

CITY OF BEXLEY
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

REGULAR AUDIT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2024**



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the City of Bexley, Franklin County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The City of Bexley is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

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Chief Deputy Auditor

December 31, 2025

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Independent Auditor's Report

City of Bexley
Franklin County
2242 East Main Street
Bexley, Ohio 43209

To the Members of Council and Mayor:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Bexley, Franklin County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Bexley's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Bexley, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Bexley and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, the City of Bexley restated beginning net position as a result of a change in accounting principle by implementing GASB Statement No. 101, "Compensated Absences". Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Bexley's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Bexley's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Bexley's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedules of net pension and other post-employment benefit assets and liabilities and pension and other post-employment benefit contributions, and budgetary comparison information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 12, 2025 on our consideration of the City of Bexley's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Bexley's 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 of Bexley's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
August 12, 2025

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

The management's discussion and analysis of the City of Bexley's (the "City") financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2024. 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 2024 are as follows:

- The total net position of the City increased \$5,556,006 over the prior year's net position. Net position of governmental activities increased \$5,887,178 or 13.12% from 2023's net position and net position of business-type activities decreased \$331,172 or 2.11% over 2023's net position.
- General revenues accounted for \$23,843,634 or 75.95% of total governmental activities revenues. Program specific revenues accounted for \$7,548,946 or 24.05% of total governmental activities revenue.
- The City had \$25,505,402 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$7,548,946 of these expenses was offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues (primarily property taxes, municipal income taxes and unrestricted grants and entitlements) of \$23,843,634 were adequate to offset the remaining expenses of the governmental activities of \$17,956,456.
- The general fund had revenues and other financing sources of \$24,833,421 in 2024. This represents a decrease of \$376,012 from 2023. The expenditures and other financing uses of the general fund, which totaled \$21,820,827 in 2024, decreased \$99,181 from 2023. The net increase in fund balance for the general fund was \$3,012,594 or 23.73%.
- The roads and sidewalks fund had \$2,027,869 in revenues and \$2,283,590 in expenditures and other financing uses in 2024. The net decrease in fund balance for the roads and sidewalks fund was \$255,721 or 19.26%.
- The Main St. Public Improvement TIF fund had \$416,206 in revenues and \$219,499 in expenditures in 2024. The fund balance for the Main St. Public Improvement TIF fund increased \$196,707 or 56.73%.
- Net position for the business-type activities, which are composed of the water, sewer, and refuse enterprise operations, decreased in 2024 by \$311,033 over the prior year.
- The water enterprise fund had operating revenues of \$3,497,969 and operating expenses of \$3,805,163. The water fund additionally had \$852 in non-operating expenses. The net position of the water fund decreased \$308,046 or 5.02% during 2024.
- The sewer enterprise fund had operating revenues of \$3,135,632 and operating expenses of \$2,946,090. The sewer fund had \$22,308 in non-operating expenses. The net position of the sewer fund increased \$167,234 or 2.02% during 2024.
- The refuse enterprise fund had operating revenues of \$1,465,705 and operating expenses of \$1,635,926. The net position of the refuse fund decreased \$170,221 or 13.98% during 2024.

Using this Annual Financial Report

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

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

The statement of net position and statement of activities provide information about the activities of the City as a whole, presenting both an aggregate view of the City's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. 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 remains 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 as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains a large number of funds used by the City to provide programs and activities, the view of the City as a whole considers all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did the City perform financially during 2024?" The statement of net position and the statement of activities answer this question. These statements include all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the City's net position and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the City as a whole, the financial position of the City has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the City's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required community programs and other factors.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the City is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

Governmental activities - Most of the City's programs and services are reported here including police, street maintenance, capital improvements and general administration. These services are funded primarily by property and intergovernmental revenues including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.

Business-type activities - These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all or a significant portion of the expenses of the goods or services provided. The City's water, sewer and refuse operations are reported here.

Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the City's major funds. The City uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions; however, these fund financial statements focus on the City's most significant funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements; however, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

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Because the focus of the governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City maintains a multitude of individual governmental funds. The City has segregated these funds into major funds and nonmajor funds. The City's major governmental funds are the General Fund, the Roads and Sidewalks Fund, and the Main St. Public Improvement TIF Fund. Information for major funds is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. Data from the nonmajor governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

Proprietary Funds

The City maintains three proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its water, sewer, and refuse operations. All of the City's enterprise funds are considered major funds.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the City. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs. The fiduciary funds are reported using the accrual basis of accounting, similar to the proprietary funds. Custodial funds are the City's only fiduciary fund type.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information (RSI)

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's general fund and major special revenue funds budgetary schedules, net pension liability/asset, net OPEB liability/asset.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the City as a whole. For the table below, amounts for 2024 have been presented in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 101 while amounts for 2023 have been presented in accordance with previous guidance. The table that follows provides a summary of the City's net position at December 31, 2024 compared to 2023.

	Net Position					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<u>Assets</u>						
Current and other assets	\$ 33,701,296	\$ 31,402,645	\$ 6,457,080	\$ 6,751,770	\$ 40,158,376	\$ 38,154,415
Capital assets, net	51,355,362	49,871,471	24,655,762	22,481,110	76,011,124	72,352,581
Total assets	85,056,658	81,274,116	31,112,842	29,232,880	116,169,500	110,506,996
<u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>	6,937,313	8,990,431	500,410	570,506	7,437,723	9,560,937
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Current and other liabilities	902,433	2,752,402	1,215,810	1,223,132	2,118,243	3,975,534
Long-term liabilities:						
Due within one year	2,518,700	1,573,515	562,497	482,275	3,081,197	2,055,790
Due in more than one year	31,957,141	33,513,378	14,421,330	12,178,286	46,378,471	45,691,664
Total liabilities	35,378,274	37,839,295	16,199,637	13,883,693	51,577,911	51,722,988
<u>Deferred inflows of resources</u>	5,871,492	6,033,751	82,512	120,755	5,954,004	6,154,506
<u>Net Position</u>						
Net investment in capital assets	39,370,222	35,808,037	10,810,132	10,824,716	50,180,354	46,632,753
Restricted for:						
Capital projects	678,683	540,554	-	-	678,683	540,554
Transportation	1,304,729	1,490,967	-	-	1,304,729	1,490,967
Police programs	30,070	59,288	-	-	30,070	59,288
Main Street improvements	551,073	353,440	-	-	551,073	353,440
Pension & OPEB	299,634	33,826	38,926	3,884	338,560	37,710
Other purposes	110,669	78,372	-	-	110,669	78,372
Unrestricted	8,399,125	8,027,017	4,482,045	4,970,338	12,881,170	12,997,355
Total net position	\$ 50,744,205	\$ 46,391,501	\$ 15,331,103	\$ 15,798,938	\$ 66,075,308	\$ 62,190,439

The net pension liability/asset is reported pursuant to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68, *"Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27."* The net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 75, *"Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions."* For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the City's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability, and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension asset, and the net OPEB asset.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's net pension liability/asset or net OPEB liability. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements. GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability/asset and the net OPEB liability/asset to equal the City's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension/OPEB benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service.
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits.

GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the City is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan as against the public employer. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the City's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's change in net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At December 31, 2024, the City's assets plus deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources by \$66,075,308. At year-end, net position was \$50,744,205 and \$15,331,103 for the governmental activities and the business-type activities, respectively.

Current and other assets increased 5.25% from the prior year primarily in the area of equity in pooled cash and investments due to current year operations. Capital assets increased as capital outlays, primarily infrastructure projects, outpaced depreciation expense. During 2024, the City continued the South Drexel and Grandon Ave, Stanberry & Chelsea, and N. Columbia and S. Remington projects.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

Capital assets reported on the government-wide statements represent the largest portion of the City's assets. At year-end, capital assets represented 65.43% of total assets. Capital assets include land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure. The City's net investment in capital assets at December 31, 2024, was \$39,370,222 and \$10,810,132 in the governmental activities and business-type activities, respectively. Capital assets are used to provide services to the City's citizens and are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Total liabilities were comparable to 2023. Current liabilities at December 31, 2024 decreased \$1,857,291 from 2023 due to a decrease in unearned revenue. Unearned revenue decreased as the City spent its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money for police services. Long-term obligations increased \$1,712,214 or 3.59% due to a change in accounting principle.

A portion of the City's net position, \$3,013,784, represents resources that are subject to external restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position in the governmental activities is a balance of \$8,399,125 and a balance of \$4,482,045 in the business-type activities.

During 2024, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 101. For the table below, the implementation has been reported as a change in accounting principle. The table below shows the comparative analysis of changes in net position for 2024 compared to 2023.

	Change in Net Position					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 3,832,433	\$ 3,206,945	\$ 8,098,641	\$ 7,367,088	\$ 11,931,074	\$ 10,574,033
Operating grants and contributions	2,607,346	926,933	-	37,500	2,607,346	964,433
Capital grants and contributions	1,109,167	740,524	-	-	1,109,167	740,524
Total program revenues	<u>7,548,946</u>	<u>4,874,402</u>	<u>8,098,641</u>	<u>7,404,588</u>	<u>15,647,587</u>	<u>12,278,990</u>
General revenues:						
Property taxes	3,454,921	3,171,751	-	-	3,454,921	3,171,751
Income taxes	17,236,588	18,298,348	-	-	17,236,588	18,298,348
Revenue in lieu of taxes	527,571	488,145	-	-	527,571	488,145
Other local taxes	301,512	240,960	-	-	301,512	240,960
Grants and entitlements	947,857	762,267	-	-	947,857	762,267
Investment earnings	1,051,286	928,286	-	-	1,051,286	928,286
Net increase/(decrease) in FMV of investments	153,067	336,097	-	-	153,067	336,097
Other	170,832	299,446	665	3,033	171,497	302,479
Total general revenues	<u>23,843,634</u>	<u>24,525,300</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>3,033</u>	<u>23,844,299</u>	<u>24,528,333</u>
Total revenues	<u>31,392,580</u>	<u>29,399,702</u>	<u>8,099,306</u>	<u>7,407,621</u>	<u>39,491,886</u>	<u>36,807,323</u>

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CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

	Change in Net Position					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Expenses:						
General government	6,601,475	6,332,207	-	-	6,601,475	6,332,207
Security of persons and property	11,152,955	10,560,041	-	-	11,152,955	10,560,041
Public health and welfare	146,077	140,530	-	-	146,077	140,530
Transportation	2,820,448	3,264,453	-	-	2,820,448	3,264,453
Leisure time activity	4,473,473	4,258,278	-	-	4,473,473	4,258,278
Interest	310,974	387,145	-	-	310,974	387,145
Water	-	-	3,819,798	3,518,460	3,819,798	3,518,460
Sewer	-	-	2,974,754	2,388,506	2,974,754	2,388,506
Refuse	-	-	1,635,926	1,611,063	1,635,926	1,611,063
Total expenses	<u>25,505,402</u>	<u>24,942,654</u>	<u>8,430,478</u>	<u>7,518,029</u>	<u>33,935,880</u>	<u>32,460,683</u>
Change in net position	5,887,178	4,457,048	(331,172)	(110,408)	5,556,006	4,346,640
Net position as previously reported	46,391,501	38,672,517	15,798,938	15,747,563	62,190,439	54,420,080
Restatement - change in accounting principle	<u>(1,534,474)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(136,663)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,671,137)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net position at beginning of year (restated)	<u>44,857,027</u>	<u>38,672,517</u>	<u>15,662,275</u>	<u>15,747,563</u>	<u>60,519,302</u>	<u>54,420,080</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 50,744,205</u>	<u>\$ 43,129,565</u>	<u>\$ 15,331,103</u>	<u>\$ 15,637,155</u>	<u>\$ 66,075,308</u>	<u>\$ 58,766,720</u>

Governmental Activities

The net position of the governmental activities increased \$5,887,178 in 2024.

Overall, expenses of the governmental activities increased \$562,748. This increase is due to the City using it's ARPA money during 2024 for police services.

General government expenses totaled \$6,601,475 and were partially funded by \$661,458 in direct charges to consumers of City services and \$3,654 in operating and capital grants and contributions. General government expenses increased \$269,268 or 4.25% from 2023.

Security of persons and property, which includes police department operations, accounted for \$11,152,955 or 43.73% of the total expenses of the City's governmental activities. Security of persons and property expenses were partially funded by \$116,824 in direct charges to consumers of City services and \$1,204,700 in operating grants and contributions. During 2024, security of persons and property expense increased \$592,914 due to the City using it's ARPA money for police services.

Transportation expenses totaled \$2,820,448 and were partially funded by \$27,870 in direct charges to consumers of City services, \$767,768 in operating grants and contributions, and \$1,109,167 in capital grants and contributions. Capital grants and contributions increased due to the City receiving more OPWC grant funding due to having more ongoing OPWC projects. Transportation expenses decreased 13.60%.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

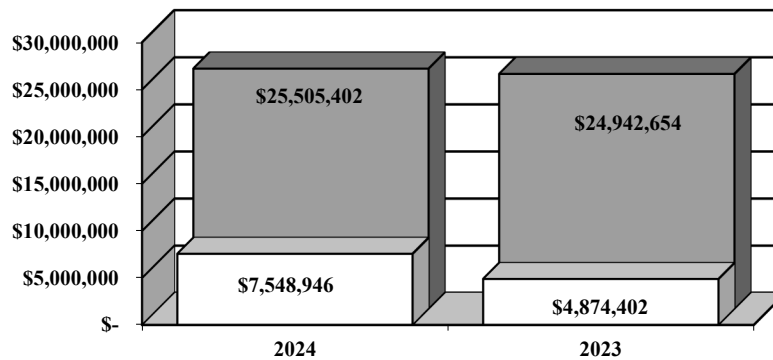
Leisure time activity expenses totaled \$4,473,473 and were partially funded by \$3,026,281 in direct charges to consumers of City services and \$631,224 in operating grants and contributions. Leisure time activity expenses increased 5.05%.

The state and federal government contributed to the City a total of \$2,607,346 in operating grants and contributions and \$1,109,167 in capital grants and contributions. These revenues are restricted to a particular program or purpose. Of these totals, \$1,876,935 subsidized transportation programs, \$3,654 subsidized general government, \$1,204,700 subsidized security of persons and property, and \$631,224 subsidized leisure time activities.

General revenues totaled \$23,843,634 and amounted to 75.95% of total governmental revenues. These revenues primarily consist of property and income tax revenue of \$20,691,509, as well as grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs, including local government, making up \$947,857.

The statement of activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. The graph below shows total governmental expenses and the portion of those expenses offset by program revenues.

Governmental Activities – Program Revenues vs. Total Expenses



□ Program Revenues □ Expenses

The following table shows, for the governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the cost of these services supported by tax revenue and unrestricted state grants and entitlements for 2024 compared to 2023.

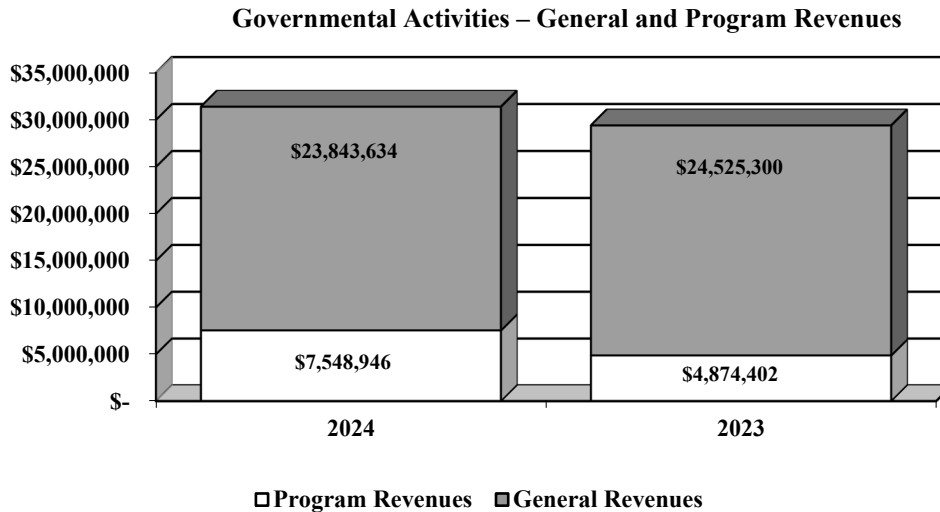
	Governmental Activities			
	2024		2023	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Program Expenses:				
General government	\$ 6,601,475	\$ 5,936,363	\$ 6,332,207	\$ 5,725,636
Security of persons and property	11,152,955	9,831,431	10,560,041	10,492,509
Public health and welfare	146,077	146,077	140,530	140,530
Transportation	2,820,448	915,643	3,264,453	1,706,714
Leisure time activities	4,473,473	815,968	4,258,278	1,615,718
Interest	310,974	310,974	387,145	387,145
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 25,505,402</u>	<u>\$ 17,956,456</u>	<u>\$ 24,942,654</u>	<u>\$ 20,068,252</u>

The dependence upon general revenues for governmental activities is apparent, as 70.40% of expenses are supported through taxes and other general revenues.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

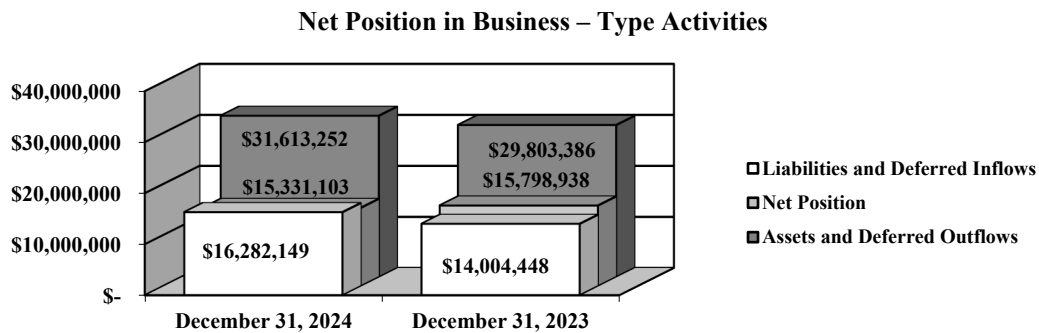
The chart below illustrates the City's program revenues versus general revenues for 2024 and 2023.



Business-Type Activities

Business-type activities include the water, sewer and refuse enterprise funds. These programs had program revenues of \$8,098,641, general revenues of \$665, and expenses of \$8,430,478 for 2024.

The graph below shows the business-type activities assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position at year-end.



Expenses of the business-type activities increased \$912,449 or 12.14%. This increase is primarily due to an increase in costs for the City's ongoing infrastructure projects.

Financial Analysis of the City's Funds

As described previously, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

Governmental Funds

The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the City's net resources available for spending at year-end.

The City's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$24,928,670, which is \$3,641,551 more than last year's total of \$21,287,119. The following schedule indicates the fund balances and the total change in fund balances as of December 31, 2024 for all major and nonmajor governmental funds.

	Fund Balance 12/31/24	Fund Balance 12/31/23	Change
Major funds:			
General	\$ 15,710,184	\$ 12,697,590	\$ 3,012,594
Roads and sidewalks	1,071,925	1,327,646	(255,721)
Main St. Public Improvement TIF	543,445	346,738	196,707
Nonmajor governmental funds	7,603,116	6,915,145	687,971
Total	<u>\$ 24,928,670</u>	<u>\$ 21,287,119</u>	<u>\$ 3,641,551</u>

General Fund

The City's general fund balance increased \$3,012,594 during 2024. The table that follows assists in illustrating the revenues of the general fund.

