



**CITY OF CONNEAUT  
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**SINGLE AUDIT**

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





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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the City of Conneaut, Ashtabula County, prepared by Canter & Associates, 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 Conneaut is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER  
Ohio Auditor of State

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Chief Deputy Auditor

December 01, 2025

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ASHTABULA COUNTY**

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**CITY OF CONNEAUT  
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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

<b>FEDERAL GRANTOR</b> <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> <u>Program / Cluster Title</u>	<b>Federal AL Number</b>	<b>Pass Through Entity Identifying Number</b>	<b>Total Federal Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ashtabula County General Health District</i>			
Public Health Workforce	93.967	00410012WF0123	\$79,798
Public Health Workforce	93.391	00410012WF0123	5,000
Public Health Workforce	93.354	00410012WF0123	5,000
<b>Subtotal - Public Health Workforce</b>			<b>89,798</b>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>			<b>89,798</b>
 <b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY:</b>			
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency</i>			
COVID-19 - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant	21.027	DPSFE270	742,771
COVID-19 - First Responder Wellness, Recruitment, Retention & Resiliency	21.027	DPSFE270	158,097
COVID-19 - First Responder Wellness, Recruitment, Retention & Resiliency	21.027	DPSFE270	45,676
<b>Total U.S. Department of Treasury</b>			<b>946,544</b>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<b>\$1,036,342</b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Conneaut (the City) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City.

**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

**NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE**

The City has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



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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 Conneaut  
Ashtabula County  
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To the Members of City Council:

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 units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Conneaut, Ashtabula County (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2025, wherein we noted the City implemented GASB Statement 101, *Compensated Absences*.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City'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 entity'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. 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 may exist that have not been identified.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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*.

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Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On  
An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance  
With *Government Auditing Standards*

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**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'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's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Canter & Associates*

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Poland, Ohio

June 27, 2025



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON  
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

City of Conneaut  
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To the City Council:

**Report on Compliance for The Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on The Major Federal Program***

We have audited City of Conneaut's (the "City") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the City's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2024. The City's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024.

***Basis for Opinion on The Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City's federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists.

The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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Independent Auditor's Report On Compliance For The Major Program and On  
Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance  
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Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City's compliance with the requirements of its major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Canter & Associates*

**CANTER & ASSOCIATES**

Poland, Ohio

June 27, 2025

**CITY OF CONNEAUT  
ASHTABULA COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
2 CFR § 200.515  
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<b>(d)(1)(i)</b>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iii)</b>	<b>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(v)</b>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<b>(d)(1)(vi)</b>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b>	Title/AL Numbers: ➤ Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund – 21.027
<b>(d)(1)(viii)</b>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
<b>(d)(1)(ix)</b>	<b>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</b>	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

**3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None

CITY OF  
CONNEAUT, OHIO



Annual Comprehensive Financial Report  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2024

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## **INTRODUCTORY SECTION**

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**CITY OF CONNEAUT, OHIO**

**ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

John Williams, J.D., CPA,  
**FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*  
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June 27, 2025

Citizens of Conneaut  
City Manager, Nicholas Sanford  
And Honorable Members of City Council  
Conneaut, Ohio

It is my privilege to present to you the City of Conneaut's (the City) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This report enables the City to comply with Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (B), which requires reporting on GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) basis, and Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38, which requires the cities reporting on a GAAP basis to file an annual report with the Auditor of State within 150 days of fiscal year end.

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive framework of internal control, including computerized financial accounting and reporting systems, that it has established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal control should not exceed anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

The Independent Auditor, Canter & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, has issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion of the City of Conneaut's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024. Canter & Associates' report is located at the front of this financial report.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the Auditor of State Report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. MD&A complement this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

#### **Profile of Government**

The City of Conneaut, Ohio, is located in the most northeastern section of Ohio, along the Lake Erie shore, with a population of 12,318 and has 27 square miles within the City limits. The City was incorporated as a borough in 1832, and eventually achieved City status on November 15, 1902.

The City is well served by diversified transportation facilities, with two State highways, Routes 7 and 531, U.S. Route 20 and interstate highway I-90. It has three major railroads: CSX, Norfolk and Southern and the Bessemer-Lake Erie. Norfolk and Southern has a large rail yard located in the center of the City, while the Bessemer-Lake Erie has two rail yard facilities located in the Port of Conneaut. The Port is the largest along the southern shore of Lake Erie, both in area and shipping tonnage.

Within 30 miles, there are several public and private colleges and universities providing a wide range of educational facilities and opportunities. These include Kent State University-Ashtabula Branch, Gannon University, Edinboro University, Penn State-Behrend and Mercyhurst College. The City also has a local hospital, University Hospitals Health System – Conneaut Medical Center, which is a state of the art medical facility.

The City operated under the statutory Mayor-Council form of government until the electors of the City passed the City Charter with a Council-Manager form of government. Members of the Conneaut Charter Commission were elected at the general election held November 7, 1989, to frame and submit a Charter to the electors of the City. In the general election held Tuesday, November 6, 1990, the electors of the City of Conneaut approved the proposed charter and the City's first City Manager began serving in February of 1992. Beginning in January 1997, and at least every seven years thereafter, the City Council must appoint a Committee to review the Charter and propose any amendments, as the Committee deems advisable. Amendments shall be submitted to the electorate at the next November general election. The City has all powers of local self-government and home rule subject to certain general laws applicable to all Ohio cities.

Legislative authority is vested in a seven-member Council, with an elected President of Council, two at large, and one from each of the City's four wards, all of which are elected every two years. The Council has the authority to appoint the City Manager, establish, combine, or separate administrative departments, adopt the budget of the City, issue debt, adopt and amend zoning, building, and sanitary regulations, fix the compensation of all City officials, employees, including that of its own members, and has various other municipal powers. The City Council adopts an annual appropriation measure by December 31 of each year. This annual budget serves as the foundation for the City of Conneaut's financial planning and control. The budget is prepared by fund, department, and appropriation line item. Transfers between departments or appropriation line items require approval by City Council.

The City Charter vests administrative authority in the City Manager, who is the chief administrative official. There are three named departments in the City Charter: the Department of Finance, the Department of Law, and the Department of Public Service. All other departments are created by the City Council. The City Manager appoints the directors of all City departments, including the Directors of Finance, Law, and Service, as well as the Chiefs of Police and Fire. Additionally, most boards and commissions are also appointed by the City Manager, although some boards require council approval. The City provides basic services to its residents including water, sewer, police and fire protection, ambulance, planning, housing-zoning, street maintenance and repair, and general administrative services. The City also has its own municipal court.

## **Local Economy**

The City Manager and City Council have been working aggressively to pursue economic growth, promote business retention, assist with business expansion and create a pro-business environment. With the construction of the East Conneaut Industrial Park, the City Manager and City Council have been working diligently to attract business and industry to the park. Several potential projects are in the works. To help accomplish these goals, the City's economic development committee holds monthly meetings to discuss strategy and monitor the implementation of objectives. The committee is comprised of the City Manager, council members, and business leaders. The City continues to remain the focal point for new and existing businesses to obtain assistance with and information about some of the programs available through the City, including the community reinvestment areas, enterprise zones, downtown revitalization, economic development funding and the new industrial park. A partnership has been developed between the City's economic development committee and the Conneaut Area Chamber of Commerce to combine resources in an effort to facilitate business progress.

The Board of Tourism has been replaced by a membership driven organization called the Conneaut Convention and Visitors Bureau. The CCVB will be funded privately through membership revenue and publicly through bed tax revenue. This organization will continue to perform the same functions as the BOT but will have more flexibility with the private funding portion. An ambitious project has been expanded by the CCVB to erect ways to find signs at high traffic locations in an effort to guide visitors to some of Conneaut's landmark destinations, as well as other key locations throughout the City. Tourism has been, and continues to be, a vital component of the City's economy and the CCVB is taking a very aggressive approach in promoting the City. It has defined its mission and objectives with the goal of attracting more tourists to visit the City each year and generating revenue for local economy. Conneaut has many tourist attractions including Conneaut Creek, which has been declared a "Wild and Scenic River" and is the number one ranked trout stream in the USA. It has a premier marina with multiple boat launching ramps, four covered bridges, some of the best local wineries,

seven miles of shoreline with some of the best perch and walleye fishing in Lake Erie, a historical railroad museum and a sixty-acre lake shore park with an expansive one-half mile long public beach. The CCVB and Conneaut Chamber of Commerce continue to promote the City's tourism industry, and with each passing year, more tourists are visiting the City of Conneaut, which helps support the local economy.

To assist local businesses and to encourage local investment, several City programs have been developed. One such program to foster the retention and creation of jobs within the City is the Grants to Foster Economic Development program. Depending on the number of jobs created and the annual payroll, this program allows the City to provide the employer with a credit against tax on income with varying percentages and grant year terms. The maximum allowable credit is 75 percent for the creation of 100 or more new jobs and the maximum term is 15 years for an annual payroll in excess of \$3,000,000. In addition, a CRA (Community Reinvestment Area) has been established. The CRA provides a tax reduction on the increase in taxable value of a property for new construction and renovation of existing structures. The City offers up to 100 percent real estate tax abatement for fifteen years for new commercial or industrial facilities and up to 100 percent real estate tax abatement for twelve years for the renovation of an existing commercial or industrial facility.

A benefit offered to City residents is a 100 percent income tax credit. Residents who work in other communities receive a 100 percent income tax credit up to 1.65 percent, the City's income tax rate, for income taxes paid to other taxing districts. This credit allows income taxpayers who work outside the City but reside in Conneaut to avoid double taxation. The City's income tax rate, property valuation and total effective millage are lower than many other communities within and outside Ashtabula County, making Conneaut an attractive place to live.

The local economy continued to improve in 2024, as evidenced by an increase in income tax collections, particularly with business profits increasing by 21.16 percent over last year. Most of the City's largest employers have surpassed pre-pandemic employment levels, particularly those employers that are affiliated with the automotive and housing industries. Unemployment in Ashtabula County experienced a slight increase from 3.9 percent in December 2023 to 4.3 percent in December 2024. While much of the concern about the long-term financial impact of COVID on income tax, local government, and gas tax collections has dissipated, inflationary pressures and predictions of a possible recession in the near future are more of a cause for concern. The finance office is monitoring income tax revenue very closely.

The value of new construction was \$5,047,774 for 2024, which is a substantial increase of \$2,708,125 or a 116 percent increase from 2023, and the number of zoning permits increased to 184, up from 148 in 2023. The City's total real estate assessed valuation increased from \$244,067,320 in 2023 to \$249,019,110 in 2024, which is an overall increase of \$4,951,790 or 2.03 percent. Agricultural/Residential Real Estate increased by \$741,020, Commercial/Industrial Real Estate increased by \$2,381,660, while all other property classes increased by \$1,829,110.

## **Long-Term Financial Planning**

Meeting the City's capital needs is critical to the successful operation of the City. The administration, with the assistance of the City Council, has created a long-term capital improvement plan to address ageing vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure, while attempting to find innovative ways to fund these capital requirements. Securing grants through CDBG, OPWC, and other agencies has been essential to funding most of the capital needs of the City. Funding from the City's income tax supported capital improvement fund is being utilized to help fund capital needs as well. Issues with ageing storm water pipes are plaguing the City and assessments are being evaluated to replace this ageing infrastructure. The City is considering other ways of funding the long-term capital requirements, including establishing capital improvement funds for the water and sewer departments. Both departments are reviewing the current rate structure annually to assist in funding future capital needs.

The City Manager and City Council advocate sound financial practices to help ensure that adequate undesignated fund balances are maintained in all the operating funds. Furthermore, Council's long-term goal is to generate and maintain a minimum twenty percent carryover fund balance in the general fund, which is the

City's largest and most versatile operating fund. To assist in achieving the Council's long-term financial goals, the primary objective is to enhance revenue via economic development, with particular emphasis on growing the City's tax base to help maintain financial stability. Cost containment, with an emphasis on efficiency throughout the City departments, is another tool utilized to help accomplish financial goals.

Funding the City's street paving program is a long-term financial planning goal. The City of Conneaut has a large land mass, 27 square miles, and it is a constant challenge to pave and maintain these roads in optimal condition without sufficient revenue. In 2013, the City Manager and City Council proposed a 2.75 mill, five-year real estate tax levy, which was approved by the voters of Conneaut on November 5, 2013, and then renewed again on November 7, 2017. The levy generates approximately \$517,000 annually. Due to the rising costs of fuel and asphalt, the City Council proposed a 2 mill increase in the street levy, which would generate approximately \$908,000 annually. However, this new five-year levy of 4.75 mills was rejected by the voters on November 8, 2022, and again on May 2, 2023. On November 7, 2023, voters approved the renewal of the 2.75 mill street levy. However, because the levy was a renewal, the City is anticipating generating approximately the same level of revenue in years past due to the reduction factors. If the levy were proposed as a replacement, an additional \$150,000 in revenue would be generated annually.

Due to the reduction in local government funds and other general fund revenue sources, the City has struggled to adequately fund the police and fire departments. As a result, the City Manager and City Council approached the voters with a plan to better fund the safety forces. In November 2019, voters approved a new permanent 3 mill operating levy for the fire department, replacing the 5-year, 1.5 mill operating levy, which expired in 2019 with the last year of collection in 2020. The 1.5 mill fire levy generated approximately \$265,000 annually, while the new levy generated approximately \$563,430 in 2024. The additional funding is being used to fund three more full-time firefighters, help fund part-time personnel and assist with the purchase of much needed equipment and vehicles. In addition, in 2015 the voters approved a 3 mill permanent police levy, which generated \$561,059 in 2024. The revenue is being used to fund 2 new police officers, 2 full-time corrections officers, and an additional part-time dispatcher. Funds have also been made available for the purchase of new police cruisers and other ancillary equipment. The City is exploring the possibility of proposing new levies which would collect at the current real estate valuation to generate additional revenue through the elimination of current reduction factors.

## **Relevant Financial Policies**

Budgetary control is maintained by the encumbrance of purchase order requests. Purchase order requisitions for the expenditure of monies need approval by the department head, which are then forwarded to the City Manager for approval. Once the City Manager has approved the purchase order request, it is then forwarded to the finance department for preparation of a purchase order and certification and returned to the respective departments. The purchase orders are then signed by each department and returned to the finance department to be audited for accuracy and completeness and finally processed for payment. Encumbrances, which would exceed the available appropriation, are not approved or recorded until the City Council authorizes additional appropriations. Any changes to an existing purchase of more than fifty dollars requires approval by the City Manager, if additional appropriations are available. Prior year encumbrances outstanding at the end of the year are carried over to the next year after a thorough review by the Finance Director. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at the end of each year.

Only the City Council has the authority to transfer appropriations between line items within a department. Any increase or decrease in an appropriation line must be approved by the Council in ordinance form. All City departments, the City Manager and City Council are provided with at a minimum, monthly reports that indicate current appropriations, year to date expenditures, outstanding encumbrances and unexpended and unencumbered balances. Monthly revenue reports are provided to the City Council and City Manager.

Requirements for the development of the City's tax and annual budget, appropriations and other financial regulations are followed as established by the Ohio Revised Code and the City Charter. Under the direction of the City Manager, the Finance Director has charge of the administration of financial affairs of the City and acts as both the auditor and treasurer of the City. As part of the financial controls established in the City

Charter, the Finance Director is responsible for the maintenance of a general accounting system; the exercise of budgetary control over each office; the disbursement of all monies and control of all expenditures so that appropriation and cash resources are not exceeded; and the certification of all appropriations.

The City Manager is required to submit to Council a tax budget of estimated revenues and expenditures for all funds of the City for the next succeeding year by the first Council meeting in July. The legislative body is required to adopt the budget by July 15 and to submit it to the County Budget Commission by July 20 of each year. The Council is required to adopt an annual appropriation measure on or about the first day of each year. The City maintains budgetary control at the object level within each department for all funds.

The City's largest revenue source is a 1.65 percent income tax. City Council can allocate one percent however they wish, but the .65 percent is allocated by City ordinance, as directed by the voters through specific ballot language. At 1.65 percent the City's income tax on a cash basis generated \$3,713,740 in 2024, which was an increase of \$148,795 from 2023, and equates to \$225,075,152 in taxable wages and profits. The income tax collections were allocated as follows: General Fund: 74.49 percent or \$2,766,545 which is used to fund the fire, police, municipal court and administrative offices; Street Department: 17.73 percent or \$658,438 which is used to fund a wide variety of public works' projects, including paving, road maintenance, and storm water management; Reserve Fund: 3.93 percent or \$145,744, which is used for financial support for various programs as determined by City Council; Capital Improvement: 1.57 percent or \$58,289, which is used for infrastructure repairs and the acquisition of capital assets; Street Lighting: 1.41 percent or \$52,541, which is used to pay for street lighting along state routes, the downtown district, and traffic lights throughout the City; and Recreation: .87 percent or \$32,183 which is used to maintain the City's seven parks, playgrounds, and other recreational activities. The one percent allocation of the income tax is reviewed by the City Council on an as needed basis.

Within the City's inside ten mill limitation, the City levies 3.63 mills. The general fund allocation on a cash basis was 2.00 mills or \$485,465, the police pension fund allocation was .90 mills or \$217,262 and the fire pension fund allocation was .73 mills or \$176,222. Regarding outside millage, a permanent 3 mill police levy generated \$561,059, a five-year 2.75 mill street improvement levy generated \$513,673, a permanent 2 mill police levy generated \$358,615 and a permanent 3.00 mill fire levy generated \$563,430. Total millage levied by the City in 2023, for collection in 2024, was 14.38 full mills, and effective mills 11.8581, generating total revenue of \$2,875,726. Inside and debt millage allocations are reviewed by the Finance Department and City Council before the annual tax budget is prepared.

## **Major Initiatives**

**For the Year** - In 2024, the City of Conneaut began a process of thorough review and optimization of its in-house departments and capital priorities against legacy debt service from which significant capital upgrades were leveraged throughout the past several years. In doing so, the City transitioned away from a single-source engineering consultant provider after 37 years and into a diverse category of prequalified consultants for engineering services with a new municipal engineering consulting firm acting in the capacity of City Engineer (Youngstown, Ohio-based MS Consultants, Inc.). Further, both City Council and the City Manager determined it necessary to embark upon a full-scale rate study of the City's water and wastewater utilities, as authorized under Ordinance No. 93-24 on September 9, 2024. This will be completed in 2025.

The City remains steadfast in its zeal to complete several major capital projects and has embarked on a variety of new capital improvement and infrastructure projects, with the assistance of grants and zero interest loans. Infrastructure repair and replacement, and vehicle and equipment purchases to replace aging fleets, are a high priority for the City, but it remains very expensive with the continuum of time and a static rate of subsidy (grant/low-interest loan). Some of the planned and completed projects include the following:

**Park and Day Street Improvement Projects:** This project will replace the existing water, sewer, storm sewer, pavement, and curbs Park and Day Streets in the City's Port District, all of which dates to the original industrial development of the Port between 1898 and 1904. The total project cost is estimated at \$1.65 million. Partial funding has been secured through the Ohio Public Works Commission in the form of \$362,500 grant and a \$200,000 zero-interest loan. A funding application was submitted through the ODOD Appalachia

Community Grant Program in 2023; however, this application was not successful. The City has since achieved project nomination for low-interest financing for the construction of the project through Ohio EPA's Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) and Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for the project's water and wastewater elements, respectively; paid for through rate base.

**Clark Street Water Tank Replacement:** The City's largest water tank, located on Clark Street next to the water distribution department is beyond its useful life and in need of replacement due to condition and the reliability needs of the City's water system. The asset was originally constructed in 1933, and construction is estimated to cost \$4.6 million for complete replacement and demolition of the existing tower. The new tank would be constructed next to the existing 500,000-gallon storage tank and the old tank will be demolished. Engineering was completed in 2024 and the project design is under review by the Ohio EPA's Division of Drinking & Ground Waters, Twinsburg, OH with overall design costs of \$296,375, which will take the project to the end of the bid phase. The City has an OEPA WSRLA nomination for the construction and engineering costs.

**Old Main Bridge Replacement and Water System Improvements:** Following a substantial partial failure of the bridge, which was rebuilt in 1989, the City reduced legal load limits and accessibility to one (1) lane. ODOT's Federal LPA program has deemed this an eligible project for 95 percent of construction costs with further assistance from the ODOT Small Cities Program, planned for replacement in late 2026. Further to the nuance is an existing major waterline in conflict which services all of East Conneaut, installed previous to 1901, and a corresponding booster pump station last updated in 1991 in need of upgraded components. The estimated cost of this project is as follows:

BRIDGE:	\$3,354,663 (total)	<b>\$854,663 (City Share)</b>
UTILITIES:	\$1,200,600 (total)	<b>\$600,600 (City Share)</b>
TOTAL:	\$4,555,263	<b>\$1,455,263 (Total City Responsibility)</b>

**Road Paving Improvements:** As part of the annual paving program utilizing the City's 2.75-mil street improvement levy, \$534,239 was invested in the improvement of six City streets using the mill-and-fill asphalt pavement replacement method for a total of 8,231 linear feet in addition to 11,500 linear feet of unimproved rural gravel road (South Ridge Road East) being paved with a single chip seal with subbase stabilization (Permazyne) to reduce pothole development and reduce the need for dust control. This was coordinated through two (2) independent public contracts.

**Broad Street Reconstruction, Phase I (ATB-7-31.10):** Also funded in-part through ODOT Small Cities and Ohio Public Works Commission, a major portion of the City's Broad Street, from State (US-20) to the Norfolk Southern Railroad underpass as originally constructed in 1982, has been in design for construction planned in 2025. Project costs are estimated to cost \$2,649,737 with \$1,896,237 contributed by ODOT Small Cities and the balance being financed by the State Infrastructure Bank (ODOT SIB; \$500,000) and third-party gap financing through a \$365,203 Huntington National Bank bond note. This project will be completed in 2026.

**Wastewater Treatment NFA Improvements:** Subsequent to an engineering study determining the best possible solution to handle nutrient loading, a \$7.41 million construction project was commissioned to add a third final clarifier and convert the wastewater treatment plant's disinfection process from chlorine gas to the more conventional and efficient ultraviolet light. The project is to begin construction in 2025 and extend into 2026.

## Awards and Acknowledgements

The City received the Auditor of State Award (AOS) with Distinction, the highest award the AOS can give for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. This was the seventeenth time the City of Conneaut has received this prestigious award. To be eligible for the award, the following requirements must be met:

- 1) The entity must file financial reports with the Auditor of State's office by the statutory due date, without extension, via the Hinkle System, on the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) accounting basis, and prepare an ACFR (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report);
- 2) The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Uniform Guidance (Single Audit) findings, or questioned costs, with the opinion dated within six (6) months of the entity's year-end.
- 3) The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:
  - \* Ethics referrals
  - \* Questioned Costs less than the threshold per the Uniform Guidance
  - \* Lack of timely annual report submission
  - \* Bank reconciliation issues
  - \* Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit in accordance with Uniform Guidance
  - \* Findings for recovery less than \$500
  - \* Public meetings or public records issues
- 4) The entity has no other financial or other concerns

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Conneaut for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended December 31, 2023. This is the nineteenth consecutive year that the government has received this prestigious award. To be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the government had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) that satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current ACFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

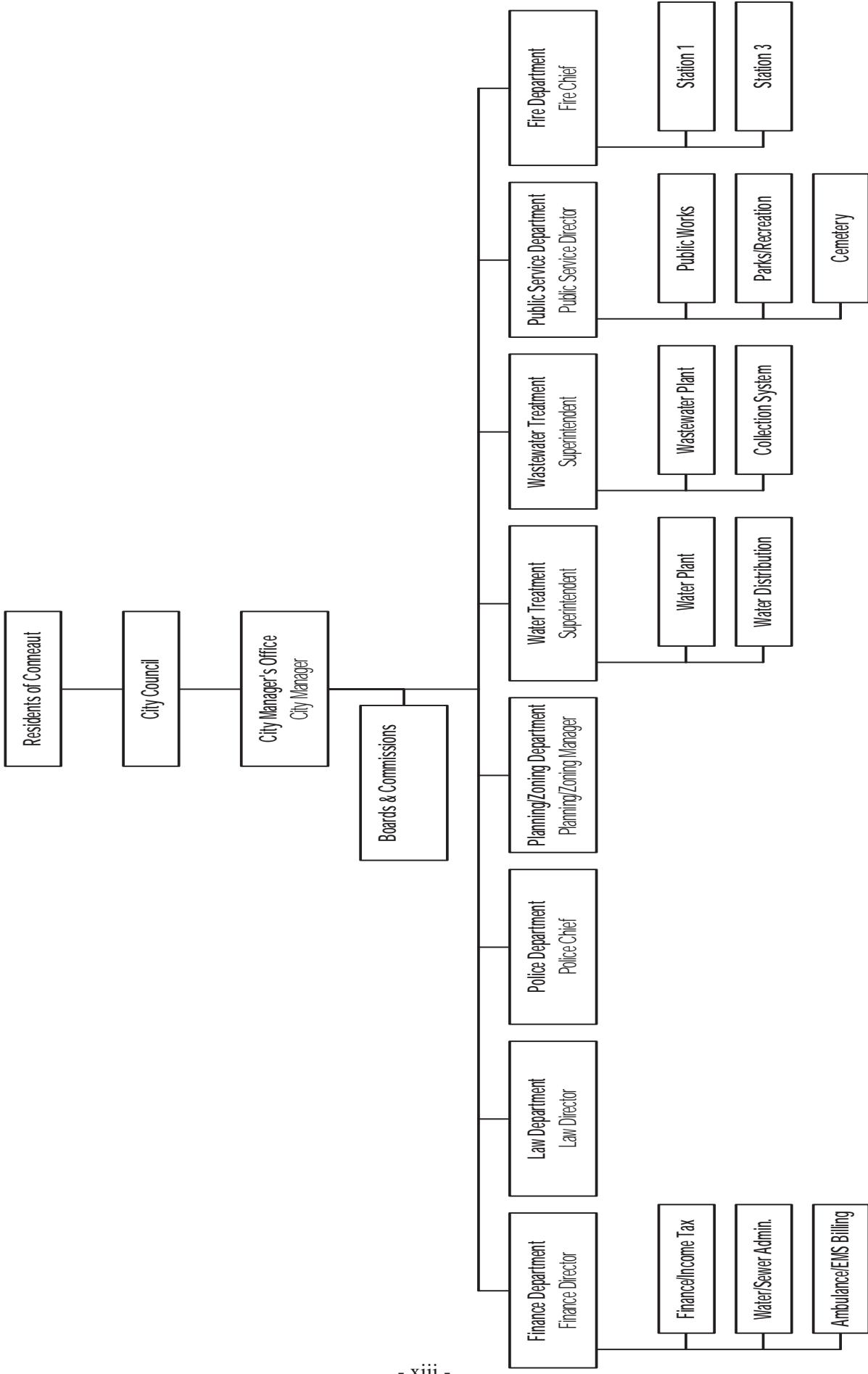
The successful preparation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report required the contribution and dedication of the Finance Department. Sincere appreciation is extended to the City Council and City Manager Jim Hockaday for their commitment to sound financial reporting. Gratitude is also expressed to all City Department Directors for their support. To the Local Government Services Section of the Office of the Auditor of State, special acknowledgment is extended for their support and guidance in the preparation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,



John Williams, J.D., CPA  
Finance Director

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**CITY OF CONNEAUT**  
**ELECTED AND APPOINTED CITY OFFICIALS**

**December 31, 2024**

**CITY COUNCIL**

Terry Moisio, Jr., President  
Mariana Branch, At Large  
Nicholas Perkoski, At Large  
Rick Gaugh, Ward 1  
Chris Castrilla, Ward 2  
Oakey Emery, Ward 3  
Nic Church, Ward 4

**CITY MANAGER**

Jim Hockaday\*

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

John Williams, Director of Finance  
John Lewis, Director of Law  
Michael Colby, Chief of Police  
Steve Lee, Chief of Fire  
Bill Smith, Water Superintendent  
Brian Bidwell, Wastewater Superintendent  
Joe Dibell, Public Service Director  
Jennifer Hoover, Planning Zoning Manager

\*Nicholas Sanford was appointed City Manager on May 6, 2024.



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Executive Director/CEO

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## **FINANCIAL SECTION**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

City of Conneaut  
Ashtabula County  
294 Main Street  
Conneaut, Ohio 44030

To the Members of City Council:

### ***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 units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Conneaut (the City), Ashtabula County, Conneaut, Ohio as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City'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 units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Conneaut, Ashtabula County, Conneaut, Ohio, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows, thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and Street Construction Maintenance and Repair Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the 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. 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 Conneaut, Ashtabula County, Conneaut, Ohio 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, during the year the City adopted new accounting guidance in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. Our opinion was not modified with respect to these matters.

#### ***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 Conneaut'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 Conneaut'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 Conneaut'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 this presentation to include *Management's Discussion and Analysis* and Schedules of Net Pension and Postemployment Benefit Liabilities, Pension and Postemployment Benefit Contributions and Net Pension Asset, listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2. U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 27, 2025, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. 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's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance.

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That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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**Poland, Ohio**  
June 27, 2025

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Management's Discussion and Analysis*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*  
*Unaudited*

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The management's discussion and analysis for the City of Conneaut's financial statements provides an overall review of the financial activity of the City for the twelve months ended December 31, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to provide a narrative that describes the City's performance as a whole; readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the additional information contained in the financial statements and the notes.

## **Financial Highlights**

Financial highlights for 2024 are as follows:

- In governmental activities, total revenues increased by \$305,781, primarily due to an increase in property tax and income tax revenues.
- Total assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources for 2024 in governmental activities by \$19,157,968 of which (\$7,835,283) was unrestricted. The net position decreased by \$1,096,678 from 2023.
- In governmental activities, outstanding long term obligations at year end totaled \$15,566,931, which is a decrease of \$766,695 from the prior year, while in business-type activities, these obligations totaled \$14,069,118, which is an increase of \$222,830 from 2023.
- During 2024, the City continued to receive collections from a tax increment financing agreement with Truck World for the redevelopment of property located within the City's tax incremental financing district. The agreement includes a 100 percent exemption from real property taxation on the public infrastructure improvements for up to twenty years. Truck World makes service payments in lieu of real property taxes.

## **Using this Annual Financial Report**

This report is designed to allow the reader to look at the financial activities of the City of Conneaut as a whole and is intended to allow the reader to obtain a summary view or a more detailed view of the City operations, as they prefer.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information from a summary perspective showing the effects of the operations for the year 2024 and how they affected the operations of the City as a whole.

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

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

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide summary information concerning the financial position and operations of the City as an entity. They provide a good resource for an overall evaluation of the City's financial performance. These statements include all non-fiduciary assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting. This method takes into account all revenues when they are earned and all expenses when they are incurred. These transactions are booked when they occur and not when the actual cash is received for revenues or when invoices are paid for expenses.

These two statements report the City's net position and changes in the position. The change in net position is important since it is an indication of whether the financial position of the City is improving or declining.

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Management's Discussion and Analysis*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*  
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However, to properly evaluate the operation of the City, certain non-cash items should be taken into consideration. These items would include the current economic situation as a whole, the current tax base for the City and the age and condition of the City buildings and infrastructure.

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

- **Governmental Activities** - Most of the City's programs and services are reported here, including general government, security of persons and property, public health services, leisure time activities, basic utility services, community development and transportation.
- **Business-Type Activities** - These services are provided on a fee basis to recover all of the expenses of the goods or services provided. The City's business-type activities are water and sewer.

