2,153,436
Total liabilities . . . . .	<u>829,983</u>	<u>2,821,184</u>	<u>3,651,167</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>			
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year. . .	311,000	-	311,000
<b>Net position:</b>			
Net investment in capital assets. . . . .	10,697,207	10,393,968	21,091,175
Restricted for:			
Capital projects . . . . .	10,881	-	10,881
Street improvements . . . . .	290,486	-	290,486
Community development programs . . . . .	41,784	-	41,784
Law enforcement . . . . .	10,386	-	10,386
Parks and recreation . . . . .	21,550	-	21,550
Mayor's court. . . . .	34,301	-	34,301
Unclaimed monies . . . . .	25,889	-	25,889
Customer deposits . . . . .	-	120,404	120,404
Unrestricted. . . . .	2,087,851	906,476	2,994,327
Total net position . . . . .	<u>\$ 13,220,335</u>	<u>\$ 11,420,848</u>	<u>\$ 24,641,183</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<b>Program Revenues</b>			
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Charges for Services and Sales</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Capital Grants and Contributions</b>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
General government. . . . .	\$ 703,875	\$ 186,846	\$ 61,244	\$ -
Security of persons and property				
Police. . . . .	1,320,698	97,982	1,050	-
Fire . . . . .	214,773	6,291	-	342,248
Public health and welfare . . . . .	694,211	747,197	-	-
Transportation. . . . .	1,409,619	28,157	408,390	-
Leisure time activities:				
Senior center . . . . .	86,985	-	-	-
Parks . . . . .	160,178	6,768	6,000	-
Pool . . . . .	108,715	34,062	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	23,831	-	-	-
Total governmental activities. . . . .	<u>4,722,885</u>	<u>1,107,303</u>	<u>476,684</u>	<u>342,248</u>
<b>Business-type activities:</b>				
Sewer. . . . .	1,279,480	1,507,727	-	-
Water. . . . .	734,023	1,043,229	-	-
Total business-type activities . . . . .	<u>2,013,503</u>	<u>2,550,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total primary government. . . . .	<u>\$ 6,736,388</u>	<u>\$ 3,658,259</u>	<u>\$ 476,684</u>	<u>\$ 342,248</u>

**General revenues:**

Property taxes levied for general purposes . . . . .	
Income taxes levied for general purposes. . . . .	
Franchise tax . . . . .	
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs . . . . .	
Investment earnings . . . . .	
Donations . . . . .	
Miscellaneous . . . . .	
Total general revenues . . . . .	
Change in net position . . . . .	
<b>Net position at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	
<b>Net position at end of year. . . . .</b>	

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position**

<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business-type Activities</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$ (455,785)	\$ -	\$ (455,785)
(1,221,666)	-	(1,221,666)
133,766	-	133,766
52,986	-	52,986
(973,072)	-	(973,072)
(86,985)	-	(86,985)
(147,410)	-	(147,410)
(74,653)	-	(74,653)
(23,831)	-	(23,831)
<u>(2,796,650)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,796,650)</u>
-	228,247	228,247
-	309,206	309,206
-	537,453	537,453
<u>(2,796,650)</u>	<u>537,453</u>	<u>(2,259,197)</u>
298,480	-	298,480
1,281,579	-	1,281,579
121,963	-	121,963
253,795	-	253,795
26,766	52	26,818
9,831	-	9,831
90,856	36,669	127,525
<u>2,083,270</u>	<u>36,721</u>	<u>2,119,991</u>
(713,380)	574,174	(139,206)
<u>13,933,715</u>	<u>10,846,674</u>	<u>24,780,389</u>
<u>\$ 13,220,335</u>	<u>\$ 11,420,848</u>	<u>\$ 24,641,183</u>

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>General</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . .	\$ 1,291,315	\$ 69,537	\$ 216,060	\$ 1,576,912
Cash and cash equivalents in segregated accounts. . . . .	5,593	-	534	6,127
Cash with escrow agent. . . . .	31,699	-	-	31,699
Receivables:				
Income taxes. . . . .	679,299	-	-	679,299
Property taxes . . . . .	339,598	-	-	339,598
Accounts. . . . .	101,099	-	1,040	102,139
Intergovernmental . . . . .	108,118	140,540	72,707	321,365
Accrued interest . . . . .	1,898	-	-	1,898
Materials and supplies inventory. . . . .	674	15,757	194	16,625
Prepayments . . . . .	18,116	4,958	2,651	25,725
Restricted assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . .	25,889	-	-	25,889
Total assets . . . . .	<u>\$ 2,603,298</u>	<u>\$ 230,792</u>	<u>\$ 293,186</u>	<u>\$ 3,127,276</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable. . . . .	\$ 50,787	\$ 4,777	\$ 5,353	\$ 60,917
Contracts payable. . . . .	2,000	-	33,416	35,416
Accrued wages and benefits payable . . . . .	33,057	7,241	952	41,250
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	36,455	5,428	1,144	43,027
Total liabilities . . . . .	<u>122,299</u>	<u>17,446</u>	<u>40,865</u>	<u>180,610</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>				
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year. . .	311,000	-	-	311,000
Delinquent property tax revenue not available. . .	28,598	-	-	28,598
Income tax revenue not available . . . . .	452,624	-	-	452,624
Other nonexchange transactions. . . . .	77,020	89,744	7,276	174,040
Total deferred inflows of resources . . . . .	<u>869,242</u>	<u>89,744</u>	<u>7,276</u>	<u>966,262</u>
<b>Fund balances:</b>				
Nonspendable . . . . .	18,790	20,715	2,845	42,350
Restricted. . . . .	25,889	102,887	205,656	334,432
Committed . . . . .	-	-	36,544	36,544
Assigned . . . . .	424,547	-	-	424,547
Unassigned . . . . .	1,142,531	-	-	1,142,531
Total fund balances. . . . .	<u>1,611,757</u>	<u>123,602</u>	<u>245,045</u>	<u>1,980,404</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances. . . . .	<u>\$ 2,603,298</u>	<u>\$ 230,792</u>	<u>\$ 293,186</u>	<u>\$ 3,127,276</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO  
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
DECEMBER 31, 2014

<b>Total governmental fund balances</b>		\$	1,980,404
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities on the statement of net position are different because:</i>			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.			11,234,042
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows in the funds.			
Income taxes receivable	\$	452,624	
Real and other taxes receivable		28,598	
Intergovernmental receivable		174,040	
Total		655,262	655,262
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.			(96)
Vacation is accrued on the statement of net position, whereas in the funds, vacation leave expenditures are reported when taken.			(26,861)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.			
Compensated absences		(36,180)	
Police pension liability		(17,702)	
Capital lease payable		(411,380)	
Lease purchase agreement		(109,975)	
Notes payable		(47,179)	
Total		(622,416)	(622,416)
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>		\$	13,220,335