	2024 Amount	2023 Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Revenues				
Municipal income taxes	\$ 17,606,271	\$ 19,122,890	\$ (1,516,619)	(7.93) %
Property and other local taxes	862,414	757,730	104,684	13.82 %
Intergovernmental	679,171	671,473	7,698	1.15 %
Charges for services	2,632,125	2,337,934	294,191	12.58 %
Licenses and permits	550,084	486,737	63,347	13.01 %
Fines and forfeitures	77,243	37,604	39,639	105.41 %
Investment income	1,058,841	874,008	184,833	21.15 %
Net increase (decrease) in FMV of investments	153,067	336,097	(183,030)	(54.46) %
Rental income	394,156	276,642	117,514	42.48 %
Contributions and donations	623,599	20,102	603,497	3,002.17 %
Miscellaneous	170,832	288,216	(117,384)	(40.73) %
Total	<u>\$ 24,807,803</u>	<u>\$ 25,209,433</u>	<u>\$ (401,630)</u>	<u>(1.59) %</u>

Revenue of the general fund decreased \$401,630 or 1.59%. Tax revenue (income tax, property taxes, and other local taxes) represents 74.45% of all general fund revenue. Income tax revenue decreased \$1,516,619 from the prior year due to decreased collections by the City as business income decreased. Investment income increased 21.15% from investment income in 2023, due to an increase in interest rates on the City's investments. The City received \$394,156 in rental revenue from the CIC in 2024, contributing to a increase in rental income of 42.48%. Charges for services revenue increased 12.58% from 2023 due to an increase in fees collected from the Jeffery Mansion programs and the swimming pool. Licenses and permits revenue increased 13.01% from 2023 as more building permits were issued during the year. Other revenue decreased due to decreased reimbursements and refunds. Contributions and donations increased due to the City receiving funding from the Bexley Community Foundation.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

The table that follows assists in illustrating the expenditures of the general fund.

	<u>2024</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase/</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
General government	\$ 6,143,875	\$ 5,838,460	\$ 305,415	5.23 %
Security of persons and property	8,084,449	8,775,151	(690,702)	(7.87) %
Public health and welfare	146,077	140,530	5,547	3.95 %
Leisure time activities	3,604,275	3,535,221	69,054	1.95 %
Capital outlay	4,882	1,557	3,325	213.55 %
Interest	<u>866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>866</u>	<u>100.00 %</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,984,424</u>	<u>\$ 18,290,919</u>	<u>\$ (306,495)</u>	<u>(1.68) %</u>

General fund expenditures decreased \$306,495 or 1.68%. General government expenditures increased due to normal wage and benefit increases. Leisure time activities expenditures increased as the City began projects to improve the City's parks. Security of persons and property decreased primarily due to the City using APRA funds to partially cover the City's police departments normal wages and benefits during the year.

Roads and Sidewalks Fund

The roads and sidewalks fund had \$2,027,869 in revenues and \$2,283,590 in expenditures and other financing uses in 2024. The net decrease in fund balance for the roads and sidewalks fund was \$255,721 or 19.26%.

Main St. Public Improvements TIF Fund

The Main St. Public Improvement TIF fund had \$416,206 in revenues and \$219,499 in expenditures in 2024. The fund balance for the Main St. Public Improvement TIF fund increased \$196,707 or 56.73%.

Budgeting Highlights

The City's budgeting process is prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Essentially the budget is the City's appropriations which are restricted by the amounts of anticipated revenues certified by the Budget Commission in accordance with the ORC. As a result of this constraint, the City's plans and desires cannot be completely reflected in the budget. If budgeted revenues are adjusted due to actual activity, then the appropriations can be adjusted accordingly.

In the general fund, the actual revenues and other financing sources of \$22,278,604 were \$302,357 higher than final budgeted revenues and other financing sources of \$21,976,247 while actual expenditures and other financing uses of \$20,168,257 were \$2,320,620 less than final budgeted expenditures and other financing uses of \$22,488,877. Budgeted expenditures and other financing uses were increased by \$298,708 from the original to final budgets.

Proprietary Funds

The City's enterprise funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements for business-type activities, except in more detail.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At the end of 2024, the City had \$76,011,124 (net of accumulated depreciation) invested in land, construction in progress, land improvements, buildings and improvements, equipment, vehicles, infrastructure, and intangible right to use assets. Of this total, \$51,355,362 was reported in the governmental activities and \$24,655,762 was reported in business-type activities.

The following table shows December 31, 2024 balances compared to December 31, 2023:

Capital Assets at December 31, (Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$ 840,713	\$ 840,713	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 840,713	\$ 840,713
Construction in Progress	4,990,349	2,775,430	5,300,281	3,268,914	10,290,630	6,044,344
Land improvements	899,539	327,353	-	-	899,539	327,353
Buildings and improvements	13,879,964	14,583,401	243,375	266,125	14,123,339	14,849,526
Equipment	2,290,230	2,376,857	129,928	37,757	2,420,158	2,414,614
Vehicles	947,934	905,483	291,158	289,219	1,239,092	1,194,702
Infrastructure	27,475,975	28,062,234	18,691,020	18,619,095	46,166,995	46,681,329
Intangible right to use	30,658	-	-	-	30,658	-
Totals	<u>\$ 51,355,362</u>	<u>\$ 49,871,471</u>	<u>\$ 24,655,762</u>	<u>\$ 22,481,110</u>	<u>\$ 76,011,124</u>	<u>\$ 72,352,581</u>

Infrastructure primarily includes roads. These items are immovable and of value only to the City; however, the annual cost of purchasing these items is quite significant. The net book value of the City's infrastructure (cost less accumulated depreciation) represents approximately 53.50% of the City's total governmental capital assets.

The City's largest business-type capital asset category is infrastructure. These items play a vital role in the income producing ability of the business-type activities. The net book value of the infrastructure of the business-type activities (cost less accumulated depreciation) represents approximately 75.81% of the City's total business-type capital assets.

Further detail on the City's capital assets can be found in Note 9 to the basic financial statements.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

Debt Administration

During 2024, the City issued \$34,025 in OPWC loans in the governmental activities and \$2,031,367 in the business-type activities.

The City had the following long-term obligations outstanding at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
General obligation bonds	\$ 8,161,273	\$ 9,467,208	\$ 687,556	\$ 824,182
OPWC loans	<u>3,974,918</u>	<u>4,818,535</u>	<u>13,201,354</u>	<u>10,886,315</u>
Total long-term obligations	<u>\$ 12,136,191</u>	<u>\$ 14,285,743</u>	<u>\$ 13,888,910</u>	<u>\$ 11,710,497</u>

Further detail on the City's long-term obligations can be found in Note 10 to the basic financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Inflationary trends in the region compare favorably to national indices. These factors were considered in preparing the City's budget for the 2025 year. For 2025 in the general fund, the City anticipates receipts of \$22,252,636 and disbursements of \$22,429,098. The City had unassigned fund balance in the general fund, on the modified accrual basis of accounting, amounting to \$11,672,151 at December 31, 2024.

Contacting the City's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information please contact: Karrie Martin, Finance Director, City of Bexley, 2242 East Main Street, Bexley, Ohio, 43209, telephone (614) 559-4263 or email at kmartin@bexley.org.

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CITY OF BEXLEY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and investments.....	\$ 22,973,842	\$ 4,750,003	\$ 27,723,845	\$ 586,040
Cash with fiscal agent.....	83,061	-	83,061	-
Cash in segregated accounts.....	6,083	-	6,083	-
Receivables:				
Municipal income taxes.....	4,691,559	-	4,691,559	-
Property taxes.....	3,534,124	-	3,534,124	-
Accounts.....	74,901	1,607,052	1,681,953	200
Other local taxes.....	28,264	-	28,264	-
Revenue in lieu of taxes.....	692,626	-	692,626	-
Special assessments.....	84,050	-	84,050	-
Accrued interest.....	187,539	-	187,539	15,254
Due from other governments.....	1,001,065	-	1,001,065	-
Notes receivable.....	-	44,377	44,377	-
Leases receivable.....	-	-	-	1,508,857
Materials and supplies inventory.....	48,664	12,606	61,270	-
Other assets.....	-	-	-	5,095
Net pension asset.....	46,373	6,024	52,397	-
Net OPEB asset.....	253,261	32,902	286,163	-
Inventory held for future distribution.....	-	-	-	417,980
Internal balance.....	(4,116)	4,116	-	-
Capital assets:				
Land and construction in progress.....	5,831,062	5,300,281	11,131,343	2,076,301
Depreciable capital assets, net.....	45,524,300	19,355,481	64,879,781	1,086,245
Total capital assets, net.....	51,355,362	24,655,762	76,011,124	3,162,546
Total assets.....	85,056,658	31,112,842	116,169,500	5,695,972
Deferred outflows of resources:				
Unamortized deferred charges on debt refunding.....	194,324	43,280	237,604	-
Pension.....	6,029,754	417,443	6,447,197	-
OPEB.....	713,235	39,687	752,922	-
Total deferred outflows of resources.....	6,937,313	500,410	7,437,723	-
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable.....	338,581	110,940	449,521	8,668
Accrued wages and benefits payable.....	211,777	13,049	224,826	-
Due to other governments.....	119,008	1,090,457	1,209,465	70,000
Accrued interest payable.....	20,593	1,364	21,957	-
Claims payable.....	211,873	-	211,873	-
Deposits held and due to others.....	601	-	601	-
Unearned revenue.....	-	-	-	34,860
Long-term liabilities:				
Due within one year.....	2,518,700	562,497	3,081,197	-
Due greater than one year:				
Net Pension Liability.....	18,610,569	924,917	19,535,486	-
Net OPEB Liability.....	868,402	-	868,402	-
Other amounts due in more than one year.....	12,478,170	13,496,413	25,974,583	581,007
Total liabilities.....	35,378,274	16,199,637	51,577,911	694,535
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year.....	3,443,136	-	3,443,136	-
Revenue in lieu of taxes levied for next fiscal year.....	692,626	-	692,626	-
Unamortized deferred gain on debt refunding.....	17,655	-	17,655	-
Leases.....	-	-	-	1,401,911
Pension.....	750,006	63,457	813,463	-
OPEB.....	968,069	19,055	987,124	-
Total deferred inflows of resources.....	5,871,492	82,512	5,954,004	1,401,911
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets.....	39,370,222	10,810,132	50,180,354	2,581,539
Restricted for:				
Capital projects.....	678,683	-	678,683	-
Transportation projects.....	1,304,729	-	1,304,729	-
Police programs.....	30,070	-	30,070	-
Main street public improvements.....	551,073	-	551,073	-
Pension and OPEB.....	299,634	38,926	338,560	-
Other purposes.....	110,669	-	110,669	345,107
Unrestricted.....	8,399,125	4,482,045	12,881,170	672,880
Total net position.....	\$ 50,744,205	\$ 15,331,103	\$ 66,075,308	\$ 3,599,526

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF BEXLEY

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

		Program Revenues		
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Governmental activities:				
General government.....	\$ 6,601,475	\$ 661,458	\$ 3,654	\$ -
Security of persons and property.....	11,152,955	116,824	1,204,700	-
Public health and welfare.....	146,077	-	-	-
Transportation.....	2,820,448	27,870	767,768	1,109,167
Leisure time activity.....	4,473,473	3,026,281	631,224	-
Interest	310,974	-	-	-
Total governmental activities.....	<u>25,505,402</u>	<u>3,832,433</u>	<u>2,607,346</u>	<u>1,109,167</u>
Business-type activities:				
Water.....	3,819,798	3,497,304	-	-
Sewer.....	2,974,754	3,135,632	-	-
Refuse.....	1,635,926	1,465,705	-	-
Total business-type activities.....	<u>8,430,478</u>	<u>8,098,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total primary government.....	<u>\$ 33,935,880</u>	<u>\$ 11,931,074</u>	<u>\$ 2,607,346</u>	<u>\$ 1,109,167</u>
Component unit:				
Bexley Community				
Improvement Corporation.....	<u>\$ 511,048</u>	<u>\$ 450,808</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

General revenues:

Property taxes levied for:

General purposes.....

Transportation projects.....

Police pension.....

Income taxes levied for:

General purposes.....

Revenue in lieu of taxes.....

Other local taxes.....

Grants and entitlements not restricted
to specific programs.....

Investment earnings.....

Net increase in fair value of investments.....

Miscellaneous.....

Total general revenues.....

Change in net position.....

Net position at beginning of year, as previously reported.....

Restatement - change in accounting principle.....

Net position at beginning of year, restated

Net position at end of year.....

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
Primary Government			Component Unit
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
\$ (5,936,363)	\$ -	\$ (5,936,363)	\$ -
(9,831,431)	-	(9,831,431)	-
(146,077)	-	(146,077)	-
(915,643)	-	(915,643)	-
(815,968)	-	(815,968)	-
(310,974)	-	(310,974)	-
(17,956,456)	-	(17,956,456)	-
-	(322,494)	(322,494)	-
-	160,878	160,878	-
-	(170,221)	(170,221)	-
-	(331,837)	(331,837)	-
(17,956,456)	(331,837)	(18,288,293)	-
-	-	-	(60,240)
743,548	-	743,548	-
2,005,002	-	2,005,002	-
706,371	-	706,371	-
17,236,588	-	17,236,588	-
527,571	-	527,571	-
301,512	-	301,512	-
947,857	-	947,857	-
1,051,286	-	1,051,286	69,259
153,067	-	153,067	-
170,832	665	171,497	8,685
23,843,634	665	23,844,299	77,944
5,887,178	(331,172)	5,556,006	17,704
46,391,501	15,798,938	62,190,439	3,581,822
(1,534,474)	(136,663)	(1,671,137)	-
44,857,027	15,662,275	60,519,302	3,581,822
\$ 50,744,205	\$ 15,331,103	\$ 66,075,308	\$ 3,599,526

CITY OF BEXLEY

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	General	Roads and Sidewalks	Main St. Public Improvement TIF	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:					
Equity in pooled cash and investments.....	\$ 11,529,635	\$ 1,158,867	\$ 2,298,445	\$ 7,503,874	\$ 22,490,821
Cash with fiscal agent.....	-	-	-	83,061	83,061
Cash in segregated accounts.....	5,668	-	-	415	6,083
Receivables:					
Municipal income taxes.....	4,691,559	-	-	-	4,691,559
Property taxes.....	758,807	2,054,450	-	720,867	3,534,124
Accounts.....	74,901	-	-	-	74,901
Other local taxes.....	28,264	-	-	-	28,264
Revenue in lieu of taxes.....	-	-	692,626	-	692,626
Special assessments.....	-	-	-	84,050	84,050
Interfund loans.....	195,000	-	-	-	195,000
Accrued interest.....	187,539	-	-	-	187,539
Due from other governments.....	589,529	4,950	7,628	398,958	1,001,065
Advances to other funds.....	1,560,000	-	-	-	1,560,000
Materials and supplies inventory.....	8,062	-	-	40,602	48,664
Total assets.....	<u>\$ 19,628,964</u>	<u>\$ 3,218,267</u>	<u>\$ 2,998,699</u>	<u>\$ 8,831,827</u>	<u>\$ 34,677,757</u>
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable.....	\$ 159,777	\$ 86,942	\$ -	\$ 91,862	\$ 338,581
Accrued wages and benefits payable.....	184,649	-	-	10,378	195,027
Interfund loans payable.....	-	-	195,000	-	195,000
Advances from other funds.....	-	-	1,560,000	-	1,560,000
Due to other governments.....	76,090	-	-	40,323	116,413
Deposits held and due to others.....	601	-	-	-	601
Total liabilities.....	<u>421,117</u>	<u>86,942</u>	<u>1,755,000</u>	<u>142,563</u>	<u>2,405,622</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Property taxes levied for the next fiscal year.....	739,271	2,001,557	-	702,308	3,443,136
Revenue in lieu of taxes.....					
levied for next fiscal year.....	-	-	692,626	-	692,626
Delinquent property tax revenue not available.....	19,536	52,893	-	18,559	90,988
Income tax revenue not available.....	2,104,189	-	-	-	2,104,189
Intergovernmental revenue not available.....	487,061	4,950	7,628	281,231	780,870
Accrued interest not available.....	72,705	-	-	-	72,705
Special assessments revenue not available.....	-	-	-	84,050	84,050
Miscellaneous revenue not available.....	74,901	-	-	-	74,901
Total deferred inflows of resources.....	<u>3,497,663</u>	<u>2,059,400</u>	<u>700,254</u>	<u>1,086,148</u>	<u>7,343,465</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources....	<u>3,918,780</u>	<u>2,146,342</u>	<u>2,455,254</u>	<u>1,228,711</u>	<u>9,749,087</u>
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable.....	1,581,888	-	-	40,602	1,622,490
Restricted.....	-	1,071,925	543,445	1,559,766	3,175,136
Committed.....	-	-	-	3,031,771	3,031,771
Assigned.....	2,456,145	-	-	2,970,977	5,427,122
Unassigned.....	11,672,151	-	-	-	11,672,151
Total fund balances.....	<u>15,710,184</u>	<u>1,071,925</u>	<u>543,445</u>	<u>7,603,116</u>	<u>24,928,670</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances.....	<u>\$ 19,628,964</u>	<u>\$ 3,218,267</u>	<u>\$ 2,998,699</u>	<u>\$ 8,831,827</u>	<u>\$ 34,677,757</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF BEXLEY

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2024

Total governmental fund balances		\$ 24,928,670
<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.		51,355,362
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows in the funds.		
Municipal income taxes receivable	\$ 2,104,189	
Delinquent property taxes receivable	90,988	
Accounts receivable	74,901	
Intergovernmental receivable	780,870	
Special assessments receivable	84,050	
Accrued interest receivable	72,705	
Total		3,207,703
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities on the statement of net position. The net assets of the internal service fund, including internal balance of (\$4,116) are:		247,687
Accrued interest is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the governmental funds.		(20,593)
Unamortized deferred charges on refundings are not recognized in the governmental funds.		194,324
Unamortized deferred gains on refundings are not recognized in the governmental funds.		(17,655)
Unamortized premiums on bond issuances are not recognized in the funds.		(241,829)
The net pension asset/liability is not due and receivable/payable in the current period; therefore, the asset, liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the governmental funds:		
Net pension asset	46,373	
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	6,029,754	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	(750,006)	
Net pension liability	(18,610,569)	
Total		(13,284,448)
The net OPEB asset/liability is not due and receivable/payable in the current period; therefore, the asset/liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the governmental funds:		
Net OPEB asset	253,261	
Deferred outflows of resources	713,235	
Deferred inflows of resources	(968,069)	
Net OPEB liability	(868,402)	
Total		(869,975)
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	(2,835,061)	
SBITA payable	(25,618)	
General obligation bonds payable	(7,919,444)	
OPWC loans payable	(3,974,918)	
Total		(14,755,041)
Net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ 50,744,205</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF BEXLEY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>General</u>	<u>Roads and Sidewalks</u>	<u>Main St. Public Improvement TIF</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:					
Municipal income taxes.....	\$ 17,606,271	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,606,271
Property taxes.....	738,094	1,990,149	-	701,189	3,429,432
Other local taxes.....	124,320	-	-	102,291	226,611
Charges for services.....	2,632,125	27,870	-	-	2,659,995
Licenses and permits.....	550,084	-	-	29,703	579,787
Fines and forfeitures.....	77,243	-	-	11,951	89,194
Intergovernmental.....	679,171	9,850	13,335	3,166,254	3,868,610
Special assessments.....	-	-	-	43,301	43,301
Investment income.....	1,058,841	-	-	13,963	1,072,804
Rental income.....	394,156	-	-	-	394,156
Contributions and donations.....	623,599	-	-	11,279	634,878
Revenue in lieu of taxes.....	-	-	402,871	124,700	527,571
Net increase in fair value of investments.....	153,067	-	-	-	153,067
Other.....	170,832	-	-	-	170,832
Total revenues.....	<u>24,807,803</u>	<u>2,027,869</u>	<u>416,206</u>	<u>4,204,631</u>	<u>31,456,509</u>
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government.....	6,143,875	-	10,331	5,536	6,159,742
Security of persons and property.....	8,084,449	-	-	2,068,963	10,153,412
Public health and welfare.....	146,077	-	-	-	146,077
Transportation.....	-	26,200	-	1,149,338	1,175,538
Leisure time activity.....	3,604,275	-	-	9,150	3,613,425
Capital outlay.....	4,882	1,816,631	209,168	2,744,285	4,774,966
Debt service:					
Principal retirement.....	-	3,560	-	1,515,751	1,519,311
Interest	866	-	-	331,264	332,130
Total expenditures.....	<u>17,984,424</u>	<u>1,846,391</u>	<u>219,499</u>	<u>7,824,287</u>	<u>27,874,601</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures.....	<u>6,823,379</u>	<u>181,478</u>	<u>196,707</u>	<u>(3,619,656)</u>	<u>3,581,908</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in.....	-	-	-	4,273,602	4,273,602
Transfers (out).....	(3,836,403)	(437,199)	-	-	(4,273,602)
Loan issuance.....	-	-	-	34,025	34,025
SBITA issuance.....	25,618	-	-	-	25,618
Total other financing sources (uses).....	<u>(3,810,785)</u>	<u>(437,199)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,307,627</u>	<u>59,643</u>
Net change in fund balances.....	3,012,594	(255,721)	196,707	687,971	3,641,551
Fund balances at beginning of year.....	12,697,590	1,327,646	346,738	6,915,145	21,287,119
Fund balances at end of year.....	<u>\$ 15,710,184</u>	<u>\$ 1,071,925</u>	<u>\$ 543,445</u>	<u>\$ 7,603,116</u>	<u>\$ 24,928,670</u>