***Reporting on the Most Significant Funds of the City of Conneaut***

***Fund Financial Statements***

The analysis of the City's major funds begins on page 12. The fund financial reports give a detailed report of the activities within the funds. The City's funds are in existence to provide a multitude of services to the citizens of Conneaut. Each fund is in some ways an entity unto itself. Each fund has a designated revenue stream and restricted uses for the monies within the fund.

In this report, the focus is on five major funds, the general fund and the street construction, maintenance and repair special revenue fund and the water, sewer and dredging facility enterprise funds.

***Governmental Funds*** All of the City's major activities (excluding the water, sewer and dredging facility funds) are reported in the governmental funds. This report shows how monies flow into and out of these funds and also shows what balances are available for future expenditures. The accounting method used to report this activity is the modified accrual method. This method reports cash and like-cash items that can be converted into cash. This shows what level of financial resources is available or will be available to provide the services that the general government provides in the near future. These services include police and fire protection, as well as the improving and maintaining the City's streets, parks, cemeteries and City Hall. The relationship between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and the government funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

***Proprietary Funds*** Proprietary funds use the same basis of accounting as business-type activities; therefore, these statements will essentially match.

***Fiduciary Funds*** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the City. 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 accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The City's fiduciary fund is a custodial fund.

***The City of Conneaut as a Whole***

The Statement of Net Position provides an overall view of the City. Table 1 shows a summary of the City's net position for 2024 as compared to 2023.

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(Table 1)  
 Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>						
Current and Other Assets	\$8,729,254	\$8,958,719	\$2,182,959	\$3,635,956	\$10,912,213	\$12,594,675
Net OPEB Asset	105,146	0	83,520	0	188,666	0
Capital Assets, Net	27,651,443	28,396,920	40,381,965	40,520,349	68,033,408	68,917,269
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>36,485,843</i>	<i>37,355,639</i>	<i>42,648,444</i>	<i>44,156,305</i>	<i>79,134,287</i>	<i>81,511,944</i>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>						
Asset Retirement Obligation	0	0	4,143,746	3,467,665	4,143,746	3,467,665
Pension	3,492,480	4,411,068	757,809	1,212,104	4,250,289	1,280,504
OPEB	439,874	678,964	73,220	179,781	513,094	645,123
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>3,932,354</i>	<i>5,090,032</i>	<i>4,974,775</i>	<i>4,859,550</i>	<i>8,907,129</i>	<i>5,393,292</i>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Current and Other Liabilities	1,718,866	1,737,738	364,096	2,265,815	2,082,962	4,003,553
Long-Term Liabilities:						
Due Within One Year	1,005,139	755,576	704,899	668,418	1,710,038	1,423,994
Due in More than One Year:						
Net Pension Liability	10,973,781	11,433,298	1,035,522	2,934,372	12,009,303	14,367,670
Net OPEB Liability	598,809	656,691	1,387,189	59,125	1,985,998	715,816
Other Amounts Due in More than One Year	2,989,202	2,921,121	10,941,508	10,079,313	13,930,710	13,000,434
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>17,285,797</i>	<i>17,504,424</i>	<i>14,433,214</i>	<i>16,007,043</i>	<i>31,719,011</i>	<i>33,511,467</i>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>						
Property Taxes	2,587,506	2,546,369	0	0	2,587,506	2,546,369
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	56,924	56,924	0	0	56,924	56,924
Leases	300,609	304,773	0	0	300,609	0
Pension	449,139	565,892	106,509	83,786	555,648	2,007,932
OPEB	580,254	645,703	47,982	20,006	628,236	1,467,574
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<i>\$3,974,432</i>	<i>\$4,119,661</i>	<i>\$154,491</i>	<i>\$103,792</i>	<i>\$4,128,923</i>	<i>\$6,078,799</i>

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(Table 1)  
 Net Position (continued)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Net Position</b>						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$25,089,281	\$25,577,733	\$34,418,113	\$32,691,624	\$59,507,394	\$58,269,357
Restricted:						
Capital Projects	134,700	220,562	0	0	134,700	220,562
Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair	638,026	572,780	0	0	638,026	572,780
Police and Fire Operations	529,599	479,395	0	0	529,599	479,395
Drug and Alcohol Enforcement	259,525	234,346	0	0	259,525	234,346
Cemetery Operations	38,186	44,947	0	0	38,186	44,947
Economic Development	60,833	53,976	0	0	60,833	53,976
Street Lighting	28,676	0	0	0	28,676	0
Municipal Court	69,838	99,818	0	0	69,838	99,818
Mental Health and Recovery	5,572	0	0	0	5,572	0
Unclaimed Monies	33,869	33,869	0	0	33,869	33,869
OPEB Plans	105,146	0	83,520	0	188,666	0
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(7,835,283)	(6,495,840)	(1,466,119)	213,396	(9,301,402)	(6,282,444)
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$19,157,968</u>	<u>\$20,821,586</u>	<u>\$33,035,514</u>	<u>\$32,905,020</u>	<u>\$52,193,482</u>	<u>\$53,726,606</u>

***New Accounting Pronouncements***

For 2024, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 101 *Compensated Absences*. The City also implemented GASB Statement No. 100 *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, which does not require Management Discussion and Analysis information for years prior to periods presented in the basic financial statements to be restated for changes in accounting principle. The implementation of GASB 101 resulted in recognizing additional compensated absences liabilities of \$566,940 in governmental activities and \$105,060 in business-type activities at January 1, 2024. These amounts also impacted beginning net position for the cumulative effect of additional compensated absences expense (See Note 3).

***Governmental and Business-Type Activities***

The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the City at December 31, 2024. 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.

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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.

Each year, the above referenced changes impact the balance of the net pension/OPEB liabilities (asset) and the related deferred inflows and outflows. During 2024, the OPERS net pension liability for the traditional plan decreased while the net OPEB liability changed to a net OPEB asset. The OP&F net pension liability and the net OPEB liability increased. These changes primarily resulted from increased pension plan investment earnings.

Governmental activities saw a decrease in net position from \$20,254,646 in 2023 to \$19,157,968 in 2024 due to decreases in cash and cash equivalents and deferred outflows of resources which were offset by a decrease in net pension and OPEB liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The decrease in deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB resulted from the amortization of prior year net difference between projected and actual earning on investments. The decrease in deferred inflows for pension results from the amortization of prior year amounts. The decrease in deferred inflows for OPEB results from the amortization of prior year amounts offset by the difference between expected and actual experience that was recognized in 2024. Business-type activities saw an increase in net position from \$32,799,960 in 2023 to \$33,035,514 in 2024 largely due to completion of a dredging facility. The dredging facility was fully operational during 2024 and as a result, the City saw an increase in charges for services over 2023. Management works diligently to control costs. At the end of the current year, the City of Conneaut was able to report positive balances in net position, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, the following table gives readers further details regarding the results of activities for the current and prior year.

(Table 2)  
 Change in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Revenues</b>						
<i>Program Revenues</i>						
Charges for Services and Assessments	\$1,293,967	\$1,280,392	\$8,017,173	\$4,836,010	\$9,311,140	\$6,116,402
Operating Grants	2,265,012	1,671,524	0	0	2,265,012	1,671,524
Capital Grants and Contributions	101,925	767,680	751,937	14,160,486	853,862	14,928,166
<i>Total Program Revenues</i>	<b>\$3,660,904</b>	<b>\$3,719,596</b>	<b>\$8,769,110</b>	<b>\$18,996,496</b>	<b>\$12,430,014</b>	<b>\$22,716,092</b>

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(Table 2)  
 Change in Net Position (continued)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Revenues (continued)</b>						
<i>General Revenues</i>						
Property Taxes	\$2,644,408	\$2,471,125	\$0	\$0	\$2,644,408	\$2,471,125
Municipal Income Taxes	3,758,195	3,532,556	0	0	3,758,195	3,532,556
Hotel Taxes	34,447	59,766	0	0	34,447	59,766
Permissive Taxes	110,043	100,898	0	0	110,043	100,898
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs	566,238	550,747	0	0	566,238	550,747
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	54,543	56,924	0	0	54,543	56,924
Franchise Taxes	101,364	116,277	0	0	101,364	116,277
Unrestricted Contributions	5,520	6,006	0	0	5,520	6,006
Investment Earnings/Interest	162,781	172,921	0	0	162,781	172,921
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	49,088	8,670	0	0	49,088	8,670
Miscellaneous	267,175	313,439	73,276	43,019	340,451	356,458
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>7,753,802</u>	<u>7,389,329</u>	<u>73,276</u>	<u>43,019</u>	<u>7,827,078</u>	<u>7,432,348</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>11,414,706</u>	<u>11,108,925</u>	<u>8,842,386</u>	<u>19,039,515</u>	<u>20,257,092</u>	<u>30,148,440</u>
<b>Program Expenses</b>						
General Government	\$2,073,737	\$1,866,994	\$0	\$0	\$2,073,737	\$1,866,994
Security of Persons and Property	6,283,515	6,011,917	0	0	6,283,515	6,011,917
Public Health Services	207,915	148,936	0	0	207,915	148,936
Leisure Time Activities	161,735	121,662	0	0	161,735	121,662
Community Development	196,277	355,345	0	0	196,277	355,345
Basic Utility Services	184,230	176,685	0	0	184,230	176,685
Transportation	3,277,230	3,071,050	0	0	3,277,230	3,071,050
Interest	123,625	118,640	0	0	123,625	118,640
Water	0	0	3,023,167	2,725,123	3,023,167	2,725,123
Sewer	0	0	2,755,801	2,762,675	2,755,801	2,762,675
Dredge Facility	0	0	2,830,984	0	2,830,984	2,762,675
<i>Total Program Expenses</i>	<u>12,508,264</u>	<u>11,871,229</u>	<u>8,609,952</u>	<u>5,487,798</u>	<u>21,118,216</u>	<u>20,121,702</u>
<i>Income (Loss) before Transfers</i>	<u>(1,093,558)</u>	<u>(762,304)</u>	<u>232,434</u>	<u>13,551,717</u>	<u>(861,124)</u>	<u>12,789,413</u>
<i>Transfers</i>	<u>(3,120)</u>	<u>(3,120)</u>	<u>3,120</u>	<u>3,120</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<u>(1,096,678)</u>	<u>(765,424)</u>	<u>235,554</u>	<u>13,554,837</u>	<u>(861,124)</u>	<u>12,789,413</u>
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year as Previously Reported</i>	20,821,586	21,587,010	32,905,020	19,350,183	53,726,606	40,937,193
Change in Accounting Principle (See Note3)	<u>(566,940)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(105,060)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(672,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Restated Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>20,254,646</u>	<u>21,587,010</u>	<u>32,799,960</u>	<u>19,350,183</u>	<u>53,054,606</u>	<u>40,937,193</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u>\$19,157,968</u>	<u>\$20,821,586</u>	<u>\$33,035,514</u>	<u>\$32,905,020</u>	<u>\$52,193,482</u>	<u>\$53,726,606</u>

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***New Accounting Pronouncements***

The preceding table separately reflects the restatement for changes in accounting principles related to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* does not require Management Discussion and Analysis information for years prior to periods presented in the basic financial statements to be restated for changes in accounting principle. The 2023 information does not reflect activity related to the additional compensated absences expenses required under GASB 101, *Compensated Absences*. (See also explanation of new accounting pronouncements provided related to Net Position - Table 1 and explanation provided in Note 3.)

***Governmental Activities***

The City's net position in governmental activities decreased by \$1,096,678 for a net position total of \$19,157,968 in 2024. Total revenues increased by \$305,781, with expenses increasing \$637,035. Funding for governmental activities is derived from many sources, the largest of which is the City's municipal income tax, representing approximately half of the general fund revenue budget. The City's income tax rate is 1.65 percent. Total income tax revenues were \$3,758,195 for 2024, an increase of \$225,639 from 2023. The revenue collected from the 1.65 percent income tax was recorded into the general fund, street construction maintenance and repair, capital improvement, street lighting and recreation funds. The next largest revenue source of the City is property taxes. Property tax collections saw an increase of \$173,283 from 2023 collections. The City also applies for and received grants through various sources which is reflected through operating grants and contributions. For 2024, the City saw an increase in operating grants due to the timing of the City receiving grant support in 2024.

The largest program function for the City is security of persons and property, which includes expenses of the police and fire departments. In 2024, the City spent \$6,283,515 on police and fire protection. The police department employs nineteen officers and four full-time dispatchers. The fire department has eleven full-time positions and one permanent part-time position. There are two fire stations within the City, one staffed by the full-time and permanent part-time firefighters, while the other station is staffed by part-time or volunteer personnel.

The City's Public Works Department (transportation) has 13 employees, including one mechanic, eleven equipment operators, and one full-time administrative assistant. In 2024, they spent \$3,277,230 in transportation activities. The public works department is responsible for maintaining 565 lane miles of roads, including the paving of local streets, snow plowing, storm sewer and ditch maintenance, tree trimming/removal, park and cemetery maintenance, litter pick up, and various other duties. During 2024 there was an increase in transportation expenses of \$206,180. This increase can be attributed to an increase in the maintenance and repairs of streets throughout the City.

***Business-Type Activities***

The City operates three business-type activities: the water and sewer treatment facilities and the dredging facility. Net position increased in business-type activities by \$235,554 to \$33,035,514. Total revenues decreased by \$10,197,129 due to a decrease in capital contributions received from the prior year. In addition, total program expenses increased by \$3,122,154 due to a full year of operations at the dredging facility. The major revenue source for these activities is charges for services. The water plant provides water to approximately 4,900 customers. Approximately forty-one million gallons of water and seventy-three million gallons of wastewater are processed each month.

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### ***The City's Funds***

A review of the City's governmental funds provides information on near-term flows and balances of expendable resources and serves as a useful measure of a government's net resources. In particular, unassigned fund balances may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year. Information about the City's governmental funds begins on page 20. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual method of accounting.

The City's major governmental funds are the general fund and the street construction and maintenance and repair special revenue fund. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$11,426,304 and total expenditures of \$11,830,534, resulting in expenditures exceeding revenues by \$404,230. Total revenues increased mainly due to an increase in property tax collections, income tax collections, charges for services and other revenue. Total expenditures increased mainly due to a 2 percent wage increase as well as a 10 percent increase in health insurance. During 2024, there was an increase in general fund revenues due to an increase in property taxes, income taxes and other revenue. General fund expenditures increased due to increases in wages and health care costs. Revenues and other financing sources exceeded expenditures and other financing uses in the street construction, maintenance and repair fund due to an increase in intergovernmental revenue during 2024. The increase in intergovernmental revenue can be related to an increase in gas taxes received. Expenditures in the street construction, maintenance and repair fund remained consistent with the prior year. The City's funds are monitored consistently with adjustments made throughout the year in budgets to accommodate yearly revenues.

Information about the proprietary funds starts on page 26. These funds are accounted for on an accrual basis.

Enterprise funds had GAAP operating revenues of \$8,090,449 and operating expenses of \$8,509,350, generating an operating loss of \$418,901. Overall, operating revenues increased with major increases in charges for water, sewer and dredging services. Operating expenses saw an increase in all expenses. The City consistently reviews these funds, and if necessary, rate adjustments are made to ensure strength in our enterprise funds.

### ***General Fund Budgeting Highlights***

The general fund is the City's largest and most versatile operating fund. It funds the police and fire departments, and all of the administrative departments, as well as the municipal court and general services. Furthermore, it assists other funds, primarily the street department, with cash transfers when necessary. Budgeting is prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. The City's budgeted appropriations are restricted by the amounts of anticipated revenues certified by the Budget Commission in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. General fund revenues and expenses are monitored on a monthly basis to ensure that overspending does not occur, and budget adjustments are proposed generally on a quarterly basis or more often if necessary. All changes in appropriation line items, no matter how small, must be authorized by City Council and by ordinance.

In 2024, the general fund's original and final revenue budget was \$5,087,575. Actual revenues were higher at \$5,334,466 or a \$246,891 variance. A large part of the difference was made from more than anticipated municipal income taxes and charges for services revenues. The general fund's original appropriation budget was \$5,786,954, and the final appropriation budget was \$5,527,032. Actual expenditures were less than final budgeted appropriations with a variance of \$539,385. This difference is made from the City becoming more conservative in spending due to the current economic conditions that entities are facing State-wide.

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**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

***Capital Assets***

(Table 3)  
 Capital Assets at December 31,  
 (Net of Depreciation/Amortization)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$871,522	\$871,522	\$18,428	\$18,428	\$889,950	\$889,950
Construction in Progress	664,581	422,231	848,489	66,290	1,513,070	488,521
Land Improvements	0	0	14,841,896	15,196,481	14,841,896	15,196,481
Buildings and Improvements	132,956	89,266	2,278,192	2,376,869	2,411,148	2,466,135
Equipment	1,278,497	1,308,706	3,988,032	4,161,168	5,266,529	5,469,874
Vehicles	1,064,385	855,956	1,011,816	792,308	2,076,201	1,648,264
Infrastructure						
Traffic Signals	780,930	804,685	0	0	780,930	804,685
Roads	10,698,465	11,487,951	0	0	10,698,465	11,487,951
Bridges	9,275,209	9,546,178	0	0	9,275,209	9,546,178
Storm Sewers	2,829,798	2,894,615	0	0	2,829,798	2,894,615
Water and Sewer Lines	0	0	17,395,112	17,908,805	17,395,112	17,908,805
Intangible Right to Use - Subscriptions	55,100	115,810	0	0	55,100	115,810
Total	<b>\$27,651,443</b>	<b>\$28,396,920</b>	<b>\$40,381,965</b>	<b>\$40,520,349</b>	<b>\$68,033,408</b>	<b>\$68,917,269</b>

Capital assets of governmental activities saw a decrease in 2024 due to depreciation/amortization exceeding additions for the year. Additions included 2 new Dodge Ram 1500 and a Tandem Truck. Construction in progress included work on Broad Street, Naylor Drive and Old Main bridge.

Overall, there was a decrease in business-type capital assets as the current year additions did not exceed depreciation.

For additional information regarding the City's capital assets, see Note 11 to the basic financial statements.

***Long-term Obligations***

The City's long-term obligations are comprised of general obligation bonds, OPWC and OWDA loans, loans payable, financed purchases, subscription payable, compensated absences, asset retirement obligations and net pension/OPEB liabilities.

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(Table 4)  
 Outstanding Long-term Obligations at Year End

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
General Obligation Bonds	\$702,200	\$896,238	\$201,300	\$268,400	\$903,500	\$1,164,638
OWDA Loans	0	0	5,218,802	5,157,674	5,218,802	5,157,674
Loans Payable	0	4,816	0	0	0	4,816
State Infrastructure Bank						
Loans Payable	996,339	1,127,464	0	0	996,339	1,127,464
OPWC Loans	142,560	152,428	543,750	500,904	686,310	653,332
Financed Purchases	559,582	519,588	0	0	559,582	519,588
Subscription Payable	66,682	123,469				
Compensated Absences	1,526,978	1,419,634	464,875	468,337	1,991,853	1,887,971
Asset Retirement Obligation	0	0	5,217,680	4,457,476	5,217,680	4,457,476
Net Pension Liability	10,973,781	11,433,298	2,422,711	2,934,372	13,396,492	14,367,670
Net OPEB Liability	598,809	656,691	0	59,125	598,809	715,816
Total	<u>\$15,566,931</u>	<u>\$16,333,626</u>	<u>\$14,069,118</u>	<u>\$13,846,288</u>	<u>\$29,569,367</u>	<u>\$30,056,445</u>

Total long-term obligations in governmental activities decreased by \$766,695, and business-type activities increased by \$222,830. During 2024, the City issued OPWC loans and OWDA loans. All of the debt service for these new issues are being paid with income and property tax revenues. In total, there are twenty-three OPWC and eleven OWDA loans, the majority of which are being funded by special assessments and water and sewer user fees.

The six general obligation bonds outstanding at the end of the year were the Vehicle Acquisition, 2014 and 2017 Various Improvements, Fire Truck and 2020 and 2021 Street Improvement bonds. The Fire Truck will be paid from the general fund.

Special assessment loans consist of various sewer projects. The debt service on these loans is paid from real estate tax assessments on those property owners who benefited from the improvements. These funds are deposited into the special assessment debt retirement fund.

Detailed information regarding long-term debt is included in the notes to the financial statements and as such, the 2023 long-term debt information above articulates to the January 1, 2024, restated amounts in the Note 17 rather than the 2023 amounts presented in Table 1. For more information about the City's long-term obligations, see Note 17 to the basic financial statements.

### Current Financial Issues

Large pending capital projects, requiring the issuance of debt financing, will negatively impact future budgets, with the general fund and street construction, maintenance and repair fund bearing the brunt of this debt financing as follows:

- 1) The Broad Street underpass road replacement, phase I, is a \$2.6 million ODOT project in which the City will be responsible for \$865,000 as a cash match. This amount will be funded with a zero percent interest \$500,000 SIB (State Infrastructure Bank) loan, payable over a term of 5 years, in addition to a 4.55 percent, \$365,000 loan from Huntington Bank, payable over a term of 10 years.
- 2) Phase II of the Broad Street pavement replacement project will not commence until 2027, but this is anticipated to require a City contribution of at least \$500,000, with anticipated funding via another SIB loan.

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- 3) Old Main bridge will be replaced in 2026, which is \$3.354 million dollar project plus \$657,000 in design engineering. The City's total match will be \$1,511,663, all of which will be financed via a SIB loan and a Huntington Bank Loan. Estimated future payments are \$200,000 annually for 10 years.
- 4) Paving of portions of State Route 7 and State Route 531 will commence in 2027 with a total project estimate of \$1.45 million, of which the City would be responsible for a maximum of \$435,000 or a minimum of \$217,500. This would likely be funded via a SIB loan.
- 5) The City Hall roof replacement is estimated to cost \$200,000 and is likely to be financed through Huntington Bank.
- 6) The City Hall generator is estimated to cost \$250,000 and is also likely to be financed through Huntington Bank.

The City's five union contracts were renegotiated for a 3-year period commencing January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2027. All the unions agreed to a cumulative wage increase of 10.5 percent for the contract period, apart from the IAFF which received an 11 percent increase over this time frame. AFSCME agreed to an allocation of 4 percent in 2025, 3.5 percent in 2026, and 3 percent in 2027, while the remaining unions received 5 percent, 3 percent, and 2.5 percent, respectively, except the IAFF which received 3 percent in 2027. Other compensation increases, particularly with Police and Fire, included shift and rank differential increases. The cumulative cost to the City over the contract period is approximately \$1.6 million. The City's ability to fund these future increases, without layoffs, will depend upon the strength of our local economic tax base and our ability to contain other costs.

Health insurance for employees has been, and continues to be, one of the City's greatest financial challenges. On an annual basis, the increase in medical insurance rates continues to outpace City revenues. The health care committee, comprised of representatives from management and the five unions, met to discuss the most recent medical insurance renewal proposal. With the assistance of the City's health insurance broker, Fedeli, different health insurance options and plans were priced. Ultimately, the City remained with the health savings account through Medical Mutual and continued membership with the Ohio Government Benefit Cooperative, which is a purchasing pool of eleven cities that comprise the consortium. However, the cost of health plans still increased a cumulative total of approximately 36.5 percent over a four-year period, with an 11.4 percent increase incurred for 2025.

The annual cost of a health care plan, including the City's contribution to the deductible, is \$14,083 for a single plan; \$24,762 for an employee/child plan; \$31,360 for an employee/spouse plan; and \$42,866 for a family plan. The total cost of the City's health insurance plan for the 74 full-time employees who utilize the health insurance plan is approximately \$2.6 million per year. Twenty of the City's full-time employees who are eligible for health insurance chose to take the health insurance stipend or buyout of \$400 per month for single plan, \$550 per month for an Employee/Child plan, \$650 per month for a Employee/Spouse plan, and \$750 per month for a Family plan, costing about \$180,000 annually. AFSCME union employees have agreed to increase their share of the health insurance premium from 10 percent to 11.5 percent by the end of their contract, while all other unions have agreed to an increase from 10 percent to 13 percent of the annual health insurance premium by the end of their contract. This will help offset the cost of health insurance premium cost to the City. Health care contributions by employees total approximately \$270,000 annually.

The City's general fund carryover, on a cash basis, was \$1,778,952 on December 31, 2020, which decreased by approximately \$1.02 million over a five-year period to \$753,355 as of December 31, 2024. This balance would not have been possible without utilizing \$830,000 in ARPA funding to defray the cost of police and fire wages in 2024 and 2025. While general fund carryovers have been decreasing due to an increase in capital expenditures, debt payments, health care, wages, and other personnel costs, revenue growth has not been

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sufficient to cover the increase in expenditures, therefore, fund balance has been used to support general fund operations. Efforts by the City administration and City Council to implement numerous cost savings measures, including staff reductions, changes to health care benefits, and restructuring of departments have helped slow the decline in fund balance, but an increase in revenue is needed to prevent further decline at the current and projected expenditure levels. There continues to be a concerted effort by the City Manager and staff to curtail spending wherever possible without compromising city services, but the city must remain diligent in exploring new ways to improve efficiency, cut costs and increase revenue, wherever possible.

Despite having such a large revenue source, the public works division still barely breaks even on an annual basis and requires general fund transfers and an 11.83 percent allocation of the 1 percent unvoted portion of the income tax levy just to remain solvent. In 2024, the city's general fund transferred \$200,000 to the street construction, maintenance and repair fund, in addition to a reallocation of income tax in the amount of \$265,000. Employment in the division has experienced a decline from 23 workers in the year 2000 to 13 today, which is almost a 50 percent reduction. This division is also very capital intensive and requires very large and expensive pieces of equipment to operate. About thirty pieces of heavy equipment and trucks are an integral part of the division, including tandem dump trucks that cost approximately \$280,000 per vehicle, road graders that cost about \$250,000 each, street sweepers that cost approximately \$300,000 each and backhoes that cost nearly \$150,000 each. These vehicles and equipment are used intensively and need to be replaced every 5-10 years. Furthermore, aging storm sewers throughout the City are another large outstanding infrastructure liability for the Street Department, as well as the City's share of paving Routes 20, 531, and 7, which recently cost the City \$1.3 million dollars and were funded via State Infrastructure Bank loans and other debt financing.

Paving and maintaining 565 lane miles of road throughout the 27 square mile city is a monumental financial challenge. The City has a 2.75 mill, five-year street road levy to help address this challenge, but the amount of revenue generated is not nearly sufficient to pave and maintain all the roads within the City. This levy was renewed in November of 2023 and is expected to gross \$684,000, however, because it was a renewal and not a replacement, the reduction factors will trim nearly \$156,520 in potential collections from the levy, with net revenue projected to be approximately \$527,480 annually. Asphalt prices have nearly tripled in the past five years while revenue has remained stagnant, meaning few streets will be paved. Furthermore, the public works division has an annual budget of \$2.9 million dollars, which includes the street, parks, and cemetery departments, is the least well-funded division in the city. The street department is by far the largest component of the public works division, with an overall budget of nearly \$2.7 million dollars. It is funded primarily by income tax, gas tax, auto permissive fees and vehicle license fees.

Income tax is the largest revenue source in the general fund, and is a critical funding source for many departments, including the City's safety forces, which represent approximately two-thirds of general fund operations. Approximately seventy-four percent of all income tax revenue is allocated to general fund operations. Since income tax collections can sometimes vary dramatically from year to year, especially with macroeconomic factors beyond the City's control, it is monitored very closely to ensure budgetary stability. Although the COVID-19 pandemic had a deleterious impact on City income tax collections, hitting a ten-year low in 2020, collections have recovered in the past few years, with \$3,713,740 collected in 2024, which is a new City record.

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

This report is designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the City's financial position, as well as a general understanding of the financial operations of the City. If you have any questions about this report or need any additional financial information, please contact John Williams, J.D., CPA, Finance Director, 294 Main Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030, telephone 440-593-7416, or e-mail at [connfinance@conneautoh.org](mailto:connfinance@conneautoh.org).