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>General</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Income taxes . . . . .	\$ 1,363,151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,363,151
Property taxes. . . . .	299,913	-	-	299,913
Charges for services. . . . .	916,383	-	34,030	950,413
Licenses and permits . . . . .	146,042	-	-	146,042
Fines and forfeitures . . . . .	87,420	-	10,434	97,854
Intergovernmental. . . . .	220,637	289,853	188,470	698,960
Investment income. . . . .	24,259	2,256	251	26,766
Rental income . . . . .	3,240	-	-	3,240
Contributions and donations. . . . .	9,831	-	6,000	15,831
Other . . . . .	87,616	28,157	6,800	122,573
Total revenues . . . . .	<u>3,158,492</u>	<u>320,266</u>	<u>245,985</u>	<u>3,724,743</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
General government . . . . .	655,164	-	-	655,164
Security of persons and property:				
Police. . . . .	1,251,302	-	600	1,251,902
Fire . . . . .	130,090	-	-	130,090
Public health and welfare. . . . .	696,061	-	-	696,061
Transportation . . . . .	84,616	509,598	141,178	735,392
Leisure time activities:				
Senior center . . . . .	75,001	-	-	75,001
Parks . . . . .	-	-	121,179	121,179
Pool. . . . .	-	-	78,248	78,248
Capital outlay . . . . .	160,636	-	35,725	196,361
Debt service:				
Principal retirement. . . . .	170,827	-	-	170,827
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	23,834	-	-	23,834
Total expenditures . . . . .	<u>3,247,531</u>	<u>509,598</u>	<u>376,930</u>	<u>4,134,059</u>
Excess expenditures over revenues . . . . .	<u>(89,039)</u>	<u>(189,332)</u>	<u>(130,945)</u>	<u>(409,316)</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>				
Sale of capital assets. . . . .	-	420	-	420
Lease purchase transaction. . . . .	111,699	-	-	111,699
Transfers in . . . . .	-	130,000	170,000	300,000
Transfers (out). . . . .	<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(300,000)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses) . . . . .	<u>(188,301)</u>	<u>130,420</u>	<u>170,000</u>	<u>112,119</u>
Net change in fund balances . . . . .	<u>(277,340)</u>	<u>(58,912)</u>	<u>39,055</u>	<u>(297,197)</u>
<b>Fund balances at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	<u>1,889,097</u>	<u>182,514</u>	<u>205,990</u>	<u>2,277,601</u>
<b>Fund balances at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ 1,611,757</u>	<u>\$ 123,602</u>	<u>\$ 245,045</u>	<u>\$ 1,980,404</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

<b>Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds</b>	\$	(297,197)
<i>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:</i>		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.		
However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeds capital outlays in the current period.		
Capital asset additions	\$ 674,068	
Current year depreciation	<u>(1,063,923)</u>	
Total		(389,855)
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position.		
		(30,152)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		
Income taxes	(81,572)	
Property taxes	(1,433)	
Intergovernmental revenues	<u>25,519</u>	
Total		(57,486)
Lease purchase agreements are reported as an other financing source in the governmental funds, however, in the statement of activities, they are not reported as revenues as they increase the liabilities on the statement of net position.		
		(111,699)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.		
		170,827
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding debt, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.		
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
		<u>2,179</u>
<b>Change in net position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u><u>(713,380)</u></u></b>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
 GENERAL FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Income taxes . . . . .	\$ 981,000	\$ 981,000	\$ 1,142,092	\$ 161,092
Real and other taxes. . . . .	296,700	296,700	299,913	3,213
Charges for services. . . . .	885,250	885,250	914,550	29,300
Fees, licenses and permits. . . . .	139,300	139,300	145,913	6,613
Fines and forfeitures . . . . .	85,000	85,000	86,879	1,879
Intergovernmental. . . . .	199,450	199,450	242,526	43,076
Investment income. . . . .	18,000	18,000	22,559	4,559
Rental income . . . . .	2,000	2,000	3,240	1,240
Contributions and donations. . . . .	8,300	8,300	9,831	1,531
Other . . . . .	63,500	63,500	82,524	19,024
Total revenues . . . . .	<u>2,678,500</u>	<u>2,678,500</u>	<u>2,950,027</u>	<u>271,527</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
General government . . . . .	662,545	688,445	652,861	35,584
Security of persons and property:				
Police . . . . .	1,269,778	1,287,277	1,262,182	25,095
Fire . . . . .	147,380	147,380	133,543	13,837
Public health and welfare. . . . .	764,952	768,852	692,112	76,740
Transportation . . . . .	83,000	83,000	84,037	(1,037)
Leisure time activities:				
Senior center. . . . .	80,350	83,350	74,363	8,987
Debt service:				
Principal retirement. . . . .	30,534	30,534	30,718	(184)
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	3,570	3,570	2,866	704
Total expenditures . . . . .	<u>3,042,109</u>	<u>3,092,408</u>	<u>2,932,682</u>	<u>159,726</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures. . . . .	<u>(363,609)</u>	<u>(413,908)</u>	<u>17,345</u>	<u>431,253</u>
<b>Other financing uses:</b>				
Transfers out . . . . .	<u>(290,000)</u>	<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing uses . . . . .	<u>(290,000)</u>	<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances . . . . .	(653,609)	(713,908)	(282,655)	431,253
<b>Fund balances at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	<u>1,492,794</u>	<u>1,492,794</u>	<u>1,492,794</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ 839,185</u>	<u>\$ 778,886</u>	<u>\$ 1,210,139</u>	<u>\$ 431,253</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
 FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)  
 STREET FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			<b>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</b>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Intergovernmental . . . . .	\$ 285,000	\$ 285,000	\$ 286,836	\$ 1,836
Investment income . . . . .	1,800	1,800	2,256	456
Other . . . . .	26,368	26,368	29,237	2,869
Total revenues . . . . .	<u>313,168</u>	<u>313,168</u>	<u>318,329</u>	<u>5,161</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
Transportation . . . . .	<u>525,113</u>	<u>564,413</u>	<u>504,215</u>	<u>60,198</u>
Total expenditures . . . . .	<u>525,113</u>	<u>564,413</u>	<u>504,215</u>	<u>60,198</u>
Excess of expenditures over revenues . . . . .	<u>(211,945)</u>	<u>(251,245)</u>	<u>(185,886)</u>	<u>65,359</u>
<b>Other financing sources:</b>				
Sale of capital assets . . . . .	1,000	1,000	420	(580)
Transfers in . . . . .	<u>120,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources . . . . .	<u>121,000</u>	<u>131,000</u>	<u>130,420</u>	<u>(580)</u>
Net change in fund balances . . . . .	(90,945)	(120,245)	(55,466)	64,779
<b>Fund balances at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	<u>125,003</u>	<u>125,003</u>	<u>125,003</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ 34,058</u>	<u>\$ 4,758</u>	<u>\$ 69,537</u>	<u>\$ 64,779</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
 DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<b>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds</b>			
	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Nonmajor Enterprise</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assets:</b>				
Current assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents . . .	\$ 259,218	\$ 162,241	\$ 442,858	\$ 864,317
Accounts . . . . .	138,332	87,812	-	226,144
Materials and supplies inventory . . . . .	6,920	2,519	-	9,439
Prepayments . . . . .	7,589	4,811	-	12,400
Restricted assets:				
Customer deposits - cash . . . . .	-	120,404	-	120,404
Total current assets . . . . .	<u>412,059</u>	<u>377,787</u>	<u>442,858</u>	<u>1,232,704</u>
Noncurrent assets:				
Capital assets:				
Non-depreciable capital assets . . . . .	70,215	171,979	-	242,194
Depreciable capital assets, net . . . . .	6,603,565	6,163,569	-	12,767,134
Total noncurrent assets . . . . .	<u>6,673,780</u>	<u>6,335,548</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,009,328</u>
Total assets . . . . .	<u>7,085,839</u>	<u>6,713,335</u>	<u>442,858</u>	<u>14,242,032</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable . . . . .	15,961	10,681	-	26,642
Accrued wages and benefits payable . . . . .	9,847	3,697	-	13,544
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	9,067	3,209	-	12,276
Accrued interest payable . . . . .	1,086	539	-	1,625
Compensated absences payable - current . . . . .	347	347	-	694
Vacation benefits payable . . . . .	10,992	8,716	-	19,708
Capital lease obligations payable . . . . .	446,092	356,003	-	802,095
OPWC loans payable . . . . .	10,489	4,224	-	14,713
Loans payable . . . . .	-	81,455	-	81,455
Customer deposits payable from restricted assets . . . . .	-	120,404	-	120,404
Total current liabilities . . . . .	<u>503,881</u>	<u>589,275</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,093,156</u>
Long-term liabilities:				
Compensated absences payable . . . . .	6,400	4,531	-	10,931
Capital lease obligations payable . . . . .	826,381	659,491	-	1,485,872
OPWC loans payable . . . . .	98,108	29,600	-	127,708
Loans payable . . . . .	-	103,517	-	103,517
Total long-term liabilities . . . . .	<u>930,889</u>	<u>797,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,728,028</u>
Total liabilities . . . . .	<u>1,434,770</u>	<u>1,386,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,821,184</u>
<b>Net position:</b>				
Net investment in capital assets . . . . .	5,292,710	5,101,258	-	10,393,968
Restricted for other purposes . . . . .	-	120,404	-	120,404
Unrestricted . . . . .	358,359	105,259	442,858	906,476
Total net position . . . . .	<u>\$ 5,651,069</u>	<u>\$ 5,326,921</u>	<u>\$ 442,858</u>	<u>\$ 11,420,848</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND  
CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<b>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds</b>			
	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Nonmajor Enterprise</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Operating revenues:</b>				
Charges for services . . . . .	\$ 1,507,727	\$ 1,043,229	-	2,550,956
Other operating revenues . . . . .	5,909	30,760	-	36,669
Total operating revenues. . . . .	<u>1,513,636</u>	<u>1,073,989</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,587,625</u>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Personal services . . . . .	474,215	173,492	-	647,707
Contract services. . . . .	431,247	202,616	-	633,863
Materials and supplies. . . . .	105,608	98,939	-	204,547
Depreciation. . . . .	201,941	173,899	-	375,840
Other . . . . .	279	24,045	-	24,324
Total operating expenses. . . . .	<u>1,213,290</u>	<u>672,991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,886,281</u>
Operating income . . . . .	<u>300,346</u>	<u>400,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>701,344</u>
<b>Nonoperating revenues (expenses):</b>				
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	(66,190)	(61,032)	-	(127,222)
Interest income. . . . .	-	52	-	52
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses) . . . . .	<u>(66,190)</u>	<u>(60,980)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(127,170)</u>
Change in net position . . . . .	234,156	340,018	-	574,174
<b>Net position at beginning of year. . . . .</b>	<u>5,416,913</u>	<u>4,986,903</u>	<u>442,858</u>	<u>10,846,674</u>
<b>Net position at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ 5,651,069</u>	<u>\$ 5,326,921</u>	<u>\$ 442,858</u>	<u>\$ 11,420,848</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

**Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds**

	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Nonmajor Enterprise</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>				
Cash received from customers. . . . .	\$ 1,512,667	\$ 1,039,048	\$ -	\$ 2,551,715
Cash received from other operations. . . . .	4,322	28,860	-	33,182
Cash payments for personal services. . . . .	(480,796)	(177,372)	-	(658,168)
Cash payments for contractual services . . . . .	(433,701)	(201,822)	-	(635,523)
Cash payments for materials and supplies . . . . .	(103,344)	(97,047)	-	(200,391)
Cash payments for other expenses . . . . .	(279)	(39,067)	-	(39,346)
Net cash provided by operating activities . . . . .	<u>498,869</u>	<u>552,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,051,469</u>
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>				
Acquisition of capital assets . . . . .	(176,733)	(96,465)	-	(273,198)
Loan proceeds . . . . .	-	196,544	-	196,544
Principal retirement on OPWC loans . . . . .	(10,283)	(4,141)	-	(14,424)
Principal retirement on other loans . . . . .	-	(274,950)	-	(274,950)
Principal retirement on capital leases. . . . .	(428,049)	(341,604)	-	(769,653)
Interest and fiscal charges . . . . .	(66,293)	(61,474)	-	(127,767)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities. . . . .	<u>(681,358)</u>	<u>(582,090)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,263,448)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>				
Sale of investments . . . . .	-	50,000	-	50,000
Interest received . . . . .	-	59	-	59
Net cash provided by investing activities . . . . .	<u>-</u>	<u>50,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,059</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents . . . . .	(182,489)	20,569	-	(161,920)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year . . . . .</b>	<u>441,707</u>	<u>262,076</u>	<u>442,858</u>	<u>1,146,641</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year . . . . .</b>	<u>\$ 259,218</u>	<u>\$ 282,645</u>	<u>\$ 442,858</u>	<u>\$ 984,721</u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>				
Operating income . . . . .	\$ 300,346	\$ 400,998	\$ -	\$ 701,344
Adjustments:				
Depreciation. . . . .	201,941	173,899	-	375,840
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Decrease in materials and supplies inventory . . . . .	552	468	-	1,020
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable. . . . .	4,940	(4,181)	-	759
Decrease in prepayments . . . . .	544	450	-	994
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable . . . . .	(273)	75	-	(198)
Increase in accrued wages and benefits . . . . .	1,474	662	-	2,136
(Decrease) in intergovernmental payable. . . . .	(2,702)	(752)	-	(3,454)
(Decrease) in compensated absences payable . . . . .	(1,040)	(330)	-	(1,370)
(Decrease) in vacation benefits payable . . . . .	(6,913)	(3,667)	-	(10,580)
(Decrease) in customer deposits . . . . .	-	(15,022)	-	(15,022)
Net cash provided by operating activities . . . . .	<u>\$ 498,869</u>	<u>\$ 552,600</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,051,469</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	<u>Agency</u>
<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents in segregated accounts. . . . .	\$ 2,570
Total assets . . . . .	<u>\$ 2,570</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Intergovernmental payable . . . . .	\$ 2,570
Total liabilities. . . . .	<u>\$ 2,570</u>

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## CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO

### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### **NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY AND REPORTING ENTITY**

The City of Belpre (the “City”) is a home-rule municipal corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio. The City is organized as a Mayor/Council form of government. Located in the southern part of Washington County, Belpre became a city in 1961. The Mayor, Auditor, Treasurer, and Law Director, all with four year terms, and an eight member Council, with two year terms, are elected. Department directors and public members of various boards and commissions are appointed by the Mayor.