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CITY OF BEXLEY

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, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	3,641,551
<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 are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation expense in the current period.		
Capital asset additions	\$	5,155,731
Current year depreciation		(3,054,484)
Total		2,101,247
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, disposals, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net assets.		(8,651)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.		
Municipal income taxes	(369,683)	
Delinquent property taxes	25,489	
Intergovernmental revenues	146,919	
Special assessments	66,000	
Investment income	(7,555)	
Miscellaneous revenues	74,901	
Total		(63,929)
The issuance of loans and SBITAs 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.		(59,643)
Repayment of bond and loan principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position. Principal payments made during the year were:		
Bonds	1,250,374	
OPWC loans	268,937	
Total		1,519,311
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in the funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. The following items resulted in less interest being reported on the statement of activities:		
Decrease in accrued interest payable	11,235	
Amortization of deferred charges on refunding	(48,582)	
Amortization of deferred gains on refunding	2,942	
Amortization of bond premiums	55,561	
Total		21,156
Contractually required pension/OPEB contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows.		
Pension	1,681,602	
OPEB	35,303	
Total		1,716,905
Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in the net pension asset/liability and net OPEB asset/liability are reported as pension/OPEB expense in the statement of activities.		
Pension	(2,379,561)	
OPEB	(38,534)	
Total		(2,418,095)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the funds.		
(Increase) in compensated absences payable	(302,204)	
Total		(302,204)
The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of self-insurance to to individual funds is not reported in the government-wide statement of activities. Governmental fund expenditures and the related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service fund, including internal balance activity of (\$20,139), is allocated among the governmental activities.		
		(260,470)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	5,887,178

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CITY OF BEXLEY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	Water	Sewer	Refuse	Total	
Assets:					
Current assets:					
Equity in pooled cash and investments.....	\$ 619,468	\$ 3,280,415	\$ 850,120	\$ 4,750,003	\$ 483,021
Receivables:					
Accounts.....	783,666	823,386	-	1,607,052	-
Notes receivable.....	44,377	-	-	44,377	-
Materials and supplies inventory.....	1,587	1,587	9,432	12,606	-
Total current assets.....	1,449,098	4,105,388	859,552	6,414,038	483,021
Noncurrent assets:					
Net pension asset.....	3,251	2,031	742	6,024	-
Net OPEB asset.....	17,757	11,094	4,051	32,902	-
Capital assets:					
Land and construction in progress.....	4,049,542	1,250,739	-	5,300,281	-
Depreciable capital assets, net.....	12,960,303	6,112,847	282,331	19,355,481	-
Total noncurrent assets.....	17,030,853	7,376,711	287,124	24,694,688	-
Total assets.....	18,479,951	11,482,099	1,146,676	31,108,726	483,021
Deferred outflows of resources:					
Unamortized deferred charges on debt refunding....	6,710	36,570	-	43,280	-
Pension.....	178,366	178,804	60,273	417,443	-
OPEB.....	18,123	13,763	7,801	39,687	-
Total deferred outflows of resources.....	203,199	229,137	68,074	500,410	-
Liabilities:					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable.....	27,389	49,962	33,589	110,940	-
Accrued wages and benefits payable.....	8,036	3,533	1,480	13,049	16,750
Due to other governments.....	555,125	534,612	720	1,090,457	2,595
Accrued interest payable.....	470	894	-	1,364	-
Compensated absences payable - current.....	44,643	14,387	-	59,030	-
General obligation bonds payable - current.....	63,498	75,704	-	139,202	-
OPWC loans payable - current.....	310,301	53,964	-	364,265	-
Claims payable.....	-	-	-	-	211,873
Total current liabilities.....	1,009,462	733,056	35,789	1,778,307	231,218
Long-term liabilities:					
Compensated absences payable.....	94,099	16,871	-	110,970	-
General obligation bonds payable.....	311,546	236,808	-	548,354	-
OPWC loans payable.....	10,899,007	1,938,082	-	12,837,089	-
Net pension liability.....	499,174	311,869	113,874	924,917	-
Total long-term liabilities.....	11,803,826	2,503,630	113,874	14,421,330	-
Total liabilities.....	12,813,288	3,236,686	149,663	16,199,637	231,218
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Pension.....	26,663	21,363	15,431	63,457	-
OPEB.....	10,160	6,476	2,419	19,055	-
Total deferred inflows of resources.....	36,823	27,839	17,850	82,512	-
Net position:					
Net investment in capital assets.....	5,432,203	5,095,598	282,331	10,810,132	-
Restricted for pension and OPEB.....	21,008	13,125	4,793	38,926	-
Unrestricted.....	379,828	3,337,988	760,113	4,477,929	251,803
Total net position.....	\$ 5,833,039	\$ 8,446,711	\$ 1,047,237	\$ 15,326,987	\$ 251,803
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of the internal service funds activities related to enterprise funds.				4,116	
Net position of business-type activities				\$ 15,331,103	

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CITY OF BEXLEY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	Water	Sewer	Refuse	Total	
Operating revenues:					
Charges for services.....	\$ 3,497,304	\$ 3,135,632	\$ 1,465,705	\$ 8,098,641	1,280,636
Other operating revenues.....	665	-	-	665	-
Total operating revenues.....	<u>3,497,969</u>	<u>3,135,632</u>	<u>1,465,705</u>	<u>8,099,306</u>	<u>1,280,636</u>
Operating expenses:					
Personal services.....	561,379	210,877	102,616	874,872	1,733
Contract services.....	2,664,893	2,304,447	1,395,125	6,364,465	-
Materials and supplies.....	190,184	185,986	60,111	436,281	-
Claims expense.....	-	-	-	-	1,559,512
Depreciation.....	379,475	221,925	36,682	638,082	-
Other.....	9,232	22,855	41,392	73,479	-
Total operating expenses.....	<u>3,805,163</u>	<u>2,946,090</u>	<u>1,635,926</u>	<u>8,387,179</u>	<u>1,561,245</u>
Operating income (loss).....	<u>(307,194)</u>	<u>189,542</u>	<u>(170,221)</u>	<u>(287,873)</u>	<u>(280,609)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):					
Interest expense.....	(852)	(22,308)	-	(23,160)	-
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses).....	<u>(852)</u>	<u>(22,308)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,160)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net position.....	(308,046)	167,234	(170,221)	(311,033)	(280,609)
Net position at beginning of year as previously reported.....	6,211,644	8,345,581	1,217,458	15,774,683	532,412
Restatement - change in accounting principle.....	(70,559)	(66,104)	-	(136,663)	-
Net position at beginning of year, restated.....	<u>6,141,085</u>	<u>8,279,477</u>	<u>1,217,458</u>	<u>15,638,020</u>	<u>532,412</u>
Net position at end of year.....	<u>\$ 5,833,039</u>	<u>\$ 8,446,711</u>	<u>\$ 1,047,237</u>	<u>\$ 15,326,987</u>	<u>\$ 251,803</u>
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service funds activities related to enterprise funds.				(20,139)	
Change in net position of business-type activities.				<u>\$ (331,172)</u>	

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CITY OF BEXLEY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
	Water	Sewer	Refuse	Total	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Cash received from customers.....	\$ 3,342,270	\$ 3,061,820	\$ 1,465,705	\$ 7,869,795	1,280,636
Cash received from other operations.....	665	-	-	665	-
Cash payments for personal services.....	(512,682)	(279,232)	(109,208)	(901,122)	-
Cash payments for contractual services.....	(2,604,185)	(2,232,809)	(1,500,748)	(6,337,742)	-
Cash payments for materials and supplies.....	(190,229)	(191,556)	(65,087)	(446,872)	-
Cash payments for claims.....	-	-	-	-	(1,516,715)
Cash payments for other expenses.....	(9,232)	(29,033)	(38,293)	(76,558)	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities..	<u>26,607</u>	<u>329,190</u>	<u>(247,631)</u>	<u>108,166</u>	<u>(236,079)</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:					
Acquisition of capital assets.....	(1,473,050)	(676,844)	(54,135)	(2,204,029)	-
OPWC loan proceeds.....	1,426,523	604,844	-	2,031,367	-
Principal retirement on bonds.....	(62,974)	(73,652)	-	(136,626)	-
Principal retirement on OPWC loans.....	(278,031)	(47,002)	-	(325,033)	-
Interest and fiscal charges.....	3,701	(13,386)	-	(9,685)	-
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities.....	<u>(383,831)</u>	<u>(206,040)</u>	<u>(54,135)</u>	<u>(644,006)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and investments.....	(357,224)	123,150	(301,766)	(535,840)	(236,079)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year.....	976,692	3,157,265	1,151,886	5,285,843	719,100
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year.....	<u>\$ 619,468</u>	<u>\$ 3,280,415</u>	<u>\$ 850,120</u>	<u>\$ 4,750,003</u>	<u>\$ 483,021</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:					
Operating income (loss).....	\$ (307,194)	\$ 189,542	\$ (170,221)	\$ (287,873)	\$ (280,609)
Adjustments:					
Depreciation.....	379,475	221,925	36,682	638,082	-
Changes in assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows:					
(Increase) in accounts receivable.....	(155,034)	(73,812)	-	(228,846)	-
(Increase) in materials and supplies inventory.....	(45)	(45)	(270)	(360)	-
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources - pension.....	139,741	(99,804)	(8,754)	31,183	-
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources - OPEB.....	29,173	(1,486)	403	28,090	-
(Increase) in net pension asset.....	(471)	(1,263)	(406)	(2,140)	-
(Increase) in net OPEB asset.....	(17,757)	(11,094)	(4,051)	(32,902)	-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable.....	(23,444)	29,191	(107,230)	(101,483)	-
Increase (decrease) in accrued wages and benefits payable.....	(390)	(469)	1,480	621	1,500
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - pension.....	26,313	(44,352)	(32,202)	(50,241)	-
Increase in deferred inflows of resources - OPEB.....	5,544	4,860	1,594	11,998	-
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability.....	(140,995)	134,921	36,443	30,369	-
(Decrease) in net OPEB liability.....	(13,997)	(3,869)	(1,693)	(19,559)	-
Increase in due to other governments.....	86,383	31,383	594	118,360	233
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable.....	19,305	(46,438)	-	(27,133)	-
Increase in claims payable.....	-	-	-	-	42,797
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities.....	<u>\$ 26,607</u>	<u>\$ 329,190</u>	<u>\$ (247,631)</u>	<u>\$ 108,166</u>	<u>\$ (236,079)</u>

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CITY OF BEXLEY

**STATEMENT OF FIUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>Custodial</u>
Assets:	
Cash in segregated accounts.....	<u>\$ 1,994</u>
Net position:	
Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments..	<u><u>\$ 1,994</u></u>

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CITY OF BEXLEY

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>Custodial</u>
Additions:	
Fines and forfeitures collected for other governments.....	\$ 16,302
Deductions:	
Fines and forfeitures distributed to other governments.....	<u>15,096</u>
Net change in fiduciary net position.....	1,206
Net position beginning of year.....	<u>788</u>
Net position end of year.....	<u><u>\$ 1,994</u></u>

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CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY AND REPORTING ENTITY

The City of Bexley (the “City”) is a home rule corporation established under the laws of the State of Ohio that operates under its own Charter. The current Charter, which provides for the Mayor-Council form of government, was adopted November 8, 1996, and became effective December 31, 1996.

The charter provides for the Mayor-Council plan of government, whereby the legislative powers of the City are vested in a seven-member City Council, all of which are elected at large for four-year terms. The Council sets the compensation guidelines for City officials and employees, and enacts ordinances and resolutions relating to City services, tax levies, appropriations, indebtedness, licensing of regulated businesses and trades, and other municipal purposes.

The Mayor is the chief executive officer of the municipal corporation. Elected to a four-year term, the Mayor holds authority to appoint City Directors.

The City’s management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the City is financially accountable.

Reporting Entity

The City’s reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, “*The Financial Reporting Entity*” as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, “*Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*” and GASB Statement No. 61, “*The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*”. The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements of the City are not misleading.

The primary government of the City consists of all funds, departments, and activities which are not legally separate from the City. They comprise the City’s legal entity, which provides various services including public safety, street maintenance, parks and recreation, senior services, and engineering. The City is also responsible for the construction, maintenance, and repairs associated with the water and sewer lines. Council and the Mayor have direct responsibility for these activities. The City of Columbus provides water and sewer treatment services.

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; or (3) the City is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the City is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the City in that the City approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. Certain organizations are also included as component units if the nature and significance of the relationship between the primary government and the organization is such that exclusion by the primary government would render the primary government’s financial statements incomplete or misleading.

Based upon the application of these criteria, the City has one component unit.

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NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY AND REPORTING ENTITY - (Continued)

DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT

Bexley Community Improvement Corporation

The Bexley Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) was formed pursuant to Ordinance 52-12 passed October 9, 2012 and incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under Chapters 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code for the purpose to advance, encourage, and promote industrial, economic, commercial and civic development of the City. The CIC has been designated as the City's agent for industrial and commercial distributions and research development. The Board of Directors of the CIC is comprised of fifteen members. Six of the Board members are elected or appointed officials of the City of Bexley. All Board members are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Bexley with approval of Bexley City Council. The City is considered to be financially accountable for the CIC and, therefore, the CIC is presented as a component unit of the City. Financial statements can be obtained from Ms. Karrie Martin, Treasurer, Bexley Community Improvement Corporation, 2242 East Main Street, Bexley, Ohio, 43209.

Information relative to the component unit is presented in Note 18.

The City also participates in two jointly governed organizations described below.

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATION

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

The City is a participant in the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), a jointly governed organization. MORPC is composed of 123 representatives appointed by member governments who make up the Commission, the policy-making body of MORPC, and the oversight board. MORPC is a voluntary association of local governments in central and south-central Ohio and a regional planning agency whose membership includes 64 political subdivisions in and around Franklin, Ross, Fayette, Delaware, Pickaway, Madison, Licking, and Fairfield counties, Ohio. The purpose of the organization is to improve the quality of life for member communities by improving housing conditions, to promote and support livability/sustainability measures as a means of addressing regional growth challenges, and to administer and facilitate the availability of regional environmental infrastructure program funding to the full advantage of MORPC's members. Financial statements can be obtained from Mr. Shawn P. Hufstедler, Chief of Staff & Director of Operations, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA)

RITA is a regional council of governments formed to establish a central collection facility for the purpose of administering the income tax laws of the members and for the purpose of collecting income taxes on behalf of each member. RITA currently has approximately 350 members in the council of governments. Each member has one representative to the council of governments and is entitled to one vote on items under consideration. RITA is administered by a nine member board of trustees elected by the members of the council of governments. The board exercises total control over RITA's operation including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. Each participant's degree of control is limited to its representation on the council. For 2024, the City paid RITA \$146,892 for income tax collection services.

Information in the following notes to the basic financial statements is applicable to the primary government.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (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 reporting 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.

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 activities of the internal service fund is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses. The statements distinguish between those activities of the City that are governmental in nature and those that are considered business-type activities.

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 the 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 segment 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. The internal service fund is presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund financial statements. 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 utilized by the City: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the City are typically 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 purpose 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 plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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

The following are the City's major governmental funds:

General fund - This fund accounts for and reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the City for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio and the Charter of the City.

Roads and sidewalks fund - This fund accounts for and reports all transactions restricted to street and sidewalk maintenance and construction.

Main St. Public Improvement TIF fund - This fund accounts for and reports all transactions related to the Main St. TIF agreement.

Other governmental funds of the City are used to account for:

Nonmajor special revenue funds - Special revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Nonmajor capital projects funds - Capital projects funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

Nonmajor debt service funds - Debt service funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Proprietary Funds - Proprietary funds focus on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The City's proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise funds or internal service funds.

Enterprise Funds - Enterprise funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and services. The following are the City's major enterprise funds:

Water fund - This fund is used to account for the provision of water service to certain residents and businesses within the City.

Sewer fund - This fund is used to account for the provision of sanitary sewer service to the residents and businesses of the City.

Refuse fund - This fund is used to account for the operations providing refuse waste removal to the residents and businesses of the City.

Internal service funds - The internal service funds account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the City on a cost-reimbursement basis. The City's internal service funds report on the operations of medical self-insurance program.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

Fiduciary Funds - Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and custodial funds. Trust funds are distinguished from custodial funds by the existence of a trust agreement or equivalent arrangements that have certain characteristics. Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in a trust fund. The City reports one custodial fund to account for the collection and distribution of mayor's court fines and forfeitures to other local governments and agencies.

C. Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements - The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, 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 presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) 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, current deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities, and current 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. The governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Like the government-wide statements, all enterprise and internal service funds are accounted for using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of fund net position. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the City finances and meets the cash flow needs of its enterprise 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; enterprise and custodial funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue 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. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means 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 60 days of year-end.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

Non-exchange transactions, in which the City receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include income taxes, property taxes, revenue in lieu of taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from income tax is recognized in the year in which the income is earned. Revenue from property taxes and revenue in lieu of taxes are recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. 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 non-exchange transactions 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: income taxes, other local taxes, special assessments, investment income, and intergovernmental revenues (including motor vehicle license tax, gasoline tax, grants, and local government assistance).

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - In addition to assets, the government-wide statement of net position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. See Notes 12 and 13 for deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively. In addition, deferred outflows of resources include a deferred charge on debt refunding. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

In addition to liabilities, both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Deferred inflows of resources include property taxes and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2024, but which were levied to finance 2025 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow of resources on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. Unavailable revenue includes, but is not limited to, income taxes, delinquent property taxes and intergovernmental grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available.

See Notes 12 and 13 for deferred inflows of resources related to net pension liability/asset and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively. These deferred inflows of resources are only reported on the government-wide statement of net position. In addition, deferred outflows of resources include a deferred gain on debt refunding. A deferred gain on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded debt or refunding debt.

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.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the City is pooled. Monies for all funds, including proprietary funds, are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through the City's records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and investments" on the financial statements.