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**

*Statement of Net Position*

*December 31, 2024*

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Conneaut	Conneaut Port Authority
				Board of Health	
<b>Assets</b>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and					
Cash Equivalents	\$2,744,888	\$1,358,768	\$4,103,656	\$49,345	\$78,007
Accounts Receivable	296,121	605,687	901,808	0	0
Intergovernmental Receivable	1,062,590	0	1,062,590	16,556	0
Prepaid Items	0	0	0	0	22,708
Materials and Supplies Inventory	102,867	209,093	311,960	31,225	13,532
Property Taxes Receivable	2,784,603	0	2,784,603	0	0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	56,924	0	56,924	0	0
Municipal Income Taxes Receivable	804,434	0	804,434	0	0
Hotel Taxes Receivable	13,046	0	13,046	0	0
Permissive Taxes Receivable	7,005	0	7,005	0	0
Special Assessments Receivable	159,167	9,411	168,578	0	0
Leases Receivable	300,609	0	300,609	0	0
Loans Receivable from Component Unit	397,000	0	397,000	0	0
Net OPEB Asset (See Note 19)	105,146	83,520	188,666	11,749	6,616
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	1,536,103	866,917	2,403,020	0	432,556
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	26,115,340	39,515,048	65,630,388	20,951	1,212,705
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>36,485,843</i>	<i>42,648,444</i>	<i>79,134,287</i>	<i>129,826</i>	<i>1,766,124</i>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>					
Asset Retirement Obligation	0	4,143,746	4,143,746	0	0
Pension	3,492,480	757,809	4,250,289	135,427	68,322
OPEB	439,874	73,220	513,094	10,217	8,067
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>3,932,354</i>	<i>4,974,775</i>	<i>8,907,129</i>	<i>145,644</i>	<i>76,389</i>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	76,163	90,523	166,686	515	44,571
Contracts Payable	63,088	116,972	180,060	89	0
Accrued Wages	214,747	71,867	286,614	8,596	3,084
Intergovernmental Payable	138,172	38,788	176,960	4,101	0
Deposits Held Payable	93,273	0	93,273	0	0
Accrued Interest Payable	73,423	45,946	119,369	0	1,513
Notes Payable	1,060,000	0	1,060,000	0	0
Due to Primary Government	0	0	0	0	397,000
Unearned Revenue	0	0	0	0	197,056
Long-Term Liabilities:					
Due Within One Year	1,005,139	704,899	1,710,038	26,792	72,316
Due In More Than One Year:					
Net Pension Liability (See Note 18)	10,973,781	2,422,711	13,396,492	340,795	205,778
Net OPEB Liability (See Note 19)	598,809	0	598,809	0	0
Other Amounts Due In More Than One Year	2,989,202	10,941,508	13,930,710	872	44,549
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>17,285,797</i>	<i>14,433,214</i>	<i>31,719,011</i>	<i>381,760</i>	<i>965,867</i>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>					
Property Taxes	2,587,506	0	2,587,506	0	0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	56,924	0	56,924	0	0
Leases	300,609	0	300,609	0	0
Pension	449,139	106,509	555,648	0	51,832
OPEB	580,254	47,982	628,236	8,460	3,812
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<i>3,974,432</i>	<i>154,491</i>	<i>4,128,923</i>	<i>8,460</i>	<i>55,644</i>
<b>Net Position</b>					
Net Investment in Capital Assets	25,089,281	34,418,113	59,507,394	11,130	1,231,396
Restricted for:					
Capital Projects	134,700	0	134,700	0	0
Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair	638,026	0	638,026	0	0
Police and Fire Operations	529,599	0	529,599	0	0
Drug and Alcohol Enforcement	259,525	0	259,525	0	0
Cemetery Operations	38,186	0	38,186	0	0
Economic Development	60,833	0	60,833	0	0
Street Lighting	28,676	0	28,676	0	0
Municipal Court	69,838	0	69,838	0	0
Mental Health and Recovery	5,572	0	5,572	0	0
Unclaimed Monies	33,869	0	33,869	0	0
OPEB plans	105,146	83,520	188,666	11,749	0
Other Purposes	0	0	0	15,986	0
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(7,835,283)	(1,466,119)	(9,301,402)	(153,615)	(410,394)
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<i>\$19,157,968</i>	<i>\$33,035,514</i>	<i>\$52,193,482</i>	<i>(\$114,750)</i>	<i>\$821,002</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Statement of Activities*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

Program Revenues			
	Charges for Services and Assessments	Operating Grants	Capital Grants and Contributions
Expenses			
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>			
General Government	\$2,073,737	\$385,139	\$70,151
Security of Persons and Property	6,283,515	596,294	1,171,676
Public Health Services	207,915	2,811	6,879
Leisure Time Activities	161,735	14,560	47,364
Community Development	196,277	80,711	16,818
Basic Utility Services	184,230	180,723	0
Transportation	3,277,230	33,729	952,124
Interest	123,625	0	0
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<i>12,508,264</i>	<i>1,293,967</i>	<i>2,265,012</i>
			<i>101,925</i>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>			
Water	3,023,167	2,486,557	0
Sewer	2,755,801	2,483,278	0
Dredge Facility	2,830,984	3,047,338	0
<i>Total Business-Type Activities</i>	<i>8,609,952</i>	<i>8,017,173</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Total Primary Government</i>	<i>\$21,118,216</i>	<i>\$9,311,140</i>	<i>\$2,265,012</i>
			<i>\$853,862</i>
<b>Component Units</b>			
Conneaut Board of Health	\$378,119	\$63,591	\$320,139
Conneaut Port Authority	757,121	830,589	57,170
<i>Total Component Units</i>	<i>\$1,135,240</i>	<i>\$894,180</i>	<i>\$377,309</i>
			<i>\$125,000</i>
<b>General Revenues</b>			
Property Taxes Levied for:			
General Purposes			
Capital Projects			
Other Purposes			
Municipal Income Taxes Levied for:			
General Purposes			
Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair			
Capital Outlay			
Other Purposes			
Hotel Taxes			
Permissive Taxes			
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs			
Payment in Lieu of Taxes			
Franchise Taxes			
Unrestricted Contributions			
Investment Earnings/Interest			
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets			
Miscellaneous			
<i>Total General Revenues</i>			
Transfers			
<i>Total General Revenues and Transfers</i>			
Change in Net Position			
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year as Previously Reported</i>			
Change in Accounting Principle (See Note 3)			
<i>Restated Net Position Beginning of Year</i>			
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>			

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Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position					
Primary Government			Component Units		
Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Conneaut Board of Health	Conneaut Port Authority	
(\$1,618,447)	\$0	(\$1,618,447)	\$0	\$0	
(4,472,245)	0	(4,472,245)	0	0	
(198,225)	0	(198,225)	0	0	
(99,811)	0	(99,811)	0	0	
(53,950)	0	(53,950)	0	0	
(3,507)	0	(3,507)	0	0	
(2,277,550)	0	(2,277,550)	0	0	
(123,625)	0	(123,625)	0	0	
<u>(8,847,360)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(8,847,360)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
 0	 (536,610)	 (536,610)	 0	 0	
<u>0</u>	<u>(198,546)</u>	<u>(198,546)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
<u>0</u>	<u>894,314</u>	<u>894,314</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
 0	 159,158	 159,158	 0	 0	
<u>(8,847,360)</u>	<u>159,158</u>	<u>(8,688,202)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
 0	 0	 0	 5,611	 0	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>255,638</u>	
 0	 0	 0	 5,611	 255,638	
  434,773	 0	 434,773	 0	 0	
494,505	0	494,505	0	0	
1,715,130	0	1,715,130	0	0	
 2,958,819	 0	 2,958,819	 0	 0	
668,949	0	668,949	0	0	
59,251	0	59,251	0	0	
71,176	0	71,176	0	0	
34,447	0	34,447	0	0	
110,043	0	110,043	0	0	
566,238	0	566,238	0	0	
54,543	0	54,543	0	0	
101,364	0	101,364	0	0	
5,520	0	5,520	0	0	
162,781	0	162,781	0	994	
49,088	0	49,088	0	0	
267,175	73,276	340,451	0	2,424	
 7,753,802	 73,276	 7,827,078	 0	 3,418	
<u>(3,120)</u>	<u>3,120</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
 7,750,682	 76,396	 7,827,078	 0	 3,418	
<u>(1,096,678)</u>	<u>235,554</u>	<u>(861,124)</u>	<u>5,611</u>	<u>259,056</u>	
 20,821,586	 32,905,020	 53,726,606	 (114,105)	 561,946	
<u>(566,940)</u>	<u>(105,060)</u>	<u>(672,000)</u>	<u>(6,256)</u>	<u>0</u>	
 20,254,646	 32,799,960	 53,054,606	 (120,361)	 561,946	
<u>\$19,157,968</u>	<u>\$33,035,514</u>	<u>\$52,193,482</u>	<u>(\$114,750)</u>	<u>\$821,002</u>	

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**

*Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2024*

	General	Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$781,152	\$51,428	\$1,785,166	\$2,617,746
Materials and Supplies Inventory	26,427	76,440	0	102,867
Accounts Receivable	204,577	0	91,544	296,121
Intergovernmental Receivable	287,541	549,105	225,944	1,062,590
Municipal Income Taxes Receivable	633,331	143,189	27,914	804,434
Property Taxes Receivable	452,392	0	2,332,211	2,784,603
Hotel Taxes Receivable	13,046	0	0	13,046
Permissive Taxes Receivable	0	0	7,005	7,005
Payments in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	0	0	56,924	56,924
Loans Receivable from Component Unit	0	0	397,000	397,000
Interfund Receivable	431,166	0	0	431,166
Special Assessments Receivable	54,293	103,447	1,427	159,167
Leases Receivable	300,609	0	0	300,609
Restricted Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	43,236	23,600	60,306	127,142
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$3,227,770</u>	<u>\$947,209</u>	<u>\$4,985,441</u>	<u>\$9,160,420</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$25,673	\$32,810	\$17,680	\$76,163
Contracts Payable	34,472	1,094	27,522	63,088
Accrued Wages	164,686	30,770	19,291	214,747
Intergovernmental Payable	34,082	13,082	91,008	138,172
Deposits Held Payable from Restricted Assets	9,367	23,600	60,306	93,273
Interfund Payable	0	8,292	422,874	431,166
Accrued Interest Payable	246	0	50,446	50,692
Notes Payable	6,000	0	1,054,000	1,060,000
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>274,526</u>	<u>109,648</u>	<u>1,743,127</u>	<u>2,127,301</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>				
Property Taxes	420,469	0	2,167,037	2,587,506
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	56,924	56,924
Leases	300,609	0	0	300,609
Unavailable Revenue	873,493	403,826	377,112	1,654,431
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>1,594,571</u>	<u>403,826</u>	<u>2,601,073</u>	<u>4,599,470</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Nonspendable	60,296	76,440	0	136,736
Restricted	0	357,295	860,380	1,217,675
Committed	0	0	112,011	112,011
Assigned	685,183	0	0	685,183
Unassigned (Deficit)	613,194	0	(331,150)	282,044
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>1,358,673</u>	<u>433,735</u>	<u>641,241</u>	<u>2,433,649</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u><u>\$3,227,770</u></u>	<u><u>\$947,209</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,985,441</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,160,420</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**

*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to  
Net Position of Governmental Activities  
December 31, 2024*

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<b>Total Governmental Funds Balances</b>	\$2,433,649
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*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the  
statement of net position are different because*

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	27,651,443
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Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are reported as unavailable in the funds:

Delinquent Property Taxes	197,097
Municipal Income Taxes	504,512
Intergovernmental	502,415
Special Assessments	159,036
Charges for Services	176,890
Franchise Tax	22,806
Street Lighting Fees	131
OneOhio Fines	<u>91,544</u>

Total	1,654,431
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In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding debt, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.	(22,731)
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:

General Obligation Bonds	(702,200)
State Infrastructure Bank Loans Payable	(996,339)
OPWC Loans Payable	(142,560)
Financed Purchases	(559,582)
Subscriptions Payable	(66,682)
Compensated Absences	<u>(1,526,978)</u>

Total	(3,994,341)
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The net pension liability and net OPEB liability are not due and payable in the current periods; therefore, the liability and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in the governmental funds:

Deferred Outflows - Pension	3,492,480
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(449,139)
Net Pension Liability	(10,973,781)
Net OPEB Asset	105,146
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	439,874
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(580,254)
Net OPEB Liability	<u>(598,809)</u>

Total	<u>(8,564,483)</u>
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<i>Net Position of Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$19,157,968</u>
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See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Governmental Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	General	Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$431,850	\$0	\$2,219,963	\$2,651,813
Municipal Income Taxes	2,876,006	650,205	126,762	3,652,973
Hotel Taxes	34,447	0	0	34,447
Permissive Taxes	0	0	110,043	110,043
Special Assessments	0	8,962	80	9,042
Intergovernmental	555,967	878,909	1,673,884	3,108,760
Fees, Licenses and Permits	61,695	24,767	183,096	269,558
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	264,545	0	124,356	388,901
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	0	0	54,543	54,543
Leases	4,164	0	0	4,164
Rentals	20,000	0	0	20,000
Charges for Services	555,856	0	23,009	578,865
Contributions and Donations	5,520	0	0	5,520
Investment Earnings/Interest	162,009	62	710	162,781
Franchise Taxes	107,719	0	0	107,719
Other	189,531	61,395	16,249	267,175
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>5,269,309</i>	<i>1,624,300</i>	<i>4,532,695</i>	<i>11,426,304</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government	1,863,555	0	88,381	1,951,936
Security of Persons and Property	2,954,276	0	2,573,280	5,527,556
Public Health Services	195,835	0	12,381	208,216
Leisure Time Activities	81,985	0	74,307	156,292
Community Development	149,052	0	32,551	181,603
Basic Utility Services	0	0	184,497	184,497
Transportation	0	1,237,807	244,343	1,482,150
Capital Outlay	0	138,146	1,348,491	1,486,637
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	170,903	313,997	32,824	517,724
Interest	14,440	58,597	60,886	133,923
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>5,430,046</i>	<i>1,748,547</i>	<i>4,651,941</i>	<i>11,830,534</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(160,737)</i>	<i>(124,247)</i>	<i>(119,246)</i>	<i>(404,230)</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Sale of Capital Assets	2,799	46,289	0	49,088
Financed Purchase Issued	161,084	0	0	161,084
Transfers In	0	224,162	62,000	286,162
Transfers Out	(262,000)	(3,120)	(24,162)	(289,282)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>(98,117)</i>	<i>267,331</i>	<i>37,838</i>	<i>207,052</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>(258,854)</i>	<i>143,084</i>	<i>(81,408)</i>	<i>(197,178)</i>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<i>1,617,527</i>	<i>290,651</i>	<i>722,649</i>	<i>2,630,827</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$1,358,673</i>	<i>\$433,735</i>	<i>\$641,241</i>	<i>\$2,433,649</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
 in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** (\$197,178)

*Amounts reported for governmental activities in the  
 statement of activities are different because*

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation/amortization expense. This is the amount by which depreciation/amortization exceeded capital outlay in the current period:

Capital Asset Additions	1,505,065
Current Year Depreciation/Amortization	<u>(2,250,542)</u>
Total	(745,477)

Revenue in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the funds:

Delinquent Property Taxes	(7,405)
Municipal Income Taxes	105,222
Intergovernmental	(175,585)
Charges for Services	33,439
Fees, Licenses and Permits	(1,713)
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	(8,289)
Franchise Taxes	<u>(6,355)</u>
Total	(60,686)

Repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities on the statement of net position:

General Obligation Bonds Payable	194,038
Loans Payable	4,816
State Infrastructure Bank Loans Payable	131,125
OPWC Loans Payable	9,868
Financed Purchases	121,090
Subscriptions Payable	<u>56,787</u>
Total	517,724

Accrued interest is reported as an expenditure when due in the governmental funds, but is accrued on outstanding debt on the statement of net position.

10,298

Compensated absences reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

(107,344)

Other financing sources in the governmental funds that increase long-term liabilities in the statement of net position are not reported as revenues in the statement of activities:

Financed Purchase Issued	(161,084)
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Contractually required contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows.

Pension	832,781
OPEB	<u>14,142</u>
Total	846,923

Except for amounts reported as deferred inflows/outflows, changes in net pension liability are reported as pension expense in the statement of activities.

Pension	(1,175,099)
OPEB	<u>(24,755)</u>
Total	(1,199,854)

*Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities*

(\$1,096,678)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
General Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$400,500	\$400,500	\$431,850	\$31,350
Municipal Income Taxes	2,836,205	2,836,205	2,912,289	76,084
Hotel Taxes	49,000	49,000	31,943	(17,057)
Intergovernmental	546,691	546,691	598,748	52,057
Fees, Licenses and Permits	39,494	39,494	61,695	22,201
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	254,063	254,063	265,023	10,960
Leases	9,125	9,125	10,494	1,369
Rentals	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
Charges for Services	428,000	428,000	548,827	120,827
Contributions and Donations	4,503	4,503	5,520	1,017
Interest	140,000	140,000	155,708	15,708
Franchise Taxes	137,000	137,000	102,838	(34,162)
Other	222,994	222,994	189,531	(33,463)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>5,087,575</i>	<i>5,087,575</i>	<i>5,334,466</i>	<i>246,891</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government	2,137,790	2,177,820	1,964,284	213,536
Security of Persons and Property	3,097,083	3,241,110	3,005,094	236,016
Public Health Services	195,835	195,835	195,835	0
Leisure Time Activities	88,779	106,524	87,465	19,059
Community Development	206,666	209,465	149,624	59,841
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	52,156	127,028	116,216	10,812
Interest	8,645	8,635	8,514	121
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>5,786,954</i>	<i>6,066,417</i>	<i>5,527,032</i>	<i>539,385</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(699,379)</i>	<i>(978,842)</i>	<i>(192,566)</i>	<i>786,276</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
General Obligation Notes Issued	0	0	6,000	6,000
Sale of Capital Assets	1,005	1,005	2,799	1,794
Financed Purchase Issued	220,000	385,000	161,084	(223,916)
Advances In	186,086	371,086	263,152	(107,934)
Advances Out	0	(358,881)	(250,358)	108,523
Transfers Out	(287,000)	(287,000)	(262,000)	25,000
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>120,091</i>	<i>111,210</i>	<i>(79,323)</i>	<i>(190,533)</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(579,288)</i>	<i>(867,632)</i>	<i>(271,889)</i>	<i>595,743</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>821,573</i>	<i>821,573</i>	<i>821,573</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated</i>	<i>197,961</i>	<i>197,961</i>	<i>197,961</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<i>\$440,246</i>	<i>\$151,902</i>	<i>\$747,645</i>	<i>\$595,743</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Municipal Income Taxes	\$644,767	\$644,767	\$658,438	\$13,671
Special Assessments	1,000	1,000	8,962	7,962
Intergovernmental	622,000	622,000	641,628	19,628
Fees, Licenses and Permits	32,000	32,000	24,767	(7,233)
Interest	101	101	62	(39)
Other	125,000	125,000	61,395	(63,605)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>1,424,868</i>	<i>1,424,868</i>	<i>1,395,252</i>	<i>(29,616)</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Transportation	1,371,415	1,371,415	1,217,134	154,281
Capital Outlay	292,500	292,500	172,864	119,636
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	298,287	298,287	295,202	3,085
Interest	57,528	57,528	56,350	1,178
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>2,019,730</i>	<i>2,019,730</i>	<i>1,741,550</i>	<i>278,180</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(594,862)</i>	<i>(594,862)</i>	<i>(346,298)</i>	<i>248,564</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				
Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	46,289	46,289
OPWC Loan Issued	300,000	300,000	0	(300,000)
Advance In	0	0	8,292	8,292
Transfers In	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources</i>	<i>500,000</i>	<i>500,000</i>	<i>254,581</i>	<i>(245,419)</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(94,862)</i>	<i>(94,862)</i>	<i>(91,717)</i>	<i>3,145</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>90,332</i>	<i>90,332</i>	<i>90,332</i>	<i>0</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	24,985	24,985	24,985	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$20,455</i>	<i>\$20,455</i>	<i>\$23,600</i>	<i>\$3,145</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
**Statement of Fund Net Position**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**December 31, 2024**

	Business-Type Activities			
	Water	Sewer	Dredging Facility	Total
<b>Assets</b>				
<i>Current Assets:</i>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$444,913	\$602,988	\$310,867	\$1,358,768
Materials and Supplies Inventory	143,673	65,420	0	209,093
Receivables:				
Accounts	312,799	292,888	0	605,687
Special Assessments	4,684	4,727	0	9,411
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	<u>906,069</u>	<u>966,023</u>	<u>310,867</u>	<u>2,182,959</u>
<i>Noncurrent Assets:</i>				
Restricted Assets:				
Net OPEB Asset	47,821	35,699	0	83,520
Capital Assets:				
Nondepreciable Capital Assets	316,558	550,359	0	866,917
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	<u>11,610,055</u>	<u>12,767,813</u>	<u>15,137,180</u>	<u>39,515,048</u>
<i>Total Noncurrent Assets</i>	<u>11,974,434</u>	<u>13,353,871</u>	<u>15,137,180</u>	<u>40,465,485</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>12,880,503</u>	<u>14,319,894</u>	<u>15,448,047</u>	<u>42,648,444</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>				
Asset Retirement Obligation	0	4,143,746	0	4,143,746
Pension	433,844	323,965	0	757,809
OPEB	<u>41,767</u>	<u>31,453</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>73,220</u>
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>475,611</u>	<u>4,499,164</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,974,775</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>				
Accounts Payable	60,238	20,443	9,842	90,523
Contracts Payable	110,820	6,152	0	116,972
Accrued Wages	39,361	32,506	0	71,867
Intergovernmental Payable	18,596	19,591	601	38,788
Compensated Absences Payable	63,768	64,266	0	128,034
Accrued Interest Payable	19,557	26,389	0	45,946
General Obligation Bonds Payable	0	67,100	0	67,100
OPWC Loans Payable	24,842	17,933	0	42,775
OWDA Loans Payable	<u>99,677</u>	<u>367,313</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>466,990</u>
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	<u>436,859</u>	<u>621,693</u>	<u>10,443</u>	<u>1,068,995</u>
<i>Long-Term Liabilities (net of current portion):</i>				
Compensated Absences Payable	156,332	180,509	0	336,841
General Obligation Bonds Payable	0	134,200	0	134,200
OPWC Loans Payable	314,147	186,828	0	500,975
OWDA Loans Payable	2,274,632	2,477,180	0	4,751,812
Asset Retirement Obligation	0	5,217,680	0	5,217,680
Net Pension Liability	<u>1,387,189</u>	<u>1,035,522</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,422,711</u>
<i>Total Long-Term Liabilities</i>	<u>4,132,300</u>	<u>9,231,919</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,364,219</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>4,569,159</u>	<u>9,853,612</u>	<u>10,443</u>	<u>14,433,214</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>				
Pension	48,878	57,631	0	106,509
OPEB	<u>27,413</u>	<u>20,569</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>47,982</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>76,291</u>	<u>78,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>154,491</u>
<b>Net Position</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	9,213,315	10,067,618	15,137,180	34,418,113
Restricted for OPEB Plan	47,821	35,699	0	83,520
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(550,472)</u>	<u>(1,216,071)</u>	<u>300,424</u>	<u>(1,466,119)</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$8,710,664</u>	<u>\$8,887,246</u>	<u>\$15,437,604</u>	<u>\$33,035,514</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Statement of Revenues,  
 Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position  
 Proprietary Funds  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	Business-Type Activities			
	Water	Sewer	Dredging Facility	Total
<b>Operating Revenues</b>				
Charges for Services	\$2,471,639	\$2,475,293	\$3,047,338	\$7,994,270
Tap-In Fees	8,600	2,000	0	10,600
Special Assessments	2,018	1,985	0	4,003
Fees, Licenses and Permits	0	4,000	0	4,000
Rentals	4,300	0	0	4,300
Other	23,515	24,761	25,000	73,276
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<i>2,510,072</i>	<i>2,508,039</i>	<i>3,072,338</i>	<i>8,090,449</i>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Personal Services	1,587,159	1,259,298	31,243	2,877,700
Purchased Services	442,842	243,208	2,388,500	3,074,550
Contractual Services	254,156	492,242	12,313	758,711
Materials and Supplies	252,525	150,119	28,435	431,079
Depreciation	446,211	550,401	370,493	1,367,105
Other	98	107	0	205
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<i>2,982,991</i>	<i>2,695,375</i>	<i>2,830,984</i>	<i>8,509,350</i>
<i>Operating Income (Loss)</i>	<i>(472,919)</i>	<i>(187,336)</i>	<i>241,354</i>	<i>(418,901)</i>
<b>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>				
Interest	(40,176)	(60,426)	0	(100,602)
<i>Income (Loss) before Capital Contributions and Transfers</i>	<i>(513,095)</i>	<i>(247,762)</i>	<i>241,354</i>	<i>(519,503)</i>
Capital Contributions	0	73,977	677,960	751,937
Transfers In	0	3,120	0	3,120
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<i>(513,095)</i>	<i>(170,665)</i>	<i>919,314</i>	<i>235,554</i>
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year as Previously Reported</i>	<i>9,273,975</i>	<i>9,112,755</i>	<i>14,518,290</i>	<i>32,905,020</i>
Change in Accounting Principle (See Note 3)	(50,216)	(54,844)	0	(105,060)
<i>Restated Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<i>9,223,759</i>	<i>9,057,911</i>	<i>14,518,290</i>	<i>32,799,960</i>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$8,710,664</u></i>	<i><u>\$8,887,246</u></i>	<i><u>\$15,437,604</u></i>	<i><u>\$33,035,514</u></i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	Business-Type Activities			
	Water	Sewer	Dredging Facility	Total
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>				
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>				
Cash Received from Customers	\$2,563,995	\$2,497,255	\$3,047,338	\$8,108,588
Cash Received from Tap-In Fees	8,600	2,000	0	10,600
Cash Received from Rentals	4,300	0	0	4,300
Other Cash Receipts	23,515	24,761	25,000	73,276
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(1,609,102)	(1,278,617)	(30,642)	(2,918,361)
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(835,179)	(913,509)	(2,419,406)	(4,168,094)
Other Cash Payments	(98)	(107)	0	(205)
<i>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities</i>	<i>156,031</i>	<i>331,783</i>	<i>622,290</i>	<i>1,110,104</i>
<b>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities</b>				
Advances Out	(73,725)	(55,926)	(107,542)	(237,193)
Transfers In	0	3,120	0	3,120
<i>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Noncapital Financing Activities</i>	<i>(73,725)</i>	<i>(52,806)</i>	<i>(107,542)</i>	<i>(234,073)</i>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>				
Capital Contributions	0	73,977	2,009,058	2,083,035
OWDA Loans Issued	182,551	388,068	0	570,619
OPWC Loans Issued	86,416	0	0	86,416
Principal Paid on OWDA Loans	(151,797)	(357,694)	0	(509,491)
Interest Paid on OWDA Loans	(42,973)	(57,739)	0	(100,712)
Principal Paid on OPWC Loans	(24,684)	(18,886)	0	(43,570)
Principal Paid on General Obligation Bond	0	(67,100)	0	(67,100)
Interest Paid on General Obligation Bond	0	(7,738)	0	(7,738)
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(420,677)	(496,852)	(2,212,939)	(3,130,468)
<i>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Capital and Related Financing Activities</i>	<i>(371,164)</i>	<i>(543,964)</i>	<i>(203,881)</i>	<i>(1,119,009)</i>
<i>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	<i>(288,858)</i>	<i>(264,987)</i>	<i>310,867</i>	<i>(242,978)</i>
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year</i>	<i>733,771</i>	<i>867,975</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1,601,746</i>
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$444,913</u></i>	<i><u>\$602,988</u></i>	<i><u>\$310,867</u></i>	<i><u>\$1,358,768</u></i>

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Statement of Cash Flows*  
*Proprietary Funds (continued)*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	Business-Type Activities			
	Water	Sewer	Dredging Facility	Total
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities</b>				
Operating Income (Loss)	(\$472,919)	(\$187,336)	\$241,354	(\$418,901)
Adjustments:				
Depreciation	446,211	550,401	370,493	1,367,105
(Increase) Decrease in Assets and Deferred Outflows:				
Accounts Receivable	3,867	15,941	0	19,808
Intergovernmental Receivable	86,416	0	0	86,416
Special Assessments Receivable	55	36	0	91
Materials and Supplies Inventory	3,725	6,074	0	9,799
Asset Retirement Obligation	0	760,204	0	760,204
Deferred Outflows - Asset Retirement Obligation	0	(676,081)	0	(676,081)
Deferred Outflows - Pension	163,297	123,075	0	286,372
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	54,245	40,858	0	95,103
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities and Deferred Inflows:				
Accounts Payable	28,656	(55,290)	9,842	(16,792)
Contracts Payable	89,965	(66,689)	0	23,276
Accrued Wages	4,481	5,662	0	10,143
Compensated Absences Payable	(18,381)	14,919	0	(3,462)
Intergovernmental Payable	(11,257)	1,905	601	(8,751)
Net Pension Liability	131,514	99,193	0	230,707
Net OPEB Liability	7,979	5,957	0	13,936
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(294,847)	(256,875)	0	(551,722)
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	(66,976)	(50,171)	0	(117,147)
<i>Total Adjustments</i>	<i>628,950</i>	<i>519,119</i>	<i>380,936</i>	<i>1,529,005</i>
<i>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities</i>	<i>\$156,031</i>	<i>\$331,783</i>	<i>\$622,290</i>	<i>\$1,110,104</i>

**Non-Cash Capital Transactions**

In 2023, the dredge facility enterprise fund had intergovernmental receivables in the amount of \$1,331,098 related to capital contributions.

In 2023, the dredge facility enterprise fund had contracts payable in the amount of \$1,901,747 related to capital acquisitions.

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**Assets**

Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	\$7,650
Special Assessment Receivable	<u>107,578</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>115,228</u>

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	3,725
Intergovernmental Payable	<u>111,503</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>115,228</u>

**Net Position**

Restricted for Individuals, Organizations and Other Governments	<u>\$0</u>
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**Additions**

Fines and Forfeitures for Individuals	\$78,443
Fines and Forfeitures for Other Governments	87,458
Special Assessment Collections for Distribution	<u>10,758</u>
<i>Total Additions</i>	<u>176,659</u>

**Deletions**

Distributions to Individuals	78,443
Distributions to the State of Ohio	87,458
Distributions to Other Governments	<u>10,758</u>
<i>Total Distributions</i>	<u>176,659</u>

*Change in Fiduciary Net Position*

0

*Net Position Beginning of Year*

0

*Net Position End of Year*

\$0

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## **Note 1 – Description of the City and Reporting Entity**

The City of Conneaut (the “City”) is a charter municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The City may exercise all powers of local self-government and police powers to the extent not in conflict with applicable general laws. The City was incorporated as a city in 1902. The City operates under its own charter and is governed by a City Manager-Council form of government with the Council appointing the City Manager and Clerk of Council. The City Manager, with the advice and consent of a majority vote of the members of Council appoint the City Director of Finance. Members of Council are elected to two-year terms.

### ***Reporting Entity***

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the City consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the City. For the City of Conneaut, this includes the agencies and departments that provide the following services: police protection, firefighting and prevention, street maintenance and repairs, building inspection, parks and recreation, water and wastewater. The operation of each of these activities is directly controlled by Council through the budgetary process.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. The City is financially accountable for an organization if the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the City is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the City is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the City is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance deficits of, or provide financial support to, 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 and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government.

The component unit column in the basic financial statements identifies the financial data of the City's discretely component units, the Conneaut Board of Health and Conneaut Port Authority. They are discretely reported to emphasize that they are legally separate from the City.

**Conneaut Board of Health** The City of Conneaut Board of Health (Board) was created as a legally separate organization under chapter 3709 of the Ohio Revised Code. Among its various duties, the Board provides for the prompt diagnosis and control of communicable diseases. The Board may also inspect businesses where food is manufactured, handled, stored, or offered for sale. The Board is operated by a five-member board with all members being appointed by the City. The rates charged by the Board are subject to the approval of City Council. In addition, the City provides funding to the Board, thus the City can impose will on the Board, and the Board imposes a financial burden to the City. Therefore, the Board of Health is considered a discretely presented component unit of the City. Information for the component unit is identified in Note 27. Statements for the Board can be obtained from the City Finance Director.

**Conneaut Port Authority** The Conneaut Port Authority is a legally separate organization, statutorily created under Section 4582.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, served by a seven-member board of directors appointed by the City Manager. Charged with the responsibility of industrial development and the improvement of Conneaut's waterways, the Port Authority is empowered with the ability to carry out the actions they consider necessary to achieve these responsibilities. The voting majority of the Board of the Port Authority is appointed by the City. The Port Authority has the potential to impose a financial burden on the City in that the City issued debt on behalf of the Port Authority and is therefore presented as a component unit of the City. Information for the component unit is identified in Note 28. Statements for the Port Authority can be obtained from the Conneaut Port Authority, 1205 Broad Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030.

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The City is associated with two insurance purchasing pools, the Ohio Municipal League Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program and the Ohio Government Benefit Cooperative, two jointly governed organizations, the Conneaut Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., and the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) and one related organization, the Conneaut Public Library. These organizations are presented in Notes 14, 20 and 21 to the basic financial statements.

The City participates in the Public Entities Pool of Ohio a Public Entity Risk Pool. This organization is presented in Note 15 to the basic financial statements.

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

## **Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the City of Conneaut 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 principles. The more significant of the City's accounting policies are described as follows.

### ***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 statements distinguish between those activities of the City that are governmental 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 business segment or governmental program is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the City.

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

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***Fund Accounting***

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

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

The following are the City's major governmental funds:

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

***Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund*** The street construction, maintenance and repair special revenue fund accounts for and reports its portion of municipal income tax collections and the portion of the gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration fees restricted for maintenance and repair of dedicated streets within the City.

The other governmental funds of the City account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose.

***Proprietary Funds*** Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. Proprietary funds are classified as either enterprise or internal service. The City has no internal service funds.

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

***Water Fund*** The water fund accounts for and reports revenues generated from the charges for distribution of water to the residential and commercial users of the City.

***Sewer Fund*** The sewer fund accounts for sewer services to City individuals and commercial users in the City. The costs of providing these services are financed primarily through user charges.

***Dredge Facility Fund*** The Dredge Facility fund accounts for and reports revenues and expenditures related to the sediment dewatering facility from Lake Erie dredging.

***Fiduciary Funds*** Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension (and other employee benefit) 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 arrangement that has certain characteristics. The City does not have any trust funds. Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in a trust fund.

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The City's fiduciary funds are custodial funds. The City's custodial funds account for municipal court fines and fees imposed by State statute which are to be distributed to individuals and to the State and for special assessments collected on behalf of the Energy Special Improvement District fund.

***Measurement Focus***

***Government-wide Financial Statements*** The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the City are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., 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 and deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. 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 proprietary and fiduciary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of fund net position. In fiduciary funds, a liability to the beneficiaries of fiduciary activity is recognized when an event has occurred that compels the government to disburse fiduciary resources. Fiduciary fund liabilities other than those to beneficiaries are recognized using the economic resources measurement focus.

For proprietary funds, the statement of changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the City finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

Fiduciary funds present a statement of changes in fiduciary net position which reports additions to and deductions from the custodial fund.

***Basis of Accounting***

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

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

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Nonexchange transactions, in which the City receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include income taxes, property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from income taxes is recognized in the period in which the income is earned. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied (See Note 8). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. 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 the modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange 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 tax, property tax, state-levied locally shared taxes (including gasoline tax and motor vehicle license fees), fines and forfeitures, interest, grants and rentals.