##### ***Reporting Entity***

A reporting entity consists of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure that financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the City consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the City. For the City of Belpre, this includes various services including police protection, recreation (including parks), planning and zoning, street maintenance and repair, sanitation, water and sewer, and general administrative services. The operation of each of these activities is directly controlled by Council through the budgetary process.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. The City is financially accountable for an organization if the City appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing board; and (1) the City is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the City is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization’s resources; the City is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to the organization; or the City is obligated for the debt of the organizations. Component units may also include organizations for which the City authorizes the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes, or determines the budget. There are no component units included as part of this report.

The City participates in the Community Action Program Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties, Ohio, and the Wood, Washington, Wirt Planning Commission and the Regional Income Tax Agency, which are defined as jointly governed organizations. Additional information concerning the jointly governed organizations is presented in Note 18.

#### **NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial principles. The more significant of the City’s accounting policies are described below.

##### **A. Basis of Presentation**

The City’s basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014  
(Continued)

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

***Government-wide Financial Statements***-The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the City as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the City that are governmental and those that are considered business-type.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the City at year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the City's governmental activities and for business-type activities of the City. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants, and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the City, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental program or business activity is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the City.

***Fund Financial Statements***-During the year, the City segregates transactions related to certain City functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the City at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The City uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self balancing set of accounts. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

***Governmental Funds***-Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the City are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the City's major governmental funds:

***General Fund*** - The General Fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

***Street Fund*** - The Street Fund is used to account for the portion of the State gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration fees restricted for maintenance of streets within the City.

## CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO

### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 (Continued)

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

Other governmental funds of the City are used to account for (a) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets, (b) specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to an expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects and (c) financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

**Proprietary Funds** - Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise or internal service. The City's proprietary funds are all classified as enterprise funds. Enterprise funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. The following are the City's major enterprise funds:

**Sewer Fund** - The Sewer Fund is used to account for the revenues generated from the charges for sanitary sewer services provided to the residential and commercial users of the City.

**Water Fund** - The Water Fund is used to account for the revenues generated from the charges for distribution of water to the residential and commercial users of the City.

**Fiduciary Funds** - Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. There are four categories of fiduciary funds; pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the City under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the City's own programs. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The City's only fiduciary funds are agency funds. The City's agency funds account for payroll activity, pass-thru activity, and mayor's court collections that are distributed to various local governments.

#### C. Measurement Focus

**Government-wide Financial Statements** - The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the City are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities accounts for increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenditures) in total net position.

**Fund Financial Statements** - All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Therefore, governmental fund financial statements include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(Continued)

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of fund net position. The statement of changes in revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the City finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

**D. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting; proprietary and fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of deferred inflows and outflows of resources, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

**Revenues - Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions-** Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the City, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year end.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the City receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include income taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned (see Note 8). Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied (see Note 8). Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied (see Note 8). Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the City must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the City on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from a nonexchange transaction must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year end: municipal income taxes, hotel taxes, charges for services, state-levied locally shared taxes (including gasoline tax and motor vehicle license fees), interest, grants, fees, and rentals.

**Deferred Inflows of Resources and Deferred Outflows of Resources-**A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position by the City that is applicable to a future reporting period. A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position by the City that is applicable to a future reporting period.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2014, but which were levied to finance year 2015 operations, and other revenues received in advance of the year for which they were intended to finance, have been recorded as deferred inflows of resources. Income taxes and special assessments not received within the available period, grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met, and delinquent property taxes due at December 31, 2014, are recorded as deferred inflows of resources in governmental funds.

On governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period have been reported as a deferred inflow of resources.

*Expenses/Expenditures* - On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

**E. Budget Process**

All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount Council may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is Council's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by Council. The legal level of control has been established by Council at the department level and, within each, at the personal services and other operating level within each fund.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the City Auditor. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were adopted by Council.

The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the first appropriation resolution for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by Council during the year.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014  
(Continued)**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**F. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

To improve cash management, cash received by the City is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool, except for an investment of the Water Enterprise Fund which is invested separately and cash in segregated accounts. Individual fund integrity is maintained through City records. Interest in the pool is presented as “equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents”.

During 2014, investments were limited to non-negotiable certificates of deposit, which are reported at cost.

Following the Codified Ordinances of the City as well as Ohio statutes, the City has, by resolution, specified the funds to receive an allocation of interest earnings. Interest is distributed to the General Fund and Street and State Highway Special Revenue Funds. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during 2014 amounted to \$24,259, which includes \$11,583 assigned from other City funds.

Investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and investments of the cash management pool are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents.

**G. Inventory**

Inventories of all funds are stated at cost which is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory in governmental funds consists of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost of inventory items is recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types and as expenses in the proprietary fund type.

**H. Prepaid Items**

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2014, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method by recording a current asset for the prepaid amount at the time of purchase and reflecting the expenditure/expense in the year in which the services are consumed.

**I. Restricted Assets**

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Restricted assets in the enterprise funds represent cash and cash equivalents set aside for repayment of deposits to utility customers. Unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the City are reported as restricted in the General Fund.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014  
(Continued)

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**J. Capital Assets**

General capital assets are capital assets which are associated with and generally arise from governmental activities. They generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. General capital assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the enterprise funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position and in the respective funds.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The City was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of infrastructure by backtrending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the infrastructure to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market value as of the date received. The City maintains a capitalization threshold of one thousand dollars. The City’s infrastructure consists of City streets, street signs, traffic signals, and water and sewer systems. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset’s life are not. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

All capital assets are depreciated, except for land and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the City’s historical records of necessary improvements and replacement. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives	Business-Type Activities Estimated Lives
Buildings and Improvements	20 - 50 years	20 - 50 years
Machinery and Equipment	5 - 20 years	5 - 20 years
Vehicles	8 years	8 years
Infrastructure	30 years	50 - 65 years

The City’s infrastructure consists of City streets, street signs, traffic signals, and water and sewer systems and includes infrastructure acquired prior to December 31, 1980.

**K. Compensated Absences**

Vacation benefits are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees’ rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The liability for vacation benefits is recorded as “vacation benefits payable”. The balances are to be used by employees in the year following the year in which the benefit was earned.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those that the City has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future. The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employee wage rates at year end taking into consideration any limits specified in the City's termination policy. The City records a liability for accumulated unused sick leave for all employees after ten year years of service.

**L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported on the proprietary fund financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, and special termination benefits that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Long-term loans, lease purchase agreements and capital leases are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

**M. Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

*Nonspendable* - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of loans receivable in the general fund.

*Restricted* - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Committed* - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (ordinance) of City Council (the highest level of decision making authority). Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless City Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(Continued)**

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

*Assigned* - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the City for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted nor committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of City Council, which includes giving the City Auditor the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.

*Unassigned* - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The City applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

**N. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

The City applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

**O. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the City, these revenues are charges for services for sewer and water utility services. Operating expenses are necessary costs that have been incurred in order to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the fund. Revenues and expenses not meeting the definition are reported as non-operating.