The City maintains two bank accounts that are outside of the City's internal investment pool which are reported on the financial statements as "cash in segregated accounts". The first is a checking account for Mayor's Court used for the collection and distribution of court fines and forfeitures. The second is used to account for the City's Employee Flexible Spending Account program. These monies are presented on the governmental activities statement of net position, the statement of fiduciary net position, and the governmental funds balance sheet as "cash in segregated accounts".

The City has permissive motor vehicle license money, which is held by the Franklin County Engineer as agent and distributed to the City for approved street projects. The balance in this account is presented on governmental activities statement of net position and the governmental funds balance sheet as "cash with fiscal agent".

During the year, investments were limited to Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB) securities, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) securities, Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) securities, negotiable certificates of deposit (negotiable CDs), municipal bonds, U.S. Treasury notes, U.S. Treasury money market mutual funds, and the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio). Except for investments in STAR Ohio, the City measures its investments at fair value which is based upon quoted market prices.

During 2024, the City invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, "Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants." The City measures its investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides NAV per share that approximates fair value.

STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit participant transactions to \$250 million per day. Transactions in all of a participant's accounts will be combined for this purpose. Twenty-four hours advance notice to STAR Ohio is appreciated for purchases or redemptions of \$100 million or more. For 2024, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates.

Interest income is distributed to the funds according to Ohio constitutional and statutory requirements. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during 2024 amounted to \$1,058,841, which includes \$664,990 assigned from other funds.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and investments of the cash management pool are considered to be cash equivalents.

F. Materials and Supplies Inventory

On the government-wide financial statements, purchased inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market and donated commodities are presented at their entitlement value. Inventories are recorded on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used. Inventories are accounted for using the consumption method.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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

On the fund financial statements, inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost while inventories of proprietary funds are stated at the lower of cost or market. For all funds, cost 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 an expenditure in the governmental fund types when consumed. Inventories of the proprietary funds are expensed when used.

On the fund financial statements, reported material and supplies inventory is equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance which indicates that it does not constitute available spendable resources even though it is a component of fund balance.

G. Capital Assets

General capital assets are capital assets that are associated with governmental activities. These assets generally result from expenditures in governmental funds. These 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 used by the enterprise funds are reported in both the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position and in the respective funds.

Capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost which is determined by indexing the current replacement cost back to the year of acquisition) and updated for additions and deletions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value. The City maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. 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 expensed. In addition, assets having an estimated useful life of more than one year that are below the \$5,000 threshold and not considered repair or maintenance costs are collectively capitalized on the financial statements when the aggregate of those assets are considered significant.

All reported capital assets, except for land and construction in progress, are depreciated/amortized. Improvements are depreciated/amortized 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 replacements. In the governmental activities, the City only reports general infrastructure assets acquired after 2003.

Depreciation/amortization is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Land improvements	15 - 20 Years	15 - 20 Years
Buildings and improvements	20 - 50 Years	20 - 50 Years
Equipment	5 - 15 Years	5 - 15 Years
Vehicles	3 - 8 Years	3 - 8 Years
Infrastructure	25 - 50 Years	25 - 50 Years
Intangible right-to-use - software	3 Years	3 Years

The City's infrastructure consists of roads, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, traffic lights and signals, sewer lines, water lines and storm water drainage systems.

The City is reporting intangible right-to-use assets related to leased equipment and subscriptions for software. The intangible right-to-use assets are being amortized in a systematic and rational manner of the shorter of the lease/subscription term or the useful life of the underlying asset.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

H. Compensated Absences

The City recognizes a liability for compensated absences for leave time that (1) has been earned for services previously rendered by employees, (2) accumulates and is allowed to be carried over to subsequent years, and (3) is more likely than not to be used as time off or settled (for example paid in cash to the employee or payment to an employee flex spending account) during or upon separation from employment. Based on the criteria listed, four types of leave qualify for liability recognition for compensated absences - vacation, sick leave, comp time, and PTO. The liability for compensated absences is reported as incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for compensated absences is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability has matured because of employee resignations or retirements. The liability for compensated absences includes salary-related benefits, where applicable.

Vacation

The City's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits, which are eligible for payment at the employee's current pay rate upon separation from employment.

Sick Leave

The City's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused sick leave. All sick leave lapses when employees leave the employ of the City and, upon separation from service, the employee receives compensation in accordance with the severance policy. A liability for estimated value of sick leave that will be used by employees as time off and at separation is included in the liability for compensated absences.

Comp Time

The City's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused comp time, which are eligible for payment at the employee's current pay rate upon separation from employment.

PTO

The City's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused PTO, which are eligible for payment at the employee's current pay rate upon separation from employment.

I. 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 the enterprise funds are reported on the enterprise funds' financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current year. Long-term bonds, loans, and capital leases are recognized as liabilities on the governmental fund financial statements when due. Net pension/OPEB liability should be recognized in the governmental funds to the extent that benefit payments are due and payable and the pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is not sufficient for payment of those benefits.

J. Bond Issuance Costs, Bond Premiums and Discounts, and Accounting Gain or Loss

On both the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements, bond issuance costs are recognized in the period in which they are incurred.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

On the government-wide financial statements, bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the term of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond premiums are presented as an addition to the face amount of the bonds and bond discounts are presented as a reduction to the face amount of the bonds. On the governmental fund financial statements bond premiums and discounts are recognized in the period in which these items are incurred. The reconciliation between the face value of bonds and the amount reported on the statement of net position is presented in Note 10.

For current and advance refundings resulting in the defeasance of debt reported in the government-wide financial statements and enterprise funds, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is amortized as a component of interest expense. This accounting gain or loss is amortized over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter, and is presented as a deferred inflow of resources or a deferred outflow of resources.

K. 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 or contractually 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.

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. The City Council has authorized the City Auditor to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

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.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

L. Interfund Activity

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues. Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the statement of activities. Payments for 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 non-operating revenues/expenses in enterprise funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated for presentation on the government-wide financial statements. Only transfers between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are presented on the statement of activities.

M. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources. The City's net investment 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 their use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes consists primarily of the mayor's court computer fund, the building standards assessment fund, and the tax increment financing fund.

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

N. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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.

O. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the enterprise funds. For the City, these revenues are charges for services for water, sewer and refuse services. Operating expenses are the necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the fund. Revenues and expenses that do not meet these definitions are reported as nonoperating.

P. Contributions of Capital

Capital contributions on the proprietary fund financial statements arise from contributions from governmental activities, from outside contributions of capital assets, from grants, or from outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction. The City did not have any capital contributions during 2024.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

Q. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

All funds other than custodial funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriation ordinance, 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 appropriation ordinance 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 object level within each department and fund for all funds.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the Finance Director. 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 set forth in the financial statements as final budgeted amounts represent estimates from the amended certificate in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by Council.

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

R. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the City Administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during 2024.

S. Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, net pension asset, net OPEB asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related pensions/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

T. Prepayments

Payments made to vendors for services that benefit future periods are recorded as prepayments in both government-wide and fund financial statements. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of purchase, and the expenditure is reported in the year in which services are consumed. Governmental fund balance has been presented as nonspendable equal to the balance of the prepayments at year-end.

U. Contracts Payable

Contracts payables are reported on both the government-wide statements and the fund financial statements. Contracts payable for the enterprise funds are reported on the enterprise fund financial statements. Contracts payable represent capital related obligations due of the City. For 2024, the City had no contracts payable.

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

V. Interfund Balances

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as “interfund loans receivable/payable”. On fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from long-term interfund loans are “Advances to/from other funds”. In the general fund, long-term interfund loans which do not represent available expendable resources are offset by a nonspendable fund balance. Interfund balance amounts are eliminated in the statement of net position, except for any net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

A. Change in Accounting Principles

For 2024, the City has implemented certain paragraphs from GASB Implementation Guide No. 2021-1, certain paragraphs of GASB Statement No. 99, “*Omnibus 2022*”, GASB Statement No. 100, “*Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*”, Implementation Guide No. 2023-1 and GASB Statement No. 101, “*Compensated Absences*”.

GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 provides clarification on issues related to previously established GASB guidance. The implementation of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 did not have an effect on balances previously reported by the City.

GASB Statement No. 99 is to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 99 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

GASB Statement No. 100 is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

GASB Implementation Guide 2023-1 provides clarification on issues related to previously established GASB guidance. The implementation of GASB Implementation Guide 2023-1 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

GASB Statement No. 101 is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures.

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NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

B. Restatement of Net Position

During 2024, there was a change in accounting principle related to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 101, "Compensated Absences". The effect of changing the accounting principle is shown in the table below.

	12/31/2023 As Previously Reported	Change in Accounting Principle	12/31/2023 As Restated
Net Position			
Governmental Activities	\$ 46,391,501	\$ (1,534,474)	\$ 44,857,027
Business-Type Activities	15,798,938	(136,663)	15,662,275
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 62,190,439</u>	<u>\$ (1,671,137)</u>	<u>\$ 60,519,302</u>
Proprietary Funds			
Major Funds:			
Water	\$ 6,211,644	\$ (70,559)	\$ 6,141,085
Sewer	8,345,851	(66,104)	8,279,747
Total Proprietary Funds	<u>\$ 14,557,495</u>	<u>\$ (136,663)</u>	<u>\$ 14,420,832</u>

C. Restatement of Capital Assets and Long-Term Debt

During 2024, the City reclassified infrastructure capital assets and the corresponding OPWC loan related to the Cassingham and Vernon Road Improvements project from governmental activities to business-type activities in the amount of \$608,705 due to final project allocation changes. Of the \$608,705 reclassified to business-type activities, \$345,060 and \$263,645 were reclassified to the water and sewer funds, respectively.

NOTE 4 - 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 the City 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.

Interim deposits are deposits in 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.

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 or interest by the United States;

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

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, and Government National Mortgage 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; and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
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 and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions; and,
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool, the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio (STAR Ohio); and
8. Certain bankers' acceptances (for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days) and commercial paper notes (for a period not to exceed two hundred seventy days) in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time if training requirements have been met.

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; and with certain limitations including a requirement for maturity within ten years from the date of settlement, bonds and other obligations of political subdivisions of the State of Ohio, if training requirements have been met;
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.

Protection of the deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institutions participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

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. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code, except as noted above, 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. Except as notes above, the City's investment policy limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of the settlement date. 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.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

A. Cash in Segregated Accounts

At year end, the City had \$8,077 held outside of the City treasury. These depository accounts were established for Employee Flexible Spending and Mayor's Court. The segregated cash accounts are reported in the general fund, mayor's court computer fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and the custodial funds. These depository accounts are included in "deposits with financial institutions" in the footnotes that follow.

B. Cash with Fiscal Agent

At year end, the City had \$83,061 on deposit with the Franklin County Treasurer. The data regarding insurance and collateralization can be obtained from the Franklin County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2024. This amount is not included in the City's depository balance below.

C. Deposits with Financial Institutions

At December 31, 2024, the carrying amount of all City deposits was \$5,379,925 and the bank balance of all City deposits was \$6,616,683. Of the bank balance, \$4,602,949 was covered by the FDIC and \$1,208,240 was covered by the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS) and \$805,494 was exposed to custodial credit risk because this amount was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Custodial credit risk 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. The City has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by (1) eligible securities pledged to the City's and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured, or (2) participation in the OPCS, a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS requires the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State. For 2024, the City's financial institutions were approved for a reduced collateral rate of 60 percent through the OPCS. Although all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with Federal requirements could potentially subject the City to a successful claim by the FDIC.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

D. Investments

As of December 31, 2024, the City had the following investments:

Measurement/ Investment type	Measurement Value	Investment Maturities				
		6 months or less	7 to 12 months	13 to 18 months	19 to 24 months	Greater than 24 months
<i>Fair Value:</i>						
FFCB	\$ 874,648	\$ 747,974	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126,674
FHLB	640,898	247,085	-	393,813	-	-
FHLMC	1,506,733	-	1,256,620	-	-	250,113
Negotiable CDs	11,069,118	2,002,328	4,183,522	1,535,531	1,249,864	2,097,873
Municipal bonds	692,363	-	-	-	-	692,363
U.S. Treasury Notes	7,448,673	-	-	-	-	7,448,673
U.S. Treasury Money Market Mutual Funds	19,564	19,564	-	-	-	-
<i>Amortized Cost:</i>						
STAR Ohio	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 22,351,997	\$ 3,116,951	\$ 5,440,142	\$ 1,929,344	\$ 1,249,864	\$ 10,615,696

The weighted average of maturity of investments is 2.31 years.

The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset.

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The City's investments in U.S. Treasury money market mutual funds are valued using quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1 inputs). The City's investments in federal agency securities (FFCB, FHLB, FHLMC), municipal bonds, U.S. Treasury notes, and negotiable CDs are valued using quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources for similar assets or liabilities for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly (Level 2 inputs).

Interest Rate Risk: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the City's investment policy limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: The City's investments in federal agency securities and U.S. Treasury notes were rated AA+ and Aaa by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. The municipal bonds were rated AA and Aa1 by Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services, respectively. The negotiable CD's were fully covered by the FDIC. Standard & Poor's has assigned STAR Ohio and the U.S. Treasury money market mutual funds an AAAM money market rating. The City limits its investments to those authorized by State statute.

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NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The federal agency securities are exposed to custodial credit risk in that they are uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent, but not in the City's name. The City has no investment policy dealing with investment custodial risk beyond the requirement in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to the delivery of the securities representing such investments to the City Auditor or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The City places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any single issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the City at December 31, 2024:

<u>Measurement/ Investment type</u>	<u>Measurement Amount</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
<i>Fair Value:</i>		
FFCB	\$ 874,648	3.91
FHLB	640,898	2.87
FHLMC	1,506,733	6.74
Negotiable CDs	11,069,118	49.52
Municipal bonds	692,363	3.10
U.S. Treasury Notes	7,448,673	33.32
U.S. Treasury Money		
Market Mutual Funds	19,564	0.09
<i>Amortized Cost:</i>		
STAR Ohio	100,000	0.45
Total	<u>\$ 22,351,997</u>	<u>100.00</u>

E. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments to Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments as reported in the note above to cash and investments as reported on the statement of net position as of December 31, 2024:

<u>Cash and investments per note</u>	
Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 5,379,925
Cash with fiscal agent	83,061
Investments	<u>22,351,997</u>
Total	<u>\$ 27,814,983</u>
<u>Cash and investments per statement of net position</u>	
Governmental activities	\$ 23,062,986
Business-type activities	4,750,003
Custodial fund	<u>1,994</u>
Total	<u>\$ 27,814,983</u>

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NOTE 5 - MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

The City levies and collects an income tax of two and one-half percent on all income earned within the City as well as on incomes of residents earned outside the City. In the latter case, the City allows a credit of 65 percent of the tax paid to another municipality, not to exceed the amount owed. Employers within the City are required to withhold income tax on employee earnings and remit the tax to the City at least quarterly. Corporations and other individual taxpayers are also required to pay their estimated tax at least quarterly and file a final return annually. The City utilizes the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) for the collection of income taxes on its behalf. Income tax revenue recognized in the general fund amounted to \$17,606,271 in 2024.

NOTE 6 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

A. Transfers

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2024, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund financial statements.

<u>Transfers from:</u>	<u>Transfers to:</u>	
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
General fund	\$	3,836,403
Roads and sidewalks		<u>437,199</u>
Total	\$	<u>4,273,602</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. All transfers were made in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16.

B. Interfund loans

Interfund loans receivable/payable consisted of the following at June 30, 2024, as reported on the fund statements:

<u>Receivable fund</u>	<u>Payable fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Main St. Public Improvement TIF	<u>\$ 1,755,000</u>

The primary purpose of the interfund balances is to cover costs in specific funds where revenues were not received by December 31. These interfund balances will be repaid once the anticipated revenues are received.

The amount for the general fund contains a long-term advance to the Main St. Public Improvement TIF fund of \$1,560,000 that will be repaid in more than one year.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

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NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES AND TAX ABATEMENTS

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.

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. 2024 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 2023, are levied after October 1, 2024, and are collected in 2025 with real property taxes. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

The County collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County, including the City. The County Auditor periodically remits to the City its portion of the taxes collected. Property taxes receivable represents real property taxes, public utility taxes and outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2024 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the governmental funds, the current portion receivable has been offset by deferred inflow of resources since the current taxes were not levied to finance 2024 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes has been offset by deferred inflow of resources since the collection of the taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On an accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue while on a modified accrual basis the revenue is a deferred inflow of resources.

The full tax rate for all City operations for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$5.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property and public utility personal property upon which 2023 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

<u>Real property</u>	
Residential/agricultural	\$ 808,236,250
Commercial/industrial/public utility	27,356,730
<u>Public utility</u>	
Personal	<u>8,376,280</u>
Total assessed value	<u>\$ 843,969,260</u>

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NOTE 7 - PROPERTY TAXES AND TAX ABATEMENTS - (Continued)

B. Taxes Abatements

As of December 31, 2024, the City provides property tax abatements through a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program.

CRA - Under the authority of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3735.67, the CRA program is an economic development tool administered by municipal and county governments that provides real property tax exemptions for property owners who renovate existing or construct new buildings. CRA's are areas of land in which property owners can receive tax incentives for investing in real property improvements. Under the CRA program, local governments petition to the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) for confirmation of a geographical area in which investment in housing is desired. Once an area is confirmed by the ODSA, local governments may offer real property tax exemptions to taxpayers that invest in that area. Property owners in the CRA can receive temporary tax abatements for renovation of existing structures and new construction in these areas. Property owners apply to the local legislative authority for approval to renovate or construct in the CRA. Upon approval and certification of completion, the amount of the abatement is deducted from the individual or entity's property tax bill.

The City has entered into agreements to abate property taxes through this program. During 2024, the City's property tax revenues were reduced as a result of these agreements as follows:

<u>Tax Abatement Program</u>	<u>City Taxes Abated</u>
CRA	<u>\$ 9,912</u>

NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2024, consisted of property taxes, revenue in lieu of taxes, other local taxes, municipal income taxes, accounts, accrued interest, special assessments, notes, and amounts due from other governments arising from grants, entitlements or shared revenues.

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

<u>Governmental activities:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Local government	\$ 276,728
Grants	261,579
Homestead and rollback	112,461
Auto license	30,063
Gasoline tax	281,793
Permissive motor vehicle license tax	<u>38,441</u>
Total due from other governments	<u>\$ 1,001,065</u>

All receivables are expected to be collected within the subsequent year with the exception of the opioid settlement receivable which will be collected over the course of the settlement agreements. Receivables in the amount of \$74,901 will not be received within one year. Water and sewer charges receivable which, if delinquent, may be certified and collected as a special assessment, are subject to foreclosure for nonpayment. Property and income taxes and revenue in lieu of taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquents that will not be collected within one year.

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NOTE 8 - RECEIVABLES – (Continued)

At December 31, 2024, the City has reported a \$44,377 note receivable from Capital University (the “University”) related to water line improvements being performed as part of the College and South Cassady Improvement project financed through the OPWC. The University signed a promissory note on October 28, 2014 to pay the City \$76,926 in consideration for the City performing certain water improvements that could potentially benefit future growth of the University. The promissory note calls for annual payments of \$2,959 beginning December 1, 2014 and continuing for a 26-year period.

NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A. Governmental activities

Capital assets for governmental activities have been restated as described in Note 3.C. Governmental activities capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Restated Balance 12/31/23	Additions	Disposals	Balance 12/31/24
<u>Governmental activities:</u>				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:</i>				
Land	\$ 840,713	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 840,713
Construction in progress	<u>2,775,430</u>	<u>2,214,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,990,349</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized	<u>3,616,143</u>	<u>2,214,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,831,062</u>
<i>Capital assets being depreciated/amortized:</i>				
Land improvements	917,765	642,831	-	1,560,596
Buildings and improvements	21,596,870	-	-	21,596,870
Equipment	4,899,666	208,774	(67,006)	5,041,434
Vehicles	3,011,336	234,229	(91,423)	3,154,142
Infrastructure	57,522,712	1,815,560	-	59,338,272
Intangible Right to Use:				
SBITA	<u>-</u>	<u>39,418</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,418</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>87,948,349</u>	<u>2,940,812</u>	<u>(158,429)</u>	<u>90,730,732</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation/amortization:</i>				
Land improvements	(590,412)	(70,645)	-	(661,057)
Buildings and improvements	(7,013,469)	(703,437)	-	(7,716,906)
Equipment	(2,522,809)	(292,051)	63,656	(2,751,204)
Vehicles	(2,105,853)	(186,477)	86,122	(2,206,208)
Infrastructure	(30,069,183)	(1,793,114)	-	(31,862,297)
Intangible Right to Use:				
SBITA	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,760)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,760)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(42,301,726)</u>	<u>(3,054,484)</u>	<u>149,778</u>	<u>(45,206,432)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>45,646,623</u>	<u>(113,672)</u>	<u>(8,651)</u>	<u>45,524,300</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 49,262,766</u>	<u>\$ 2,101,247</u>	<u>\$ (8,651)</u>	<u>\$ 51,355,362</u>

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NOTE 9 - CAPITAL ASSETS - (Continued)

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to functions/programs of the City as follows:

Governmental activities:

General government	\$ 163,512
Security of persons and property	261,606
Leisure time activities	664,953
Transportation	<u>1,964,413</u>
Total depreciation/amortization expense	<u>\$ 3,054,484</u>

B. Business-type activities

Capital assets for business-type activities have been restated as described in Note 3.C. Business-type activities capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Restated Balance 12/31/23	Additions	Disposals	Balance 12/31/24
<u>Business-type activities:</u>				
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Construction in progress	\$ 3,268,914	\$ 2,031,367	\$ -	\$ 5,300,281
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>3,268,914</u>	<u>2,031,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,300,281</u>
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and improvements	455,000	-	-	455,000
Equipment	207,871	118,527	-	326,398
Vehicles	736,005	54,135	-	790,140
Infrastructure	<u>26,534,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,534,719</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>27,933,595</u>	<u>172,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,106,257</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Buildings and improvements	(188,875)	(22,750)	-	(211,625)
Equipment	(170,114)	(26,356)	-	(196,470)
Vehicles	(446,786)	(52,196)	-	(498,982)
Infrastructure	<u>(7,306,919)</u>	<u>(536,780)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,843,699)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,112,694)</u>	<u>(638,082)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,750,776)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>19,820,901</u>	<u>(465,420)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,355,481</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 23,089,815</u>	<u>\$ 1,565,947</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 24,655,762</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the City's enterprise funds as follows:

Business-type activities:

Water	\$ 379,475
Sewer	221,925
Refuse	<u>36,682</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 638,082</u>

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The City has restated long-term obligations to reflect reclassifications between governmental activities and business-type activities (see Note 3.C for detail). Additionally, due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 101 (see Note 3.B for detail), the City has restated compensated absences as of December 31, 2023 which is reflected in the schedule below. Bonded debt and other long-term obligations payable activity for 2024 was as follows:

	Interest Rate	Restated Balance 12/31/23	Increase	Decrease	Balance 12/31/24	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities						
<u>General Obligation Bonds:</u>						
Series 2014 Various Purpose						
Construction, \$2,625,000	1.5-4.0%	\$ 1,700,000	\$ -	\$ (125,000)	\$ 1,575,000	\$ 135,000
Premium on Bonds		36,141	-	(3,310)	32,831	-
Series 2015 Various Purpose						
Refunding, \$4,722,900	2.0-4.0%	3,530,800	-	(718,900)	2,811,900	741,650
Premium on Refunding Bonds		261,249	-	(52,251)	208,998	-
Series 2020 Capital Facilities, \$1,700,000	2.79%	1,500,000	-	(70,000)	1,430,000	72,000
Series 2020 Various Purpose						
Refunding, \$4,360,770	1.28-3.63%	2,439,018	-	(336,474)	2,102,544	338,148
Total General Obligation Bonds		9,467,208	-	(1,305,935)	8,161,273	1,286,798
<u>Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Loans:</u>						
<u>Direct Borrowings:</u>						
2006 North Cassady Avenue						
Reconstruction, \$1,468,415	0.00%	403,814	-	(73,420)	330,394	73,420
2008 Maryland Avenue						
Reconstruction, \$672,734	0.00%	112,123	-	(44,849)	67,274	44,849
2009 Sheridan/Francis Avenue						
Reconstruction, \$337,958	0.00%	194,013	-	(12,517)	181,496	12,517
2012 College and South Cassady						
Improvements, \$1,906,666	0.00%	1,293,811	-	(68,095)	1,225,716	68,095
2012 East Main Improvements, \$275,262	0.00%	178,921	-	(13,763)	165,158	13,763
2014 Northeast Quadrant						
Improvements, \$730,368	0.00%	554,538	-	(27,051)	527,487	27,051
2018 S. Roosevelt & Stanwood						
Improvements, \$1,004,412	0.00%	706,722	-	(25,699)	681,023	25,699
2020 S. Cassingham & Vernon						
Improvements, \$1,176,536	0.00%	212,591	-	(3,543)	209,048	7,087
2022 S. Drexel & Grandon Ave						
Improvements, \$590,496	0.00%	553,297	29,681	-	582,978	-
2024 N. Columbia & S. Remington						
Improvements, \$315,704	0.00%	-	4,344	-	4,344	-
Total OPWC Loans		4,209,830	34,025	(268,937)	3,974,918	272,481
<u>Other Long-Term Obligations:</u>						
Net Pension Liability		19,232,192	47,589	(669,212)	18,610,569	-
Net OPEB Liability		1,028,006	10,693	(170,297)	868,402	-
SBITA Payable		-	25,618	-	25,618	12,489
Compensated Absences*		2,538,260	296,801	-	2,835,061	946,932
Total Other Long-Term Obligations		22,798,458	380,701	(839,509)	22,339,650	959,421
Total Governmental Activities		\$ 36,475,496	\$ 414,726	\$ (2,414,381)	\$ 34,475,841	\$ 2,518,700

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

	Interest Rate	Restated Balance 12/31/23	Increase	Decrease	Balance 12/31/24	Due Within One Year
Business-Type Activities						
<u>General Obligation Bonds:</u>						
Series 2015 Various Purpose						
Refunding, \$467,100	2.0%-4.0%	\$ 349,200	\$ -	\$ (71,100)	\$ 278,100	\$ 73,350
Series 2020 Various Purpose						
Refunding, \$849,230	1.28-3.63%	474,982	-	(65,526)	409,456	65,852
Total General Obligation Bonds		824,182	-	(136,626)	687,556	139,202
<u>Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Loans:</u>						
<i>Direct Borrowings:</i>						
2005 Main Street Sewer, \$474,500	0.00%	71,175	-	(23,725)	47,450	23,725
2009 Sheridan/Francis Avenue						
Water, \$249,022	0.00%	142,957	-	(9,223)	133,734	9,223
2009 Sheridan/Francis Avenue						
Sewer, \$5,929	0.00%	3,401	-	(219)	3,182	220
2012 College and South Cassady						
Water, \$817,142	0.00%	554,486	-	(29,184)	525,302	29,184
2013 East Main Water, \$108,436	0.00%	70,482	-	(5,422)	65,060	5,422
2013 East Main Sewer, \$33,365	0.00%	21,689	-	(1,668)	20,021	1,668
2014 Northeast Quadrant						
Water, \$829,967	0.00%	630,163	-	(30,739)	599,424	30,739
2014 Northeast Quadrant						
Sewer, \$99,597	0.00%	75,619	-	(3,689)	71,930	3,689
2016 East Broad Street						
Water, \$1,255,000	0.00%	981,648	-	(46,746)	934,902	46,746
2018 S. Roosevelt & Ashbourne						
Sewer, \$450,000	0.00%	212,864	-	(7,884)	204,980	7,884
2018 S. Roosevelt & Ashbourne						
Water, \$3,300,000	0.00%	1,561,011	-	(57,815)	1,503,196	57,815
2018 S. Roosevelt & Stanwood						
Sewer, \$111,600	0.00%	78,522	-	(2,856)	75,666	2,856
2018 S. Roosevelt & Stanwood						
Water, \$2,604,030	0.00%	1,832,240	-	(66,627)	1,765,613	66,627
2020 S. Cassingham & Vernon						
Water, \$2,279,539	0.00%	1,936,321	-	(32,275)	1,904,046	64,545
2020 S. Cassingham & Vernon						
Sewer, \$220,601	0.00%	417,638	-	(6,961)	410,677	13,922
2022 S. Drexel & Grandon Ave						
Water, \$2,509,607	0.00%	2,351,508	126,142	-	2,477,650	-
2022 S. Drexel & Grandon Ave						
Sewer, \$590,496	0.00%	553,296	29,680	-	582,976	-
2024 Stanberry Ave & Chelsea Ave						
Sewer, \$1,144,086	0.00%	-	565,932	-	565,932	-
2024 Stanberry Ave & Chelsea Ave						
Water, \$2,546,513	0.00%	-	1,259,654	-	1,259,654	-
2024 N. Columbia & S. Remington						
Sewer, \$634,402	0.00%	-	9,232	-	9,232	-
2024 N. Columbia & S. Remington						
Water, \$2,798,832	0.00%	-	40,727	-	40,727	-
Total OPWC Loans		11,495,020	2,031,367	(325,033)	13,201,354	364,265

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

	Interest Rate	Restated Balance 12/31/23	Increase	Decrease	Balance 12/31/24	Due Within One Year
<u>Other Long-Term Obligations:</u>						
Net Pension Liability		894,548	30,369		924,917	-
Net OPEB Liability		19,559	-	(19,559)	-	-
Compensated Absences*		<u>197,133</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,133)</u>	<u>170,000</u>	<u>59,030</u>
Total Other Long-Term Obligations		<u>1,111,240</u>	<u>30,369</u>	<u>(46,692)</u>	<u>1,094,917</u>	<u>59,030</u>
Total Business-Type Activities		<u>\$ 13,430,442</u>	<u>\$ 2,061,736</u>	<u>\$ (508,351)</u>	<u>\$ 14,983,827</u>	<u>\$ 562,497</u>

*The change in compensated absences liability is presented as a net change.

Legal Debt Margin

The City's overall legal debt margin was \$81,165,069, with an unvoted debt margin of \$46,418,309 at December 31, 2024.

Future Debt Service Requirements

As of December 31, 2024, the 2022 S. Drexel & Grandon Ave, 2024 Stanberry Ave & Chelsea Ave, and the 2024 North Columbia & South Remington OPWC loans were not closed and not all monies available have been borrowed. As of December 31, 2024, the City has drawn \$3,060,626 of the \$3,100,103 permissible borrowings for the S. Drexel & Grandon Ave OPWC loan, \$1,825,586 of the \$3,690,599 permissible borrowings for the Stanberry Ave & Chelsea Ave OPWC loan, and \$49,959 of the \$3,433,234 permissible borrowings for the N. Columbia & S. Remington OPWC loan. As such, no amortization schedules are available for these loans and they are not included in the schedule below.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for business-type long-term obligations are:

Year Ending December 31,	Business-type Activities					
	Water General Obligation Bonds		Sewer General Obligation Bonds		<i>Direct Borrowings</i>	
					Sewer OPWC Loans	Water OPWC Loans
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Principal
2025	\$ 63,498	\$ 5,641	\$ 75,704	\$ 10,724	\$ 53,964	\$ 310,301
2026	64,770	4,607	79,460	7,982	53,964	310,300
2027	66,216	3,544	82,468	5,093	30,238	310,300
2028	63,014	2,453	52,572	2,090	30,239	310,299
2029	58,225	1,505	11,050	286	30,239	310,299
2030 - 2034	59,321	759	11,258	144	151,190	1,551,489
2035 - 2039	-	-	-	-	146,066	1,530,619
2040 - 2044	-	-	-	-	139,897	1,404,536
2045 - 2049	-	-	-	-	123,297	944,929
2050 - 2053	-	-	-	-	74,812	448,205
Totals	<u>\$ 375,044</u>	<u>\$ 18,509</u>	<u>\$ 312,512</u>	<u>\$ 26,319</u>	<u>\$ 833,906</u>	<u>\$ 7,431,277</u>

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

As of December 31, 2024, the 2022 S. Drexel & Grandon Ave and the 2024 N. Columbia & S. Remington OPWC loans were not closed and not all monies available have been borrowed. As of December 31, 2024, the City has drawn \$582,978 of the \$590,496 permissible borrowings for the S. Drexel & Grandon Ave OPWC loan and \$4,344 of the \$315,704 permissible borrowings for the N. Columbia & S. Remington OPWC loan. As such, no amortization schedules are available for these loans and they are not included in the schedule below.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for governmental activities long-term obligations are:

Year Ending December 31,	Governmental Activities		
	General Obligation Bonds		Direct Borrowings
			OPWC Loans
	Principal	Interest	Principal
2025	\$ 1,286,798	\$ 236,724	\$ 272,481
2026	1,339,770	196,331	250,059
2027	1,380,316	154,021	227,633
2028	1,049,414	109,637	227,633
2029	591,725	77,818	190,923
2030 - 2034	1,660,421	220,324	771,061
2035 - 2039	502,000	58,015	723,509
2040 - 2044	109,000	3,050	489,937
2045 - 2049	-	-	163,925
2050 - 2053	-	-	70,435
Totals	<u>\$ 7,919,444</u>	<u>\$ 1,055,920</u>	<u>\$ 3,387,596</u>

Series 2014 Various Purpose Construction Bonds

On May 22, 2014, the City issued \$2,625,000 in Series 2014 Various Purpose Construction Bonds to finance improvements and renovations to the new city hall facility (\$790,000) and for the constructing a new service garage (\$1,835,000). The bonds bear interest rates ranging from 1.50 percent to 4.00 percent and mature on December 1, 2034. Principal and interest payments are made from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

Series 2015 Various Purpose Refunding Bonds

On May 19, 2015, the City issued \$5,190,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of advance refunding a portion of the Series 2008 Various Purpose Refunding Bonds and Capital Improvement Bonds and a portion of the Series 2009 Capital Improvement Bonds. Of this amount, \$467,100 is reported in the business-type activities and \$4,722,900 is reported in the governmental activities. The bonds are serial bonds and were issued for a 14-year period with final maturity in December 1, 2028. Principal and interest related to the governmental activities portion is paid from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). Principal and interest related to the business-type activities portion is paid from the water and sewer enterprise funds.

As part of the advance refunding, the City deposited \$5,916,901 into an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments of the refunded debt. The refunded bonds were not included in the City's outstanding debt since the City has satisfied its obligations through the refunding (in-substance defeased). The assets held in trust as a result of the refunding are not included in the financial statements. The balance of the refunded bonds was \$3,145,000 at December 31, 2024.

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt by \$806,901. This amount is being netted against the new debt and amortized over the remaining life of the refunded debt, which is equal to the life of the new debt issued.

Series 2020 Various Purpose Refunding Bonds

On November 5, 2020, the City issued \$5,210,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of advance refunding the remaining amount of the Series 2008 Various Purpose Refunding Bonds, a portion of the Series 2009 Capital Improvement Bonds, and the remaining amount of the Series 2010 General Obligation Bonds. Of this amount, \$849,230 is reported in the business-type activities and \$4,360,770 is reported in the governmental activities. The bonds are serial bonds and were issued for a 10-year period with final maturity in December 1, 2030. Principal and interest related to the governmental activities portion is paid from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). Principal and interest related to the business-type activities portion is paid from the water and sewer enterprise funds.

As part of the advance refunding, the City deposited \$6,151,139 into an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments of the refunded debt. The refunded bonds were not included in the City's outstanding debt since the City has satisfied its obligations through the refunding (in-substance defeased). The assets held in trust as a result of the refunding are not included in the financial statements. The balance of the refunded bonds was \$3,945,000 at December 31, 2024.

The reacquisition price exceeded the net carrying amount of the old debt exceeded the reacquisition price by \$29,668 in the in the governmental activities. These amounts are being netted against the new debt and amortized over the remaining life of the refunded debt, which is equal to the life of the new debt issued. The refunding reduced future debt service payments by \$565,221 resulting in an economic gain of \$531,553.

Series 2020 Capital Facilities Bonds

On March 10, 2020, the City issued \$1,700,000 in Series 2020 Capital Facilities Bonds to finance improvements and renovations to Jeffery Mansion. The bonds bear an interest rate of 2.79 percent and mature on December 1, 2040. Principal and interest payments are made from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund).

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Loans

OPWC loans are considered direct borrowings with terms negotiated directly with the OPWC and were not offered for public sale. In the event of default, the OPWC may (1) charge an 8% default interest rate from the date of the default to the date of the payment and charge the City for all costs incurred by the OPWC in curing the default, (2) in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 164.05, direct the county treasurer of the county in which the City is located to pay the amount of the default from funds that would otherwise be appropriated to the City from such county's undivided local government fund pursuant to ORC 5747.51-5747.53, or (3) at its discretion, declare the entire principal amount of loan then remaining unpaid, together with all accrued interest and other charges, become immediately due and payable.

In 2005, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for the Main Street Sewer Project. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. Principal payments are due semi-annually and are paid from the sewer enterprise fund with final maturity in 2026.

In 2006, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for the reconstruction of North Cassady Avenue. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. Principal payments are due semi-annually and are paid from the street maintenance and repair fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) with final maturity in 2028.

In 2008, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for the reconstruction of Maryland Avenue. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. Principal payments are due semi-annually and will be paid from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) with final maturity in 2026.

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

In 2009, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for the reconstruction of Sheridan/Francis Avenue. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. Principal payments are due semi-annually and will be 57 percent from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), 42 percent from the water enterprise fund, and 1 percent from the sewer enterprise fund. The loan has a final maturity in 2038.

In 2012 - 2013, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for College Avenue and South Cassady Avenue street improvements and water projects. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. Principal payments are due semi-annually and will be 70 percent from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund) and 30 percent from the water enterprise fund. The loan has a final maturity in 2042.

In 2012 - 2015, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for East Main street improvements, water projects, and sewer projects. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. Principal payments are due semi-annually and will be 66 percent from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), 26 percent from the water enterprise fund, and 8 percent from the sewer enterprise fund. The loan has a final maturity in 2036.

In 2014 - 2016, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for Northeast Quadrant street improvements, water projects and sewer projects. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. Principal payments are due semi-annually and will be 44 percent from the bond retirement fund (a nonmajor governmental fund), 50 percent from the water enterprise fund, and 6 percent from the sewer enterprise fund. The loan has a final maturity in 2043.

In 2016, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for East Broad Street Water Improvement Project. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. Principal payments are due semi-annually and will be paid from the water enterprise fund. The loan has a final maturity in 2044.

In 2018, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for South Roosevelt and Ashbourne Project. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. Principal payments are due semi-annually and paid 88% from the water enterprise fund and 12% from the sewer enterprise fund. The loan has a final maturity in 2050.

In 2018, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for South Roosevelt and Stanwood Project. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. Principal payments are due semi-annually and paid 70% from the water enterprise fund, 3% from the sewer enterprise fund, and 27% from the street maintenance and repair fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The loan has a final maturity in 2050.

In 2020 - 2022, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for South Cassingham and Vernon Project. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. Principal payments will be due semi-annually and paid 62% from the water enterprise fund, 6% from the sewer enterprise fund, and 32% from the street maintenance and repair fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The loan has a final maturity in 2053. No principal payments were made in 2024.

In 2022 - 2024, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for South Drexel and Grandon Ave Project. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. When completed, principal payments will be due semi-annually and paid 68% from the water enterprise fund, 16% from the sewer enterprise fund, and 16% from the street maintenance and repair fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The City may borrow up to \$3,690,599 and at December 31, 2024, the City had outstanding borrowings of \$3,643,604. At December 31, 2024, the loan remains open and final loan amount has not been determined as the City has \$46,995 remaining to be drawn on the loan. No principal payments were made in 2024.