**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents 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. For the City, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for pension and OPEB and the business-type activities also have asset retirement obligations. The deferred outflows of resources related to asset retirement obligations is originally measured at the amount of the corresponding liability. This amount is expensed in a systematic and rational manner over the tangible asset's useful life. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Notes 18 and 19.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position 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 until that time. For the City, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, payment in lieu of taxes, unavailable revenue, leases, pension and OPEB. Property taxes and payment in lieu of taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2024, but which were levied to finance year 2025 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. The deferred inflow for leases is related to leases receivable and is being recognized as lease revenue in a systematic and rational manner over the term of the lease. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represent receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the City, unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes, municipal income taxes, intergovernmental grants, special assessments, ambulance charges, franchise taxes, street lighting fees and fines, forfeitures and settlements. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts became available. The details of these unavailable revenues are identified on the Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to Net Position of Governmental Activities found on page 21. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are reported on the government-wide statement of net position (See Notes 18 and 19).

**Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)** For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB asset/liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to 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.

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**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.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

To improve cash management, cash received by the City is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through City records. Interest in the pool is presented as "equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents."

The City has segregated bank accounts for monies held separate from the City's central bank account. These depository accounts are presented as "Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts" since they are not required to be deposited into the City treasury.

During 2024, the City invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of 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 their 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 an 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 fiscal year 2024, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates.

Under existing Ohio statutes all investment earnings are assigned to the general fund unless statutorily required to be credited to a specific fund. Investment Earnings/Interest revenue credited to the general fund during 2024 amounted to \$162,009 which includes \$129,308 assigned from other City funds.

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

***Inventory***

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and are expended/expensed when used. Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption.

***Restricted Assets***

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change in nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions. Restricted assets in the general fund represent money set aside for unclaimed monies legally required to be maintained until the end of a five-year holding period and for construction deposits held payable. Restricted assets in the street construction, maintenance and repair special revenue fund represent road cut deposits. Restricted assets in the deposits on fire losses special revenue fund represent fire losses deposits. Restricted assets in the enterprise funds represent amounts held in trust by the OPEB plan for future benefits.

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### ***Capital Assets***

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

All capital assets (except for intangible right-to-use subscription assets which are discussed below) are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The City was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of infrastructure by backtrending (i.e. estimating the current replacement cost of the infrastructure to be capitalized and using an appropriate price level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). The City maintains a capitalization threshold of \$3,000. 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 not.

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

Description	Estimated Lives
<b><i>Tangible Assets</i></b>	
Buildings and Improvements	15 - 45 years
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	3 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 20 years
Infrastructure	25 - 40 years
Water and Sewer Lines	50 years
<b><i>Intangible Right to Use</i></b>	
Subscriptions	2-3 years

The City's infrastructure consists of traffic lights, roads, bridges and storm sewers and includes infrastructure acquired prior to December 31, 1980.

The City is reporting intangible right to use assets related to subscription assets. Subscription assets represent intangible right to use assets related to the use of another party's IT software. These intangible right to use are being amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset.

### ***Compensated Absences***

For the City, compensated absences includes leave for which employees may receive cash payments when the leave is used for time off or receive cash payments for unused leave upon termination of employment. These payments could occur during employment or upon termination of employment. Compensated absences generally do not have a set payment schedule. The City does not offer noncash settlements. The City uses a first-in first-out flow assumption for compensated absences.

Liabilities should be recognized for leave that has not been used if the leave is attributable to services already rendered, the leave accumulates and is allowed to be carried over to subsequent years, and the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash. For the City, this leave includes sick, comp

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and vacation time. However, the City also has certain compensated absences that are dependent upon the occurrence of a sporadic events that affects a relatively small proportion of employees. A liability for these types of leave is recognized when the leave commences. For the City this type of leave includes bereavement leave, military leave, personal leave, on-the-job injury leave, and court leave. Holiday leave taken on a specific date, not at the discretion of the employee is recognized as a liability when used. The liability for compensated absences includes salary related payments, where applicable.

Liabilities for compensated absences are recognized in financial statements prepared using the economic resources measurement focus for leave that has not been used and leave that has been used but not yet paid or settled.

On governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as a liability and expenditure to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements.

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

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

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment during the current fiscal year. 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. Bonds, financed purchases, subscriptions payable, and long-term loans are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

***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 category 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" criteria includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. Nonspendable fund balance in the general fund included unclaimed monies legally required to be maintained until the end of a five-year holding period offset by any estimated liability for payments to claimants.

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

Enabling legislation authorizes the City to assess, levy, charge, or otherwise mandate payment of resources (from external resource providers) and includes a legally enforceable requirement that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation. Legal enforceability means that the City can be compelled by an external party-such as citizens, public interest groups, or the judiciary to use resources created by enabling legislation only for the purposes specified by legislation.

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**Committed** The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (ordinance or resolution, as both are equally legally binding) of City Council. 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 or resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. In contrast to fund balance that is restricted by enabling legislation, committed fund balance classification may be redeployed for other purposes with appropriate due process. Constraints imposed on the use of committed amounts are imposed by City Council, separate from the authorization to raise the underlying revenue: therefore, compliance with these constraints are not considered to be legally enforceable. 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 or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. These amounts are assigned by City Council. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by City Council or a City official delegated that authority by City Charter or ordinance, or by State Statute. State Statute authorizes the finance director to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated. City Council assigned fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in 2025's appropriated budget.

**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 used only to report a deficit balance.

The City applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are 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.

#### ***Net Position***

Net position represents the difference between all other elements in a statement of financial position. Net investment in capital assets, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, 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 constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Of the restricted net position, none has resulted from enabling legislation. Restricted net position for unclaimed monies represents amounts required to be maintained until the end of a five-year holding period offset by any estimated liability for payments to claimants. Restricted net position for OPEB plans represent the corresponding restricted asset amounts held in trust by the OPEB plans for future benefits.

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

#### ***Operating Revenues and Expenses***

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the City, these revenues are charges for services for water, sewer and the dredging facility. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or services that is the primary activity of the fund. Revenues and expenses which do not meet these definitions are reported as non-operating.

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### ***Contributions of Capital***

Contributions of capital in proprietary fund financial statements arise from contributions of capital assets from outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction.

### ***Leases and SBITAs***

The City serves as lessor in various noncancelable leases. At the commencement of a lease, the City initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

The City is reporting Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) for various noncancelable IT software contracts. At the commencement of the subscription term, the City initially measures the subscription liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Subsequently, the subscription liability is reduced by the principal portion of the subscription payments made. The subscription asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the subscription liability, adjusted for subscription payments made at the commencement of the subscription term, plus certain initial implementation costs. Subsequently, the subscription asset is amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying IT asset. Subscription assets are reported with other capital assets and subscription payables are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

### ***Interfund Balances***

On the fund financial statements, outstanding interfund loans and unpaid amounts for the interfund services are reported as “interfund receivables/payables”. 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.

### ***Interfund Activity***

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

### ***Estimates***

The preparation of the 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.

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### **Budgetary Process**

All funds, except 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 appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount Council may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is Council's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by Council. The legal level of control has been established by Council at the object level within each department. Budgetary modifications may only be made by resolution of the City Council at the legal level of control.

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 and final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original and final appropriations were enacted by Council.

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

### **Note 3 – Changes in Accounting Principles and Restatement of Fund Balances and Net Position**

#### ***Change in Accounting Principles***

For 2024, the City implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, and related guidance from GASB Implementation Guide No. 2023-1, *Implementation Guidance Update — 2023*. The City also implemented Question 5.1 from GASB Implementation Guide No. 2021-1, *Implementation Guidance Update — 2021* and GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*.

GASB 100 will improve the clarity of the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections, which will result in greater consistency in application in practice. In turn, more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information will be provided to financial statement users for making decisions or assessing accountability. In addition, the display and note disclosure requirements will result in more consistent, decision-useful, understandable, and comprehensive information for users about accounting changes and error corrections.

Question 5.1 from Implementation Guide 2021-1 addresses the collective significance of applying the capitalization threshold to individual items in a group of assets. The City reviewed its capital asset groupings and determined there were no asset groups where individually the assets were under the capitalization threshold yet were significant collectively.

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 100 and GASB Implementation Guides 2021-1 and 2023-1 did not have any effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

GASB 101 will result in a liability for compensated absences that more appropriately reflects when a government incurs an obligation. In addition, the model can be applied consistently to any type of compensated absence and will eliminate potential comparability issues between governments that offer different types of leave. The effects of implementing the GASB pronouncement is shown on the table on the following page.

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***Restatement of Fund Balances and Net Position***

For the City, GASB Statement No. 101 increased the compensated absences liability and the cumulative effects of compensated absence related expense on beginning fund balances and net position as shown on the following table:

	<b>Change in Accounting Principles</b>		
	<b>12/31/2023</b>		<b>12/31/2023 As Restated</b>
	<b>As Previously Reported</b>	<b>GASB 101</b>	
<b>Government-Wide</b>			
Governmental Activities	\$20,821,586	(\$566,940)	\$20,254,646
Business-Type Activities	<u>32,905,020</u>	<u>(105,060)</u>	<u>32,799,960</u>
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	<b><u>\$53,726,606</u></b>	<b><u>(\$672,000)</u></b>	<b><u>\$53,054,606</u></b>
<b>Component Units</b>			
Conneaut Board of Health	(\$114,105)	(\$6,256)	(\$120,361)
Conneaut Port Authority	<u>561,946</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>561,946</u>
<b>Total Component Units</b>	<b><u>\$447,841</u></b>	<b><u>(\$6,256)</u></b>	<b><u>\$441,585</u></b>
<b>Governmental Funds</b>			
Major Funds:			
General	\$1,617,527	\$0	\$1,617,527
Street Construction, Maintenance, and Repair	290,651	0	290,651
All Other Governmental Funds	<u>722,649</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>722,649</u>
<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b><u>\$2,630,827</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,630,827</u></b>
<b>Proprietary Funds</b>			
Enterprise Funds:			
Water	\$9,273,975	(\$50,216)	\$9,223,759
Sewer	9,112,755	(54,844)	9,057,911
Dredge Facility	<u>14,518,290</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,518,290</u>
Total Business-Type Activities	<b><u>\$32,905,020</u></b>	<b><u>(\$105,060)</u></b>	<b><u>\$32,799,960</u></b>
<b>Fiduciary Funds</b>			
Custodial Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Note 4 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

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, disbursements, and encumbrances. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - budget (non-GAAP basis) and Actual presented for the general and major special revenue funds is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget.

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The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are as follows:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP).
3. Unreported cash represents amounts received but not included as revenue on the budgetary statements, but reported on the operating statements prepared using GAAP.
4. Advances in and out are operating transactions (budget) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP).
5. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (GAAP).

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

	Net Change in Fund Balances	
	General	Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair
GAAP Basis	(\$258,854)	\$143,084
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	28,465	(220,756)
Net Adjustment for Expenditures Accruals	13,408	37,383
Beginning Unrecorded Cash	(962)	0
Ending Unrecorded Cash	43,654	0
Advances In	263,152	0
Advances Out	(250,358)	0
Encumbrances	<u>(110,394)</u>	<u>(51,428)</u>
 Budget Basis	 <u>(\$271,889)</u>	 <u>(\$91,717)</u>

### **Note 5 - Fund Balances**

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

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Fund Balances	General	Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<b><i>Nonspendable</i></b>				
Unclaimed Monies	\$33,869	\$0	\$0	\$33,869
Inventory	26,427	76,440	0	102,867
<i>Total Nonspendable</i>	<i>60,296</i>	<i>76,440</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>136,736</i>
<b><i>Restricted for</i></b>				
Capital Projects	0	0	89,745	89,745
Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair	0	357,295	28,749	386,044
Police and Fire Operations	0	0	372,858	372,858
Drug and Alcohol Enforcement	0	0	110,687	110,687
Cemetery Operations	0	0	38,186	38,186
Economic Development	0	0	147,098	147,098
Other Purposes	0	0	69,838	69,838
Debt Service Payments	0	0	3,219	3,219
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>357,295</i>	<i>860,380</i>	<i>1,217,675</i>
<b><i>Committed to</i></b>				
Recreation	0	0	74,564	74,564
Capital Improvements	0	0	37,447	37,447
<i>Total Committed</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>112,011</i>	<i>112,011</i>
<b><i>Assigned to</i></b>				
Purchases on Order:				
General Government	56,186	0	0	56,186
Security of Persons and Property	40,673	0	0	40,673
Leisure Time Activities	492	0	0	492
Community Development	1,123	0	0	1,123
Debt Service	2,100	0	0	2,100
Year 2025 Appropriations	584,609	0	0	584,609
<i>Total Assigned</i>	<i>685,183</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>685,183</i>
<b><i>Unassigned (Deficit)</i></b>	<b><i>613,194</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>	<b><i>(331,150)</i></b>	<b><i>282,044</i></b>
<b><i>Total Fund Balances</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,358,673</i></b>	<b><i>\$433,735</i></b>	<b><i>\$641,241</i></b>	<b><i>\$2,433,649</i></b>

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## **Note 6 - Fund Deficits**

Fund balance at December 31, 2024, included the following individual fund deficits:

Fund	Amount
<b><i>Special Revenue Funds:</i></b>	
Police Pension	\$28,091
Fire Pension	33,251
Marina	2,173
<b><i>Capital Projects Funds:</i></b>	
Broad Street Improvements	125,841
Old Main Bridge Construction	93,728
OPWC Park and Day Street Improvements	31,437
ODNR Natureworks Grant	16,629

The deficits were caused by the recognition of payables in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as well as short-term interfund loans from the general fund needed for operations until the receipt of grant monies. The general fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed rather than when accruals occur.

## **Note 7 - Deposits and Investments**

The City has chosen to follow State statutes and classify monies held by the City into three categories.

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

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

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

Protection of the City's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institution's 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.

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Interim monies held by the City can be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, 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. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
4. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
5. 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;
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
7. 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; and
8. Written repurchase agreements in the securities described in (1) or (2) provided the fair 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 the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days.

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. Except as noted above, an investment must mature within five years from the date of settlement, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the City, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity.

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

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The City has passed an ordinance allowing the City to invest monies not required to be used for a period of six months or more in the following:

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

### **Investments**

At December 31, 2024, the City had \$3,186,187 invested in STAR Ohio measured at net asset value per share with an average maturity of 27.2 days.

**Interest Rate Risk** As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses caused by rising interest rates, the City's investment policy requires that operating funds be invested primarily in short-term investments maturing within two years from the date of purchase and that the City's investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments. The stated intent of the policy is to avoid the need to sell securities prior to maturity.

**Credit Risk** The Star Ohio investment carried a rating of AAAM by Standards & Poor's. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The City has no investment policy that addresses credit risk.

### **Note 8 - Receivables**

Receivables at December 31, 2024, consisted primarily of municipal income taxes, property taxes, intergovernmental receivables arising from entitlements and shared revenues, special assessments, loans, leases, and accounts (billings for user charged services, including unbilled utility services and Opioid settlement monies).

No allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded because uncollectible amounts are expected to be insignificant. All receivable except property taxes, special assessments, leases and loans receivable are expected to be received within one year. Property taxes, although ultimately collectible, include some portion of delinquencies that will not be collected within one year.

Special assessments expected to be collected in more than one year amount to \$1,296 in the special assessment bond retirement fund, \$4,684 in the water enterprise fund and \$4,727 in the sewer enterprise fund. At December 31, 2024, the amount of delinquent special assessments was \$111,052.

The City entered into a project funding agreement with the Conneaut Port Authority to provide funds, through a note from the City, for marina improvements. As of December 31, 2024, the City has a loan receivable in the amount of \$397,000 in the marina special revenue fund. See Note 16 for additional information.

### ***Opioid Settlement Monies***

During 2021, Ohio reached an agreement with the three largest distributors of opioids. Subsequently, settlements have been reached with other distributors. As contingencies related to timing and measurement are resolved, a receivable will be reported in accompanying financial statements as a part of accounts receivable. As a participating subdivision, the City reported \$91,544 as an accounts receivable related to opioid

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settlement monies in the OneOhio Special Revenue Fund in the accompanying financial statements. Collections of these settlement monies are expected to extend through 2038 with \$18,388 not expected to be collected within one year of the date of the financial statements.

### ***Property Taxes***

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the City. Property tax revenue received during 2024 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of 2023 taxes.

2024 real property taxes are levied after October 1, 2024 on the assessed value as of January 1, 2024 the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2024 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2025.

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 personal property currently 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 which became a lien December 31, 2023, are levied after October 1, 2024, and are collected in 2025 with real property taxes.

The full tax rate for all City operations for the year ended December 31, 2024, was \$14.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property and public utility property upon which 2024 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

Category	Assessed Value
Real Estate	
Residential/Agricultural	\$176,692,370
Other Real Estate	58,401,270
Public Utility Property	<u>13,925,470</u>
Total Assessed Values	<u>\$249,019,110</u>

The County Treasurer 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 and public utility property taxes and outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2024 and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In governmental funds, the portion of the receivable not levied to finance 2024 operations is offset to deferred inflows of resources – property taxes. On the accrual basis, collective delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue while on the modified accrual basis the revenue has been reported as deferred inflows of resources – unavailable revenue.

### ***Payments in Lieu of Taxes***

According to State law, the City has established a tax incremental financing district within the City under which the City has granted property tax exemptions and agreed to construct certain infrastructure improvements. The property owners have agreed to make payments to the City to help pay the costs of the infrastructure improvements. The amount of those payments generally reflects all or a portion of the property taxes which the property owners would have paid if the property had not been declared exempt. The property owners' contractual promise to make these payments in lieu of taxes generally continues until the costs of the improvement have been paid or the agreement expires, whichever occurs first. Future development by these owners or others may result in subsequent agreements to make payments in lieu of taxes and may therefore spread the costs of the improvements to a larger number of property owners.

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***Income Taxes***

The City levies a municipal income tax of 1.65 percent on gross salaries, wages and other compensation, and net profits earned within the City, as well as incomes of residents earned outside of the City. In the latter case, the City allows a credit of 100 percent of the tax paid to another municipality to a maximum of the total amount assessed.

Employers within the City are required to withhold income tax on employee compensation and remit the tax to the City either monthly or quarterly, as required. Corporations and other individual taxpayers are required to file a declaration annually and quarterly estimated tax payments are recommended.

Income tax proceeds are received by the general fund, street construction, maintenance and repair, street lighting and recreation special revenue funds and the street improvement and capital improvement capital projects funds.

***Intergovernmental Receivables***

A summary of intergovernmental receivables follows:

Governmental Activities	Amounts
Gasoline Tax	\$301,510
Local Government	253,704
Reimbursement	234,665
Homestead and Rollback	111,196
Body Camera Grant	43,300
Auto License Tax	38,424
Court Grant Ashtabula County	35,000
NOPEC Grant	22,399
JAG	7,749
CPT 4th Quarter Ohio Attorney	7,029
Ashtabula County Court Grant	4,000
Office of Justice Grant	3,614
Total	<u><u>\$1,062,590</u></u>

***Leases Receivable***

The City is reporting leases receivable of \$300,609 in the general fund at December 31, 2024. These amounts represent the discounted future lease payments. This discount is being amortized using the interest method. For 2024, the City recognized lease revenue of \$4,164 and interest revenue of \$6,330 in the general fund related to lease payments received. These lease revenue amounts exclude short-term leases. A description of the City's leasing arrangements is as follows:

*Cell Tower Leases* – The City has entered into a lease agreement for cell towers with Ameritech Wireless Communications LLC commencing in 2018 for 35 years ending in 2053 paid monthly.

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A summary of future lease amounts receivable is as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest
2025	\$4,252	\$6,242
2026	4,342	6,152
2027	4,433	6,061
2028	5,185	5,965
2029	6,225	5,843
2030-2034	35,755	27,151
2035-2039	49,612	22,729
2040-2044	66,482	16,710
2045-2049	76,536	8,894
2050-2053	<u>47,787</u>	<u>1,850</u>
	<u><u>\$300,609</u></u>	<u><u>\$107,597</u></u>

### **Note 9 – Tax Abatements**

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

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5709, the City established a Community Reinvestment Area to provide property tax abatements to encourage revitalization of existing buildings and the construction of new structures. Abatements are obtained through application by the property owner, including proof that the improvements have been made, and equal 35 percent of the additional property tax resulting from the increase in assessed value as a result of the improvement. The amount of the abatement is deducted from the recipient's tax bill. The value of the taxes being abated amounted to \$7,869 at December 31, 2024.

### **Note 10 – Interfund Transactions**

#### *Interfund Transfers*

At December 31, 2024 interfund transfers were as follows:

Transfers To	Transfers From			
	General	Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<b><i>Major Funds:</i></b>				
Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair	\$200,000	\$0	\$24,162	\$224,162
Other Governmental Funds	62,000	0	0	62,000
Total Governmental Funds	<u>262,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,162</u>	<u>286,162</u>
<b><i>Business-Type:</i></b>				
Sewer	0	3,120	0	3,120
Total	<u><u>\$262,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,120</u></u>	<u><u>\$24,162</u></u>	<u><u>\$289,282</u></u>

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The general fund transfers to other governmental funds were made to provide additional resources for police and fire pension payments. The transfers from the general fund to the street construction, maintenance and repair fund were made to provide additional resources for street maintenance operations and for debt service payments. The capital improvement capital projects fund transfer to the street construction, maintenance and repair fund was made to provide additional resources for street improvements. The transfer from the street construction, maintenance and repair fund to the sewer enterprise fund were made for debt payments.

***Interfund Balances***

Interfund balances at December 31, 2024 consisted of the balances resulting from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods or services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting records and (3) payments between funds are made. All are expected to be paid within one year.

<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	
Interfund Payable	General
<b><i>Governmental:</i></b>	
<b><i>Major Funds:</i></b>	
Street, Construction,	\$8,292
Maintenance, and Repair	
Other Governmental Funds	<u>422,874</u>
Total Governmental Funds	<u><u>\$854,040</u></u>

***Note 11 - Capital Assets***

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

	Balance 1/1/2024	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2024
<b><i>Governmental Activities</i></b>				
<b><i>Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i></b>				
Land	\$871,522	\$0	\$0	\$871,522
Construction in Progress	<u>422,231</u>	<u>242,350</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>664,581</u>
<b><i>Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i></b>	<b><u>1,293,753</u></b>	<b><u>242,350</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>1,536,103</u></b>
<b><i>Depreciable Capital Assets</i></b>				
<b><i>Tangible Assets</i></b>				
Buildings and Improvements	2,010,034	64,112	0	2,074,146
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5,194,754	249,539	0	5,444,293
Vehicles	4,661,626	472,193	(237,572)	4,896,247
Infrastructure:				
Traffic Lights	992,571	0	0	992,571
Roads	33,448,893	476,871	0	33,925,764
Bridges	13,548,533	0	0	13,548,533
Storm Sewers	4,402,604	0	0	4,402,604
<b><i>Total Tangible Assets</i></b>	<b><u>\$64,259,015</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,262,715</u></b>	<b><u>(\$237,572)</u></b>	<b><u>\$65,284,158</u></b>

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<b>Governmental Activities (continued)</b>				
<b><i>Intangible Right to Use</i></b>				
<b><i>Subscription Assets</i></b>				
Intangible Right to Use - Software	\$176,420	\$0	\$0	\$176,420
<b>Total Depreciable Capital Assets</b>	<u>64,435,435</u>	<u>1,262,715</u>	<u>(237,572)</u>	<u>65,460,578</u>
<b><i>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i></b>				
<b><i>Depreciation</i></b>				
Buildings and Improvements	(\$1,920,768)	(\$20,422)	\$0	(\$1,941,190)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(3,886,048)	(279,748)	0	(4,165,796)
Vehicles	(3,805,670)	(263,764)	237,572	(3,831,862)
Infrastructure:				
Traffic Lights	(187,886)	(23,755)	0	(211,641)
Roads	(21,960,942)	(1,266,357)	0	(23,227,299)
Bridges	(4,002,355)	(270,969)	0	(4,273,324)
Storm Sewers	(1,507,989)	(64,817)	0	(1,572,806)
<b>Total Depreciation</b>	<u>(37,271,658)</u>	<u>(2,189,832)</u>	<u>237,572</u>	<u>(39,223,918)</u>
<b><i>Amortization</i></b>				
<b><i>Subscription Assets</i></b>				
Intangible Right to Use - Software	(60,610)	(60,710)	0	(121,320)
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</b>	<u>(37,332,268)</u>	<u>(2,250,542)</u>	<u>237,572</u>	<u>(39,345,238)</u>
<b>Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net</b>	<u>27,103,167</u>	<u>(987,827)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26,115,340</u>
<b>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net</b>	<u>\$28,396,920</u>	<u>(\$745,477)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$27,651,443</u>

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

	Depreciation	Amortization	Total
General Government	\$78,452	\$60,710	\$139,162
Security of Persons and Property	312,995	0	312,995
Leisure Time Activities	5,676	0	5,676
Community Development	13,579	0	13,579
Transportation	1,779,130	0	1,779,130
<b>Total Depreciation/Amortization Expense</b>	<u>\$2,189,832</u>	<u>\$60,710</u>	<u>\$2,250,542</u>

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	Balance 1/1/2024	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2024
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>				
<i>Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i>				
Land	\$18,428	\$0	\$0	\$18,428
Construction in Progress	66,290	782,199	0	848,489
<i>Total Nondepreciable Capital Assets</i>	<u>84,718</u>	<u>782,199</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>866,917</u>
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets</i>				
<i>Tangible Assets</i>				
Land Improvements	15,196,481	0	0	15,196,481
Buildings and Improvements	3,609,076	0	0	3,609,076
Equipment	10,346,740	135,274	0	10,482,014
Vehicles	1,448,714	311,248	0	1,759,962
Infrastructure:				
Water and Sewer Lines	27,981,033	0	0	27,981,033
<i>Total Depreciable Capital Assets</i>	<u>58,582,044</u>	<u>446,522</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>59,028,566</u>
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation:</i>				
Land Improvements	0	(354,585)	0	(354,585)
Buildings and Improvements	(1,232,207)	(98,677)	0	(1,330,884)
Equipment	(6,185,572)	(308,410)	0	(6,493,982)
Vehicles	(656,406)	(91,740)	0	(748,146)
Infrastructure:				
Water and Sewer Lines	(10,072,228)	(513,693)	0	(10,585,921)
<i>Total Accumulated Depreciation</i>	<u>(18,146,413)</u>	<u>(1,367,105)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(19,513,518)</u>
<i>Total Depreciable Capital Assets, Net</i>	<u>40,435,631</u>	<u>(920,583)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,515,048</u>
<i>Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net</i>	<u>\$40,520,349</u>	<u>(\$138,384)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$40,381,965</u>

## Note 12 – Employee Benefits

### *Compensated Absences*

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Vacation leave is accrued based on negotiated agreements. Sick leave is accrued without limit. Upon retirement, an employee with ten or more years of service can be paid an amount not to exceed 1,200 hours of accumulated sick leave at the employee's rate of pay at the time of retirement. Upon retirement or resignation, an employee shall receive a maximum vacation payout equal to the previous two years' vacation credit that was earned but not used, together with the current years unused vacation credit.

### *Deferred Compensation*

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

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## **Note 13 - Risk Management**

### ***Property and Liability***

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During 2024, the City contracted with the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) for various types of insurance as follows:

Type	Coverage
Bodily Injury and Property	\$3,000,000
Law Enforcement	3,000,000
Public Officials	3,000,000
Employee Benefit	1,000,000
Stop Gap	3,000,000
Medical Payments	5,000
Automobile	3,000,000
Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist	100,000

Claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years and there has been no significant reduction in commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

### ***Worker's Compensation***

For 2024, the City participated in the Ohio Municipal League Workers' Compensation Group Rating Retrospective Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool (Note 14). The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the City by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participating city is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all cities in the GRP. Each participant pays its worker's compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate.

Participation in the GRP is limited to cities that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm CompManagement, Inc. provides administrative, cost control and rating services to the GRP.

### ***Insurance***

The City provided health, dental and vision insurance to its employees through Medical Mutual of Ohio. The City's portion of monthly premiums for health, dental and vision insurance for single, employee/spouse, employee/child, and family were \$959.35, \$2,120.59, \$1,627.19 and \$2,980.91, respectively. City employees may also obtain supplemental vision reimbursement through AFSCME. The City also provides, at no cost to the employees, \$10,000 of term life insurance through AFSCME for all employees.

## **Note 14 – Insurance Purchasing Pools**

### ***Ohio Municipal League Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program***

The City participates in the Ohio Municipal League Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by an eleven member Board of directors. The board is a self-appointing board that coordinates the program. Each year, the participating members pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program. See also Workers' Compensation discussion in Note 13.

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***Ohio Government Benefit Cooperative***

The City participates in the Ohio Government Benefit Cooperative (OGBC), a claims servicing and group purchasing pool comprised of eleven cities. The OGBC is created and organized pursuant to and as authorized by Section 9.833 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the consortium. Each City appoints one individual to be its representative on the Board of Directors. The City of North Royalton serves as the fiscal agent for OGBC. OGBC is an unincorporated, non-profit association of its members which has created for the purpose of enabling members of the Plan to maximize benefits and/or reduce costs of medical, prescription drug, vision, dental, life and/or other group insurance coverage for their employees, and their eligible dependents and designated beneficiaries of such employees.

Participants pay an initial \$500 membership fee to OGBC. OGBC offers to options to participants. Participants may enroll in the joint insurance purchasing program for medical, prescription drug, vision, dental and/or life insurance. A second option is available for self-insured participants that provides for the purchase of stop loss insurance coverage through OGBC's third party administrator. Medical Mutual is the administrator of the OGBC. During 2024, the City elected to participate in the joint insurance program (group purchasing pool) for medical, prescription drug, and vision coverage. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Jennie Esarey, Fiscal Officer, 14600 State Road, North Royalton, Ohio 44133.

**Note 15 – Public Entity Risk Pool**

***Property and Liability***

The City belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members. Sedgwick functions as the administrator of PEP and provides program management, underwriting, claims, risk control, risk management, and reinsurance services for PEP. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is administered by Sedgwick. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

***Casualty and Property Coverage***

APEEP provides PEP with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, PEP retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. (At December 31, 2023, (latest information available) the Pool retained \$500,000 for casualty claims and \$250,000 for property claims). The Board of Directors and Sedgwick periodically review the financial strength of PEP and other market conditions to determine the appropriate level of risk PEP will retain. There has been no significant reduction in coverage from last year. The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective PEP member.

***Financial Position***

PEP's financial statements conform to generally accepted accounting principles, and show the following assets, liabilities and net position at December 31, 2023, (latest information available):

<u>Casualty and Property Coverage</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets	\$67,306,752
Liabilities	23,172,377
Net Position - Unrestricted	<u><u>\$44,134,375</u></u>

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At December 31, 2023, the liabilities in the preceding table include unknown amounts of estimated incurred claims payable. The casualty coverage assets and net position in the preceding table include approximately \$17.7 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 616 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2023. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment.

As indicated by PEP, the rates PEP charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are expected to increase from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed as follows. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to PEP for each year of membership.

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary date of the date they joined PEP, provided they give written notice to PEP 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's budgetary contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligations to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to withdrawal. This was the second year the City was a member of the PEP. The contribution for 2024 was \$135,576.