**P. Contributions of Capital**

Contributions of capital in the governmental activities and the proprietary fund financial statements can arise from outside contributions of capital assets, tap-in fees to the extent they exceed the cost of the connection to the system, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction. During 2014, the City received capital contributions in the governmental activities from a developer in the amount of \$342,248 in a transaction in which the deed to the old fire station building and land parcel, with a value of \$30,152 net of accumulated depreciation, was transferred to the developer in exchange for a newly constructed fire station building and land parcel valued at \$372,400.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**Q. Internal Activity**

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues. Transfers between governmental activities are eliminated. Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one program to another or within the same program are eliminated on the Statement of Activities. Payments of interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

**R. Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 3-ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE**

**Change in Accounting Principles**

For 2014, the City has implemented GASB Statement No. 69, "Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations" and GASB Statement No. 70, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees".

GASB Statement No. 69 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards related to government combinations and disposals of government operations. The Statement improves the decision usefulness of financial reporting by requiring that disclosures be made by governments about combination arrangements in which they engage and for disposals of government operations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 69 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

GASB Statement No. 70 improves the recognition, measurement, and disclosures for state and local governments that have extended or received financial guarantees that are nonexchange transactions. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 70 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

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**NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

While reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts and disbursements.

The statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the General Fund and Street Fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Revenues and other financing sources are recorded when received in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP basis);
- (b) Expenditures and other financing uses are recorded when paid in cash (budget basis) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP basis);
- (c) In order to determine compliance with Ohio law, and to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, total outstanding encumbrances (budget basis) are recorded as the equivalent of an expenditure, as opposed to assigned or committed fund balance for that portion of outstanding encumbrances not already recognized as an account payable (GAAP basis);
- (d) Advances-in and advances-out are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis);
- (e) Investments are reported at fair value (GAAP basis) rather than cost (budget basis); and,
- (f) Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements (as reported in the fund financial statements) to the budgetary basis statements for the General Fund and Street Fund:

**Net Change in Fund Balance**

	General Fund	Street Fund
Budget basis	\$ (282,655)	\$ (55,466)
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(46,027)	1,937
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(75,148)	(5,383)
Net adjustment for other financing sources/(uses)	111,699	-
Net adjustment for fund reclassification	14,791	-
GAAP basis	\$ (277,340)	\$ (58,912)

Certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue and capital projects funds are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis.

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**NOTE 5 - FUND BALANCES**

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

<u>Fund balance</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Nonspendable:				
Materials and supplies inventory	\$ 674	\$ 15,757	\$ 194	\$ 16,625
Prepays	<u>18,116</u>	<u>4,958</u>	<u>2,651</u>	<u>25,725</u>
Total nonspendable	<u>18,790</u>	<u>20,715</u>	<u>2,845</u>	<u>42,350</u>
Restricted:				
Street improvements	-	102,887	88,646	191,533
Community development	-	-	41,784	41,784
Law enforcement	-	-	10,386	10,386
Pool improvements	-	-	6,676	6,676
Parks and recreation	-	-	19,658	19,658
Mayor's Court	-	-	34,301	34,301
Unclaimed monies	25,889	-	-	25,889
Issue II improvements	-	-	4,205	4,205
Total restricted	<u>25,889</u>	<u>102,887</u>	<u>205,656</u>	<u>334,432</u>
Committed:				
Swimming pool operations	-	-	36,544	36,544
Total committed	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,544</u>	<u>36,544</u>
Assigned:				
Subsequent year appropriations	<u>424,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>424,547</u>
Total assigned	<u>424,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>424,547</u>
Unassigned	<u>1,142,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,142,531</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 1,611,757</u>	<u>\$ 123,602</u>	<u>\$ 245,045</u>	<u>\$ 1,980,404</u>

**NOTE 6 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

State statutes classify monies held by the City into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demands on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the City treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits that Council has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

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**NOTE 6 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)**

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of the City's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the City Auditor by the financial institution or by a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items 1 or 2 above;
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio); and,
8. Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time.

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**NOTE 6 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)**

The City may also invest any monies not required to be used for a period of six months or more in the following:

1. Bonds of the State of Ohio;
2. Bonds of any municipal corporation, village, county, township, or other political subdivision of this State, as to which there is no default of principal, interest or coupons; and,
3. Obligations of the City.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. Historically, the City has not purchased these types of investments or issued these types of notes. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the City, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

**Deposits**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, the carrying amount of the City's deposits was \$2,596,219 and the bank balance was \$2,719,606. Of the bank balance, \$508,697 was covered by Federal depository insurance; \$2,210,909 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, non-compliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the City to a successful claim by the FDIC.

The City has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the City or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred five percent of the deposits being secured.

**Cash with Escrow Agent**

At December 31, 2014, the City had \$31,699 held in escrow for the City building HVAC project that was financed through a lease-purchase agreement (see Note 11 for detail). Funds are held in escrow and disbursed directly to the vendors when payment is due.

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**NOTE 7 - INTERFUND ACTIVITY**

Interfund transfers during 2014 consisted of the following:

<u>Transfers to</u>	<u>Transfers from General</u>
Street Fund	\$ 130,000
Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	170,000
Total Transfers	<u>\$ 300,000</u>

Generally, transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that Statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that Statute or budget requires to expend them; to move unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations; and to segregate money for anticipated capital projects.

The transfers from the General Fund to the Street Fund and the Parks and Recreation and Swimming Pool nonmajor Special Revenue Funds were made to supplement any revenue shortfalls.

Internal fund balances between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements; therefore no internal balances at December 31, 2014 are reported on the statement of net position. All transfers were made in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

**NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at December 31, 2014, consisted of municipal income tax, property taxes, interest, accounts (billings for user charged services including unbilled utility services), and intergovernmental receivables arising from entitlements and shared revenues. No allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded because uncollectible amounts are expected to be insignificant. All receivables, except property and income taxes, are expected to be received within one year. Property and income taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year.

**A. Property Taxes**

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the City. Taxes collected from real property taxes (other than public utility) in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on the assessed value as of January 1 of that preceding year, the lien date. Assessed values are established by the County Auditor at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be revaluated every six years. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

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**NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES - (Continued)**

Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year, the lien date. Public utility tangible personal property is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2014 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 2013, are levied after October 1, 2014, and are collected in 2015 with real property taxes. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County, including the City of Belpre. The County Auditor periodically remits to the City its portion of the taxes collected. Property taxes receivable represents real property taxes, public utility taxes, delinquent tangible personal property taxes and other outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2014 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds, the current portion receivable has been offset by unearned revenue since the current taxes were not levied to finance 2014 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes has been offset by deferred inflows of resources since the collection of the taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On a full accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue while on a modified accrual basis the revenue is reported as a deferred inflow of resources.

The full tax rate for all City operations for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$3.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real and public utility property upon which 2014 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

Real Property	\$ 103,786,550
Public Utility Tangible Property	<u>4,144,690</u>
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$ 107,931,240</u>

**B. Income Taxes**

The City levies a municipal income tax of one percent on substantially all earned income arising from employment or business activities within the City as well as income of residents earned outside of the City.

Employers within the City are required to withhold income tax on employee compensation and remit the tax to the City either monthly or quarterly, as required. Corporations and other individual taxpayers are required to pay their estimated tax quarterly and file a declaration annually. Income tax proceeds are distributed to the General Fund.