In 2024, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for Stanberry Ave and Chelsea Ave Project. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. When completed, principal payments will be due semi-annually and paid 69% from the water enterprise fund and 31% from the sewer enterprise fund. The City may borrow up to \$3,690,599 and at December 31, 2024, the City had outstanding borrowings of \$1,825,586. At December 31, 2024, the loan remains open and final loan amount has not been determined as the City has \$1,865,013 remaining to be drawn on the loan. No principal payments were made in 2024.

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NOTE 10 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - (Continued)

In 2024, the City received loan proceeds from OPWC for North Columbia & South Remington Project. This is a zero percent interest general obligation loan. When completed, principal payments will be due semi-annually and paid 75% from the water enterprise fund, 17% from the sewer enterprise fund, and 8% from the street maintenance and repair fund (a nonmajor governmental fund). The City may borrow up to \$3,731,776 and at December 31, 2024, the City had outstanding borrowings of \$54,303. At December 31, 2024, the loan remains open and final loan amount has not been determined as the City has \$3,677,473 remaining to be drawn on the loan. No principal payments were made in 2024.

Net Pension Liability and Net OPEB Liability

The City's net pension liability and net OPEB liability are described in Notes 12 and 13, respectively. The City pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their service.

Compensated Absences

The City's compensated absences are described in Note 2.H and Note 11.

SBITA Payable

The City has entered into an agreement for the right to use subscription to software. Due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 96, the City will report an intangible capital asset and corresponding liability for the future scheduled payments under the subscription. The subscription payments were paid from the general fund.

The City has entered into agreements for subscriptions at varying years and terms as follows:

<u>SBITA</u>	<u>Commencement Date</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Payment Method</u>
Software	2024	2	2026	Annually

The following is a schedule of future payments under the agreements:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>SBITA</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 12,489	\$ 1,311	\$ 13,800
2026	13,129	671	13,800
Totals	<u>\$ 25,618</u>	<u>\$ 1,982</u>	<u>\$ 27,600</u>

NOTE 11 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Compensated Absences

Vacation leave is earned at rates which vary depending upon length of service. For 2024, all employees may carry over 80 hours of vacation leave per year. City employees are paid for earned, unused vacation leave at the time of termination of employment.

Sick leave is earned at rates which vary depending upon length of service and can be accumulated up to a limit of 2,100 hours. Upon termination, employees are paid for one-eighth of their accumulated sick leave balance up to 320 hours and one-fourth of their accumulated sick leave balance for hours in excess of 320 hours. Employees are paid based on the pay rate in effect when the hours were earned on a first-in, first-out basis.

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NOTE 11 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - (Continued)

Health Care Benefits

During 2024, the City provided its employees group health and prescription drug insurance through Medical Mutual. Life, dental, and vision insurance is provided through Standard Insurance, Delta Dental, and VSP, respectively.

Deferred Compensation

City employees may participate in the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan was created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Participation is on a voluntary payroll deduction basis. The plan permits deferral of compensation until future years. According to the plan, the deferred compensation is not available until termination, retirement, death, or an unforeseeable emergency.

NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

The net pension liability (asset) and the net OPEB liability (asset) reported on the statement of net position represents a liability or asset to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively.

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represents the City's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the City's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The City cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the City does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term net pension/OPEB liability (asset) on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension/OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in due to other governments on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The remainder of this note includes the pension disclosures. See Note 13 for the OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - City employees, other than full-time police, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which 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 and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Effective January 1, 2022, new members may no longer select the Combined Plan, and current members may no longer make a plan change to this plan. In October 2023, the legislature approved House Bill (HB) 33 which allows for the consolidation of the combined plan with the traditional plan with the timing of the consolidation at the discretion of OPERS. As of December 31, 2023, the consolidation has not been executed. (The latest information available.) Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	Group B 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Group C Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35

Traditional plan state and local members who retire before meeting the age-and-years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The amount of a member's pension benefit vests at retirement.

Combined plan members retiring before age 65 with less than 30 years of service credit receive a percentage reduction in benefit.

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the member's original base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost-of-living adjustment is 3.00%. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3.00%.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20.00% each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	State and Local	
	Traditional	Combined
2024 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates		
Employer	14.0 %	14.0 %
Employee *	10.0 %	10.0 %
2024 Actual Contribution Rates		
Employer:		
Pension ****	14.0 %	12.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits *****	0.0	2.0
Total Employer	14.0 %	14.0 %
Employee	10.0 %	10.0 %

* Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.

***** These pension and employer health care rates are for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contributions rate for the member-directed plan is allocated 4 percent for health care with the remainder going to pension; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate is funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined within the constraints of statutory limits for each division and expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

The City's contractually required contribution for the Traditional Pension Plan, the Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan was \$1,003,899 for 2024. Of this amount, \$48,978 is reported as due to other governments.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Plan Description - Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)

Plan Description - City full-time police participate in Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides retirement and disability pension 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 information and required supplementary information and detailed information about OP&F fiduciary net position. The report that may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at www.op-f.org or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Upon attaining a qualifying age with sufficient years of service, a member of OP&F may retire and receive a lifetime monthly pension. OP&F offers four types of service retirement: normal, service commuted, age/service commuted and actuarially reduced. Each type has different eligibility guidelines and is calculated using the member's average annual salary. The following discussion of the pension formula relates to normal service retirement.

For members hired after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 52 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit. For members hired on or before after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 48 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit.

The annual pension benefit for normal service retirement is equal to a percentage of the allowable average annual salary. The percentage equals 2.50% for each of the first 20 years of service credit, 2.00% for each of the next five years of service credit and 1.50% for each year of service credit in excess of 25 years. The maximum pension of 72.00% of the allowable average annual salary is paid after 33 years of service credit (see OP&F Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for Deferred Retirement Option Plan provisions and reduced and unreduced benefits).

Under normal service retirement, retired members who are at least 55 years old and have been receiving OP&F benefits for at least one year may be eligible for a cost-of-living allowance adjustment. The age 55 provision for receiving a COLA does not apply to those who are receiving a permanent and total disability benefit, surviving beneficiaries under optional plans, and statutory survivors. Members participating in the DROP program have separate eligibility requirements related to COLA.

The COLA amount for members who have 15 or more years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members who are receiving a pension benefit that became effective before July 1, 2013, will be equal to 3.00% of the member's base pension benefit.

The COLA amount for members who have less than 15 years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members whose pension benefit became effective on or after July 1, 2013, will be equal to a percentage of the member's base pension benefit where the percentage is the lesser of 3.00% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index, if any, over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent.

Members who retired prior to July 24, 1986, or their surviving beneficiaries under optional plans are entitled to cost-of-living allowance increases. The annual increase is paid on July 1st of each year. The annual COLA increase is \$360 under a Single Life Annuity Plan with proportional reductions for optional payment plans.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>Police</u>
2024 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	19.50 %
Employee	12.25 %
2024 Actual Contribution Rates	
Employer:	
Pension	19.00 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	<u>0.50 %</u>
Total Employer	<u>19.50 %</u>
Employee	<u>12.25 %</u>

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$793,127 for 2024. Of this amount, \$28,339 is reported as due to other governments.

Net Pension Liabilities (Assets), Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The net pension liability (asset) for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. OP&F's total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2023, and was determined by rolling forward the total pension liability as of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. The City's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) was based on the City's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>OPERS - Traditional</u>	<u>OPERS - Combined</u>	<u>OPERS - Member- Directed</u>	<u>OP&F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net pension liability/asset prior measurement date	0.02939500%	0.01409900%	0.05730400%	0.12046960%	
Proportion of the net pension liability/asset current measurement date	<u>0.03072700%</u>	<u>0.01472000%</u>	<u>0.06410800%</u>	<u>0.11893780%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.00133200%</u>	<u>0.00062100%</u>	<u>0.00680400%</u>	<u>-0.00153180%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 8,044,453	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,491,033	\$ 19,535,486
Proportionate share of the net pension asset	-	(45,246)	(7,151)	-	(52,397)
Pension expense	1,333,785	3,323	(678)	1,167,726	2,504,156

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

At December 31, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OPERS - Traditional	OPERS - Combined	OPERS - Member- Directed	OP&F	Total
Deferred outflows of resources					
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 131,481	\$ 1,832	\$ 15,361	\$ 368,897	\$ 517,571
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,623,712	7,358	1,275	1,302,174	2,934,519
Changes of assumptions	-	1,675	251	726,219	728,145
Changes in employer's proportionate percentage/ difference between employer contributions	344,503	-	-	125,433	469,936
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	958,358	8,190	37,351	793,127	1,797,026
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 3,058,054</u>	<u>\$ 19,055</u>	<u>\$ 54,238</u>	<u>\$ 3,315,850</u>	<u>\$ 6,447,197</u>
	OPERS - Traditional	OPERS - Combined	OPERS - Member- Directed	OP&F	Total
Deferred inflows of resources					
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 4,477	\$ -	\$ 128,515	\$ 132,992
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-	174,504	174,504
Changes in employer's proportionate percentage/ difference between employer contributions	62,942	-	-	443,025	505,967
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 62,942</u>	<u>\$ 4,477</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 746,044</u>	<u>\$ 813,463</u>

\$1,797,026 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of/increase to the net pension liability/asset in the year ending December 31, 2025.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	OPERS - Traditional	OPERS - Combined	OPERS - Member- Directed	OP&F	Total
2025	\$ 622,423	\$ 1,119	\$ 2,648	\$ 514,085	\$ 1,140,275
2026	609,379	2,018	2,694	538,217	1,152,308
2027	1,036,160	4,238	3,036	821,382	1,864,816
2028	(231,208)	(1,212)	1,780	(131,528)	(362,168)
2029	-	124	1,732	32,958	34,814
Thereafter	-	101	4,997	1,565	6,663
Total	<u>\$ 2,036,754</u>	<u>\$ 6,388</u>	<u>\$ 16,887</u>	<u>\$ 1,776,679</u>	<u>\$ 3,836,708</u>

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial-reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67.

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of December 31, 2023, compared to the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation, are presented below.

Wage inflation	
Current measurement date	2.75%
Prior measurement date	2.75%
Future salary increases, including inflation	
Current measurement date	2.75% to 10.75% including wage inflation
Prior measurement date	2.75% to 10.75% including wage inflation
COLA or ad hoc COLA	
Current measurement date	Pre 1/7/2013 retirees: 3.00%, simple Post 1/7/2013 retirees: 2.30%, simple through 2024, then 2.05% simple
Prior measurement date	Pre 1/7/2013 retirees: 3.00%, simple Post 1/7/2013 retirees: 3.00%, simple through 2023, then 2.05% simple
Investment rate of return	
Current measurement date	6.90%
Prior measurement date	6.90%
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2023, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Defined Contribution portfolio and the Health Care portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets of the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio, contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was a gain of 11.20% for 2023.

The allocation of investment assets within the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant.

For each major asset class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed income	24.00 %	2.85 %
Domestic equities	21.00	4.27
Real estate	13.00	4.46
Private equity	15.00	7.52
International equities	20.00	5.16
Risk Parity	2.00	4.38
Other investments	5.00	3.46
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

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Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90% for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.90%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability/asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.90%) or one-percentage-point higher (7.90%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset):			
Traditional Pension Plan	\$ 12,664,133	\$ 8,044,453	\$ 4,202,225
Combined Plan	(27,379)	(45,246)	(59,322)
Member-Directed Plan	(5,129)	(7,151)	(8,975)

Actuarial Assumptions - OP&F

OP&F's total pension liability is determined by OP&F's actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No.67, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing retirement plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements, and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. A comprehensive experience study was performed during 2022 by OP&F's actuary and completed as of December 31, 2021. Changes in demographic and economic actuarial assumptions were made. Assumptions considered were: withdrawal rates, disability retirement, service retirement, DROP elections, mortality, percent married and forms of payment, DROP interest rate, CPI-based COLA, investment returns, salary increases and payroll growth. The changes in assumptions are being amortized over the estimated remaining useful life of the participants which was 6.03 years at December 31, 2023.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of December 31, 2023, compared to December 31, 2022, are presented below.

Valuation date	1/1/23 with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to 12/31/23
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal (level percent of payroll)
Investment rate of return	
Current measurement date	7.50%
Prior measurement date	7.50%
Projected salary increases	3.75% - 10.50%
Payroll increases	3.25% per annum, compounded annually, consisting of inflation rate of 2.75% plus productivity increase rate of 0.50%
Cost of living adjustments	2.20% per year

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Healthy Mortality

Mortality for service retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Healthy Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 96.2% for males and 98.7% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Disabled Mortality

Mortality for disabled retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Safety Amount-Weighted Disabled Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 135% for males and 97.9% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Contingent Annuitant Mortality

Mortality for contingent annuitants is based on the Pub- 2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Contingent Annuitant Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 108.9% for males and 131% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Pre-Retirement Mortality

Mortality for active members is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Employee mortality table. All rates are projected using the MP- 2021 Improvement Scale.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption (30 to 50 years) and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the underlying inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

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NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - (Continued)

Best estimates of the long-term expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in OP&F's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023 are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	18.60 %	4.10 %
Non-US equity	12.40	4.90
Private markets	10.00	7.30
Core fixed income *	25.00	2.40
High yield fixed income	7.00	4.10
Private credit	5.00	6.80
U.S. inflation linked bonds *	15.00	2.10
Midstream energy infrastructure	5.00	5.80
Real assets	8.00	6.00
Gold	5.00	3.50
Private real estate	12.00	5.40
Commodities	2.00	3.50
Total	125.00 %	

Note: assumptions are geometric.

* levered 2x

OP&F's Board of Trustees has incorporated the risk parity concept into OP&F's asset liability valuation with the goal of reducing equity risk exposure, which reduces overall Total Portfolio risk without sacrificing return and creating a more risk-balanced portfolio based on the relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.25 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

Discount Rate - Total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by state statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 7.50%. Based on those assumptions, OP&F's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payment of current plan members. Therefore, a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50%), or one percentage point higher (8.50%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 15,220,729	\$ 11,491,033	\$ 8,389,428

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Net OPEB Liability (Asset)

See Note 12 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust. The 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust or Health Care Trust) was established in 2014, under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The purpose of the 115 Trust is to fund health care for the Traditional Pension, Combined and Member-Directed plans. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. Retirees in the Traditional Pension and Combined plans may have an allowance deposited into a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account to be used toward the health care program of their choice and other eligible expenses. An OPERS vendor is available to assist with the selection of a health care program.

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan or Combined Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

Age 65 or older Retirees Minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

Age 60 to 64 Retirees Based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of total service with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit;

Group B 31 years of total service credit with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit;

Group C 32 years of total service credit with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit.

Age 59 or younger Based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of qualified health care service credit;

Group B 32 years of qualified health care service credit at any age or 31 years of qualified health care service credit and at least age 52;

Group C 32 years of qualified health care service credit and at least age 55.

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

Retirees who do not meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022, who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022, as summarized in the following table:

Group A	Group B	Group C
Age and Service Requirements <i>December 1, 2014 or Prior</i>	Age and Service Requirements <i>December 1, 2014 or Prior</i>	Age and Service Requirements <i>December 1, 2014 or Prior</i>
Any Age with 10 years of service credit	Any Age with 10 years of service credit	Any Age with 10 years of service credit
Age and Service Requirements <i>January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021</i>	Age and Service Requirements <i>January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021</i>	Age and Service Requirements <i>January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021</i>
Age 60 with 20 years of service credit or Any Age with 30 years of service credit	Age 52 with 31 years of service credit or Age 60 with 20 years of service credit or Any Age with 32 years of service credit	Age 55 with 32 years of service credit or Age 60 with 20 years of service credit

See the Age and Service Retirement section of the OPERS ACFR for a description of Groups A, B and C.

Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are provided to eligible retirees, and are deposited into their HRA account.

The base allowance is determined by OPERS and is currently \$1,200 per month for non-Medicare retirees and \$350 per month for Medicare retirees. The retiree receives a percentage of the base allowance, calculated based on years of qualifying service credit and age when the retiree first enrolled in OPERS health care. Monthly allowances range between 51.00% and 90.00% of the base allowance for both non-Medicare and Medicare retirees.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50.00% of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

Participants in the Member-Directed Plan have access to the Connector and have a separate health care funding mechanism. A portion of employer contributions for these participants is allocated to a retiree medical account (RMA). Members who elect the Member-Directed Plan after July 1, 2015, will vest in the RMA over 15 years at a rate of 10.00% each year starting with the sixth year of participation. Members who elected the Member-Directed Plan prior to July 1, 2015, vest in the RMA over a five-year period at a rate of 20.00% per year. Upon separation or retirement, participants may use vested RMA funds for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses.

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2024, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.00% of earnable salary. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2024, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan. Beginning July 1, 2022, there was a 2.00% allocation to health care for the Combined Plan which has continued through 2024. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2024 was 4.00%. Effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves which has continued through 2024.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution was \$16,306 for 2024. Of this amount, \$796 is reported as due to other governments.

Plan Description - Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)

Plan Description - The City contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) sponsored healthcare program, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined post-employment health care plan administered by a third-party provider. This program is not guaranteed and is subject to change at any time upon action of the Board of Trustees. On January 1, 2019, OP&F implemented a new model for health care. Under this new model, OP&F provides eligible retirees with a fixed stipend earmarked to pay for health care and Medicare Part B reimbursements.

OP&F contracted with a vendor who assists eligible retirees in choosing health care plans that are available where they live (both Medicare-eligible and pre-65 populations). A stipend funded by OP&F is available to these members through a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and can be used to reimburse retirees for qualified health care expenses.

Regardless of a benefit recipient's participation in the health care program, OP&F is required by law to pay eligible recipients of a service pension, disability benefit and spousal survivor benefit for their Medicare Part B insurance premium, up to the statutory maximum provided the benefit recipient is not eligible to receive reimbursement from any other source. Once OP&F receives the necessary documentation, a monthly reimbursement is included as part of the recipient's next benefit payment. The stipend provided by OP&F meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts: one account for health care benefits and one account for Medicare Part B reimbursements. A separate health care trust accrual account is maintained for health care benefits under IRS Code Section 115 trust. IRS Code Section 401(h) account is maintained for Medicare Part B reimbursements.

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 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. The report may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at www.op-f.org or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

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 employer units, 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.

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions for retiree health care benefits. For 2024, 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 pension benefits are adequately funded.

The City's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$20,872 for 2024. Of this amount, \$746 is reported as due to other governments.

Net OPEB Liabilities (Assets), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows or Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The net OPEB liability (asset) and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2023, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. OP&F's total OPEB liability was measured as of December 31, 2023, and was determined by rolling forward the total OPEB liability as of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. The City's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the City's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities.

Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OP&F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the net OPEB liability prior measurement date	0.03011100%	0.12046960%	
Proportion of the net OPEB liability/asset current measurement date	<u>0.03170700%</u>	<u>0.11893780%</u>	
Change in proportionate share	<u>0.00159600%</u>	<u>-0.00153180%</u>	
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ -	\$ 868,402	\$ 868,402
Proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	(286,163)	-	(286,163)
OPEB expense	(15,906)	43,942	28,036

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

At December 31, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OP&F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred outflows of resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 41,759	\$ 41,759
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	171,857	64,123	235,980
Changes of assumptions	73,673	298,826	372,499
Changes in employer's proportionate percentage/ difference between employer contributions	11,535	53,971	65,506
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	16,306	20,872	37,178
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 273,371</u>	<u>\$ 479,551</u>	<u>\$ 752,922</u>
	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OP&F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred inflows of resources			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 40,729	\$ 159,586	\$ 200,315
Changes of assumptions	123,013	559,232	682,245
Changes in employer's proportionate percentage/ difference between employer contributions	14,925	89,639	104,564
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 178,667</u>	<u>\$ 808,457</u>	<u>\$ 987,124</u>

\$37,178 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of/increase to the net OPEB liability in the year ending December 31, 2025.