#### **Note 16 - Notes Payable**

Changes in the City's note activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, were as follows:

	<u>Outstanding</u> <u>1/1/2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Outstanding</u> <u>12/31/2024</u>
<i>General Fund:</i>				
Bridge Improvement 4.11%	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
<i>Marina Special Revenue Fund:</i>				
Port Authority 5.94%	422,000	397,000	(422,000)	397,000
<i>Capital Projects Fund:</i>				
Bridge Improvement 4.11%	0	657,000	0	657,000
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u><u>\$422,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,060,000</u></u>	<u><u>(\$422,000)</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,060,000</u></u>

In 2023, the City issued a \$422,000 marina improvement note, on behalf of the Port Authority, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, and improving boat docks and slips with an interest rate of 6.74 percent maturing on December 19, 2024. The notes matured and were fully repaid on December 20, 2024.

In 2024, the City issued a \$397,000 marina improvement note, on behalf of the Port Authority, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, and improving boat docks and slips with an interest rate of 5.94 percent maturing on December 18, 2025.

In 2024, The City issued a \$663,000 bridge improvement note for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing and improving the City's Old Main Bridge. The note was issued with an interest rate of 4.11 percent maturing on September 30, 2025.

The notes are backed by the full faith and credit of the City of Conneaut and mature within one year. The note liabilities are reflected in the funds which receive the proceeds. The notes are generally issued in anticipation of long-term bond financing and are refinanced until such bonds are issued.

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**Note 17 - Long-Term Obligations**

The original issue date, amount, interest rate and maturity date for each of the City's debt issues follow:

**Governmental Activities**

**Long-term Obligations from Direct Placements:**

*General Obligation Bonds:*

Vehicle Acquisition	2014	5.35 %	\$55,000	2024
Various Purpose Improvements	2014	3.48	305,000	2024
Fire Truck Acquisition	2015	2.50	450,000	2025
Various Purpose Improvements	2017	3.30	214,000	2027
Street Improvements	2020	2.20	420,000	2030
Street Improvements	2021	2.20	498,000	2031

*Loans:*

Industrial Park	2008	3.25	500,000	2024
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**Loans from Direct Borrowings:**

*State Infrastructure Bank Loans:*

Chestnut Street	2018	3.00	103,000	2028
Chamberlain and Parish Rehabilitation	2019	3.00	823,999	2033
Lake Road Storm Sewer	2020	3.00	132,500	2029
U.S. Route 20 East Paving	2020	3.00	116,618	2029
U.S Route 7 and U.S. Route 531	2020	3.00	245,254	2029

*Ohio Public Works Commission Loan:*

Under Ridge Road Culvert	2004	0.00	31,626	2025
Roadway Safety	2012	0.00	14,240	2033
Chestnut Street Storm Sewer Improvements	2019	0.00	50,000	2039
Lake Road Storm Sewer	2021	0.00	50,000	2041
Chestnut Street Storm Water Phase III	2022	0.00	3,991	2042
Broad Street Improvements	2023	0.00	8,288	2043

**Business-Type Activities**

**Loans from Direct Borrowings:**

*Ohio Water Development Authority:*

Wastewater Improvement Loan	2006	3.25	3,258,282	2026
Wastewater Aeration Repairs	2012	2.80	130,587	2032
Lake Erie Street Sanitary Sewer	2012	3.32	240,548	2032
Aerial Sewer Repairs	2013	0.00	339,372	2032
Creek Road Elevated Storage Tank	2013	3.24	1,640,127	2034
Harbor Street Infrastructure	2015	3.16	604,001	2035
Wastewater Improvements Loan	2017	1.55	2,042,357	2038
2019 Water Treatment Plant Improvements	2019	1.92	270,804	2049
2022 Water Treatment Plant Improvements	2022	0.00	1,103,404	2042
Clark Street Water Tower Replacement	2023	0.00	3,802	2030
Water Treatment Plant Improvement	2024	0.00	388,068	2030

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Debt Issue	Original Issue Date	Interest Rate	Original Issue Amount	Year of Maturity
<b>Business-Type Activities (continued)</b>				
<b>Loans from Direct Borrowings:</b>				
<i>Ohio Public Works Commission</i>				
Liberty Water Line	2003	0.00 %	\$118,483	2024
Madison Sanitary Sewer	2004	0.00	37,833	2024
Finished Water and Booster Pump	2011	0.00	40,875	2030
Water and Booster Pump Station	2011	0.00	11,001	2030
Sandusky Sanitary Sewer	2011	0.00	28,178	2030
Sanitary Sewer Repairs	2011	0.00	10,051	2032
Roadway Safety	2012	0.00	31,700	2033
Wastewater Aeration Improvement	2012	0.00	18,130	2033
Creek Road Water Tank	2013	0.00	150,000	2034
Aerial Sewer	2013	0.00	50,000	2034
Harbor Street Infrastructure	2014	0.00	50,000	2035
Water Treatment Plant Improvements	2014	0.00	35,123	2034
Orange Street Water Line	2017	0.00	35,706	2037
Headworks Sewer Project	2017	0.00	29,320	2038
U.S. Route 20 Waterline Replacement	2019	0.00	49,204	2039
U.S. Route 20 Waterline Replacement Phase II	2022	0.00	50,000	2042
Chestnut Street Storm Water Phase III	2022	0.00	12,401	2042
Water Treatment Plant Filter Media	2022	0.00	38,503	2042
<b>Long-term Obligations from Direct Placements:</b>				
<i>General Obligation Bonds:</i>				
Various Purpose Improvement Bonds	2017	3.30	617,000	2027

A schedule of changes in bonds and other long-term obligations of the City during 2024 follows:

	Outstanding 1/1/2024	Additions	Reductions	Outstanding 12/31/2024	Amount Due In one Year
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
<b>Long-term Obligations from Direct Placements:</b>					
<i>General Obligation Bonds</i>					
Vehicle Acquisition	\$6,177	\$0	\$6,177	\$0	\$0
Various Purpose Improvements 2014	35,461	0	35,461	0	0
Fire Truck Acquisition	94,000	0	47,000	47,000	47,000
Various Purpose Improvements 2017	85,600	0	21,400	64,200	21,400
Street Improvements 2020	303,000	0	41,000	262,000	42,000
Street Improvements 2021	372,000	0	43,000	329,000	44,000
Total General Obligation Bonds	896,238	0	194,038	702,200	154,400
<i>Loans:</i>					
Industrial Park	4,816	0	4,816	0	0
Total Long-term Obligations from Direct Placements	901,054	0	198,854	702,200	154,400
<b>Loans from Direct Borrowings:</b>					
<i>State Infrastructure Bank Loans:</i>					
Chestnut Street	67,219	0	12,655	54,564	13,037
Chamberlain and Parrish Rehab	689,283	0	56,758	632,525	58,474
Lake Road Storm Sewer	102,273	0	15,802	86,471	16,280
U.S. Route 20 East Paving	76,839	0	14,145	62,694	14,332
U.S. Route 7 and U.S. Route 531	191,850	0	31,765	160,085	30,134
Total State Infrastructure Bank Loans	\$1,127,464	\$0	\$131,125	\$996,339	\$132,257

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<b>Governmental Activities (continued):</b>					
<b>Long-term Obligations from Direct Placements:</b>					
<i>OPWC Loans:</i>					
Under Ridge Road Culvert	\$3,166	\$0	\$1,581	\$1,585	\$1,585
Roadway Safety	7,120	0	712	6,408	712
Chestnut Street Storm Sewer					
Improvements	40,000	0	2,500	37,500	2,500
Lake Road Storm Sewer	43,750	0	2,500	41,250	2,500
Chestnut Middle Road Improvements	46,313	0	2,375	43,938	2,375
Chestnut Street Storm Water Phase III	3,791	0	200	3,591	200
Broad Street Improvements	8,288	0	0	8,288	0
<i>Total OPWC Loans</i>	<u>152,428</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,868</u>	<u>142,560</u>	<u>9,872</u>
<i>Total Loans from Direct Borrowings</i>	<u>1,279,892</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>140,993</u>	<u>1,138,899</u>	<u>142,129</u>
<i>Other Long-Term Liabilities:</i>					
Financed Purchases from Direct Placements	519,588	161,084	121,090	559,582	154,339
Subscription Payable	123,469	0	56,787	66,682	66,682
Compensated Absences	1,419,634	107,344	0	1,526,978	487,589
<i>Total Other Long-Term Liabilities</i>	<u>2,062,691</u>	<u>268,428</u>	<u>177,877</u>	<u>2,153,242</u>	<u>708,610</u>
<i>Net Pension Liability:</i>					
OPERS	3,654,096	0	603,980	3,050,116	0
OP&F	7,779,202	144,463	0	7,923,665	0
<i>Total Net Pension Liability</i>	<u>11,433,298</u>	<u>144,463</u>	<u>603,980</u>	<u>10,973,781</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net OPEB Liability:</i>					
OPERS	73,626	0	73,626	0	0
OP&F	583,065	15,744	0	598,809	0
<i>Total Net OPEB Liability</i>	<u>656,691</u>	<u>15,744</u>	<u>73,626</u>	<u>598,809</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>					
<b>Long-Term Obligations</b>	<b><u>\$16,333,626</u></b>	<b><u>\$428,635</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,195,330</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,566,931</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,005,139</u></b>
	Outstanding 1/1/2024	Additions	Reductions	Outstanding 12/31/2024	Amount Due In one Year
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>					
<b>Loans from Direct Borrowings:</b>					
<i>OWDA Loans</i>					
Wastewater Improvement Loan	\$644,345	\$0	\$207,895	\$436,450	\$214,707
Wastewater Aeration Repairs	127,455	0	12,638	114,817	12,995
Lake Erie Street Sanitary Sewer	133,944	0	12,209	121,735	12,618
Aerial Sewer Repairs	107,932	0	10,793	97,139	10,793
Creek Road Elevated Storage Tank	1,019,536	0	78,519	941,017	81,083
Harbor Street Infrastructure	368,815	0	27,058	341,757	27,920
Wastewater Improvements Loan	1,579,154	0	97,924	1,481,230	99,448
2019 Water Treatment Plant Improvements	243,014	0	7,285	235,729	7,426
2022 Water Treatment Plant Improvements	929,677	0	55,170	874,507	0
Clark Street Water Tower Replacement	3,802	182,551	0	186,353	0
2024 Wastewater Improvements	0	388,068	0	388,068	0
<i>Total OWDA Loans</i>	<u>\$5,157,674</u>	<u>\$570,619</u>	<u>\$509,491</u>	<u>\$5,218,802</u>	<u>\$466,990</u>

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<b>Business-Type Activities (continued):</b>					
<b>Loans from Direct Borrowings (continued):</b>					
<i>OPWC Loans:</i>					
Liberty Water Line	\$2,965	\$0	\$2,965	\$0	\$0
Madison Sanitary Sewer	2,831	0	1,892	939	939
Finished Water and Booster Pump	15,325	0	2,044	13,281	2,044
Water and Booster Pump Station	4,126	0	550	3,576	550
Sandusky Sanitary Sewer	10,564	0	1,410	9,154	1,410
Sanitary Sewer Repairs	4,522	0	502	4,020	502
Roadway Safety	15,850	0	1,585	14,265	1,585
Wastewater Aeration Improvement	9,070	0	907	8,163	907
Creek Road Water Tank	82,500	0	7,500	75,000	7,500
Aerial Sewer	27,500	0	2,500	25,000	2,500
Harbor Street Infrastructure	30,000	0	2,500	27,500	2,500
Water Treatment Plant Improvements	20,197	0	1,756	18,441	1,756
Orange Street Water Line	26,777	0	1,786	24,991	1,786
Headworks Sewer Project	111,529	0	6,970	104,559	6,970
US 20 Waterline Replacement	39,364	0	2,460	36,904	2,460
US 20 Waterline Replacement Phase II	47,500	0	2,500	45,000	2,500
Chestnut Street Storm Water Phase III	11,781	0	620	11,161	620
Water Treatment Plant Filter Media	38,503	86,416	3,123	121,796	6,246
<i>Total OPWC Loans</i>	<u>500,904</u>	<u>86,416</u>	<u>43,570</u>	<u>543,750</u>	<u>42,775</u>
<i>Total Loans from Direct Borrowings</i>	<u>5,658,578</u>	<u>657,035</u>	<u>553,061</u>	<u>5,762,552</u>	<u>509,765</u>
<b>Long-term Obligations from Direct Placements:</b>					
<i>General Obligation Bonds:</i>					
Various Purpose Improvement	268,400	0	67,100	201,300	67,100
<i>Other Long-Term Liabilities:</i>					
Compensated Absences	468,337	0	3,462	464,875	128,034
Asset Retirement Obligations	4,457,476	760,204	0	5,217,680	0
Net Pension Liability - OPERS	2,934,372	0	511,661	2,422,711	0
Net OPEB Liability - OPERS	59,125	0	59,125	0	0
<i>Total Other Long-Term Liabilities:</i>	<u>7,919,310</u>	<u>760,204</u>	<u>574,248</u>	<u>8,105,266</u>	<u>128,034</u>
<i>Total Business-Type Activities</i>	<u><u>\$13,846,288</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,417,239</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,194,409</u></u>	<u><u>\$14,069,118</u></u>	<u><u>\$704,899</u></u>
<i>Long-Term Obligations</i>	<u><u><u>\$13,846,288</u></u></u>	<u><u><u>\$1,417,239</u></u></u>	<u><u><u>\$1,194,409</u></u></u>	<u><u><u>\$14,069,118</u></u></u>	<u><u><u>\$704,899</u></u></u>

General obligation bonds are direct obligations of the City and will be paid from the bond retirement debt service fund using property tax revenues and from the water fund using operating revenues. Special assessment debt will be paid from the proceeds of special assessments levied against benefited property owners. In the event that a property owner would fail to pay the assessment, payment would be made by the City. The OWDA loans will be paid partly with special assessments levied against benefited property owners as well as user charges from the appropriate enterprise fund. The OPWC loans in the enterprise funds will be paid with user charges. The industrial park, state infrastructure bank and OPWC loans will be paid from the general fund, street construction, maintenance and repair special revenue fund and capital improvements funds and the water and sewer enterprise funds. Increases and decreases to compensated absences are presented net on the above table. Financed purchases will be paid from police levy II, police levy and street construction, maintenance and repair special revenue funds. The subscription payables will be paid from the general fund. The asset retirement obligation will be paid from the sewer enterprise fund. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability and net OPEB liability.

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However, employer pension/OPEB contributions are made from the following funds: general, street construction, maintenance and repair, cemetery, police levy II, recreation, police pension and fire pension special revenue funds and the sewer and water enterprise funds. For additional information related to the net pension liability and net OPEB liability see Notes 18 and 19.

In 2014, the City issued \$55,000 in vehicle acquisition bonds through direct placement and \$305,000 in various purpose improvement bonds through direct placement for the purchase police vehicles and improvements to the public works department. The bonds were issued with an interest rate of 5.35 percent and 3.48 percent, respectively. The bonds were issued for a ten year period with final maturity at October, 1, 2024.

In 2015, the City issued \$450,000 in fire truck acquisition bonds through direct placement for the purchase of a new fire truck. The bonds were issued with an interest rate of 2.50 percent. The bonds were issued for a ten year period with final maturity at April 1, 2025.

In 2017, the City issued \$831,000 in various purpose improvement bonds through direct placement for improvements to the City Hall and the purchase of vehicles for the public works department. The bonds were issued for 3.30 percent. The bonds were issued for a ten year period with final maturity in 2027.

In 2020, the City issued \$420,000 in street improvement bonds through direct placement for street improvements to Route 20 West and related expenses. The bonds were issued for 2.20 percent. The bonds were issued for a ten year period with final maturity in 2030.

In 2021, the City issued \$498,000 in street improvement bonds through direct placement for street improvements to Route 20, Center Road bridge improvements and related expenses. The bonds were issued for 2.20 percent. The bonds were issued for a ten year period with final maturity in 2031.

In 2008, the City issued a \$500,000 industrial park loan through direct placement for the purpose of developing and constructing an industrial park. The loan was issued with an interest rate of 3.25 percent. The loan was issued for a fifteen year period with final maturity in 2024.

The City's outstanding OWDA loans from direct borrowings of \$5,218,802 related to business-type activities contain provisions that in an event of default (1) the amount of such default shall bear interest at the default rate from the due date until the date of payment, (2) if any of the charges have not been paid within 30 days, in addition to the interest calculated at the default rate, a late charge of 1 percent on the amount of each default shall also be paid to the OWDA, and (3) for each additional 30 days during with the charges remain unpaid, the City shall continue to pay an additional late charge of 1 percent on the amount of the default until such charges are paid.

The City's outstanding OPWC loans from direct borrowings of \$142,560 related to governmental activities and \$543,750 related to business-type activities contain provisions that in the event of default (1) OPWC may apply late fees of 8 percent per year, (2) loans more than 60 days late will be turned over to the Attorney General's office for collection, and as provided by law, OPWC may require that such payment be taken from the City's share of the county undivided local government fund, and (3) the outstanding amounts shall, at OPWC's option, become immediately due and payable.

A line of credit has been established with the Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$50,000 for the Broad Street improvements. The balance of the loan at December 31, 2024 was \$8,288. Since the loan repayment schedule has not yet been finalized, a repayment schedule is not included in the schedule of debt service requirements. The loan will be paid from the street construction, maintenance and repair special revenue fund.

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The City's outstanding State Infrastructure Bank loans financed through the Department of Transportation from direct borrowings related to governmental activities in the amount of \$996,339 were issued for the rehabilitation of Chestnut Street, Chamberlain Road and Parrish Road, Lake Road storm sewer, U.S. Route 20 East paving, U.S. Route 7 and U.S. Route 531. As of December 31, 2024, all proceeds have been spent.

The City has entered into contractual agreements for construction loans from the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). Under the terms of these agreements, the OWDA will reimburse, advance or directly pay the construction costs of approved projects. The OWDA will capitalize administrative costs and construction interest and then add them to the total amount of the final loan.

Lines of credit have been established with the Ohio Water Development Authority in the amount of \$1,404,454 and \$285,402 for water treatment plant improvements and Clark Street water tower replacement in the water enterprise fund. Since the loan repayment schedules have not yet been finalized, a repayment schedule is not included in the schedule of debt service requirements. Until a final repayment schedule is available, the City is paying based on estimates. The balance of these loans at December 31, 2024 were \$874,507 and \$186,353.

A line of credit has been established with the Ohio Water Development Authority in the amount of \$388,068 for 2024 wastewater improvements in the sewer enterprise fund. Since the loan repayment schedule has not yet been finalized, a repayment schedule is not included in the schedule of debt service requirements. Until a final repayment schedule is available, the City is paying based on estimates. The balance of the loan at December 31, 2024 was \$388,068.

In prior years, the City entered into finance purchase agreements through direct placements for an ambulance, truck trailer, wheel loader and road grader. During 2024, the City entered into a finance purchase agreement through direct placement for marc's radios in the amount of \$161,084. The financed purchases will be paid from the general fund and the street construction, maintenance and repair special revenue fund.

The City has various outstanding contracts to use of a SBITA vendor's IT software, including financial systems, scheduling and various other software. The future subscription payments were discounted based on the interest rate implicit in the lease or using the City's incremental borrowing rate. This discount is being amortized using the interest method over the life of the subscription.

The City has pledged future revenues, net of operating expenses less depreciation, to repay OPWC and OWDA loans in the water enterprise fund. The debt is payable solely from net revenues and are payable through 2049. Annual principal and interest payments on the debt issues are expected to require less than one percent of net revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the debt is \$2,950,568. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total net revenues were \$176,481 and \$42,973 respectively.

The City has pledged future revenues, net of operating expenses, to repay OPWC and OWDA loans in the sewer enterprise fund. The debt is payable solely from net revenues and are payable through 2039. Annual principal and interest payments on the debt issues are expected to require less than one percent of net revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the debt is \$3,375,345. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total net revenues were \$376,580 and \$57,739 respectively.

The City's overall legal debt margin was \$24,247,168 with an unvoted debt margin of \$11,796,212 at December 31, 2024. Principal and interest requirements to retire long-term obligations outstanding at December 31, 2024, are as follows:

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<i>Governmental Activities</i>						
<i>Direct Placements</i>						
	General Obligation Bonds		Financed Purchases		Subscriptions Payable	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$154,400	\$15,353	\$154,339	\$22,450	\$66,682	\$3,067
2026	108,400	12,168	125,873	16,920	0	0
2027	110,400	9,549	91,871	12,259	0	0
2028	91,000	7,238	71,404	8,564	0	0
2029	93,000	5,236	74,658	5,309	0	0
2030-2031	145,000	4,290	41,437	1,906	0	0
Total	<u>\$702,200</u>	<u>\$53,834</u>	<u>\$559,582</u>	<u>\$67,408</u>	<u>\$66,682</u>	<u>\$3,067</u>

<i>Governmental Activities (continued)</i>						
<i>Direct Borrowings</i>						
	State Infrastructure Bank		OPWC			
	Loans Payable		Loans			
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	
2025	\$132,257	\$30,347			\$9,872	
2026	136,255	26,347			8,287	
2027	140,371	22,231			8,287	
2028	144,618	17,987			8,287	
2029	120,899	13,365			8,287	
2030-2034	321,939	24,624			40,723	
2035-2039	0	0			37,875	
2040-2044	0	0			12,654	
Total	<u>\$996,339</u>	<u>\$134,901</u>			<u>\$134,272</u>	

<i>Business-Type Activities</i>						
<i>Direct Borrowings</i>				<i>Direct Placement</i>		
	OWDA		OPWC	General Obligation		
	Loans		Loans	Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Principal	Interest	
2025	\$466,990	\$86,914	\$42,775	\$67,100	\$5,527	
2026	482,606	75,314	41,833	67,100	3,316	
2027	265,828	63,040	41,833	67,100	1,105	
2028	272,225	56,595	41,833	0	0	
2029	278,798	49,881	41,833	0	0	
2030-2034	1,434,608	179,754	191,655	0	0	
2035-2039	460,860	38,617	104,511	0	0	
2040-2044	51,402	9,151	37,467	0	0	
2045-2049	56,557	4,095	0	0	0	
Total	<u>\$3,769,874</u>	<u>\$563,361</u>	<u>\$543,740</u>	<u>\$201,300</u>	<u>\$9,948</u>	

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## **Note 18 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

### ***Net Pension Liability (Asset)/Net OPEB Liability (Asset)***

The net pension liability (asset) and the net OPEB liability (asset) reported on the statement of net position represent liabilities to employees for pensions and OPEB, respectively. Pensions/OPEB are a component of exchange transactions – between an employer and its employees – of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions/OPEB 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 obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represent 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 (asset) calculations are 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 these estimates 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 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 *net pension/OPEB asset* or a long-term *net pension/OPEB liability* 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 *intergovernmental payable*. The remainder of this note includes the required pension disclosures. See Note 19 for the required OPEB disclosures.

### ***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)***

Plan Description – City employees, other than full-time police and firefighters, 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, 2024, the Combined Plan was consolidated into the traditional

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pension plan, as approved by the legislature in House Bill 33. The traditional pension plan includes members of the legacy combined plan, a hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution plan which was closed to new members effective January 1, 2022. New members are no longer able to select the combined plan and current members are no longer able to make a plan change to the combined plan. The combined plan was consolidated into the traditional pension plan effective January 1, 2024, as a separate division. No changes were made to the benefit design features of the combined plan as part of this consolidation so that members in this plan will experience no changes. The City's 2024 net pension liability (asset) for OPERS is measured as of December 31, 2023, and reflects the traditional plan and the combined plan as two separate plans. The City's 2025 financial statements will reflect the effects of the combined plan being consolidated into the traditional pension 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. 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 previously for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

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

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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 percent. 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 percent.

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 percent 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:

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

\* 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.

For 2024, the City's contractually required contribution was \$506,749 for the traditional plan, \$678 for the combined plan, and \$1,781 for the member-directed plan. Of these amounts, \$73,638 is reported as an intergovernmental payable for the traditional plan, \$96 for the combined plan, and \$259 for the member-directed plan.

***Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)***

Plan Description – City full-time police and firefighters 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 may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at [www.op-f.org](http://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.

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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 2.5 percent for each of the first 20 years of service credit, 2.0 percent for each of the next five years of service credit and 1.5 percent for each year of service credit in excess of 25 years. The maximum pension of 72 percent of the allowable average annual salary is paid after 33 years of service credit (see OP&F Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced previously 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 3.0 percent 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 3.0 percent 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.

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

	<u>Police</u>	<u>Firefighters</u>
<b>2024 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %	12.25 %
<b>2024 Actual Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer:		
Pension	19.00 %	23.50 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	<u>0.50</u>	<u>0.50</u>
Total Employer	<u>19.50 %</u>	<u>24.00 %</u>
Employee	<u>12.25 %</u>	<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 \$549,982 for 2024. Of this amount, \$87,245 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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***Pension Liabilities (Asset), 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 of the City's defined benefit pension plans:

	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan	OP&F	Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/Asset:				
Current Measurement Date	0.02090428%	0.00000000%	0.08201380%	
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.02230352%</u>	<u>0.00000000%</u>	<u>0.08189470%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00139924%</u>	<u>0.00000000%</u>	<u>0.00011910%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the:				
Net Pension Liability	\$5,472,827	\$0	\$7,923,665	\$13,396,492
Pension Expense	482,485	2,445	880,154	1,365,084

2024 pension expense for the member-directed defined contribution plan was \$7,587. The aggregate pension expense for all pension plans was \$1,372,671 for 2024.

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

	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan	OP&F	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>				
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$89,448	\$0	\$254,373	\$343,821
Changes of assumptions	0	0	500,767	500,767
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,104,650	0	897,917	2,002,567
Changes in proportion and differences between City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	0	10,580	335,145	345,725
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>506,749</u>	<u>678</u>	<u>549,982</u>	<u>1,057,409</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$1,700,847</u>	<u>\$11,258</u>	<u>\$2,538,184</u>	<u>\$4,250,289</u>

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	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan	OP&F	Total
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>				
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$0	\$88,617	\$88,617
Changes of assumptions	0	0	120,330	120,330
Changes in proportion and differences between City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>201,002</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>145,645</u>	<u>346,701</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u><u>\$201,002</u></u>	<u><u>\$54</u></u>	<u><u>\$354,592</u></u>	<u><u>\$555,648</u></u>

\$1,057,409 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 the net pension liability in 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan	OP&F	Total
Year Ending December 31:				
2025	\$124,647	\$2,442	\$461,989	\$589,078
2026	320,822	2,445	509,416	832,683
2027	704,924	2,452	675,845	1,383,221
2028	(157,297)	2,261	(52,101)	(207,137)
2029	0	926	37,340	38,266
Thereafter	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,121</u>	<u>1,121</u>
Total	<u><u>\$993,096</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,526</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,633,610</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,637,232</u></u>

***Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS***

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value 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 key actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67:

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	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	2.75 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	2.75 to 8.25 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:		
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3.0 percent, simple	3.0 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees (Current Year)	2.3 percent, simple through 2024, then 2.05 percent, simple	2.3 percent, simple through 2024, then 2.05 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees (Prior Year)	3.0 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent, simple	3.0 percent, simple through 2023, then 2.05 percent, simple
Investment Rate of Return	6.9 percent	6.9 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent 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 11.2 percent 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:

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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	<u>5.00</u>	3.46
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.9 percent 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 to Changes in the Discount Rate**  
The following table presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.9 percent, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.9 percent) or one percentage point higher (7.9 percent) than the current rate:

City's proportionate share of the net pension liability:	1% Decrease (5.90%)	Current Discount Rate (6.90%)	1% Increase (7.90%)
OPERS Traditional Plan	\$8,615,701	\$5,472,827	\$2,858,870

**Actuarial Assumptions – OP&F**

The 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. 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 the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of January 1, 2023, are presented as follows:

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Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	7.5 percent
Projected Salary Increases	3.75 percent to 10.5 percent
Payroll Growth	3.25 percent per annum, compounded annually, consisting of inflation rate of 2.75 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.5 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	2.2 percent simple per year

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 percent for males and 98.7 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

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

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 percent for males and 131 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

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.

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

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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	 <u>125.00 %</u>	

Note: Assumptions are geometric.

\* levered 2.0x

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 in the previous table, 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** For 2023, the total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent. 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 percent. 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. To illustrate the potential impact, the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, 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 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate:

	Current		
	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$10,495,484	\$7,923,665	\$5,784,947

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## **Note 19 – Defined Benefit OPEB Plans**

See Note 18 for a description of the net OPEB liability (asset).

### ***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; or

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

**Age 59 or Younger Retirees** 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; or

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

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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:

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>
<b>Age and Service Requirements</b> <i>December 1, 2014 or Prior</i>	<b>Age and Service Requirements</b> <i>December 1, 2014 or Prior</i>	<b>Age and Service Requirements</b> <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
<i>January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021</i>	<i>January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021</i>	<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 percent and 90 percent 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 percent 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 percent 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 percent per year. Upon separation or retirement, participants may use vested RMA funds for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses.

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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 14.0 percent 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 two percent 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 4.0 percent. 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 \$1,781 for 2024. Of this amount, \$259 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

***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.

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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.

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.opf.org](http://www.opf.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 19.5 percent and 24 percent of covered payroll for police and fire employer units, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.5 percent of covered payroll for police employer units and 24 percent 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 0.5 percent 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 OP&F Board of Trustees is also authorized to establish requirements for contributions to the health care plan by retirees and their eligible dependents or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

The City's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$13,150 for 2024. Of this amount, \$2,096 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

***OPEB Liabilities (Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of 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 (asset) 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:

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	<u>OPERS</u>	<u>OP&amp;F</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/Asset:			
Current Measurement Date	0.02090428%	0.08201380%	
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.02105431%</u>	<u>0.08189470%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00015003%</u>	<u>0.00011910%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net OPEB Liability	\$0	\$598,809	\$598,809
Net OPEB (Asset)	(188,666)	0	(188,666)
OPEB Expense	(17,108)	34,544	17,436

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&amp;F</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$0	\$28,795	\$28,795
Changes of assumptions	48,572	206,056	254,628
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	113,305	44,218	157,523
Changes in proportion and differences between City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	942	56,275	57,217
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,781</u>	<u>13,150</u>	<u>14,931</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$164,600</u>	<u>\$348,494</u>	<u>\$513,094</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$26,852	\$110,043	\$136,895
Changes of assumptions	81,103	385,618	466,721
Changes in proportion and differences between City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>273</u>	<u>24,347</u>	<u>24,620</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$108,228</u>	<u>\$520,008</u>	<u>\$628,236</u>

\$14,931 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 the net OPEB liability or an increase in the net OPEB asset in 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

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Year Ending December 31:	OPERS	OP&F	Total
2025	(\$4,456)	\$1,193	(\$3,263)
2026	9,108	(20,078)	(10,970)
2027	88,201	(8,242)	79,959
2028	(38,262)	(42,997)	(81,259)
2029	0	(48,341)	(48,341)
Thereafter	<u>0</u>	<u>(66,199)</u>	<u>(66,199)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$54,591</u></b>	<b><u>(\$184,664)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$130,073)</u></b>

***Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS***

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value 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 the System and plan members. The actuarial valuation used the following key actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

Wage Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation
Single Discount Rate	5.70 percent
Prior Year Single Discount Rate	5.22 percent
Investment Rate of Return	6.00 percent
Municipal Bond Rate	3.77 percent
Prior Year Municipal Bond Rate	4.05 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	5.5 percent, initial 3.50 percent, ultimate in 2038
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent 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

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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 14.0 percent for 2023.

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. OPERS' 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 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 Trust	5.00	4.68
International Equities	25.00	5.16
Risk Parity	3.00	4.38
Other Investments	5.00	2.43
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Discount Rate** A single discount rate of 5.70 percent 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 percent. 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 percent and a municipal bond rate of 3.77 percent. (Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index") 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.