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**NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES - (Continued)**

**C. Intergovernmental Receivables**

A summary of intergovernmental receivables follows:

<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<u>Amounts</u>
Local Government	\$83,018
Gasoline and Excise Tax	125,621
Motor Vehicle License Tax	26,314
Rollback and Homestead	25,100
Permissive Tax	4,068
CHIP	18,816
CDBG	38,428
	<u>\$321,365</u>

**NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2014, was as follows:

<b>Governmental Activities:</b>	<u>Balance 12/31/13</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/14</u>
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,725,175	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ 2,727,575
Construction in Progress	-	80,000	-	80,000
Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated	<u>2,725,175</u>	<u>82,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,807,575</u>
Capital Assets being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	4,480,259	393,661	(62,802)	4,811,118
Machinery and Equipment	1,098,366	49,591	-	1,147,957
Vehicles	2,232,661	36,416	-	2,269,077
City Streets	21,151,638	112,000	-	21,263,638
Street Signals	698,289	-	-	698,289
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated	<u>29,661,213</u>	<u>591,668</u>	<u>(62,802)</u>	<u>30,190,079</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Improvements	(1,823,333)	(108,643)	32,650	(1,899,326)
Machinery and Equipment	(665,744)	(91,556)	-	(757,300)
Vehicles	(1,752,621)	(142,889)	-	(1,895,510)
City Streets	(16,007,266)	(697,559)	-	(16,704,825)
Street Signals	(483,375)	(23,276)	-	(506,651)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(20,732,339)</u>	<u>(1,063,923)</u>	<u>32,650</u>	<u>(21,763,612)</u>
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, Net	<u>8,928,874</u>	<u>(472,255)</u>	<u>(30,152)</u>	<u>8,426,467</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 11,654,049</u>	<u>\$ (389,855)</u>	<u>\$ (30,152)</u>	<u>\$ 11,234,042</u>

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**NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS - (Continued)**

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental programs as follows:

General Government	\$50,756
Security of Persons and Property:	
Police	65,037
Fire	86,049
Transportation	781,239
Leisure Time Activities:	
Senior Center	11,984
Parks	38,391
Pool	30,467
<u>Total Depreciation Expense</u>	<u>\$1,063,923</u>

Business-type activity for the year ended December 31, 2014, was as follows:

	Balance 12/31/13	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/14
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 242,194	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,194
Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated	242,194	-	-	242,194
Capital Assets being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	761,774	-	-	761,774
Machinery and Equipment	1,303,465	267,198	-	1,570,663
Vehicles	123,610	6,000	-	129,610
Infrastructure	16,757,363	-	-	16,757,363
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated	18,946,212	273,198	-	19,219,410
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Improvements	(291,708)	(15,630)	-	(307,338)
Machinery and Equipment	(1,023,690)	(68,309)	-	(1,091,999)
Vehicles	(99,643)	(7,525)	-	(107,168)
Infrastructure	(4,661,395)	(284,376)	-	(4,945,771)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(6,076,436)	(375,840)	-	(6,452,276)
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, Net	12,869,776	(102,642)	-	12,767,134
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 13,111,970	\$ (102,642)	\$ -	\$ 13,009,328

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**NOTE 10 - CAPITAL LEASES - LESSEE DISCLOSURE**

In previous years, the City entered into a capitalized lease for energy and pool improvements. Capital lease payments are reflected as debt service expenditures on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the governmental funds. The City made principal payments during 2014 of \$769,653 in the governmental activities and \$138,385 in the business-type activities.

The assets constructed through the capital lease are as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>
Property under Capital Lease	\$1,337,675	\$7,503,557
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(179,317)</u>	<u>(917,741)</u>
Total at December 31, 2014	<u>\$1,158,358</u>	<u>\$6,585,816</u>

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the capital leases and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2014:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	\$ 159,065	\$ 884,670	\$ 1,043,735
2016	159,065	884,670	1,043,735
2017	<u>119,299</u>	<u>663,503</u>	<u>782,802</u>
Total Minimum Lease Payments	437,429	2,432,843	2,870,272
Less: Amount Representing Interest	<u>(26,049)</u>	<u>(144,876)</u>	<u>(170,925)</u>
Present Value of Net Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 411,380</u>	<u>\$ 2,287,967</u>	<u>\$ 2,699,347</u>

**NOTE 11 - LEASE PURCHASE OBLIGATION - LESSEE DISCLOSURE**

During 2014, the City entered into a lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$111,699 to finance HVAC improvements to the City building. Funds are held in escrow and disbursed directly to the vendors when payment is due. During 2014, \$80,000 was released to vendors and at December 31, 2014, \$31,699 was held in escrow. Capital assets of \$80,000 has been reported in construction in progress of the governmental activities at December 31, 2014.

Lease purchase payments are reflected as debt service expenditures on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the governmental funds. The City made principal payments during 2014 of \$1,724 in the governmental activities.

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**NOTE 11 - LEASE PURCHASE OBLIGATION - LESSEE DISCLOSURE - (Continued)**

The following is a schedule of the future long-term minimum lease payments required under the lease purchase agreement and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2014:

Year Ending December 31,	Governmental Activities
2015	\$ 24,137
2016	24,137
2017	24,137
2018	24,137
2019	22,125
Total Minimum Lease Payments	118,673
Less: Amount Representing Interest	(8,698)
Present Value of Net Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 109,975</u>

**NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

A schedule of changes in long-term obligations of the City during 2014 follows:

	Principal Outstanding 12/31/13	Additions	Retirements	Principal Outstanding 12/31/14	Amounts Due in One Year
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
Capital Lease - 4.15%	\$ 549,765	\$ -	\$ (138,385)	\$ 411,380	\$ 144,218
Lease Purchase - 3.087%	-	111,699	(1,724)	109,975	21,038
Ambulance Loan - 3.25%	77,363	-	(30,184)	47,179	31,194
Police Pension	18,236	-	(534)	17,702	558
Compensated Absences	32,692	36,180	(32,692)	36,180	-
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 678,056</u>	<u>\$ 147,879</u>	<u>\$ (203,519)</u>	<u>\$ 622,416</u>	<u>\$ 197,008</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>					
OPWC Loans:					
Water Well - 2%	\$ 37,965	\$ -	\$ (4,141)	\$ 33,824	\$ 4,224
Wastewater Treatment Plant - 2%	118,880	-	(10,283)	108,597	10,489
Total OPWC Loans	<u>156,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,424)</u>	<u>142,421</u>	<u>14,713</u>
Other Loans:					
Water Lines Loan - 3.75%	62,384	-	(25,122)	37,262	26,094
Water Tank Loan, 2003 - 4.52%	200,994	-	(200,994)	-	-
Water Tank Loan, 2014 - 3.99%	-	196,544	(48,834)	147,710	55,361
Total Other Loans	<u>263,378</u>	<u>196,544</u>	<u>(274,950)</u>	<u>184,972</u>	<u>81,455</u>
Capital Lease	3,057,620	-	(769,653)	2,287,967	802,095
Compensated Absences	12,995	11,625	(12,995)	11,625	694
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>\$ 3,490,838</u>	<u>\$ 208,169</u>	<u>\$ (1,072,022)</u>	<u>\$ 2,626,985</u>	<u>\$ 898,957</u>

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**NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

The police pension is paid from general property tax revenues from the General Fund. The police pension liability payments are reflected as program expenditures in the General Fund budgetary statement and principal and interest in the fund financial statements. Capital leases will be paid with energy savings from the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds. The lease purchase agreement will be paid from the General Fund. Compensated absences for sick leave liabilities will be paid from the General Fund, Street Special Revenue Fund, and Sewer and Water Enterprise Funds.