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OP&F</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ (8,775)	\$ (9,648)	\$ (18,423)
2026	11,427	(42,581)	(31,154)
2027	133,774	(26,233)	107,541
2028	(58,028)	(79,992)	(138,020)
2029	-	(86,822)	(86,822)
Thereafter	-	(104,502)	(104,502)
Total	<u>\$ 78,398</u>	<u>\$ (349,778)</u>	<u>\$ (271,380)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions - OPERS

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2023.

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

The actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

Wage Inflation	
Current measurement date	2.75%
Prior Measurement date	2.75%
Projected Salary Increases, including inflation	
Current measurement date	2.75 to 10.75% including wage inflation
Prior Measurement date	2.75 to 10.75% including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate:	
Current measurement date	5.70%
Prior Measurement date	5.22%
Investment Rate of Return	
Current measurement date	6.00%
Prior Measurement date	6.00%
Municipal Bond Rate	
Current measurement date	3.77%
Prior Measurement date	4.05%
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	
Current measurement date	5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2038
Prior Measurement date	5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2036
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2023, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Defined Contribution portfolio and the Health Care portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for the Traditional Pension Plan, Combined Plan and Member-Directed Plan eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, contributions into the plans are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made, and health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was a gain of 14.00% for 2023.

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

The allocation of investment assets within the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. The System's primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant.

For each major asset class that is included in the Health Care's portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	37.00 %	2.82 %
Domestic equities	25.00	4.27
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)	5.00	4.68
International equities	25.00	5.16
Risk parity	3.00	4.38
Other investments	5.00	2.43
Total	100.00 %	

Discount Rate - A single discount rate of 5.70% was used to measure the total OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2023; however, the single discount rate used at the beginning of the year was 5.22%. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) a tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on the actuarial assumed rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00% and a municipal bond rate of 3.77%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through the year 2070. As a result, the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2070, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) calculated using the single discount rate of 5.70%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (4.70%) or one-percentage-point higher (6.70%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability/(asset)	\$ 157,267	\$ (286,163)	\$ (653,481)

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Asset to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate

- Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB asset. The following table presents the net OPEB asset calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB asset if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.00% lower or 1.00% higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost trend assumption with changes over several years built into that assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2024 is 5.50%. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is the health care cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50% in the most recent valuation.

	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Trend Rate Assumption	1% Increase
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB asset	\$ 298,046	\$ 286,163	\$ 272,680

Actuarial Assumptions - OP&F

OP&F's total OPEB liability as of December 31, 2023, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2023, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total OPEB liability is determined by OP&F's actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing retirement plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements, and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases, actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

Key methods and assumptions used in the December 31, 2023, compared to the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, are presented below.

Valuation Date	January 1, 2023, with actuarial liabilities rolled forward to December 31, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)
Investment Rate of Return	
Current measurement date	7.50%
Prior measurement date	7.50%
Projected Salary Increases	
Current measurement date	3.50% to 10.50%
Prior measurement date	3.75% to 10.50%
Payroll Growth	3.25%
Single discount rate:	
Current measurement date	4.07%
Prior measurement date	4.27%
Cost of Living Adjustments	2.20% simple per year

Health Mortality

Mortality for service retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Healthy Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 96.2% for males and 98.7% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Disabled Mortality

Mortality for disabled retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Safety Amount-Weighted Disabled Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 135% for males and 97.9% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Contingent Annuitant Mortality

Mortality for contingent annuitants is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Contingent Annuitant Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 108.9% for males and 131% for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Pre-Retirement Mortality

Mortality for active members is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Employee mortality table. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in OP&F's Statement of Investment Policy. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as a baseline for the return expected. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

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NOTE 13 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - (Continued)

Best estimates of the long-term expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in OP&F's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023, are summarized below:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity	18.60 %	4.10 %
Non-US equity	12.40	4.90
Private markets	10.00	7.30
Core fixed income *	25.00	2.40
High yield fixed income	7.00	4.10
Private credit	5.00	6.80
U.S. inflation linked bonds *	15.00	2.10
Midstream energy infrastructure	5.00	5.80
Real assets	8.00	6.00
Gold	5.00	3.50
Private real estate	12.00	5.40
Commodities	2.00	3.50
Total	<u>125.00 %</u>	

Note: assumptions are geometric.

* levered 2x

OP&F's Board of Trustees has incorporated the risk parity concept into OP&F's asset liability valuation with the goal of reducing equity risk exposure, which reduces overall Total Portfolio risk without sacrificing return and creating a more risk-balanced portfolio based on the relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.25 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

Discount Rate - Total OPEB liability was calculated using the discount rate of 4.07%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by state statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return 7.50%. Based on those assumptions, OP&F's fiduciary net position was projected to not be able to make all future benefit payment of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term assumed rate of return on investments of 7.50% was applied to periods before December 31, 2037, and the Municipal Bond Index Rate of 3.38% was applied to periods on and after December 31, 2037, resulting in a discount rate of 4.07%.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - Net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 4.07%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.07%), or one percentage point higher (5.07%) than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,069,630	\$ 868,402	\$ 698,928

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Liability Insurance

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. The City maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with Trident Argonaut for real property, building contents, vehicles, general liability, and police professional liability. The City also carries public official's liability insurance. Settlements have not exceeded coverage in any of the last three years. There has not been a significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

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

B. Self-Funded Medical Insurance

The City is self-funded for health, and prescription drug benefits. The programs are administered by a third party who provides claims, review, and processing services. Each City fund is charged for its proportionate share of the cost for covered employees.

The claims liability of \$211,873 reported in the internal service funds at December 31, 2024 is based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, as amended, which requires that a liability for unpaid claims costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred, but not reported claims, be reported (see table below). Changes in the funds' claims liability amounts for 2024 and 2023 were:

	Balance at Beginning of Year	Current Year Claims	Claim Payments	Balance at End of Year
2024	\$ 169,076	\$ 1,559,512	\$ (1,516,715)	\$ 211,873
2023	165,789	966,788	(963,501)	169,076

NOTE 15 - CONTINGENCIES

A. Federal and State Grants

For the period January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, the City received federal and State grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies or their designees. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. Based on prior experience, the City believes such disallowance, if any, would not have a material impact on the financial statements.

B. Litigation

The City is not party to any legal proceedings.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 16 - OTHER COMMITMENTS

The City utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year end may be reported as part of restricted, committed, or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the City's commitments for encumbrances (less those included in payables) in the governmental funds were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year-End Encumbrances</u>
General fund	\$ 577,509
Roads and sidewalks	623,768
Main St. Public Improvement TIF	1,581,202
Nonmajor governmental	<u>2,842,423</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 5,624,902</u></u>

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CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 17 - FUND BALANCE

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and 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 the nonmajor governmental funds are presented below:

Fund balance	General	Roads and Sidewalks	Main St. Public Improvement TIF	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Nonspendable:					
Materials and supplies inventory	\$ 8,062	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,602	\$ 48,664
Unclaimed monies	13,826	-	-	-	13,826
Advances to other funds	<u>1,560,000</u>	-	-	-	<u>1,560,000</u>
Total nonspendable	<u>1,581,888</u>	-	-	<u>40,602</u>	<u>1,622,490</u>
Restricted:					
Police programs	-	-	-	30,070	30,070
Police pension	-	-	-	216,371	216,371
Streets and transportation	-	1,071,925	543,445	523,973	2,139,343
Capital improvements	-	-	-	678,683	678,683
Other purposes	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,669</u>	<u>110,669</u>
Total restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>1,071,925</u>	<u>543,445</u>	<u>1,559,766</u>	<u>3,175,136</u>
Committed:					
Community environment	-	-	-	25,991	25,991
Capital improvements	-	-	-	3,004,770	3,004,770
Leisure time activity	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,010</u>	<u>1,010</u>
Total committed	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,031,771</u>	<u>3,031,771</u>
Assigned:					
Debt service	-	-	-	467,741	467,741
Capital improvements	-	-	-	2,503,236	2,503,236
General government	575,387	-	-	-	575,387
Security of persons and property	179,795	-	-	-	179,795
Public health and welfare	1,269	-	-	-	1,269
Leisure time activity	1,689,367	-	-	-	1,689,367
Other purposes	<u>10,327</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,327</u>
Total assigned	<u>2,456,145</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,970,977</u>	<u>5,427,122</u>
Unassigned	<u>11,672,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,672,151</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 15,710,184</u>	<u>\$ 1,071,925</u>	<u>\$ 543,445</u>	<u>\$ 7,603,116</u>	<u>\$ 24,928,670</u>

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOTE 18 - BEXLEY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

The Bexley Community Improvement Corporation (the “CIC”) was formed pursuant to Ordinance 52-12 passed October 9, 2012 and incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under Chapters 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code for the purpose to advance, encourage, and promote industrial, economic, commercial and civic development of the City of Bexley (the “City”). The CIC has been designated as the City’s agent for industrial and commercial distributions and research development.

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) is to be comprised of fifteen members. Six of the Board members are elected or appointed officials of the City of Bexley. All Board members are appointed by the Mayor of the City of Bexley with approval of Bexley City Council.

In accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, “The Financial Reporting Entity,” and GASB Statement No. 61, “The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus,” the City’s primary government and basic financial statements include component units which are defined as legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a voting majority of the organization’s board and either 1) the City’s ability to impose its will over the organization, or 2) the possibility that the organization will provide a financial benefit or impose a financial burden to the City. The CIC is a legally separate entity and is reported by the City as a discretely presented component unit in the City’s basic financial statements. The CIC does not have any component units and does not include any other organizations in its presentation. The CIC’s management believes these basic financial statements present all activities for which the CIC is financially accountable.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

A. Basis of Accounting

The basic financial statements of the CIC are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with GAAP.

B. Basis of Presentation

The CIC’s basic financial statements consist of a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and a statement of cash flows.

The CIC distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the CIC’s principal ongoing operation. All revenues and expenses not meeting these definitions are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

C. Federal Income Tax

The CIC is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all cash in the CIC’s checking accounts are considered to be cash and cash equivalents. All monies received by the CIC are deposited in a demand deposit accounts.

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NOTE 18 - BEXLEY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION - (Continued)

E. Accrued Liabilities

The CIC recognizes expenses due, but unpaid as of December 31, 2024.

F. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment 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. At December 31, 2024, the CIC has outstanding borrowings related to the acquisition, construction or improvement of capital assets.

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on the use of resources either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The CIC has \$345,107 of restricted net position related to contributions received from the City of Bexley that are restricted for future land assembly in the Ferndale/Mayfield Area.

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

G. Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at cost and updated for additions and deletions during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values on the date received. The CIC maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. 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 expensed. In addition, assets having an estimated useful life of more than one year that are below the \$5,000 threshold and not considered repair or maintenance costs are collectively capitalized on the financial statements when the aggregate of those assets are considered significant.

All reported capital assets, except for land, are depreciated. Buildings are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the term of the lease agreement. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings	20 Years
Leasehold improvements	5 Years

I. Deferred Inflows

In addition to liabilities, the financial statements report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

The deferred inflow of resources for leases is related to the lease receivable and is being amortized to lease revenue in a systematic and rational manner over the term of the lease.

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NOTE 18 - BEXLEY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION - (Continued)

Deposits

At December 31, 2024, the carrying amount of all CIC deposits was \$586,040 and the bank balance was \$586,040. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and \$336,040 was covered by the Ohio Pooled Collateral System.

Inventory Held for Future Distribution

The City of Bexley has contributed \$650,000 and loaned \$132,253 to the CIC for future land assembly in the Ferndale/Mayfield Area. During 2017, the CIC purchased land and buildings in the Ferndale/Mayfield Area totaling \$185,553. During 2024, the CIC incurred additional expenses related to the property in the amount of \$3,084. The property acquired is not used by the CIC in its operations but is being held for future distribution to the City of Bexley. The inventory held for future distribution is reported at cost and depreciation is not recognized. Inventory held for future distribution is reported as a noncurrent asset as the CIC does not intend to distribute the property in the subsequent year. The following is a schedule of activity related to land held for future distribution:

	Balance 12/31/2023	Additions	Disposals	Balance 12/31/2024
Ferndale/Mayfield Area	<u>\$ 414,896</u>	<u>\$ 3,084</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 417,980</u>

Litigation

The CIC is involved in no material litigation as either plaintiff or defendant.

Development Agreement

The CIC has entered into an Economic Development Agreement with the City, which, among other things, the City may convey lands and interests in lands owned by the City and determined by City Council from time-to-time not to be required by the City for its purposes to the CIC and the CIC may acquire land and interests in land from others and conveyance of such land or interests in land will promote the welfare of the people of the political subdivision, stabilize the economy, provide employment, assist in the development of industrial, commercial, distribution, and research activities to the benefit of the people of the City, or provide additional opportunities for their gainful employment.

Lease Receivables

The CIC is reporting leases receivable of \$1,508,857. For fiscal year 2024, the CIC recognized lease revenue of \$284,649 and \$25,417, which is reported in rental income and ground lease revenue, respectively, and interest revenue of \$82,491.

The CIC has entered into lease agreements for building space and land rental with varying years and terms as follows:

Purpose	Lease Commencement Date	Years	Lease End Date	Payment Method
Land	2013	50	2063	Monthly
Building space	2016	10	2026	Monthly
Building space	2017	10	2027	Monthly
Building space	2016	10	2026	Monthly
Building space	2021	5	2026	Monthly
Building space	2015	10	2025	Monthly

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NOTE 18 - BEXLEY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION - (Continued)

Lease payments will be paid to the CIC. The following is a schedule of future lease payments under the lease agreements:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 285,008	\$ 66,007	\$ 351,015
2026	119,485	55,074	174,559
2027	47,355	50,693	98,048
2028	-	50,000	50,000
2029	-	50,000	50,000
2030 - 2034	-	259,375	259,375
2035 - 2039	-	296,875	296,875
2040 - 2044	55,638	278,737	334,375
2045 - 2049	136,777	235,098	371,875
2050 - 2054	218,038	191,338	409,376
2055 - 2059	322,325	124,551	446,876
2060 - 2063	<u>324,231</u>	<u>32,019</u>	<u>356,250</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,508,857</u>	<u>\$ 1,689,767</u>	<u>\$ 3,198,624</u>

Risk Management

The CIC is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to contracted personnel; and natural disasters. For 2024, the CIC was covered under the City of Bexley's property and casualty insurance policy. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage since inception of the CIC. There has been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year.

Related Party Transactions

During 2024, the CIC made \$130,000 in payments to the City of Bexley related to the operation of Bexley Square. These payments have been recorded as a nonoperating expense in the CIC's financial statements.

During 2024, the CIC collected and passed-through \$50,000 in ground lease payments to the City of Bexley.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 18 - BEXLEY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION - (Continued)

Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Balance 12/31/23	Additions	Disposals	Balance 12/31/24
<i>Capital assets, not being depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 1,701,301	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ 2,076,301
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>1,701,301</u>	<u>375,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,076,301</u>
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Buildings	1,351,833	-	-	1,351,833
Leasehold improvements	<u>584,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>584,139</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>1,935,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,935,972</u>
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation:</i>				
Buildings	(442,475)	(67,592)	-	(510,067)
Leasehold improvements	<u>(308,870)</u>	<u>(30,790)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(339,660)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(751,345)</u>	<u>(98,382)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(849,727)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 2,885,928</u>	<u>\$ 276,618</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,162,546</u>

Mortgage Note Payable

On March 12, 2021, the CIC entered into a mortgage note with Ohio State Bank, which is used as a line of credit to purchase property. The CIC can make draws on the line of credit with a maximum borrowing of \$1.0 million. The CIC makes monthly interest payments based upon the amount drawn. During 2024, the CIC made draws of \$340,817 from the line of credit and made \$122,853 in principal payments on the line of credit. The following is a schedule of the line of credit activity for 2024:

	Balance 12/31/2023	Draws	Principal Payments	Balance 12/31/2024
Mortgage Note Payable	<u>\$ 363,043</u>	<u>\$ 340,817</u>	<u>\$ (122,853)</u>	<u>\$ 581,007</u>

Other Operating Revenues

Other Operating Revenues consist of \$8,685 of property settlements from the CIC's Cassady Ave property.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF BEXLEY

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary	Final Budget -
			Basis	Over (Under)
				Actual Amounts
Budgetary revenues:				
Municipal income taxes.....	\$ 17,450,574	\$ 17,450,574	\$ 17,699,573	\$ 248,999
Property taxes.....	738,771	738,771	738,094	(677)
Other local taxes.....	122,225	122,225	123,969	1,744
Charges for services.....	53,120	53,120	53,878	758
Licenses and permits.....	542,345	542,345	550,084	7,739
Fines and forfeitures.....	73,134	73,134	74,178	1,044
Intergovernmental.....	658,668	658,668	668,066	9,398
Investment income.....	1,012,449	1,012,449	1,026,895	14,446
Rental income.....	216,905	216,905	220,000	3,095
Contributions and donations.....	597,712	597,712	606,241	8,529
Other.....	316,051	316,051	320,561	4,510
Total budgetary revenues.....	<u>21,781,954</u>	<u>21,781,954</u>	<u>22,081,539</u>	<u>299,585</u>
Budgetary expenditures:				
Current:				
General government.....	6,856,237	7,205,645	6,450,394	(755,251)
Security of persons and property.....	10,066,368	10,051,868	8,559,711	(1,492,157)
Public health and welfare.....	143,560	147,360	147,346	(14)
Leisure time activity.....	874,566	884,566	811,368	(73,198)
Total budgetary expenditures.....	<u>17,940,731</u>	<u>18,289,439</u>	<u>15,968,819</u>	<u>(2,320,620)</u>
Budgetary excess of revenues over expenditures.....	<u>3,841,223</u>	<u>3,492,515</u>	<u>6,112,720</u>	<u>(2,021,035)</u>
Budgetary other financing sources (uses):				
Sale of capital assets.....	2,036	2,036	2,065	29
Advances in.....	192,257	192,257	195,000	2,743
Transfers (out).....	(4,249,438)	(4,199,438)	(4,199,438)	-
Total budgetary other financing sources (uses).....	<u>(4,055,145)</u>	<u>(4,005,145)</u>	<u>(4,002,373)</u>	<u>2,772</u>
Net change in fund balances.....	(213,922)	(512,630)	2,110,347	(2,018,263)
Budgetary Fund balances at beginning of year....	4,447,635	4,447,635	4,447,635	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated.....	624,855	624,855	624,855	-
Budgetary fund balances at end of year.....	<u><u>\$ 4,858,568</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,559,860</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,182,837</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (2,018,263)</u></u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF BEXLEY

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
ROADS AND SIDEWALKS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Budgetary</u>	<u>Final Budget -</u>
			<u>Basis</u>	<u>Over (Under)</u>
				<u>Actual Amounts</u>
Budgetary revenues:				
Property taxes.....	\$ 1,995,727	\$ 1,995,727	\$ 1,990,149	\$ (5,578)
Charges for services.....	77,044	77,044	27,870	(49,174)
Intergovernmental.....	27,229	27,229	9,850	(17,379)
Total budgetary revenues	<u>2,100,000</u>	<u>2,100,000</u>	<u>2,027,869</u>	<u>(72,131)</u>
Budgetary expenditures:				
Budgetary expenditures:				
Transportation.....	27,000	27,000	26,200	(800)
Capital outlay.....	<u>2,572,740</u>	<u>2,576,300</u>	<u>2,576,300</u>	<u>-</u>
Total budgetary expenditures	<u>2,599,740</u>	<u>2,603,300</u>	<u>2,602,500</u>	<u>(800)</u>
Budgetary excess of expenditures over revenues.....	<u>(499,740)</u>	<u>(503,300)</u>	<u>(574,631)</u>	<u>(72,931)</u>
Other financing uses:				
Transfers (out).....	<u>(437,193)</u>	<u>(437,199)</u>	<u>(437,199)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total budgetary other financing uses	<u>(437,193)</u>	<u>(437,199)</u>	<u>(437,199)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances.....	(936,933)	(940,499)	(1,011,830)	(72,931)
Budgetary Fund balances at beginning of year...	887,247	887,247	887,247	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	572,740	572,740	572,740	-
Budgetary fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 523,054</u>	<u>\$ 519,488</u>	<u>\$ 448,157</u>	<u>\$ (72,931)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF BEXLEY