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***Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate*** The following table presents the City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) calculated using the single discount rate of 5.70 percent, as well as what the City's 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 percent) or one percentage point higher (6.70 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.70%)	Current Discount Rate (5.70%)	1% Increase (6.70%)
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$103,685	(\$188,666)	(\$430,837)

***Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (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 liability or asset. The following table presents the net OPEB liability or asset calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability or asset if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent 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 percent. 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 percent in the most recent valuation.

	1% Decrease	Assumption	1% Increase
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	(\$196,500)	(\$188,666)	(\$179,777)

***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.

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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.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation are presented as follows:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	7.5 percent
Projected Salary Increases	3.50 percent to 10.5 percent
Payroll Growth	3.25 percent
Blended Discount Rate:	
Current measurement rate	4.07 percent
Prior measurement rate	4.27 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	2.2 percent simple per year
Projected Depletion Year of OPEB Assets	2038

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 percent for males and 98.7 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

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

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 percent for males and 131 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

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 OP&F health care plan follows the same asset allocation and long-term expected real rate of return for each major asset class as the pension plan, see Note 18.

**Discount Rate** For 2023, the total OPEB liability was calculated using the discount rate of 4.07 percent. 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 7.5 percent. 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 7.5 percent was applied to periods before December 31, 2037, and the Municipal Bond Index Rate of 3.38 percent was applied to periods on and after December 31, 2037, resulting in a discount rate of 4.07 percent.

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***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. To illustrate the potential impact, the following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 4.07 percent, 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 percent), or one percentage point higher (5.07 percent), than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (3.07%)	Current Discount Rate (4.07%)	1% Increase (5.07%)
City's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$737,565	\$598,809	\$481,947

## **Note 20 – Jointly Governed Organizations**

### ***Conneaut Energy Special Improvement District, Inc.***

The Conneaut Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. (the “District”) is a jointly governed organization that is to enhance the value of properties within the District and improve the environment by developing and assisting in developing the District special energy improvement projects. The District is governed by a minimum of five Board of Directors including a municipal executive of each participating political subdivision, a person appointed by the legislative authority of each participating political subdivision and Members or executive representatives of Members elected, designated or appointed by the Members of the District. For the District, this includes the President of Cortina Leathers, the City Manager, the Executive Director of the Conneaut Public Library and two Members appointed by each representative. The Board has total control over budgeting, personnel and all other financial matters. The degree of control exercised by any participating government is limited to its representation in the General Assembly of and on the Board. For 2024, the City did not contribute to the District. For more information contact John Williams, Treasurer, Conneaut Energy Special Improvement District, Inc, 294 Main Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030.

### ***Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council***

The City is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC), a regional council of governments formed under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. NOPEC was formed to serve as a vehicle for communities wishing to proceed jointly with an aggregation program for the purchase of electricity and natural gas. NOPEC is currently comprised of 240 communities who have been authorized by ballot to purchase electricity on behalf of their citizens.

The intent of NOPEC is to provide electricity and natural gas at the lowest possible rates while at the same time insuring stability in prices by entering into long-term contracts with suppliers to provide electricity and natural gas to the citizens of its member communities.

NOPEC is governed by General Assembly made up of one representative from each member community. The representatives from each community then elect one person to serve on the eight-member NOPEC Board of Directors. The Board has total control over budgeting, personnel and all other financial matters. The degree of control exercised by any participating government is limited to its representation in the General Assembly and on the Board. The City of Conneaut did not contribute to NOPEC during 2024. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Chuck Keiper, Executive Director, 31360 Solon Road, Suite 33, Solon, Ohio 44139.

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### **Note 21 – Related Organization**

The Conneaut Public Library is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the City of Conneaut; however, the City cannot influence the Library's operation nor does the library represent a potential financial benefit for or burden on the City. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority and hires and fires personnel. Although the City does serve as the taxing authority and may issue tax related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the Conneaut Public Library, Thomas Belnap, Fiscal Officer, 304 Buffalo Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030.

### **Note 22 – Related Party Transactions**

The Conneaut Port Authority, a component unit of the City of Conneaut, owes the City \$397,000 as of December 31, 2024 for a marina improvement note issued by the City. During 2024, the Port Authority paid the City \$422.000, the amount of the principal and interest on the note. The financial statements reflect \$397,000 in 'Loans Receivable from Component Unit.'

### **Note 23 - Contingencies**

#### ***Grants***

The City receives financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the City at December 31, 2024.

#### ***Litigation***

The City of Conneaut is a party to legal proceedings. The City management is of the opinion that the ultimate disposition of various claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the City.

### **Note 24 – Encumbrances**

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the amount of encumbrances expected to be honored upon performance by the vendor in the next year were as follows:

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Governmental Funds		Proprietary Funds	
General	\$110,394	Water	\$271,188
Street Construction,		Sewer	104,481
Maintenance and Repair	51,428	Dredge Facility	11,321
Other Governmental Funds	<u>315,789</u>		
Total	<u>\$477,611</u>	Total Proprietary Funds	<u>\$386,990</u>

## **Note 25 – Asset Retirement Obligations**

The Governmental Accounting Standard Board's (GASB) Statement No. 83, Certain Asset Retirement Obligations, provides guidance related to asset retirement obligations (AROs). An ARO is a legally enforceable liability associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. Ohio Revised Code Section 6111.44 requires the City to submit any changes to their sewerage system to the Ohio EPA for approval. Through this review process, the City would be responsible to address any public safety issues associated with their waste water treatment facilities. The City Engineer estimates these public safety issues to include removing/filling any tankage, cleaning/removing certain equipment, and backfilling certain exposed areas. This asset retirement obligation (ARO) of \$5,217,680 associated with the City waste water treatment facilities was estimated by the City engineer. The remaining useful life of these facilities range from 10 to 40 years.

## **Note 26 – Subsequent Event**

On April 4, 2025 the City issued \$165,203 in street improvement bonds for various street improvements throughout the City. The bonds have a maturity date of December 1, 2034 and have an interest rate of 4.55 percent.

## **Note 27 – Conneaut Board of Health**

### ***Description of Reporting Entity***

The Conneaut Board of Health, (Board) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Board is directed by a five member Board and a Health Commissioner, all of which are appointed by the City. Among its various duties, the Board provides for the prompt diagnosis and control of communicable diseases. The Board may also inspect businesses where food is manufactured, handled, stored, or offered for sale.

### ***Summary of Significant Accounting Policies***

The financial statements of the Board have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

### *Basis of Presentation*

The Board'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.

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### ***Fund Accounting***

The Board 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. The Board's general fund is a governmental fund.

### ***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.

### ***Measurement Focus***

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the Board are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities presents increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in total net position.

***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.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Board receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants. Revenue from grants are 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 Board must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Board on a reimbursement basis.

***Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources*** In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes 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. For the Board, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the statement of net position for pension and OPEB.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position 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. For the Board, deferred inflows of resources were reported for OPEB.

***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.

### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The City of Conneaut's Finance Director is custodian for the Board's deposits. The City's deposit and investment pool holds the Board's assets, valued at the Finance Director's reported carrying amount.

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***Inventory***

Inventory is presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and is expended/expensed when used. Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption.

***Capital Assets***

The Board's only capital assets are general capital assets. General capital assets are capital assets which are associated with and generally arise from governmental activities. They generally result from expenditures in the general fund. General capital assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the financial statements of the general fund.

All capital assets (except for intangible right-to-use lease assets which are discussed below) are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value as of the date received. The Board maintains a capitalization threshold of \$100 for furniture and equipment.

All capital assets are depreciated or amortized. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Governmental Activities Estimated Lives
<b><i>Tangible Assets</i></b>	
Furniture and Equipment	6 - 10 years
<b><i>Intangible Right to Use</i></b>	
<b><i>Lease Assets</i></b>	
Intangible Right to Use - Buildings	3 years

A summary of changes in capital assets during 2024 follows:

	Balance 1/1/2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2024
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
<b><i>Depreciable/Amortizable Capital Assets</i></b>				
<b><i>Tangible Assets</i></b>				
Furniture and Equipment	\$19,943	\$0	\$0	\$19,943
<b><i>Intangible Right to Use</i></b>				
<b><i>Lease Assets</i></b>				
Intangible Right to Use - Building	37,882	0	0	37,882
<b><i>Total Depreciable/Amortizable Capital Assets</i></b>	<b>57,825</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57,825</b>
<b><i>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i></b>				
<b><i>Depreciation</i></b>				
Furniture and Equipment	(6,236)	(2,225)	0	(8,461)
<b><i>Amortization</i></b>				
<b><i>Intangible Right to Use</i></b>				
<b><i>Lease Assets</i></b>				
Intangible Right to Use - Building	(18,942)	(9,471)	0	(28,413)
<b><i>Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i></b>	<b>(25,178)</b>	<b>(11,696)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(36,874)</b>
<b><i>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net</i></b>	<b>\$32,647</b>	<b>(\$11,696)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,951</b>

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Depreciation and amortization expense for 2024 was charged to public health services in the amount of \$11,696.

\*\* Of the current year depreciation/amortization total of \$11,696, \$9,471 is presented as public health expense on the Statement of Activities related to the Board's intangible asset of building space, which is included as an Intangible Right to Use Lease.

***Pensions/Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)***

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB asset/liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to 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 plans. 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.

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

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

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

***Long-Term Obligations***

A schedule of changes in long-term obligations of the Board during 2024 follows:

	Principal			Principal	Amounts
	Outstanding	1/1/2024	Additions	Outstanding	Due In
				12/31/2024	One Year
<b><i>Governmental Activities</i></b>					
<b><i>Other Long-term Obligations</i></b>					
Net Pension Liability:					
OPERS	\$320,652		\$20,143	\$0	\$340,795
Net OPEB Liability:					
OPERS	6,461		0	6,461	0
Leases Payable	19,498		0	9,677	9,821
Compensated Absences	16,363		1,480	0	17,843
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$362,974</u>		<u>\$21,623</u>	<u>\$16,138</u>	<u>\$368,459</u>
					<u>\$26,792</u>

Increases and decreases to compensated absences are presented net on the above table.

Leases will be paid from the general fund. The Board pays obligations related to employee compensation from the fund benefitting from their service. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability and net OPEB liability. However, employer pension and OPEB contributions are made from the general fund.

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The Board has an outstanding agreement to lease office space. The future lease payments were discounted based on the interest rate implicit in the lease or using the Board's incremental borrowing rate. This discount is being amortized using the interest method over the life of the lease. A summary of the principal and interest amounts for the remaining leases is as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest
2025	<u>\$9,821</u>	<u>\$78</u>

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

The Board participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. See Note 18 for a description of the plan and the related actuarial assumptions.

For 2024, the Board's contractually required contribution was \$31,555 for the traditional plan, \$42 for the combined plan and \$111 for the member-directed plan. Of these amounts, \$4,317 is reported as an intergovernmental payable for the traditional plan, \$0 for the combined plan, and \$15 for the member-directed plan.

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Board's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Board'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 of the Board's defined benefit pension plans:

	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan	Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/asset:			
Current Measurement Date	0.00130172%	0.00000000%	
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.00108548%</u>	<u>0.00000000%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.00021624%</u>	<u>0.00000000%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the:			
Net Pension Liability	\$340,795	\$0	\$340,795
Pension Expense	59,797	101	59,898

2024 pension expense for the member-directed defined contribution plan was (\$2,348). The aggregate pension expense for all pension plans was \$57,550 for 2024.

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

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	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$5,570	\$0	\$5,570
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	68,787	0	68,787
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	29,031	442	29,473
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>31,555</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>31,597</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u><u>\$134,943</u></u>	<u><u>\$484</u></u>	<u><u>\$135,427</u></u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

\$31,597 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	OPERS Traditional Plan	OPERS Combined Plan	Total
Year Ending December 31:			
2025	\$38,553	\$105	\$38,658
2026	30,734	102	30,836
2027	43,896	102	43,998
2028	(9,795)	94	(9,701)
2029	<u>0</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>
Total	<u><u>\$103,388</u></u>	<u><u>\$442</u></u>	<u><u>\$103,830</u></u>

**Sensitivity of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate** The following table presents the Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.9 percent, as well as what the Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.9 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (7.9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.90%)	Discount Rate (6.90%)	1% Increase (7.90%)
<b>Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability</b>			
OPERS Traditional Plan	\$8,615,701	\$340,795	\$2,858,870

**Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability**

The Board participates in Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. See Note 18 and 19 for a description of the net OPEB liability. The Board's contractually required contribution was \$111 for 2024. Of this amount, \$15 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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**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. The Board's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) was based on the Board'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>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Asset:	
Current Measurement Date	0.00130172%
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.00102469%</u>
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>0.00027703%</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset)	(\$11,749)
OPEB Expense	(2,348)

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

	<u>OPERS</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Changes of assumptions	\$3,025
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	7,055
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	26
Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>111</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$10,217</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$1,673
Changes of assumptions	5,050
Changes in proportion and differences between Board contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>1,737</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$8,460</u>

\$111 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Board contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability or an increase of the net OPEB asset in 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

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<u>OPERS</u>	
Year Ending December 31:	
2025	(\$1,388)
2026	(75)
2027	5,492
2028	<u>(2,383)</u>
Total	<u><u>\$1,646</u></u>

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

	1% Decrease (4.70%)	Current Discount Rate (5.70%)	1% Increase (6.70%)
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$103,685	(\$11,749)	(\$430,837)

***Sensitivity of the Board's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability 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 liability or asset. The following table presents the net OPEB liability or asset calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability or asset if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent 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 percent. 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 percent in the most recent valuation.

	Current Health Care Cost Trend Rate		
	1% Decrease	Assumption	1% Increase
Board's proportionate share of the net OPEB (asset)	(\$196,500)	(\$11,749)	(\$179,777)

## **Note 28 – Conneaut Port Authority**

### ***Description of Reporting Entity***

The Conneaut Port Authority, Ashtabula County, (Port Authority) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Port Authority for the City of Conneaut is directed by a seven-member Board appointed by the City Manager with the approval of Conneaut City Council.

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Charged with the responsibility of industrial development and the improvement of Conneaut's interconnecting waterways, the Port Authority is empowered with the ability to carry out the actions they consider necessary to achieve these responsibilities. The Port Authority operates two marinas and leases other lakefront facilities at the Port to private entities. The Port Authority's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Port Authority is financially accountable. The Conneaut Port Authority has the potential to impose a financial burden on the City in that the City issued debt on behalf of the Port Authority and is therefore presented as a component unit of the City.

***Summary of Significant Accounting Policies***

The financial statements of the Port Authority have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. All transactions have been accounted for in a single enterprise fund.

***Basis of Presentation***

The Port Authority accounts for all transaction in a single enterprise fund. The financial statement consist of a statement of net position, statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and a statement of cash flows.

***Measurement Focus***

The enterprise fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All asset and liabilities associated with the operation this fund are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Port Authority finances and meets the cash flow needs of its activities.

***Basis of Accounting***

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The single proprietary fund used the accrual basis of accounting.

***Revenues – Exchange and Nonexchange 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.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Port Authority receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from grants 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 Port Authority 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.

***Unearned Revenue*** Unearned revenue arises when assets (cash) are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

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

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**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the Port Authority, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the statement of net position for pension and OPEB.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. For the Port Authority, deferred inflows of resources were reported for pension and OPEB.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

All monies of the Port Authority are maintained in one bank account. Investment procedures are restricted by the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. During 2024, the Port Authority maintained no investment accounts.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, all bank deposits, including investments with maturity of less than three months are considered to be cash equivalents.

***Inventory***

Inventories are presented at cost on a first-in, first-out basis and expenses when used.

***Capital Assets***

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition values as of the date received. The Port Authority maintains a capitalization threshold of \$500. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized. Interest incurred on related debt during the construction of capital assets is also capitalized.

When assets are sold, or otherwise disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation/amortization are removed from the accounts and any profit or loss arising from such disposition is included as income or expense in the year in which sold.

All capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are depreciated/amortized. Depreciation and amortization is computed using the straight line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Buildings and Improvements	15 - 40 years
Dock Improvements	10 - 40 years
Vehicles	5 - 20 years
Machinery and Equipment	3 - 10 years

***Net Position***

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital asset, 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 constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or though external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

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***Operating Revenues***

Operating revenues are those revenues generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary fund. For the Port Authority, these revenues are dock rentals and property leases. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods or service that is the primary activity of the fund. Revenue and expenses which do not meet these definitions are reported as non-operating.

***Estimates***

The preparation of the 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.

***Deposits and Investments***

The Conneaut Port Authority follows the same guidelines identified in Note 7.

***Deposits*** At year-end, all of the Port Authority's bank balance of \$78,007 was covered by federal depository insurance.

The Conneaut Port Authority did not have any investments at year end.

***Capital Assets***

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

	Balance 1/1/2024	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2024
<b><i>Capital Assets not being Depreciated/Amortized:</i></b>				
Land	\$114,821	\$0	\$0	\$114,821
Land Improvements	31,021	0	0	31,021
Construction in Progress	286,714	0	0	286,714
<b><i>Capital Assets not being Depreciated/Amortized</i></b>	<b>432,556</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>432,556</b>
<b><i>Capital Assets being Depreciated/Amortized:</i></b>				
Buildings and Improvements	2,819,718	125,000	0	2,944,718
Dock Improvements	1,379,372	0	0	1,379,372
Machinery and Equipment	233,523	0	0	233,523
Intangible Right to Use - Equipment	66,522	0	0	66,522
<b><i>Total Capital Assets being Depreciated/Amortized</i></b>	<b>4,499,135</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,624,135</b>
<b><i>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization:</i></b>				
Buildings and Improvements	(2,391,625)	(18,301)	0	(2,409,926)
Dock Improvements	(727,543)	(35,933)	0	(763,476)
Machinery and Equipment	(179,456)	(14,863)	0	(194,319)
Intangible Right to Use - Equipment	(31,324)	(12,385)	0	(43,709)
<b><i>Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i></b>	<b>(3,329,948)</b>	<b>(81,482)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(3,411,430)</b>
<b>Total Capital Assets being Depreciated/Amortized, Net</b>	<b>1,169,187</b>	<b>43,518</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,212,705</b>
<b>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net</b>	<b>\$1,601,743</b>	<b>\$43,518</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,645,261</b>

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***Long-Term Obligations***

The Port Authority is liable for a note payable to the City of Conneaut. A \$397,000 note was issued on December 21, 2024 with an interest rate of 6.74 percent. The Port Authority is liable for a note payable to the Ashtabula County Commissioners. An interest free \$100,000 note was issued on May 12, 2024. In addition, the Port Authority is liable for lease payables in the amount of \$25,865.

***Lease Payables***

In 2024, the Port Authority has outstanding agreements to lease vehicles and a zero turn mower. The future lease payments were discounted based on the interest rate implicit in the lease or using the Port Authority's incremental borrowing rate. This discount is being amortized using the interest method over the life of the lease. A summary of the principal and interest amounts for the remaining leases is as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	13,983	720	14,703
2026	11,882	342	12,224
Total	<u>\$25,865</u>	<u>\$1,062</u>	<u>\$26,927</u>

***Net Pension Liability***

The Conneaut Port Authority participates in the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS). See Note 18. The Conneaut Port Authority required contributions to OPERS in the amount of \$23,425 for 2024.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Port Authority's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Port Authority'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</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	
Current Measurement Date	0.000786%
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.001196%</u>
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.000410%</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$205,778
Pension Expense	(\$16,765)

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

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<u>OPERS</u>	
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$3,363
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	41,534
Port Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>23,425</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u><u>\$68,322</u></u>

<u>OPERS</u>	
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Changes in proportion and differences between Port Authority contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u><u>\$51,832</u></u>

\$23,425 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Port Authority contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>OPERS</u>	
Year Ending December 31:	
2025	(\$26,981)
2026	(543)
2027	26,504
2028	<u>(5,915)</u>
Total	<u><u>(\$6,935)</u></u>

***Sensitivity of the Port Authority 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 6.90 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.90 percent), or one percentage point higher (7.90 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (5.90%)	Current Discount Rate (6.90%)	1% Increase (7.9%)
Port Authority proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$323,950	\$205,778	\$107,493

***Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability***

See Note 18 and 19 for a description of the net OPEB liability. The Conneaut Port Authority required contributions to OPERS was \$0 for 2024.

***Net OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows or Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

The net OPEB liability 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

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expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. The Authority's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the Authority'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>	
Proportion of the net OPEB liability	
current measurement date	0.0007330%
Proportion of the net OPEB liability	
prior measurement date	<u>0.0011140%</u>
Change in proportionate share	<u>-0.0003810%</u>
Proportionate share of the net	
OPEB liability (asset)	(\$6,616)
OPEB expense	\$720

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

<u>OPERS</u>	
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings	
on OPEB plan investments	\$3,976
Changes of assumptions	1,703
Changes in proportion and differences between	
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>2,388</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$8,067</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$942
Changes of assumptions	2,844
Changes in proportion and differences between	
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>26</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$3,812</u>

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

<u>OPERS</u>	
Year Ending December 31:	
2025	\$1,342
2026	1,160
2027	3,093
2028	<u>(1,340)</u>
Total	<u>\$4,255</u>

***Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** The following table presents the Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the single discount rate of 5.70 percent, as well as what the Authority's proportionate share of the net

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OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (4.70 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (6.70 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.70%)	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase (6.70%)
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$3,636	(\$6,616)	(\$15,107)

***Sensitivity of the Authority's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability 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 liability. The following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Health Care Trend Rate Assumption	1% Increase
Authority's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	(\$6,890)	(\$6,616)	(\$6,304)

### ***Risk Management***

The Port Authority is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Port Authority insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The Port Authority belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members. York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York) functions as the administrator of PEP and provides underwriting, claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for PEP. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by York. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

***Casualty and Property Coverage*** APEEP provides PEP with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, PEP retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2023 (latest information available), PEP retained \$500,000 for casualty claims and \$250,000 for property claims.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreement does not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

***Financial Position*** PEP's financial statements conform to generally accepted accounting principles, and show the following assets, liabilities and net position at December 31, 2023, (latest information available):

Casualty and Property Coverage	2023
Assets	\$67,306,752
Liabilities	23,172,377
Net Position - Unrestricted	<u><u>\$44,134,375</u></u>

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At December 31, 2023, the liabilities in the preceding table include unknown amounts of estimated incurred claims payable. The casualty coverage assets and net position in the preceding table include approximately \$17.7 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 616 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2023. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment.

As indicated by PEP, the rates PEP charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are expected to increase from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed as follows. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to PEP for each year of membership.

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary date of the date they joined PEP, provided they give written notice to PEP 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's budgetary contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligations to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to withdrawal. During 2024, member contributions amounted to \$36,300.

#### ***Grants***

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Port Authority are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the Federal government. Grantors may require refunding any disallowed cost or excess reserve balances. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow or recapture. However, based on prior experience, management believes any such disallowed claims or recapture amounts would not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position at December 31, 2024.

#### ***Litigation and Claims***

In the normal course of operations, the Port Authority may be subject to litigation and claims. At December 31, 2024, the Port Authority was not aware of any such matters that would have a material effect on the financial statements.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

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*Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*  
*Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Traditional Plan*  
*Last Ten Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.02090428%	0.02230352%	0.02340288%	0.02191008%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$5,472,827	\$6,588,468	\$2,036,145	\$3,244,405
City's Covered Payroll	\$3,485,386	\$3,480,514	\$3,396,571	\$3,085,964
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	157.02%	189.30%	59.95%	105.13%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	79.01%	75.74%	92.62%	86.88%

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

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
0.02222112%	0.02188704%	0.02119392%	0.02178200%	0.02178200%	0.02104400%
\$4,392,155	\$5,994,416	\$3,324,914	\$4,946,323	\$3,772,918	\$2,538,142
\$3,126,529	\$2,957,678	\$2,800,800	\$2,815,825	\$2,710,885	\$2,580,033
140.48%	202.67%	118.71%	175.66%	139.18%	98.38%
82.17%	74.70%	84.66%	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%

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*Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset*  
*Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - Combined Plan*  
*Last Nine Years (1)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
City's Proportion of the Net Pension Asset	0.00000000%	0.00000000%	0.00000000%	0.00000000%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
City's Covered Payroll	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	144.55%	137.14%	169.88%	157.67%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to 2016 is not available. An additional column will be added each year.

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

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
0.00941472%	0.01467840%	0.01542912%	0.01586500%	0.01158000%
\$19,631	\$16,413	\$21,004	\$8,830	\$7,720
\$41,914	\$62,779	\$63,190	\$61,758	\$42,125
46.84%	26.14%	33.24%	14.30%	18.33%
145.28%	126.64%	137.28%	116.55%	116.90%

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)*  
*Ohio Public Employees Retirement System - OPEB Plan*  
*Last Eight Years (1)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
City's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	0.02090428%	0.02105431%	0.02217984%	0.02070048%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	(\$188,666)	\$132,751	(\$694,708)	(\$368,797)
City's Covered Payroll	\$3,532,114	\$3,527,664	\$3,458,796	\$3,130,639
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB (Asset) Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-5.34%	3.76%	-20.09%	-11.78%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	107.76%	94.79%	128.23%	115.57%

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2020	2019	2018	2017
0.02121888%	0.02106144%	0.02132000%	0.02108000%
\$2,930,878	\$2,745,914	\$2,222,587	\$2,129,152
\$3,205,768	\$3,056,357	\$2,899,040	\$2,877,583
91.43%	89.84%	76.67%	73.99%
47.80%	46.33%	54.14%	54.04%

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*  
*Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund*  
*Last Ten Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.08201380%	0.08189470%	0.08469040%	0.07464180%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$7,923,665	\$7,779,202	\$5,290,966	\$5,088,398
City's Covered Payroll	\$2,383,635	\$2,258,981	\$2,196,423	\$1,878,644
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	332.42%	344.37%	240.89%	270.85%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	63.63%	62.90%	75.03%	70.65%

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

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2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
0.07529040%	0.07670900%	0.07649200%	0.07630900%	0.07869500%	0.07675840%
\$5,071,962	\$6,261,483	\$4,694,660	\$4,833,336	\$5,062,505	\$3,976,405
\$1,798,764	\$1,784,628	\$1,716,989	\$1,683,660	\$1,621,815	\$1,552,383
281.97%	350.86%	273.42%	287.07%	312.15%	256.15%
69.89%	63.07%	70.91%	68.36%	66.77%	71.71%

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*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability*  
*Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund - OPEB Plan*  
*Last Eight Years (1)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
City's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.08201380%	0.08189470%	0.08469040%	0.07464180%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$598,809	\$583,065	\$928,279	\$790,842
City's Covered Payroll	\$2,383,635	\$2,258,981	\$2,196,423	\$1,878,644
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	25.12%	25.81%	42.26%	42.10%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	51.89%	52.59%	46.86%	45.42%

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2020	2019	2018	2017
0.07529040%	0.07670900%	0.07649200%	0.07630900%
\$743,699	\$698,554	\$4,333,929	\$3,622,217
\$1,798,764	\$1,784,628	\$1,716,989	\$1,683,660
41.35%	39.14%	252.41%	215.14%
47.08%	46.57%	14.13%	15.96%

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*Schedule of City Contributions*  
*Ohio Public Employees Retirement System*  
*Last Ten Years*

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Net Pension Liability - Traditional Plan</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$506,749	\$487,954	\$487,272	\$475,520
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(506,749)</u>	<u>(487,954)</u>	<u>(487,272)</u>	<u>(475,520)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
City Covered Payroll	\$3,619,636	\$3,485,386	\$3,480,514	\$3,396,571
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>
<b>Net Pension Asset - Combined Plan</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution (1)	\$678	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(678)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
City Covered Payroll	\$5,650	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>12.00%</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<b>Net OPEB Liability - OPERS Plan (2)</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$1,781	\$1,528	\$1,886	\$2,489
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(1,781)</u>	<u>(1,528)</u>	<u>(1,886)</u>	<u>(2,489)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
City Covered Payroll (3)	\$3,705,630	\$3,532,114	\$3,527,664	\$3,458,796
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	<u>0.05%</u>	<u>0.04%</u>	<u>0.05%</u>	<u>0.07%</u>

(1) Prior to 2015, no split between traditional and combined is available.

(2) Beginning in 2016, OPERS used one trust fund as the funding vehicle for all health care plans; therefore, information prior to 2016 is not presented.

(3) The OPEB plan includes the members from the traditional plan, the combined plan and the member directed plan. The member directed pension is a defined contribution pension plan; therefore, the pension side is not included above.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$432,035	\$437,714	\$414,075	\$364,104	\$337,899	\$325,306
(432,035)	(437,714)	(414,075)	(364,104)	(337,899)	(325,306)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$3,085,964	\$3,126,529	\$2,957,678	\$2,800,800	\$2,815,825	\$2,710,885
<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.00%</u>	<u>12.00%</u>	<u>12.00%</u>
 \$0	 \$5,868	 \$8,789	 \$8,215	 \$7,411	 \$5,055
<u>0</u>	<u>(5,868)</u>	<u>(8,789)</u>	<u>(8,215)</u>	<u>(7,411)</u>	<u>(5,055)</u>
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$0	\$41,914	\$62,779	\$63,190	\$61,758	\$42,125
<u>N/A</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>14.00%</u>	<u>13.00%</u>	<u>12.00%</u>	<u>12.00%</u>
 \$1,787	 \$1,493	 \$1,436	 \$31,295	 \$57,552	
<u>(1,787)</u>	<u>(1,493)</u>	<u>(1,436)</u>	<u>(31,295)</u>	<u>(57,552)</u>	
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	
\$3,130,639	\$3,205,768	\$3,056,357	\$2,899,040	\$2,877,583	
<u>0.06%</u>	<u>0.05%</u>	<u>0.05%</u>	<u>1.08%</u>	<u>2.00%</u>	

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*Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund*  
*Last Ten Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Net Pension Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$549,982	\$497,234	\$471,420	\$457,436
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(549,982)</u>	<u>(497,234)</u>	<u>(471,420)</u>	<u>(457,436)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
City Covered Payroll (1)	\$2,630,004	\$2,383,635	\$2,258,981	\$2,196,423
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll:	<u><u>20.91%</u></u>	<u><u>20.86%</u></u>	<u><u>20.87%</u></u>	<u><u>20.83%</u></u>
<b>Net OPEB Liability</b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$13,150	\$11,918	\$11,294	\$10,982
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(13,150)</u>	<u>(11,918)</u>	<u>(11,294)</u>	<u>(10,982)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll:	<u><u>0.50%</u></u>	<u><u>0.50%</u></u>	<u><u>0.50%</u></u>	<u><u>0.50%</u></u>
Total Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll:	<u><u>21.41%</u></u>	<u><u>21.36%</u></u>	<u><u>21.37%</u></u>	<u><u>21.33%</u></u>

(1) The City's covered payroll is the same for the pension and OPEB.