On June 20, 2012, the City was approved for a \$120,812 loan to finance the purchase of a new ambulance. The loan matures on June, 20, 2016.

The final draw on the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) water well loan was received on September 18, 2000. The full amount of the loan was \$80,103 and was used for improvements to the water well. Charges for services in the Water Enterprise Fund will repay this obligation. The OPWC loan matures in 2024.

The final draw on the OPWC wastewater treatment plant loan was received in 2003. The full amount of the loan was \$207,000. On November 18, 1999, the City was approved for a \$1,023,600 loan for its portion of the Issue II treatment plant project. Since the treatment plant improvements were completed under budget, the City did not borrow the full amount of the approved loan. The amount borrowed was \$850,444. Charges for services in the Sewer Enterprise Fund will repay these obligations.

On May 23, 2012, the City was approved for a \$100,250 loan to finance installation of new water lines. Charges for services in the Water Enterprise Fund will repay this obligation. The loan matures on May 23, 2016.

On July 10, 2003, the City was approved for an \$850,000 loan to construct a new water storage tank. The first draws on the loan were not made until 2004. Since the project was completed under budget, the City did not borrow the full amount of the approved loan. The amount borrowed was \$646,484. In January 2014 the loan matured and a new loan in the amount of \$196,544 was issued, maturing on July 21, 2017. Charges for services in the Water Enterprise Fund will repay this obligation.

The City's overall legal debt margin was \$11,332,780 at December 31, 2014.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the ambulance loan at December 31, 2014, are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	\$ 31,194	\$ 1,086	\$ 32,280
2016	<u>15,985</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>16,140</u>
	<u>\$ 47,179</u>	<u>\$ 1,241</u>	<u>\$ 48,420</u>

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**NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)**

Principal and interest requirements to retire the police pension liability at December 31, 2014, are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	\$ 558	\$ 747	\$ 1,305
2016	582	723	1,305
2017	606	699	1,305
2018	632	673	1,305
2019	658	647	1,305
2020 - 2024	3,732	2,793	6,525
2025 - 2029	4,589	1,936	6,525
2030 - 2034	5,643	882	6,525
2035	702	-	702
	<u>\$ 17,702</u>	<u>\$ 9,100</u>	<u>\$ 26,802</u>

Principal and interest requirements to retire the OPWC loans at December 31, 2014, are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	\$ 14,713	\$ 2,775	\$ 17,488
2016	15,008	2,480	17,488
2017	15,310	2,178	17,488
2018	15,618	1,871	17,489
2019	15,931	1,557	17,488
2020 - 2024	65,841	3,103	68,944
	<u>\$ 142,421</u>	<u>\$ 13,964</u>	<u>\$ 156,385</u>

Principal and interest requirements to retire the water lines and water tank loans at December 31, 2014, are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Water Lines Loan</u>			<u>Water Tank Loan</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	\$ 26,094	\$ 965	\$ 27,059	\$ 55,361	\$ 4,955	\$ 60,316
2016	11,168	106	11,274	57,633	2,683	60,316
2017	-	-	-	34,716	468	35,184
	<u>\$ 37,262</u>	<u>\$ 1,071</u>	<u>\$ 38,333</u>	<u>\$ 147,710</u>	<u>\$ 8,106</u>	<u>\$ 155,816</u>

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**NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During 2014, the City contracted with Argonaut Insurance Group, Inc.

There were no significant reductions in coverage from prior years and claims have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the last three years. The various types of coverages, limits, and deductibles are as follows:

Type of Coverage	Limit	Aggregate	Deductible
<b>Property:</b>			
Blanket Building and Contents	\$24,482,794		\$0
<b>Liability:</b>			
General	1,000,000 per Occurrence	\$3,000,000	0
Products - Completed Operations	1,000,000 per Occurrence	3,000,000	0
Personal & Advertising Injury	1,000,000 per Occurrence	1,000,000	0
Damage to Rented Premises	100,000		0
Law Enforcement	1,000,000 per Occurrence	3,000,000	2,500
<b>Vehicle:</b>			
Liability	1,000,000		0
Medical Expense	5,000		0

The City pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium for employee injury coverage based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

**NOTE 14 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

**A. Insurance**

The City provides life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for the union employees. The insurance is provided through the AFSCME Care Plan for AFSCME union members and through United Commercial Travelers for police personnel.

The City provides comprehensive major medical insurance for full time employees, other than police, through Medical Mutual and for police through the United Food & Commercial Worker's Union. The City pays 80% of the total monthly premium for the first plan and 94% of the monthly premium for the second plan. Premiums are paid from the same funds that pay the employees' salaries.

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**NOTE 14 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - (Continued)**

**B. Compensated Absences**

The criteria for determining vested sick leave are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Upon retirement, all employees with ten or more years of service with the City are paid twenty-five percent of their sick leave up to a maximum of 240 hours; however, union employees under the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees with twenty or more years of service are paid twenty-five percent of their sick leave up to a maximum of 300 hours. Upon voluntary termination, death, or retirement, all employees will receive 100% of vacation earned for the current year and not previously taken.

**NOTE 15 - PENSION PLANS**

**A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

Plan Description - The City participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Member-Directed Plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings. The Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the Combined Plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>, writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For 2014, member and employer contribution rates were consistent across all three plans. The 2014 member contribution rates were 10.00% for members. The City's contribution rate for 2014 was 14.00% of covered payroll.

The City's contribution rate for pension benefits for members in the Traditional Plan and Combined Plan for 2014 was 12.00%. The City's required contributions for pension obligations to the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$157,369, \$159,996, and \$121,533, respectively; 97.55% has been contributed for 2014 and 100% has been contributed for 2013 and 2012. The remaining 2014 pension liability has been reported as an intergovernmental payable on the basic financial statements.

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**NOTE 15 - PENSION PLANS - (Continued)**

**B. Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund**

Plan Description - The City contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. OP&F provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the OP&F, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164 or by visiting the website at [www.op-f.org](http://www.op-f.org).

Funding Policy - From January 1, 2014 through July 1, 2014, plan members were required to contribute 10.75% of their annual covered salary. From July 2, 2014 through December 31, 2014, plan members were required to contribute 11.50% of their annual covered salary. Throughout 2014, the City was required to contribute 19.50% and 24.00% for police officers and firefighters, respectively. Contribution rates are established by State statute.

For 2014, the portion of the City's contributions to fund pension obligations was 19.00% for police officers and 23.50% for firefighters. The City's required contributions for pension obligations to OP&F for police officers and firefighters were \$98,373 and \$0 for the year ended December 31, 2014, \$79,982 and \$2,902 for the year ended December 31, 2013, and \$61,054 and \$5,708, for the year ended December 31, 2012. 100% has been contributed for 2013 and 2012. 96.09% has been contributed for police for 2014. The remaining 2014 pension liability has been reported as an intergovernmental payable on the basic financial statements.