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BUDGETARY BASIS)
MAIN ST. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TIF FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary	Final Budget -
			Basis	Over (Under)
				Actual Amounts
Budgetary revenues:				
Intergovernmental.....	\$ 12,908	\$ 12,908	\$ 13,335	\$ 427
Revenue in lieu of taxes.....	389,979	389,979	402,871	12,892
Total budgetary revenues	<u>402,887</u>	<u>402,887</u>	<u>416,206</u>	<u>13,319</u>
Expenditures:				
Budgetary expenditures:				
General government.....	10,000	10,000	10,331	331
Capital outlay.....	2,232,253	2,232,253	1,824,181	(408,072)
Total budgetary expenditures	<u>2,242,253</u>	<u>2,242,253</u>	<u>1,834,512</u>	<u>(407,741)</u>
Budgetary excess of expenditures over revenues.....	<u>(1,839,366)</u>	<u>(1,839,366)</u>	<u>(1,418,306)</u>	<u>(394,422)</u>
Budgetary other financing sources (uses):				
Advances (out) and not repaid	<u>(195,000)</u>	<u>(195,000)</u>	<u>(195,000)</u>	-
Total budgetary other financing sources (uses)	<u>(195,000)</u>	<u>(195,000)</u>	<u>(195,000)</u>	-
Net change in fund balances.....	(2,034,366)	(2,034,366)	(1,613,306)	(394,422)
Budgetary Fund balances at beginning of year....	678,296	678,296	678,296	-
	1,652,253	1,652,253	1,652,253	-
Budgetary fund balances at end of year.....	<u>\$ 296,183</u>	<u>\$ 296,183</u>	<u>\$ 717,243</u>	<u>\$ (394,422)</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND
CITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS) - TRADITIONAL PLAN

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Calendar Year (1)	City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	City's Covered Payroll	City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2024	0.030727%	\$ 8,044,453	\$ 5,866,450	137.13%	79.01%
2023	0.029395%	8,683,296	5,300,736	163.81%	75.74%
2022	0.027966%	2,433,156	4,723,221	51.51%	92.62%
2021	0.025944%	3,841,742	4,150,964	92.55%	86.88%
2020	0.029201%	5,771,776	4,472,343	129.05%	82.17%
2019	0.030272%	8,290,887	3,968,936	208.89%	74.70%
2018	0.027830%	4,365,987	3,938,185	110.86%	84.66%
2017	0.026149%	5,937,993	3,702,725	160.37%	77.25%
2016	0.025788%	4,466,808	3,356,175	133.09%	81.08%
2015	0.025523%	3,078,360	3,540,033	86.96%	86.45%

Calendar Year	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	City's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2024	\$ 958,358	\$ (958,358)	\$ -	\$ 6,845,414	14.00%
2023	821,303	(821,303)	-	5,866,450	14.00%
2022	742,103	(742,103)	-	5,300,736	14.00%
2021	661,251	(661,251)	-	4,723,221	14.00%
2020	581,135	(581,135)	-	4,150,964	14.00%
2019	626,128	(626,128)	-	4,472,343	14.00%
2018	555,651	(555,651)	-	3,968,936	14.00%
2017	511,964	(511,964)	-	3,938,185	13.00%
2016	444,327	(444,327)	-	3,702,725	12.00%
2015	402,741	(402,741)	-	3,356,175	12.00%

(1) Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the City's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION ASSET AND
CITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS) - COMBINED PLAN

LAST FIVE AND SIX FISCAL YEARS

Calendar Year (1)	City's Proportion of the Net Pension Asset	City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset	City's Covered Payroll	City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2024	0.014720%	\$ 45,246	\$ 67,592	66.94%	144.55%
2023	0.014099%	33,229	65,407	50.80%	137.14%
2022	0.013245%	52,185	60,379	86.43%	169.88%
2021	0.011276%	32,551	24,850	130.99%	157.67%
2020	0.004681%	9,761	20,836	46.85%	145.28%

Calendar Year	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	City's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2024	\$ 8,190	\$ (8,190)	\$ -	\$ 68,250	12.00%
2023	8,111	(8,111)	-	67,592	12.00%
2022	9,157	(9,157)	-	65,407	14.00%
2021	8,453	(8,453)	-	60,379	14.00%
2020	3,479	(3,479)	-	24,850	14.00%
2019	2,917	(2,917)	-	20,836	14.00%

(1) Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the City's measurement date which is the prior year-end.

Note: Information prior to 2020 and 2019 for the City's combined plan was unavailable. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION ASSET AND
CITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS) - MEMBER DIRECTED PLAN

LAST NINE and TEN FISCAL YEARS

Calendar Year (1)	City's Proportion of the Net Pension Asset	City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset	City's Covered Payroll	City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2024	0.064108%	\$ 7,151	\$ 429,280	1.67%	134.44%
2023	0.057304%	4,481	389,460	1.15%	126.74%
2022	0.057190%	10,383	358,550	2.90%	171.84%
2021	0.046752%	8,522	280,790	3.04%	188.21%
2020	0.043545%	1,646	258,740	0.64%	118.84%
2019	0.045739%	1,043	262,340	0.40%	113.42%
2018	0.045003%	1,571	242,520	0.65%	124.46%
2017	0.037245%	155	155,733	0.10%	103.40%
2016	0.037622%	144	209,525	0.07%	103.91%

Calendar Year	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	City's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2024	\$ 37,351	\$ (37,351)	\$ -	\$ 373,510	10.00%
2023	42,928	(42,928)	-	429,280	10.00%
2022	38,946	(38,946)	-	389,460	10.00%
2021	35,855	(35,855)	-	358,550	10.00%
2020	28,079	(28,079)	-	280,790	10.00%
2019	25,874	(25,874)	-	258,740	10.00%
2018	26,234	(26,234)	-	262,340	10.00%
2017	24,252	(24,252)	-	242,520	10.00%
2016	18,688	(18,688)	-	155,733	12.00%
2015	25,143	(25,143)	-	209,525	12.00%

(1) Amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the City's measurement date which is the prior year-end.
n/a - information not available.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND
CITY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Calendar Year (1)	City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	City's Covered Payroll	City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2024	0.11893780%	\$ 11,491,033	\$ 3,813,411	301.33%	63.63%
2023	0.12046960%	11,443,444	3,636,532	314.68%	62.90%
2022	0.12817320%	8,007,520	3,664,063	218.54%	75.03%
2021	0.12605560%	8,593,323	3,442,511	249.62%	70.65%
2020	0.12413780%	8,362,585	3,330,547	251.09%	69.89%
2019	0.12060200%	9,844,310	3,045,079	323.29%	63.07%
2018	0.12398600%	7,609,552	2,892,332	263.09%	70.91%
2017	0.11832100%	7,494,332	2,637,900	284.10%	68.36%
2016	0.12069100%	7,764,126	2,953,284	262.90%	66.77%
2015	0.11255920%	5,831,036	2,459,305	237.10%	72.20%

Calendar Year	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	City's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
<i>Police:</i>					
2024	\$ 793,127	\$ (793,127)	\$ -	\$ 4,174,353	19.00%
2023	724,548	(724,548)	-	3,813,411	19.00%
2022	690,941	(690,941)	-	3,636,532	19.00%
2021	696,172	(696,172)	-	3,664,063	19.00%
2020	654,077	(654,077)	-	3,442,511	19.00%
2019	632,804	(632,804)	-	3,330,547	19.00%
2018	578,565	(578,565)	-	3,045,079	19.00%
2017	549,543	(549,543)	-	2,892,332	19.00%
2016	501,201	(501,201)	-	2,637,900	19.00%
2015	561,124	(561,124)	-	2,953,284	19.00%

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SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET OPEB LIABILITY/(ASSET) AND
CITY OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS
OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

LAST EIGHT AND TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year (1) (2)	City's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	City's Covered Payroll	City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability/(Asset)
2024	0.031707%	\$ (286,163)	\$ 6,363,322	4.50%	107.76%
2023	0.030111%	189,856	5,755,603	3.30%	94.79%
2022	0.287150%	(899,398)	5,142,150	17.49%	128.23%
2021	0.026347%	(469,393)	4,456,604	10.53%	115.57%
2020	0.029046%	4,012,008	4,751,919	84.43%	47.80%
2019	0.029993%	3,910,380	4,231,276	92.42%	46.33%
2018	0.027700%	3,008,015	4,180,705	71.95%	54.14%
2017	0.025768%	2,602,672	3,858,458	67.45%	54.05%

Fiscal Year	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	City's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2024	\$ 16,306	\$ (16,306)	\$ -	\$ 7,287,174	0.22%
2023	18,523	(18,523)	-	6,363,322	0.29%
2022	15,578	(15,578)	-	5,755,603	0.27%
2021	14,342	(14,342)	-	5,142,150	0.28%
2020	11,231	(11,231)	-	4,456,604	0.25%
2019	10,350	(10,350)	-	4,751,919	0.22%
2018	10,493	(10,493)	-	4,231,276	0.25%
2017	49,083	(49,083)	-	4,180,705	1.17%
2016	82,906	(82,906)	-	3,858,458	2.15%
2015	67,123	(67,123)	-	3,565,700	1.88%

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CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

SCHEDULES OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF
THE NET OPEB LIABILITY AND
CITY OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS
OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

LAST EIGHT AND TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year (1) (2)	City's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	City's Covered Payroll	City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability
2024	0.11893780%	\$ 868,402	\$ 3,813,411	22.77%	51.89%
2023	0.12046960%	857,709	3,636,532	23.59%	52.59%
2022	0.12817320%	1,404,889	3,664,063	38.34%	46.86%
2021	0.12605560%	1,335,580	3,442,511	38.80%	45.42%
2020	0.12413780%	1,226,200	3,330,547	36.82%	47.08%
2019	0.12060200%	1,098,266	3,045,079	36.07%	46.57%
2018	0.12398600%	7,024,850	2,892,332	242.88%	14.13%
2017	0.11832100%	5,616,432	2,637,900	212.91%	15.96%

Fiscal Year	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	City's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
<i>Police:</i>					
2024	\$ 20,872	\$ (20,872)	\$ -	\$ 4,174,353	0.50%
2023	19,067	(19,067)	-	3,813,411	0.50%
2022	18,183	(18,183)	-	3,636,532	0.50%
2021	18,320	(18,320)	-	3,664,063	0.50%
2020	17,213	(17,213)	-	3,442,511	0.50%
2019	16,653	(16,653)	-	3,330,547	0.50%
2018	15,225	(15,225)	-	3,045,079	0.50%
2017	14,462	(14,462)	-	2,892,332	0.50%
2016	13,189	(13,189)	-	2,637,900	0.50%
2015	15,166	(15,166)	-	2,953,284	0.50%

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SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOTE 1 - BUDGETARY PROCESS

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

The schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget and actual (non-GAAP budgetary basis) presented for the general fund and any major special revenue 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); and
- (d) Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP basis), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget basis).

The adjustments necessary to convert the results of operations for the year on the budget basis to the GAAP basis is as follows:

Net Change in Fund Balance

	<u>General fund</u>	<u>Road & Sidewalk fund</u>	<u>Main Street fund</u>
Budget basis	\$ 2,110,347	\$ (1,011,830)	\$ (1,613,306)
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	(52,167)	-	-
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	249,844	45,399	33,811
Net adjustment for other sources/uses	(171,447)	-	195,000
Funds budgeted elsewhere	226,117	-	-
Adjustments for encumbrances	<u>649,900</u>	<u>710,710</u>	<u>1,581,202</u>
GAAP Basis	<u>\$ 3,012,594</u>	<u>\$ (255,721)</u>	<u>\$ 196,707</u>

As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting", certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund. This includes the recreation fund, swimming pool fund, Bexley meadow music association fund, community events, Bexley video fund, Maryanna Holbrook scholarship fund, budget stability fund, unclaimed funds fund, winter medley fund, Bexley banner fund, dodge ball fund, neighbors helping neighbors fund, farmers market fund, Bexley celebrations association fund, police officer equipment fund, main event fund, employee separation fund, and 125 flex spending fund.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

PENSION

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

Change in benefit terms:

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2015.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2016.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2017.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2018.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2019.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2021.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2022.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2024.

Change in assumptions:

- There were no changes in assumptions for 2015.
- There were no changes in assumptions for 2016.
- For 2017, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 8.00% down to 7.50%, (b) for defined benefit investments, decreasing the wage inflation from 3.75% to 3.25%, (c) changing the future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-10.05% to 3.25%-10.75% and (d) COLA for post 1/7/2013 retirees were changed to 3.00%, simple through 2018, then 2.15% simple.
- There were no changes in assumptions for 2018.
- For 2019, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the assumed rate of return and discount rate were reduced from 7.50% down to 7.20%.
- For 2020, COLA for post 1/7/2013 retirees were changed to 1.40%, simple through 2020, then 2.15% simple.
- For 2021, COLA for post 1/7/2013 retirees were changed to 0.50%, simple through 2021, then 2.15% simple.
- For 2022, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) wage inflation was changed from 3.25% to 2.75%, (b) future salary increases, including inflation were changed from 3.25%-10.75% to 2.75%-10.75%, (c) COLA for post 1/7/2013 retirees were changed 3.00%, simple through 2022, then 2.05% simple and (d) the actuarially assumed rate of return was changed from 7.20% to 6.90%.
- For 2023, COLA for post 1/7/2013 retirees were changed to 3.00%, simple through 2023, then 2.05% simple.
- For 2024, COLA for post 1/7/2013 retirees were changed to 2.30%, simple through 2024, then 2.05% simple.

OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

Change in benefit terms:

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2015.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2016.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2017.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2018.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2019.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2020.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2021.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2022.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2024.

Changes in assumptions:

- There were no changes in assumptions for 2015.
- There were no changes in assumptions for 2016.
- There were no changes in assumptions for 2017.
- For 2018, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 8.25% down to 8.00%, (b) changing the future salary increases from a range of 4.25%-11.00% to 3.75%-10.50%, (c) reduction in payroll increases from 3.75% down to 3.25%, (d) reduction in inflation assumptions from 3.25% down to 2.75% and (e) Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) were reduced from 2.60% and 3.00% simple to 2.20% and 3.00% simple.
- There were no changes in assumptions for 2019.
- There were no changes in assumptions for 2020.
- There were no changes in assumptions for 2021.
- For 2022, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the actuarially assumed rate of return was changed from 8.00% to 7.50%.
- For 2023, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total pension liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the mortality rates were changed from the RP-2014 Total Employee and Healthy Annuitant mortality tables to various Pub-2010 mortality tables using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.
- There were no changes in assumptions for 2024.

OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

Change in benefit terms:

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2017.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2018.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2019.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2020.
- For 2021, the following were the most significant changes in benefit terms since the prior measurement date: the Board approved several changes to the health care plan offered to Medicare and non-Medicare retirees in efforts to decrease costs and increase the solvency of the health care Plan. These changes are effective January 1, 2022 and include changes to base allowances and eligibility for Medicare retirees, as well as replacing OPERS-sponsored medical plans for non-Medicare retirees with monthly allowances, similar to the program for Medicare retirees. These changes are reflected in the December 31, 2020 measurement date health care valuation. These changes significantly decreased the total OPEB liability for the measurement date December 31, 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2022.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2024.

CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)

Change in assumptions:

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2017.
- For 2018, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) reduction in the actuarially assumed rate of return from 4.23% down to 3.85%.
- For 2019, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from 3.85% up to 3.96%, (b) the investment rate of return was decreased from 6.50% percent down to 6.00%, (c) the municipal bond rate was increased from 3.31% up to 3.71% and (d) the health care cost trend rate was increased from 7.50%, initial/3.25%, ultimate in 2028 up to 10.00%, initial/3.25% ultimate in 2029.
- For 2020, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was decreased from 3.96% up to 3.16%, (b) the municipal bond rate was decreased from 3.71% up to 2.75% and (c) the health care cost trend rate was increased from 10.50%, initial/3.25%, ultimate in 2029 up to 10.50%, initial/3.50% ultimate in 2030.
- For 2021, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from 3.16% up to 6.00%, (b) the municipal bond rate was decreased from 2.75% up to 2.00% and (c) the health care cost trend rate was decreased from 10.50%, initial/3.50%, ultimate in 2030 down to 8.50%, initial/3.50% ultimate in 2035.
- For 2022, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) wage inflation changed from 3.25% to 2.75%, (b) projected salary increases, including inflation changed from 3.25%-10.75% to 2.75%-10.75%, (c) the municipal bond rate was changed from 2.00% to 1.84% and (d) the health care cost trend rate was changed from 8.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2035 to 5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2034.
- For 2023, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed from 6.00% to 5.22%, (b) the municipal bond rate was changed from 1.84% to 4.05% and (c) the health care cost trend rate was changed from 5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2034 to 5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2036.
- For 2024, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the single discount rate changed to 5.70%, (b) the municipal bond rate was changed to 3.77% and (c) the health care cost trend rate was changed to 5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2038.

OHIO POLICE AND FIRE (OP&F) PENSION FUND

Change in benefit terms:

- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2017.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2018.
- For 2019, OP&F changed its retiree health care model from a self-insured health care plan to a stipend-based health care model.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2020.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2021.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2022.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2023.
- There were no changes in benefit terms from the amounts reported for 2024.

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**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

NOTE 2 - PENSIONS & OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) - (Continued)

Change in assumptions:

- There were no changes in methods and assumptions used in the calculation of actuarial determined contributions for 2017.
- For 2018, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affected the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) investment rate of return was reduced from 8.25% to 8.00%.
- For 2019, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was increased from 3.24% up to 4.66% and (b) the municipal bond rate was increased from 3.16% to 4.13%.
- For 2020, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was decreased from 4.66% up to 3.56% and (b) the municipal bond rate was decreased from 4.13% to 2.75%.
- For 2021, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was decreased from 3.56% down to 2.96% and (b) the municipal bond rate was decreased from 2.75% to 2.12%.
- For 2022, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the investment rate of return was changed from 8.00% to 7.50%, (b) the discount rate was changed from 2.96% to 2.84% and (c) the municipal bond rate was decreased from 2.12% to 2.05%.
- For 2023, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was changed from 2.84% to 4.27% and (b) the municipal bond rate was increased from 2.05% to 3.65%.
- For 2024, the following were the most significant changes of assumptions that affect the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date: (a) the discount rate was changed to 4.07% and (b) and the municipal bond rate was changed to 3.38%.

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other
Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With
*Government Auditing Standards***

City of Bexley
Franklin County
2242 East Main Street
Bexley, Ohio 43209

To the Members of Council and Mayor:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Bexley, Franklin County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Bexley's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 12, 2025, wherein we noted as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, the City of Bexley restated beginning net position as a result of a change in accounting principle by implementing GASB Statement No. 101, "Compensated Absences".

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Bexley's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Bexley's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Bexley's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements, on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City of Bexley's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Bexley's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Bexley's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Bexley's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
August 12, 2025

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



CITY OF BEXLEY

FRANKLIN COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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