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2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$386,963	\$370,621	\$368,299	\$354,441	\$346,650	\$335,890
(386,963)	(370,621)	(368,299)	(354,441)	(346,650)	(335,890)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
\$1,878,644	\$1,798,764	\$1,784,628	\$1,716,989	\$1,683,660	\$1,621,815
<u>20.60%</u>	<u>20.60%</u>	<u>20.64%</u>	<u>20.64%</u>	<u>20.59%</u>	<u>20.71%</u>
\$9,394	\$8,994	\$8,923	\$8,585	\$8,419	\$8,109
(9,394)	(8,994)	(8,923)	(8,585)	(8,419)	(8,109)
<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>0.50%</u>	<u>0.50%</u>	<u>0.50%</u>	<u>0.50%</u>	<u>0.50%</u>	<u>0.50%</u>
21.10%	21.10%	21.14%	21.14%	21.09%	21.21%
<u>21.10%</u>	<u>21.10%</u>	<u>21.14%</u>	<u>21.14%</u>	<u>21.09%</u>	<u>21.21%</u>

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**Changes in Assumptions – OPERS Pension – Traditional Plan**

Amounts reported beginning in 2022 incorporate changes in assumptions used by OPERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in prior years are presented below:

	2022	2019 through 2021	2018 and 2017	2016 and prior
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	3.25 percent	3.25 percent	3.75 percent
Future Salary Increases	2.75 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	3.25 to 10.75 percent including wage inflation	4.25 to 10.05 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:				
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple	3 percent, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	see below	see below	see below	see below
Investment Rate of Return	6.9 percent	7.2 percent	7.5 percent	8 percent
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

The assumptions related to COLA or Ad Hoc COLA for Post-January 7, 2013, retirees are as follows:

2024	2.3 percent, simple through 2024 then 2.05 percent, simple
2023	3.0 percent, simple through 2023 then 2.05 percent, simple
2022	3.0 percent, simple through 2022 then 2.05 percent, simple
2021	0.5 percent, simple through 2021 then 2.15 percent, simple
2020	1.4 percent, simple through 2020 then 2.15 percent, simple
2017 through 2019	3.0 percent, simple through 2018 then 2.15 percent, simple
2016 and prior	3.0 percent, simple through 2018 then 2.80 percent, simple

Amounts reported beginning in 2022 use pre-retirement mortality rates based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent 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 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 these tables.

Amounts reported for 2017 through 2021 use mortality rates based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality table. For males, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the observation period base of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015. For females, Healthy Annuitant Mortality tables were used, adjusted for mortality improvements back to the observation period base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2010. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2014 Disabled mortality tables, adjusted for

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mortality improvement back to the observation base year of 2006 and then established the base year as 2015 for males and 2010 for females. Mortality rates for a particular calendar year for both healthy and disabled retiree mortality tables are determined by applying the MP-2015 mortality improvement scale to the above described tables.

Amounts reported for 2016 and prior use mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table projected 20 years using Projection Scale AA. For males, 105 percent of the combined healthy male mortality rates were used. For females, 100 percent of the combined healthy female mortality rates were used. The mortality rates used in evaluating disability allowances were based on the RP-2000 mortality table with no projections. For males, 120 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used set forward two years. For females, 100 percent of the disabled female mortality rates were used.

**Changes in Assumptions – OPERS Pension – Combined Plan**

Amounts reported beginning in 2022 incorporate changes in assumptions used by OPERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in prior years are presented below:

	2022	2019 through 2021	2018
Wage Inflation	2.75 percent	3.25 percent	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases	2.75 to 8.25 percent including wage inflation	3.25 to 8.25 percent including wage inflation	3.25 to 8.25 percent including wage inflation
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:			
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3 percent, simple see below	3 percent, simple see below	3 percent, simple see below
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	6.9 percent	7.2 percent	7.5 percent
Investment Rate of Return	Individual	Individual	Individual
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age	Entry Age	Entry Age

Since 2020, the Combined Plan had the same change in COLA or Ad Hoc COLA for Post-January 2, 2013, retirees as the Traditional Plan.

**Changes in Assumptions – OP&F Pension**

Amounts reported beginning in 2018 incorporate changes in assumptions used by OP&F in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in 2017 and prior are presented below:

	Beginning in 2018	2017 and Prior
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	See Below	See Below
Projected Salary Increases	3.75 percent to 10.5 percent	4.25 percent to 11 percent
Payroll Growth	3.25 percent per annum, compounded annually, consisting of Inflation rate of 2.75 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.5 percent	Inflation rate of 3.25 percent plus productivity increase rate of 0.5 percent
Cost of Living Adjustments	2.2 percent simple for increases based on the lesser of the increase in CPI and 3 percent	3.00 percent simple; 2.6 percent simple for increases based on the lesser of the increase in CPI and 3 percent

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For 2017 and prior the investment rate of return was 8.25 percent. Beginning in 2018, the OP&F Board adopted a change in the investment rate of return, changing it from 8.25 percent for 2017 and prior to 8 percent. Beginning in 2022, the OP&F Board adopted a change in the investment rate of return, changing it from 8 percent for 2018 through 2021 to 7.5 percent for 2022 and forward.

Beginning in 2023, 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 percent for males and 98.7 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Beginning in 2023, mortality for disabled retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Safety Amount-Weighted Disabled Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 135 percent for males and 97.9 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Beginning in 2023, 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 percent for males and 131 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

Beginning in 2023, 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.

Prior to 2023, mortality for non-disabled participants is based on the RP-2014 Total Employee and Healthy Annuitant Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Buck Modified 2016 Improvement Scale. Rates for surviving beneficiaries are adjusted by 120 percent.

Age	Police	Fire
67 or less	77 %	68 %
68-77	105	87
78 and up	115	120

Prior to 2023, mortality for disabled retirees is based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Tables rolled back to 2006, adjusted according to the rates in the following table, and projected with the Buck Modified 2016 Improvement Scale.

Age	Police	Fire
59 or less	35 %	35 %
60-69	60	45
70-79	75	70
80 and up	100	90

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**Changes in Assumptions – OPERS OPEB**

Wage Inflation:	
Beginning in 2022	2.75 percent
2021 and prior	3.25 percent
Projected Salary Increases (including wage inflation):	
Beginning in 2022	2.75 to 10.75 percent
2021 and prior	3.25 to 10.75 percent
Investment Return Assumption:	
Beginning in 2019	6.00 percent
2018	6.50 percent
Municipal Bond Rate:	
2024	3.77 percent
2023	4.05 percent
2022	1.84 percent
2021	2.00 percent
2020	2.75 percent
2019	3.71 percent
2018	3.31 percent
Single Discount Rate:	
2024	5.70 percent
2023	5.22 percent
2022	6.00 percent
2021	6.00 percent
2020	3.16 percent
2019	3.96 percent
2018	3.85 percent
Health Care Cost Trend Rate:	
2024	5.50 percent, initial
	3.5 percent, ultimate in 2038
2023	5.5 percent, initial
	3.5 percent, ultimate in 2036
2022	5.5 percent, initial
	3.5 percent, ultimate in 2034
2021	8.5 percent, initial
	3.5 percent, ultimate in 2035
2020	10.5 percent, initial
	3.5 percent, ultimate in 2030
2019	10.0 percent, initial
	3.25 percent, ultimate in 2029
2018	7.5 percent, initial
	3.25 percent, ultimate in 2028

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**Changes in Assumptions – OP&F OPEB**

Blended Discount Rate:

2024	4.07 percent
2023	4.27 percent
2022	2.84 percent
2021	2.96 percent
2020	3.56 percent
2019	4.66 percent
2018	3.24 percent

In 2022, the OP&F Board adopted a change in the investment rate of return, changing it from 8 percent for 2018 through 2021 to 7.5 percent.

**Changes in Benefit Terms – OPERS OPEB**

On January 15, 2020, 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 2021.

**Changes in Benefit Terms – OP&F OPEB**

For 2019, OP&F recognized a change in benefit terms. Under this new model, OP&F provides eligible retirees with a fixed stipend earmarked to pay for health care and Medicare Part B reimbursements. This new model replaced the self-insured health care plan used in prior years.

# Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Schedules

## Fund Descriptions – Nonmajor Governmental Funds

### *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. Following is a description of the City's nonmajor special revenue funds:

**Auto Permissive Tax Fund** The Permissive Motor Vehicle License Fund accounts for and reports additional motor vehicle registration fees restricted for maintenance and repair of streets within the City.

**State Highway Fund** The State Highway Fund accounts for and reports that portion of the State gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration fees restricted for maintenance and repair of State highways within the City.

**Marina Fund** The Marina Fund accounts for and reports fees restricted for the implementation of State programs for licensing and inspecting Marinas and payments from the port authority for debt.

**Enforcement and Education Fund** The Enforcement and Education Fund accounts for and reports restricted court fines used to pay costs incurred in educating the public about the dangers of and enforcing the laws against operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

**Indigent Drivers Fund** The Indigent Drivers Fund accounts for and reports the additional fees restricted by the Conneaut Municipal Court under State law. Such funds are to be used in the rehabilitation of DUI indigent citizens.

**Cemetery Fund** The Cemetery Fund accounts and reports for cemetery lot sales restricted for operation and maintenance of City owned cemeteries.

**Police Levy Fund** The Police Levy Fund accounts for and reports a restricted property tax operating levy restricted for police officer wages and vehicle acquisition.

**Fire Levy Fund** The Fire Levy Fund accounts for and reports a restricted property tax operating levy restricted for fire fighters wages.

**Indigent Monitoring Fund** The Indigent Monitoring Fund accounts for and reports municipal court fines restricted to interlock alcohol monitoring for indigent offenders.

**Law Enforcement Trust Fund** The Law Enforcement Trust fund accounts for and monies seized from criminals by law enforcement officials in the course of their work and restricted, by State statute, for expenditures that would enhance the police department.

**Municipal Probation Services Fund** The Municipal Probation Services Fund accounts for and reports restricted fines received from municipal probation.

**Renewal Court Grant Fund** The Renewal Court Grant Fund accounts for and reports restricted grant monies received through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services restricted for substance abuse and mental illness specialized docket court.

**Police Levy II Fund** The Police Levy II Fund accounts for and reports a restricted property tax levy restricted for police officer wages.

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## Fund Descriptions – Nonmajor Governmental Funds (continued)

### *Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (continued)*

**Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund** The Justice Assistance Grant Fund accounts for and reports restricted grant monies received through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services restricted for criminal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions.

**Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS) Grant Fund** The Mental Health and Recovery Services Grant Fund accounts for and reports restricted grant monies received to enhance access to behavioral health care by funding community based initiatives that provide prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

**Street Lighting Fund** The Street Lighting Fund accounts for and reports the service assessment revenue restricted to provide street lighting within the City.

**Community Housing Fund** The Community Housing Fund accounts for and reports repayments of CHIP loans and grant monies restricted for reinvesting in community housing for qualified applicants.

**Land Bank Grant Fund** The Land Bank Grant Fund accounts for and reports grant monies received through the Ohio Department of Development restricted for the removal and/or demolition of unsafe, structurally defective, abandoned, deserted, or open and vacant buildings.

**OneOhio Fund** The One Ohio Fund accounts for and reports restricted settlement monies used to assist local governments with the ongoing opioid crisis.

**American Rescue Plan Act Fund** The American Rescue Plan Act Fund accounts for and reports restricted monies received from the federal government to assist local governments with the coronavirus pandemic.

**First Responders Fund** The First Responders Fund accounts for and reports restricted monies received from the federal government to assist the City with recruitment and retention efforts to restore workforce levels in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

**Firefighter Retention Grant Fund** The Firefighter Retention Grant Fund accounts for and reports financial assistance to fire departments and volunteer firefighter organizations to help them maintain or increase the number of trained firefighters, ensuring adequate emergency response capabilities.

**Office of Justice Grant Fund** The Office of Justice Grant Fund accounts for and reports grant monies received through the Department of Justice restricted for equipment in the police department.

**Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund** The TIF Fund accounts for and reports reimbursements from Truck World and payment in lieu of taxes restricted for costs in agreement with the tax increment financing agreement the City made with Truck World.

**Transportation Improvement District (TID) Grant Fund** The Transportation Improvement District Grant Fund accounts for and reports grant monies restricted for the maintenance of roads running through the energy special improvement district.

**Recreation Fund** The Recreation Fund accounts for and reports committed income taxes used to maintain the City's parks and provide financial assistance to help the City's sports programs.

**Deposits on Fire Losses Fund** The Deposits on Fire Losses Fund accounts for and reports restricted insurance proceeds held for homeowners to be paid when repairs caused by fire are completed. If repairs are not completed by the homeowner, the City will complete the repairs.

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## Fund Descriptions – Nonmajor Governmental Funds (continued)

### *Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (continued)*

**Police Pension Fund** The Police Pension Fund accounts for and reports restricted property taxes for the payment of current employer's pension contributions.

**Fire Pension Fund** The Fire Pension Fund accounts for and reports restricted property taxes for the payment of current employer's pension contributions.

### *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.

**Special Assessment Bond Retirement Fund** The special assessment bond retirement fund is used to account for and report restricted special assessments collected for the payment of special assessment debt principal, interest and related costs.

### *Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds*

Capital Projects Funds are used to account and report financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and other capital assets, other than those financed by proprietary funds or for assets that will be held in trust.

**Street Improvement Fund** The street improvement capital projects fund accounts for and reports restricted property taxes for the improvement of streets and curbs within the City.

**Municipal Court Improvement Fund** The Municipal Court Improvement Fund accounts for and reports the receipt of specific court fees and related expenditures which are restricted to the purchase of equipment and supplies for the Court.

**Capital Improvement Fund** The Capital Improvement Fund accounts for and reports committed income taxes for capital construction and the acquisition of capital assets.

**Old Main Bridge Construction Fund** The Old Main Bridge Construction Fund accounts for and reports revenues and expenditures related to the engineering and construction of the Old Main Bridge.

**Industrial Park Fund** The Industrial Park Fund accounts for and reports restricted loan monies and grants for the development of the City's industrial park.

**ODNR NatureWorks Grant Fund** The Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Local Assistance Grant accounts for and reports the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, improvement, planning and equipping of capital projects that enhance the use and enjoyment of natural resources by individuals.

**OPWC Park and Day Street Improvements Fund** The Ohio Public Works Commission Park and Day Street Improvements Fund accounts for and reports infrastructure improvements such as road resurfacing, sidewalk upgrades, and stormwater management. These enhancements aim to improve safety, accessibility, and the overall quality of life for residents and visitors in the area.

**Body Camera Grant Fund** The Body Camera Grant Fund accounts for and reports for replacing and upgrading body worn cameras utilized by the Conneaut Police Department, and if awarded, enter into an agreement with the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the same.

**Broad Street Improvements Fund** The Broad Street Improvements Fund accounts for and reports grant monies and loan proceeds received through OPWC restricted for street improvements to Broad Street.

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*Combining Balance Sheet*  
*Nonmajor Governmental Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Assessment Bond Retirement Fund	Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,049,529	\$3,219	\$732,418	\$1,785,166
Accounts Receivable	91,544	0	0	91,544
Intergovernmental Receivable	152,338	0	73,606	225,944
Municipal Income Taxes Receivable	15,204	0	12,710	27,914
Property Taxes Receivable	1,808,685	0	523,526	2,332,211
Permissive Taxes Receivable	7,005	0	0	7,005
Payments in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	56,924	0	0	56,924
Loans Receivable from Component Unit	397,000	0	0	397,000
Special Assessments Receivable	131	1,296	0	1,427
Restricted Assets:				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	60,306	0	0	60,306
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$3,638,666</u>	<u>\$4,515</u>	<u>\$1,342,260</u>	<u>\$4,985,441</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$16,660	\$0	\$1,020	\$17,680
Contracts Payable	15,650	0	11,872	27,522
Accrued Wages	19,291	0	0	19,291
Intergovernmental Payable	91,008	0	0	91,008
Deposits Held Payable from Restricted Assets	60,306	0	0	60,306
Interfund Payable	176,396	0	246,478	422,874
Accrued Interest Payable	23,517	0	26,929	50,446
Notes Payable	397,000	0	657,000	1,054,000
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>799,828</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>943,299</u>	<u>1,743,127</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>				
Property Taxes	1,680,559	0	486,478	2,167,037
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	56,924	0	0	56,924
Unavailable Revenue	322,890	1,296	52,926	377,112
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>2,060,373</u>	<u>1,296</u>	<u>539,404</u>	<u>2,601,073</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Restricted	767,416	3,219	89,745	860,380
Committed	74,564	0	37,447	112,011
Unassigned (Deficit)	(63,515)	0	(267,635)	(331,150)
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<u>778,465</u>	<u>3,219</u>	<u>(140,443)</u>	<u>641,241</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u><u>\$3,638,666</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,515</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,342,260</u></u>	<u><u>\$4,985,441</u></u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Nonmajor Governmental Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Nonmajor Special Assessment Bond Retirement Fund	Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$1,722,103	\$0	\$497,860	\$2,219,963
Municipal Income Taxes	69,190	0	57,572	126,762
Permissive Taxes	110,043	0	0	110,043
Intergovernmental	1,569,973	0	103,911	1,673,884
Fees, Licenses and Permits	183,096	0	0	183,096
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	66,503	0	57,853	124,356
Payment In Lieu of Taxes	54,543	0	0	54,543
Charges for Services	23,009	0	0	23,009
Special Assessments	0	80	0	80
Investment Earnings/Interest	710	0	0	710
Other	16,249	0	0	16,249
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>3,815,419</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>717,196</i>	<i>4,532,695</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government	88,371	10	0	88,381
Security of Persons and Property	2,573,280	0	0	2,573,280
Public Health Services	12,381	0	0	12,381
Leisure Time Activities	74,307	0	0	74,307
Community Development	32,551	0	0	32,551
Basic Utility Services	184,497	0	0	184,497
Transportation	244,343	0	0	244,343
Capital Outlay	337,305	0	1,011,186	1,348,491
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	0	0	32,824	32,824
Interest	23,438	0	37,448	60,886
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>3,570,473</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1,081,458</i>	<i>4,651,941</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>244,946</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>(364,262)</i>	<i>(119,246)</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers In	62,000	0	0	62,000
Transfers Out	0	0	(24,162)	(24,162)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>62,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>(24,162)</i>	<i>37,838</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>306,946</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>(388,424)</i>	<i>(81,408)</i>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
<i>Beginning of Year</i>	<i>471,519</i>	<i>3,149</i>	<i>247,981</i>	<i>722,649</i>
<i>Fund Balances (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i>\$778,465</i>	<i>\$3,219</i>	<i>(\$140,443)</i>	<i>\$641,241</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Combining Balance Sheet*  
*Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

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	Auto Permissive Tax	State Highway	Marina	Enforcement and Education	Indigent Drivers
<b>Assets</b>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$6,384	\$6,938	\$21,344	\$15,856	\$57,411
Accounts Receivable	0	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Receivable	0	25,494	0	0	0
Municipal Income Taxes Receivable	0	0	0	0	0
Property Taxes Receivable	0	0	0	0	0
Permissive Taxes Receivable	7,005	0	0	0	0
Payments in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	0	0	0	0	0
Loans Receivable from Component Unit	0	0	397,000	0	0
Special Assessments Receivable	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted Assets:					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$13,389</u></u>	<u><u>\$32,432</u></u>	<u><u>\$418,344</u></u>	<u><u>\$15,856</u></u>	<u><u>\$57,411</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contracts Payable	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued Wages	0	0	0	0	229
Intergovernmental Payable	0	0	0	0	0
Deposits Held Payable from Restricted Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payable	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued Interest Payable	0	0	23,517	0	0
Notes Payable	0	0	397,000	0	0
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>420,517</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>229</u></u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>					
Property Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable Revenue	0	17,072	0	0	0
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>17,072</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Restricted	13,389	15,360	0	15,856	57,182
Committed	0	0	0	0	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	0	0	(2,173)	0	0
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<u><u>13,389</u></u>	<u><u>15,360</u></u>	<u><u>(2,173)</u></u>	<u><u>15,856</u></u>	<u><u>57,182</u></u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u><u>\$13,389</u></u>	<u><u>\$32,432</u></u>	<u><u>\$418,344</u></u>	<u><u>\$15,856</u></u>	<u><u>\$57,411</u></u>

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Combining Balance Sheet*  
*Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (continued)*  
*December 31, 2024*

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	Police Levy II	JAG	MHRS Grant	Street Lighting	Community Housing
<b>Assets</b>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$152,054	\$8,278	\$1,572	\$37,000	\$60,833
Accounts Receivable	0	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Receivable	8,625	14,811	4,000	0	0
Municipal Income Taxes Receivable	0	0	0	8,205	0
Property Taxes Receivable	571,120	0	0	0	0
Permissive Taxes Receivable	0	0	0	0	0
Payments in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	0	0	0	0	0
Loans Receivable from Component Unit	0	0	0	0	0
Special Assessments Receivable	0	0	0	131	0
Restricted Assets:					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Assets</i>	<b><u>\$731,799</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,089</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,572</u></b>	<b><u>\$45,336</u></b>	<b><u>\$60,833</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,660	\$0
Contracts Payable	356	0	0	0	0
Accrued Wages	10,675	1,479	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Payable	5,481	207	0	0	0
Deposits Held Payable					
from Restricted Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payable	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued Interest Payable	0	0	0	0	0
Notes Payable	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<b><u>16,512</u></b>	<b><u>1,686</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>16,660</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>					
Property Taxes	530,704	0	0	0	0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailable Revenue	49,041	0	0	5,277	0
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<b><u>579,745</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>5,277</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Restricted	135,542	21,403	5,572	23,399	60,833
Committed	0	0	0	0	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<b><u>135,542</u></b>	<b><u>21,403</u></b>	<b><u>5,572</u></b>	<b><u>23,399</u></b>	<b><u>60,833</u></b>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<b><u>\$731,799</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,089</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,572</u></b>	<b><u>\$45,336</u></b>	<b><u>\$60,833</u></b>

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Combining Balance Sheet*  
*Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (continued)*  
*December 31, 2024*

	Police Pension	Fire Pension	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$13,818	\$7,433	\$1,049,529
Accounts Receivable	0	0	91,544
Intergovernmental Receivable	12,064	9,785	152,338
Municipal Income Taxes Receivable	0	0	15,204
Property Taxes Receivable	203,576	165,123	1,808,685
Permissive Taxes Receivable	0	0	7,005
Payments in Lieu of Taxes Receivable	0	0	56,924
Loans Receivable from Component Unit	0	0	397,000
Special Assessments Receivable	0	0	131
Restricted Assets:			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	0	0	60,306
<i>Total Assets</i>	<b><u>\$229,458</u></b>	<b><u>\$182,341</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,638,666</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$16,660
Contracts Payable	0	0	15,650
Accrued Wages	0	0	19,291
Intergovernmental Payable	41,909	40,684	91,008
Deposits Held Payable from Restricted Assets	0	0	60,306
Interfund Payable	0	0	176,396
Accrued Interest Payable	0	0	23,517
Notes Payable	0	0	397,000
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<b><u>41,909</u></b>	<b><u>40,684</u></b>	<b><u>799,828</u></b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes	189,211	153,471	1,680,559
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	56,924
Unavailable Revenue	26,429	21,437	322,890
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<b><u>215,640</u></b>	<b><u>174,908</u></b>	<b><u>2,060,373</u></b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Restricted	0	0	767,416
Committed	0	0	74,564
Unassigned (Deficit)	(28,091)	(33,251)	(63,515)
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<b><u>(28,091)</u></b>	<b><u>(33,251)</u></b>	<b><u>778,465</u></b>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<b><u>\$229,458</u></b>	<b><u>\$182,341</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,638,666</u></b>

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Auto Permissive Tax	State Highway	Marina	Enforcement and Education	Indigent Drivers
<b>Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Municipal Income Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Permissive Taxes	110,043	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	27,482	52,236	37,364	0	0
Fees, Licenses and Permits	0	0	480	0	0
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	0	0	0	601	1,861
Payment In Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Charges for Services	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Earnings/Interest	66	42	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	1,155
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>137,591</i>	<i>52,278</i>	<i>37,844</i>	<i>601</i>	<i>3,016</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current:					
General Government	0	0	0	0	229
Security of Persons and Property	0	0	0	0	0
Public Health Services	0	0	0	0	9,928
Leisure Time Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Community Development	0	0	0	0	0
Basic Utility Services	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation	138,000	51,800	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service:					
Interest	0	0	23,438	0	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>138,000</i>	<i>51,800</i>	<i>23,438</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10,157</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(409)</i>	<i>478</i>	<i>14,406</i>	<i>601</i>	<i>(7,141)</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>(409)</i>	<i>478</i>	<i>14,406</i>	<i>601</i>	<i>(7,141)</i>
<i>Fund Balances (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>13,798</i>	<i>14,882</i>	<i>(16,579)</i>	<i>15,255</i>	<i>64,323</i>
<i>Fund Balances (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i>\$13,389</i>	<i>\$15,360</i>	<i>(\$2,173)</i>	<i>\$15,856</i>	<i>\$57,182</i>

Cemetery	Police Levy	Fire Levy	Indigent Monitoring	Law Enforcement Trust	Municipal Probation Services	Renewal Court Grant
	\$0	\$323,313	\$505,887	\$0	\$0	\$0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	35,302	56,711	0	0	36,846
	180	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	950	14,287	9,414
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	23,009	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	49	0	832	814	0	0
	23,238	358,615	563,430	1,764	14,450	9,414
						36,846
	0	0	0	0	28,238	48,002
	0	358,113	508,148	0	37,000	0
	0	0	0	1,146	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	29,999	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	29,999	358,113	508,148	1,146	37,000	28,238
						48,002
	(6,761)	502	55,282	618	(22,550)	(18,824)
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(6,761)	502	55,282	618	(22,550)	(18,824)
	44,947	52,898	46,238	31,459	24,326	62,375
	\$38,186	\$53,400	\$101,520	\$32,077	\$1,776	\$43,551
						\$26,287

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*Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (continued)*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Police Levy II	JAG	MHRS Grant	Street Lighting	Community Housing
<b>Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	\$543,114	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Municipal Income Taxes	0	0	0	37,399	0
Special Assessments	0	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	17,251	33,305	6,879	0	6,418
Fees, Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	182,436	0
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	0	0	0	0	0
Payment In Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Charges for Services	0	0	0	0	0
Investment Earnings/Interest	0	0	0	0	439
Other	694	0	0	406	0
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>561,059</i>	<i>33,305</i>	<i>6,879</i>	<i>220,241</i>	<i>6,857</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current:					
General Government	0	11,902	0	0	0
Security of Persons and Property	608,036	0	0	0	0
Public Health Services	0	0	1,307	0	0
Leisure Time Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Community Development	0	0	0	0	0
Basic Utility Services	0	0	0	184,497	0
Transportation	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service:					
Interest	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>608,036</i>	<i>11,902</i>	<i>1,307</i>	<i>184,497</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(46,977)</i>	<i>21,403</i>	<i>5,572</i>	<i>35,744</i>	<i>6,857</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>(46,977)</i>	<i>21,403</i>	<i>5,572</i>	<i>35,744</i>	<i>6,857</i>
<i>Fund Balances (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>182,519</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>(12,345)</i>	<i>53,976</i>
<i>Fund Balances (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i>\$135,542</i>	<i>\$21,403</i>	<i>\$5,572</i>	<i>\$23,399</i>	<i>\$60,833</i>

Land Bank Grant	OneOhio	American Rescue Plan Act	First Responders	Firefighter Retention Grant	Office of Justice Grant	TIF
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10,400	0	742,770	208,463	45,676	22,777	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	39,390	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	54,543
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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10,400	39,390	742,770	208,463	45,676	22,777	54,543
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	405,465	140,604	45,676	13,877	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2,552	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	54,543
0	0	337,305	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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2,552	0	742,770	140,604	45,676	13,877	54,543
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7,848	39,390	0	67,859	0	8,900	0
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7,848	39,390	0	67,859	0	8,900	0
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(7,848)	23,476	0	(17,713)	0	171	0
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\$0	\$62,866	\$0	\$50,146	\$0	\$9,071	\$0

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (continued)*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	TID Grant	Recreation	Deposits on Fire Losses	Police Pension
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$193,135
Municipal Income Taxes	0	31,791	0	0
Special Assessments	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental	176,396	10,000	0	24,127
Fees, Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	0	0	0	0
Payment In Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0
Charges for Services	0	0	0	0
Investment Earnings/Interest	0	0	0	0
Other	0	22	12,277	0
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<b>176,396</b>	<b>41,813</b>	<b>12,277</b>	<b>217,262</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government	0	0	0	0
Security of Persons and Property	0	0	12,277	239,329
Public Health Services	0	0	0	0
Leisure Time Activities	0	74,307	0	0
Community Development	0	0	0	0
Basic Utility Services	0	0	0	0
Transportation	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
Debt Service:				
Interest	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<b>0</b>	<b>74,307</b>	<b>12,277</b>	<b>239,329</b>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<b>176,396</b>	<b>(32,494)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(22,067)</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers In	0	0	0	30,000
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<b>176,396</b>	<b>(32,494)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,933</b>
<i>Fund Balances (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<b>(176,396)</b>	<b>107,058</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(36,024)</b>
<i>Fund Balances (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$74,564</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$28,091)</b>

Fire Pension	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
\$156,654	\$1,722,103
0	69,190
0	110,043
19,570	1,569,973
0	183,096
0	66,503
0	54,543
0	23,009
0	710
0	16,249
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176,224	3,815,419
0	88,371
204,755	2,573,280
0	12,381
0	74,307
0	32,551
0	184,497
0	244,343
0	337,305
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0	23,438
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204,755	3,570,473
(28,531)	244,946
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32,000	62,000
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3,469	306,946
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(36,720)	471,519
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(\$33,251)	\$778,465

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Combining Balance Sheet*  
*Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

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	Street Improvement	Municipal Court Improvement	Capital Improvement	Old Main Bridge Construction
<b>Assets</b>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,057	\$70,430	\$38,708	\$596,073
Intergovernmental Receivable	7,907	0	0	0
Municipal Income Taxes Receivable	0	0	12,710	0
Property Taxes Receivable	523,526	0	0	0
<i>Total Assets</i>	<b>\$535,490</b>	<b>\$70,430</b>	<b>\$51,418</b>	<b>\$596,073</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$1,020	\$0	\$0
Contracts Payable	0	0	6,000	5,872
Interfund Payable	0	0	0	0
Accrued Interest Payable	0	0	0	26,929
Notes Payable	0	0	0	657,000
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>689,801</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>				
Property Taxes	486,478	0	0	0
Unavailable Revenue	44,955	0	7,971	0
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<b>531,433</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,971</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>				
Restricted	4,057	69,410	0	0
Committed	0	0	37,447	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	0	0	0	(93,728)
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<b>4,057</b>	<b>69,410</b>	<b>37,447</b>	<b>(93,728)</b>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<b>\$535,490</b>	<b>\$70,430</b>	<b>\$51,418</b>	<b>\$596,073</b>

Industrial Park	ODNR NatureWorks Grant	OPWC Park and Day Street Improvements	Body Camera Grant	Broad Street Improvements	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
\$23,150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$732,418
22,399	0	0	43,300	0	73,606
0	0	0	0	0	12,710
0	0	0	0	0	523,526
<b>\$45,549</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$43,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,342,260</b>
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,020
0	0	0	0	0	11,872
29,271	16,629	31,437	43,300	125,841	246,478
0	0	0	0	0	26,929
0	0	0	0	0	657,000
<b>29,271</b>	<b>16,629</b>	<b>31,437</b>	<b>43,300</b>	<b>125,841</b>	<b>943,299</b>
0	0	0	0	0	486,478
0	0	0	0	0	52,926
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>539,404</b>
16,278	0	0	0	0	89,745
0	0	0	0	0	37,447
0	(16,629)	(31,437)	0	(125,841)	(267,635)
<b>16,278</b>	<b>(16,629)</b>	<b>(31,437)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(125,841)</b>	<b>(140,443)</b>
<b>\$45,549</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$43,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,342,260</b>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*  
*Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Street Improvement	Municipal Court Improvement	Capital Improvement	Old Main Bridge Construction
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$497,860	\$0	\$0	\$0
Municipal Income Taxes	0	0	57,572	0
Intergovernmental	15,813	0	0	0
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	0	57,853	0	0
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>513,673</u>	<u>57,853</u>	<u>57,572</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Capital Outlay	540,235	117,034	29,180	66,799
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	0	0	32,824	0
Interest	0	0	10,519	26,929
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>540,235</u>	<u>117,034</u>	<u>72,523</u>	<u>93,728</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(26,562)</u>	<u>(59,181)</u>	<u>(14,951)</u>	<u>(93,728)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers Out	0	0	(24,162)	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<u>(26,562)</u>	<u>(59,181)</u>	<u>(39,113)</u>	<u>(93,728)</u>
<i>Fund Balances (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u>30,619</u>	<u>128,591</u>	<u>76,560</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balances (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$4,057</u>	<u>\$69,410</u>	<u>\$37,447</u>	<u>(\$93,728)</u>

Industrial Park	ODNR NatureWorks Grant	OPWC Park and Day Street Improvements	Body Camera Grant	Broad Street Improvements	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$497,860
0	0	0	0	0	57,572
44,798	0	0	43,300	0	103,911
0	0	0	0	0	57,853
<b>44,798</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>717,196</b>
24,859	16,629	31,437	43,300	141,713	1,011,186
0	0	0	0	0	32,824
0	0	0	0	0	37,448
<b>24,859</b>	<b>16,629</b>	<b>31,437</b>	<b>43,300</b>	<b>141,713</b>	<b>1,081,458</b>
19,939	(16,629)	(31,437)	0	(141,713)	(364,262)
0	0	0	0	0	(24,162)
19,939	(16,629)	(31,437)	0	(141,713)	(388,424)
(3,661)	0	0	0	15,872	247,981
<b>\$16,278</b>	<b>(\$16,629)</b>	<b>(\$31,437)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$125,841)</b>	<b>(\$140,443)</b>

## Combining Statements – 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 trustee agreement or equivalent arrangement that has certain circumstances. The City does not have any trust funds. Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in a trust fund. These funds do not account for the City's own source revenue.