**NOTE 16 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS**

**A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

Plan Description - OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

To qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have ten years or more of qualifying Ohio service credit. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the healthcare plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report which may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>, writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377.

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**NOTE 16 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS - (Continued)**

Funding Policy - The post-employment healthcare plan was established under, and is administered in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code Section 401(h). State statute requires that public employers fund post-employment healthcare through contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to the Traditional or Combined Plans is set aside for the funding of post-employment health care.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active employees. In 2014, local government employers contributed 14.00% of covered payroll. Each year the OPERS' Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for the funding of the postemployment health care benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to fund post-employment healthcare for members in the Traditional Plan and Combined Plan for 2014 was 2.00%.

The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care benefits provided, by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. Active members do not make contributions to the post-employment healthcare plan.

The City's contributions allocated to fund post-employment health care benefits for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$26,237, \$12,302, and \$48,631, respectively; 97.55% has been contributed for 2014 and 100% has been contributed for 2013 and 2012. The remaining 2014 post-employment health care benefits liability has been reported as an intergovernmental payable on the basic financial statements.

Changes to the health care plan were adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 19, 2012, with a transition plan commencing January 1, 2014. With the recent passage of pension legislation under State Bill 343 and the approved health care changes, OPERS expects to be able to consistently allocate 4.00% of the employer contributions toward the health care fund after the end of the transition period.

**B. Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund**

Plan Description - The City contributes to the OP&F Pension Fund sponsored health care program, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined postemployment health care plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides healthcare benefits including coverage for medical, prescription drugs, dental, vision, Medicare Part B Premium and long term care to retirees, qualifying benefit recipients and their eligible dependents.

OP&F provides access to post-employment health care coverage to any person who receives or is eligible to receive a monthly service, disability or survivor benefit check or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person.

The Ohio Revised Code allows, but does not mandate OP&F to provide OPEB benefits. Authority for the OP&F Board of Trustees to provide health care coverage to eligible participants and to establish and amend benefits is codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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**NOTE 16 - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS - (Continued)**

OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the OP&F, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164 or by visiting the website at [www.op-f.org](http://www.op-f.org).

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of plan members to the OP&F (defined benefit pension plan). Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as percentages of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently, 19.50% and 24.00% of covered payroll for police and fire employers, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.50% of covered payroll for police employer units and 24.00% of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts, one account is for health care benefits under an Internal Revenue Code Section 115 trust and the other account is for Medicare Part B reimbursements administered as an Internal Revenue Code Section 401(h) account, both of which are within the defined benefit pension plan, under the authority granted by the Ohio Revised Code to the OP&F Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions made into the pension plan into the Section 115 trust and the Section 401(h) account as the employer contribution for retiree health care benefits. For 2014, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.50% of covered payroll. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that the pension benefits are adequately funded and is limited by the provisions of Sections 115 and 401(h).

The OP&F Board of Trustees also is authorized to establish requirements for contributions to the health care plan by retirees and their eligible dependents, or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

The City's contributions to OP&F which were allocated to fund post-employment healthcare benefits for police officers and firefighters were \$2,589 and \$0 for the year ended December 31, 2014, \$18,096 and \$690 for the year ended December 31, 2013, and \$32,323 and \$2,233, for the year ended December 31, 2012. 100% has been contributed for 2013 and 2012. 96.09% has been contributed for police for 2014. The remaining 2014 post-employment health care benefits liability has been reported as an intergovernmental payable on the basic financial statements.

**NOTE 17 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

**A. Litigation**

The City is not party to any legal proceedings.

**CITY OF BELPRE, OHIO**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 17 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES - (Continued)**

**B. Federal and State Grants**

The City participates in several federally assisted programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantor or their representative. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

**NOTE 18 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS**

**A. Community Action Program Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties, Ohio**

The Community Action Program Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties, Ohio, is operated as a non-profit organization formed to provide various programs in Washington and Morgan Counties. Currently, the Corporation administers the Family Service and Outreach Program; the Community Action Bus Line (CABL); the Child Development Program; the Senior Nutrition Program; Women, Infants and Children's Supplemental Nutrition Program; the Home Weatherization Assistance and Energy Program; the Job Training and Partnership Act Program; Housing and Urban Development Section 8 Existing Housing Voucher/Certificate Program; and various other state and federal programs. The Corporation is the direct recipient of the federal and state monies. The Corporation is governed by a fifteen member council. The council is composed of the Mayor of the City of Marietta, the Mayor of the City of Belpre, two commissioners from Washington County, one Commissioner from Morgan County, five lower income representatives, and five private sector representatives from Washington and Morgan Counties selected by outreach workers. Currently, the Corporation, by contract with the City of Belpre and Washington and Morgan Counties, provides administrative services to these governments in specific programs. During 2014, the Corporation did not receive any administrative fees from the City. These fees were received by the Corporation directly from the granting agencies. The continued existence of the Corporation is not dependent on the City's continued participation and the City does not have an equity interest in the Corporation.

**B. Wood, Washington, and Wirt Planning Commission**

The Wood, Washington, and Wirt Planning Commission was created to fulfill the requirements governing urban transportation planning under the Federal Highway Administration and Urban Mass Transportation Administration program regulations in Wood, Washington, and Wirt Counties. The Commission was formed pursuant to West Virginia Code Sections and Ohio Revised Code Section 713.30 and serves as a form of a regional planning commission. The Commission is composed of representatives from county and city governments and a cross section of members from the community appointed by the governmental units. Currently, the Commission has eight governmental representatives including the Mayor of the City of Belpre. Revenues are derived from Federal Highway and Federal Transportation Administration Grants distributed by the States of Ohio and West Virginia. Local governments contribute a ten percent local match. During 2014, the City of Belpre contributed \$1,707. The continued existence of the Commission is not dependent on the City's continued participation and the City does not have an equity interest in the Commission.

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**NOTE 18 - JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS- (Continued)**

**C. Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA)**

In 1971, 38 municipalities joined together to organize a Regional Council of Governments (RCOG) under the authority of Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code to administer tax collection and enforcement concerns facing the cities and villages. The purpose of the RCOG is to foster cooperation between the municipalities through sharing facilities for their common benefit. This includes the establishment of a central collection facility for the purpose of administering the income tax laws of the various municipal corporations who are members of the RCOG and for the purpose of collecting income taxes on behalf of each member municipality, doing all things allowed by law to accomplish such purpose. The first official act of the RCOG was to form RITA. Today RITA serves as the income tax collection agency for 237 municipalities throughout the State of Ohio. The City began using RITA for its income tax collection effective January 1, 2012.

Each member municipality appoints its own delegate to the RCOG, including electing members to the RITA Board of Trustees. Regardless of the population or tax collections of member municipalities, each member of the RCOG has an equal say in the operations of RITA.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

City of Belpre  
Washington County  
P.O. Box 160  
Belpre, Ohio 45714-7592

To the City Council:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Belpre, Washington County, Ohio (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 14, 2015.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the City's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

May 14, 2015



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**CITY OF BELPRE**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MAY 26, 2015**