### *Custodial Funds*

**Municipal Court Fund** - To account for assets received and disbursed for the benefit of the Conneaut Municipal Court pursuant to the laws of the State of Ohio. When the fines and fees are collected, no further action as needed to release the assets to the beneficiaries.

**Energy Special Improvement District Fund** - To account for the receipt and disbursement of special assessment tax collections of businesses in the Energy Special Improvement District area for benefit of another government. When the special assessments are collected, no further action is needed to release the assets to the beneficiaries.

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Custodial Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

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	Municipal Court	Energy Special Improvement District	Total Custodial Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
In Segregated Accounts	\$7,539	\$111	\$7,650
Special Assessment Receivable	0	107,578	107,578
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>7,539</u>	<u>107,689</u>	<u>115,228</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	3,725	0	3,725
Intergovernmental Payable	3,814	107,689	111,503
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>7,539</u>	<u>107,689</u>	<u>115,228</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Restricted for Individuals, Organizations and Other Governments	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Custodial Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Municipal Court	Energy Special Improvement District	Total Custodial Funds
<b>Additions</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures for Individuals	\$78,443	\$0	\$78,443
Fines and Forfeitures for Other Governments	87,458	0	87,458
Special Assessment Collections for Distribution	0	10,758	10,758
<i>Total Additions</i>	<u>165,901</u>	<u>10,758</u>	<u>176,659</u>
<b>Deductions</b>			
Distributions to Individuals	78,443	0	78,443
Distributions to the State of Ohio	87,458	0	87,458
Distributions to Other Governments	0	10,758	10,758
<i>Total Deductions</i>	<u>165,901</u>	<u>10,758</u>	<u>176,659</u>
<i>Change in Fiduciary Net Position</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

**Individual Fund Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures/Expenses  
and Changes in Fund Balance/Fund Equity – Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual**

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
General Fund*  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$400,500	\$400,500	\$431,850	\$31,350
Municipal Income Taxes	2,836,205	2,836,205	2,912,289	76,084
Hotel Taxes	49,000	49,000	31,943	(17,057)
Intergovernmental	546,691	546,691	598,748	52,057
Fees, Licenses and Permits	39,494	39,494	61,695	22,201
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	254,063	254,063	265,023	10,960
Leases	9,125	9,125	10,494	1,369
Rentals	20,000	20,000	20,000	0
Charges for Services	428,000	428,000	548,827	120,827
Contributions and Donations	4,503	4,503	5,520	1,017
Interest	140,000	140,000	155,708	15,708
Franchise Taxes	137,000	137,000	102,838	(34,162)
Other	222,994	222,994	189,531	(33,463)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>5,087,575</i>	<i>5,087,575</i>	<i>5,334,466</i>	<i>246,891</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government:				
Council				
Personal Services	51,829	51,829	49,280	2,549
Materials and Supplies	1,050	1,950	1,859	91
Contractual Services	7,697	7,698	5,283	2,415
Total Council	60,576	61,477	56,422	5,055
Clerk of Council				
Personal Services	9,110	9,110	8,946	164
City Manager				
Personal Services	154,826	164,019	153,385	10,634
Materials and Supplies	3,609	4,734	4,385	349
Contractual Services	5,080	5,080	4,097	983
Capital Outlay	3,500	3,500	1,500	2,000
Total City Manager	167,015	177,333	163,367	13,966
Finance Office				
Personal Services	283,094	320,494	316,403	4,091
Materials and Supplies	27,948	29,449	24,829	4,620
Contractual Services	4,950	4,950	3,327	1,623
Capital Outlay	3,000	3,000	392	2,608
Total Finance Office	\$318,992	\$357,893	\$344,951	\$12,942

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
General Fund (continued)*  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
Law Director				
Personal Services	\$274,882	\$278,882	\$273,969	\$4,913
Materials and Supplies	3,143	4,718	3,357	1,361
Contractual Services	5,434	5,434	2,341	3,093
Purchased Services	8,168	9,168	8,232	936
Capital Outlay	2,762	2,762	2,131	631
Total Law Director	294,389	300,964	290,030	10,934
Civil Service				
Personal Services	5,502	5,502	5,212	290
Materials and Supplies	3,425	3,425	854	2,571
Contractual Services	1,885	1,885	0	1,885
Total Civil Service	10,812	10,812	6,066	4,746
Court				
Personal Services	471,268	487,468	444,371	43,097
Materials and Supplies	20,450	23,450	21,065	2,385
Contractual Services	23,960	20,960	13,621	7,339
Purchased Services	9,200	9,200	6,256	2,944
Capital Outlay	2,000	2,000	1,980	20
Total Court	526,878	543,078	487,293	55,785
City Hall				
Personal Services	45,180	45,180	39,342	5,838
Materials and Supplies	23,392	23,392	20,267	3,125
Contractual Services	19,227	24,227	22,604	1,623
Capital Outlay	5,000	5,000	2,282	2,718
Total City Hall	92,799	97,799	84,495	13,304
Planning Commission				
Personal Services	5,200	5,200	2,244	2,956
Materials and Supplies	900	900	0	900
Total Planning Commission	6,100	6,100	2,244	3,856
Reserve Fund				
Contractual Services	114,496	129,496	114,558	14,938
Purchased Services	36,314	36,314	31,001	5,313
Capital Outlay	20,476	20,476	17,501	2,975
Total Reserve Fund	\$171,286	\$186,286	\$163,060	\$23,226

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
General Fund (continued)*  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
Unclaimed Funds				
Other	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$1,992</u>	<u>\$3,008</u>
General Services				
Materials and Supplies	18,000	28,000	25,000	3,000
Purchased Services	192,157	198,157	176,611	21,546
Capital Outlay	103,151	83,151	62,110	21,041
Other	<u>161,525</u>	<u>112,660</u>	<u>91,697</u>	<u>20,963</u>
Total General Services	<u>474,833</u>	<u>421,968</u>	<u>355,418</u>	<u>66,550</u>
Total General Government	<u>2,137,790</u>	<u>2,177,820</u>	<u>1,964,284</u>	<u>213,536</u>
Security of Persons and Property:				
Police Department				
Personal Services	1,031,971	1,045,908	968,573	77,335
Materials and Supplies	116,042	123,017	116,586	6,431
Contractual Services	91,844	91,844	83,014	8,830
Capital Outlay	262,362	287,362	276,847	10,515
Other	<u>8,495</u>	<u>8,495</u>	<u>4,033</u>	<u>4,462</u>
Total Police Department	<u>1,510,714</u>	<u>1,556,626</u>	<u>1,449,053</u>	<u>107,573</u>
Jail				
Materials and Supplies	8,077	5,607	4,471	1,136
Contractual Services	11,532	12,133	10,362	1,771
Capital Outlay	3,000	5,470	4,303	1,167
Other	<u>12,160</u>	<u>10,223</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>9,903</u>
Total Jail	<u>34,769</u>	<u>33,433</u>	<u>19,456</u>	<u>13,977</u>
Dispatch				
Personal Services	<u>330,191</u>	<u>332,191</u>	<u>312,908</u>	<u>19,283</u>
Fire Department				
Personal Services	915,700	981,200	953,317	27,883
Materials and Supplies	73,012	73,462	58,797	14,665
Contractual Services	117,941	147,941	122,257	25,684
Purchased Services	7,900	7,900	260	7,640
Capital Outlay	<u>101,856</u>	<u>103,357</u>	<u>84,276</u>	<u>19,081</u>
Total Fire Department	<u>1,216,409</u>	<u>1,313,860</u>	<u>1,218,907</u>	<u>94,953</u>
Ambulance Fund				
Capital Outlay	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,770</u>	<u>230</u>
Total Security of Persons and Property	<u>\$3,097,083</u>	<u>\$3,241,110</u>	<u>\$3,005,094</u>	<u>\$236,016</u>

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
General Fund (continued)*  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
Public Health Services:				
Health Department				
Intergovernmental Expense	\$195,835	\$195,835	\$195,835	\$0
Leisure Time Activities:				
Museum Railroad				
Purchased Service	4,611	4,610	4,209	401
Bureau of Tourism				
Personal Services	12,000	12,000	10,000	2,000
Materials and Supplies	10,090	10,090	8,716	1,374
Contractual Services	19,291	37,037	26,592	10,445
Total Bureau of Tourism	41,381	59,127	45,308	13,819
Cable Advisory Board				
Personal Services	34,800	34,800	32,074	2,726
Materials and Supplies	1,137	1,137	640	497
Contractual Services	1,350	1,350	0	1,350
Capital Outlay	5,500	5,500	5,234	266
Total Cable Advisory Board	42,787	42,787	37,948	4,839
Total Leisure Time Activities	88,779	106,524	87,465	19,059
Community Development:				
Housing and Zoning				
Personal Services	144,890	145,890	133,336	12,554
Materials and Supplies	5,549	7,348	5,160	2,188
Contractual Services	10,770	10,770	1,953	8,817
Purchased Services	10,457	10,457	6,457	4,000
Capital Outlay	5,000	5,000	2,618	2,382
Other	30,000	30,000	100	29,900
Total Community Development	\$206,666	\$209,465	\$149,624	\$59,841

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**

*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
General Fund (continued)*  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Debt Service:</b>				
Principal Retirement	\$52,156	\$127,028	\$116,216	\$10,812
Interest	8,645	8,635	8,514	121
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>60,801</b>	<b>135,663</b>	<b>124,730</b>	<b>10,933</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>5,786,954</b>	<b>6,066,417</b>	<b>5,527,032</b>	<b>539,385</b>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(699,379)</i>	<i>(978,842)</i>	<i>(192,566)</i>	<i>786,276</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
General Obligation Notes Issued	0	0	6,000	6,000
Sale of Fixed Assets	1,005	1,005	2,799	1,794
Financed Purchases Issued	220,000	385,000	161,084	(223,916)
Advances In	186,086	371,086	263,152	(107,934)
Advances Out	0	(358,881)	(250,358)	108,523
Transfers Out	(287,000)	(287,000)	(262,000)	25,000
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>120,091</i>	<i>111,210</i>	<i>(79,323)</i>	<i>(190,533)</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(579,288)</i>	<i>(867,632)</i>	<i>(271,889)</i>	<i>595,743</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>821,573</i>	<i>821,573</i>	<i>821,573</i>	<i>0</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	197,961	197,961	197,961	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$440,246</i>	<i>\$151,902</i>	<i>\$747,645</i>	<i>\$595,743</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Municipal Income Taxes	\$644,767	\$644,767	\$658,438	\$13,671
Special Assessments	1,000	1,000	8,962	7,962
Intergovernmental	622,000	622,000	641,628	19,628
Fees, Licenses and Permits	32,000	32,000	24,767	(7,233)
Interest	101	101	62	(39)
Other	125,000	125,000	61,395	(63,605)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>1,424,868</i>	<i>1,424,868</i>	<i>1,395,252</i>	<i>(29,616)</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Transportation:				
Street Department				
Personal Services	907,297	907,297	889,527	17,770
Materials and Supplies	221,341	221,341	205,436	15,905
Contractual Services	150,277	150,277	117,418	32,859
Purchased Services	15,500	15,500	2,500	13,000
Other	77,000	77,000	2,253	74,747
Total Transportation	<i>1,371,415</i>	<i>1,371,415</i>	<i>1,217,134</i>	<i>154,281</i>
Capital Outlay:				
Street Department				
Capital Outlay	292,500	292,500	172,864	119,636
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	298,287	298,287	295,202	3,085
Interest	57,528	57,528	56,350	1,178
Total Debt Service	<i>355,815</i>	<i>355,815</i>	<i>351,552</i>	<i>4,263</i>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>2,019,730</i>	<i>2,019,730</i>	<i>1,741,550</i>	<i>278,180</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(594,862)</i>	<i>(594,862)</i>	<i>(346,298)</i>	<i>248,564</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	46,289	46,289
OPWC Loan Issued	300,000	300,000	0	(300,000)
Advances In	0	0	8,292	8,292
Transfers In	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>500,000</i>	<i>500,000</i>	<i>254,581</i>	<i>(245,419)</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(94,862)</i>	<i>(94,862)</i>	<i>(91,717)</i>	<i>3,145</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>90,332</i>	<i>90,332</i>	<i>90,332</i>	<i>0</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	24,985	24,985	24,985	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$20,455</i>	<i>\$20,455</i>	<i>\$23,600</i>	<i>\$3,145</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes  
in Fund Equity - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Water Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>			<b>Variance with Final Budget</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Charges for Services	\$2,647,190	\$2,647,190	\$2,561,922	(\$85,268)
Tap-In Fees	5,000	5,000	8,600	3,600
Special Assessments	4,000	4,000	2,073	(1,927)
Rentals	4,200	4,200	4,300	100
OPWC Loans Issued	111,633	111,633	86,416	(25,217)
OWDA Loans Issued	600,000	600,000	182,551	(417,449)
Financed Purchase Issued	200,000	200,000	0	(200,000)
Other	26,500	26,500	23,461	(3,039)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>3,598,523</i>	<i>3,598,523</i>	<i>2,869,323</i>	<i>(729,200)</i>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Personal Services	1,623,920	1,717,699	1,610,336	107,363
Purchased Services	902,884	864,883	579,332	285,551
Contractual Services	424,653	439,653	328,155	111,498
Materials and Supplies	297,068	330,838	276,389	54,449
Capital Outlay	621,252	619,868	335,894	283,974
Other	4,300	300	98	202
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	182,827	190,077	176,481	13,596
Interest	43,100	42,973	42,973	0
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>4,100,004</i>	<i>4,206,291</i>	<i>3,349,658</i>	<i>856,633</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses Before Advances</i>				
	(501,481)	(607,768)	(480,335)	127,433
Advances Out	0	(73,725)	(73,725)	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Equity</i>	<i>(501,481)</i>	<i>(681,493)</i>	<i>(554,060)</i>	<i>127,433</i>
<i>Fund Equity Beginning of Year</i>	<i>375,083</i>	<i>375,083</i>	<i>375,083</i>	<i>0</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	358,742	358,742	358,742	0
<i>Fund Equity End of Year</i>	<i>\$232,344</i>	<i>\$52,332</i>	<i>\$179,765</i>	<i>\$127,433</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes  
in Fund Equity - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Sewer Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>			<b>Variance with Final Budget</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Charges for Services	\$2,540,000	\$2,540,000	\$2,491,234	(\$48,766)
Tap-In Fees	6,000	6,000	2,000	(4,000)
Special Assessments	2,500	2,500	2,021	(479)
Fees, Licenses and Permits	0	0	4,000	4,000
Intergovernmental	73,000	73,000	73,977	977
OWDA Loans Issued	388,000	388,000	388,068	68
Other	30,000	30,000	24,707	(5,293)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>3,039,500</u>	<u>3,039,500</u>	<u>2,986,007</u>	<u>(53,493)</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Personal Services	1,285,746	1,339,938	1,281,670	58,268
Purchased Services	654,762	714,762	634,739	80,023
Contractual Services	611,012	606,012	496,992	109,020
Materials and Supplies	237,255	272,800	234,230	38,570
Capital Outlay	139,637	174,861	139,788	35,073
Other	7,250	900	107	793
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	460,722	469,985	440,560	29,425
Interest	68,390	65,477	65,477	0
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>3,464,774</u>	<u>3,644,735</u>	<u>3,293,563</u>	<u>351,172</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses before Advances</i>				
	(425,274)	(605,235)	(307,556)	297,679
Advances Out	0	(55,926)	(55,926)	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Equity</i>	<u>(425,274)</u>	<u>(661,161)</u>	<u>(363,482)</u>	<u>297,679</u>
<i>Fund Equity Beginning of Year</i>	660,472	660,472	660,472	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	207,557	207,557	207,557	0
<i>Fund Equity End of Year</i>	<u>\$442,755</u>	<u>\$206,868</u>	<u>\$504,547</u>	<u>\$297,679</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes  
in Fund Equity - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Dredging Facility Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Charges for Services	\$2,100,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,047,338	(\$152,662)
Intergovernmental	2,520,000	2,520,000	2,009,058	(510,942)
Other	0	0	25,000	25,000
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>4,620,000</u>	<u>5,720,000</u>	<u>5,081,396</u>	<u>(638,604)</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Personal Services	20,000	60,000	30,642	29,358
Purchased Services	1,841,787	2,444,787	2,404,993	39,794
Contractual Services	10,000	17,000	13,313	3,687
Materials and Supplies	13,000	33,000	25,914	7,086
Capital Outlay	2,001,747	2,201,747	2,199,446	2,301
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenses before Advances</i>	<u>733,466</u>	<u>963,466</u>	<u>407,088</u>	<u>(556,378)</u>
Advances Out	<u>(107,542)</u>	<u>(107,542)</u>	<u>(107,542)</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Equity</i>	<u>625,924</u>	<u>855,924</u>	<u>299,546</u>	<u>(556,378)</u>
<i>Fund Equity Beginning of Year</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Equity End of Year</i>	<u><b>\$625,924</b></u>	<u><b>\$855,924</b></u>	<u><b>\$299,546</b></u>	<u><b>(\$556,378)</b></u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Auto Permissive Tax Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Permissive Taxes	\$107,518	\$107,518	\$110,157	\$2,639
Intergovernmental	27,482	27,482	27,482	0
Interest	100	100	66	(34)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>135,100</i>	<i>135,100</i>	<i>137,705</i>	<i>2,605</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Transportation:				
Auto Permissive				
Personal Services	124,000	124,000	124,000	0
Materials and Supplies	14,000	14,000	14,000	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>138,000</i>	<i>138,000</i>	<i>138,000</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(2,900)</i>	<i>(2,900)</i>	<i>(295)</i>	<i>2,605</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>6,679</i>	<i>6,679</i>	<i>6,679</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$3,779</i>	<i>\$3,779</i>	<i>\$6,384</i>	<i>\$2,605</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**State Highway Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$50,200	\$50,200	\$52,023	\$1,823
Interest	5	5	42	37
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>50,205</i>	<i>50,205</i>	<i>52,065</i>	<i>1,860</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Transportation:				
State Highway				
Personal Services	40,000	40,000	40,000	0
Materials and Supplies	11,800	11,800	11,800	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>51,800</i>	<i>51,800</i>	<i>51,800</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(1,595)</i>	<i>(1,595)</i>	<i>265</i>	<i>1,860</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>6,673</i>	<i>6,673</i>	<i>6,673</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$5,078</i>	<i>\$5,078</i>	<i>\$6,938</i>	<i>\$1,860</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Marina Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$59,200	\$59,200	\$62,364	\$3,164
Fees, Licenses and Permits	480	480	480	0
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>59,680</u>	<u>59,680</u>	<u>62,844</u>	<u>3,164</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Leisure Time Activities:				
Marina				
Contractual Services	500	500	0	500
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	422,000	422,000	422,000	0
Interest	29,200	29,200	28,364	836
<i>Total Debt Service</i>	<u>451,200</u>	<u>451,200</u>	<u>450,364</u>	<u>836</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>451,700</u>	<u>451,700</u>	<u>450,364</u>	<u>1,336</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(392,020)</u>	<u>(392,020)</u>	<u>(387,520)</u>	<u>4,500</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
General Obligation Notes Issued	392,000	392,000	397,000	5,000
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>9,480</u>	<u>9,500</u>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>11,864</u>	<u>11,864</u>	<u>11,864</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$11,844</u>	<u>\$11,844</u>	<u>\$21,344</u>	<u>\$9,500</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Enforcement and Education Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	\$500	\$500	\$601	\$101
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Community Development:				
Enforcement and Education				
Contractual Services	500	500	0	500
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	601	601
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>15,255</u>	<u>15,255</u>	<u>15,255</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$15,255</u>	<u>\$15,255</u>	<u>\$15,856</u>	<u>\$601</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Indigent Drivers Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,895	\$895
Other	1,000	1,000	1,155	155
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>3,050</i>	<i>1,050</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Public Health Services:				
Indigent Drivers				
Personal Services	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Purchased Services	1,000	1,000	255	745
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>11,000</i>	<i>11,000</i>	<i>10,255</i>	<i>745</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(9,000)</i>	<i>(9,000)</i>	<i>(7,205)</i>	<i>1,795</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>64,548</i>	<i>64,548</i>	<i>64,548</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$55,548</i>	<i>\$55,548</i>	<i>\$57,343</i>	<i>\$1,795</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Cemetery Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fees, Licenses and Permits	\$100	\$100	\$180	\$80
Charges for Services	24,000	24,000	23,009	(991)
Other	1,000	1,000	49	(951)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>25,100</i>	<i>25,100</i>	<i>23,238</i>	<i>(1,862)</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Community Development:				
Cemetery				
Personal Services	24,529	24,529	23,953	576
Materials and Supplies	1,500	1,500	0	1,500
Contractual Services	8,400	8,400	6,970	1,430
Capital Outlay	25,000	25,000	283	24,717
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>59,429</i>	<i>59,429</i>	<i>31,206</i>	<i>28,223</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(34,329)</i>	<i>(34,329)</i>	<i>(7,968)</i>	<i>26,361</i>
<i>Fund Balance at Beginning of Year</i>	<i>48,587</i>	<i>48,587</i>	<i>48,587</i>	<i>0</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	464	464	464	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$14,722</i>	<i>\$14,722</i>	<i>\$41,083</i>	<i>\$26,361</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Police Levy Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$306,975	\$306,975	\$323,313	\$16,338
Intergovernmental	38,570	38,570	35,302	(3,268)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>345,545</i>	<i>345,545</i>	<i>358,615</i>	<i>13,070</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property:				
Police Levy				
Personal Services	352,000	352,000	352,000	0
Other	6,500	7,200	6,113	1,087
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>358,500</i>	<i>359,200</i>	<i>358,113</i>	<i>1,087</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(12,955)	(13,655)	502	14,157
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>52,898</i>	<i>52,898</i>	<i>52,898</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$39,943</i>	<i>\$39,243</i>	<i>\$53,400</i>	<i>\$14,157</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Fire Levy Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$481,768	\$481,768	\$505,887	\$24,119
Intergovernmental	60,000	60,000	56,711	(3,289)
Other	0	0	832	832
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>541,768</i>	<i>541,768</i>	<i>563,430</i>	<i>21,662</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property:				
Fire Levy				
Personal Services	537,879	561,779	498,432	63,347
Materials and Supplies	8,125	8,125	5,616	2,509
Contractual Services	7,525	7,525	0	7,525
Other	10,900	10,900	9,606	1,294
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>564,429</i>	<i>588,329</i>	<i>513,654</i>	<i>74,675</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(22,661)</i>	<i>(46,561)</i>	<i>49,776</i>	<i>96,337</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>45,965</i>	<i>45,965</i>	<i>45,965</i>	<i>0</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	654	654	654	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$23,958</i>	<i>\$58</i>	<i>\$96,395</i>	<i>\$96,337</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Indigent Monitoring Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	\$900	\$900	\$1,050	\$150
Other	600	600	814	214
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>1,500</i>	<i>1,500</i>	<i>1,864</i>	<i>364</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Public Health Services:				
Other	0	2,000	1,146	854
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>1,500</i>	<i>(500)</i>	<i>718</i>	<i>1,218</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>31,359</i>	<i>31,359</i>	<i>31,359</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$32,859</u></i>	<i><u>\$30,859</u></i>	<i><u>\$32,077</u></i>	<i><u>\$1,218</u></i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Law Enforcement Trust Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$14,287	\$11,287
Interest	0	0	163	163
<i>Total Revenues</i>	3,000	3,000	14,450	11,450
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property:				
Law Enforcement Trust				
Capital Outlay	5,000	22,000	22,000	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(2,000)	(19,000)	(7,550)	11,450
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	24,326	24,326	24,326	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$22,326</u>	<u>\$5,326</u>	<u>\$16,776</u>	<u>\$11,450</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Municipal Probation Services Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$9,990	\$3,990
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government:				
Municipal Probation Services				
Personal Services	57,765	57,765	22,963	34,802
Capital Outlay	10,000	10,000	5,275	4,725
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>67,765</i>	<i>67,765</i>	<i>28,238</i>	<i>39,527</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(61,765)</i>	<i>(61,765)</i>	<i>(18,248)</i>	<i>43,517</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>61,765</i>	<i>61,765</i>	<i>61,765</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$43,517</i>	<i>\$43,517</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Renewal Court Grant Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$8,908	(\$26,092)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government:				
Renewal Court Grant				
Personal Services	72,443	72,443	46,351	26,092
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(37,443)</i>	<i>(37,443)</i>	<i>(37,443)</i>	0
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>37,443</i>	<i>37,443</i>	<i>37,443</i>	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Police Levy II Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$519,158	\$519,158	\$543,114	\$23,956
Intergovernmental	22,610	22,610	17,251	(5,359)
Other	0	0	694	694
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>541,768</i>	<i>541,768</i>	<i>561,059</i>	<i>19,291</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property:				
Police Levy				
Personal Services	688,273	728,273	607,648	120,625
Capital Outlay	5,000	5,000	0	5,000
Other	11,500	11,500	9,672	1,828
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>704,773</i>	<i>744,773</i>	<i>617,320</i>	<i>127,453</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(163,005)</i>	<i>(203,005)</i>	<i>(56,261)</i>	<i>146,744</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>205,720</i>	<i>205,720</i>	<i>205,720</i>	<i>0</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	1,373	1,373	1,373	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$44,088</i>	<i>\$4,088</i>	<i>\$150,832</i>	<i>\$146,744</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Justice Assistance Grant Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$39,576	\$39,576	\$10,216	(\$29,360)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government:				
Justice Assistance Grant				
Personal Services	37,700	37,700	8,340	29,360
Materials and Supplies	1,876	1,876	1,876	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>39,576</i>	<i>39,576</i>	<i>10,216</i>	<i>29,360</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Mental Health and Recovery Services Grant Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$6,879	\$6,879	\$2,879	(\$4,000)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Public Health Services:				
Mental Health and Recovery Services				
Materials and Supplies	6,879	6,879	1,307	5,572
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	1,572	1,572
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,572</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,572</u></u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Street Lighting Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Municipal Income Taxes	\$37,088	\$37,088	\$52,541	\$15,453
Fees, Licenses and Permits	181,000	181,000	182,436	1,436
Other	1,713	1,713	406	(1,307)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	219,801	219,801	235,383	15,582
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Basic Utility Services:				
Street Lighting				
Contractual Services	219,000	219,000	205,086	13,914
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	801	801	30,297	29,496
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	380	380	380	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$1,181</u>	<u>\$1,181</u>	<u>\$30,677</u>	<u>\$29,496</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Community Housing Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,418	\$418
Interest	40	40	439	399
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>6,040</i>	<i>6,040</i>	<i>6,857</i>	<i>817</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Community Development:				
Community Housing				
Capital Outlay	7,000	7,000	0	7,000
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(960)</i>	<i>(960)</i>	<i>6,857</i>	<i>7,817</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>53,976</i>	<i>53,976</i>	<i>53,976</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$53,016</u></i>	<i><u>\$53,016</u></i>	<i><u>\$60,833</u></i>	<i><u>\$7,817</u></i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Land Bank Grant Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$10,400	(\$3,600)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Community Development:				
Land Bank Demolition	10,400	10,400	10,400	0
Contractual Services	10,400	10,400	10,400	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	3,600	3,600	0	(3,600)
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$3,600</u>	<u>\$3,600</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$3,600)</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
OneOhio Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$41,299	\$31,799
<b>Expenditures</b>				
	0	0	0	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	9,500	9,500	41,299	31,799
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	21,567	21,567	21,567	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$31,067</u>	<u>\$31,067</u>	<u>\$62,866</u>	<u>\$31,799</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
American Rescue Plan Act Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property:				
Police Department				
Personal Services	207,071	212,536	212,536	0
Fire Department				
Personal Services	192,929	192,929	192,929	0
Total Security of Persons and Property	400,000	405,465	405,465	0
Capital Outlay:				
Capital Outlay	337,305	337,305	337,305	0
Total Expenditures	737,305	742,770	742,770	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(737,305)</i>	<i>(742,770)</i>	<i>(742,770)</i>	0
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>405,465</i>	<i>405,465</i>	<i>405,465</i>	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	337,305	337,305	337,305	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$5,465</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
First Responders Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	<u>\$325,000</u>	<u>\$225,000</u>	<u>\$208,463</u>	<u>(\$16,537)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property:				
Police Department	139,616	139,616	135,987	3,629
Personal Services	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
Other				
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>143,616</u>	<u>143,616</u>	<u>139,987</u>	<u>3,629</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	181,384	81,384	68,476	(12,908)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Advances Out	(18,111)	(18,111)	(18,111)	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	163,273	63,273	50,365	(12,908)
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	0	0	0	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$167,273</u>	<u>\$67,273</u>	<u>\$54,365</u>	<u>(\$12,908)</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Firefighter Retention Grant Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$45,676	\$45,676	\$45,676	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property:				
Fire Department				
Personal Services	45,676	45,676	45,676	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Office of Justice Grant Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$15,549	(\$9,451)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property:				
Police Department	20,000	20,000	13,877	6,123
Personal Services	5,000	5,000	0	5,000
Capital Outlay				
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>25,000</i>	<i>25,000</i>	<i>13,877</i>	<i>11,123</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1,672</i>	<i>1,672</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>171</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$171</i>	<i>\$171</i>	<i>\$1,843</i>	<i>\$1,672</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Tax Increment Financing Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$54,543	(\$2,457)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Transportation:				
Distribution of TIF Proceeds				
Other	57,000	57,000	54,543	2,457
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Transportation Improvement District Grant Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$176,396	\$176,396	\$176,396	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	176,396	176,396	176,396	0
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Advances Out	<u>(176,396)</u>	<u>(176,396)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>176,396</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	176,396	176,396
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$176,396</u></u>	<u><u>\$176,396</u></u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Recreation Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Municipal Income Taxes	\$28,226	\$28,226	\$32,183	\$3,957
Intergovernmental	0	0	10,000	10,000
Fees, Licenses and Permits	900	900	0	(900)
Contributions and Donations	1,000	1,000	0	(1,000)
Other	50	50	22	(28)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>30,176</u>	<u>30,176</u>	<u>42,205</u>	<u>12,029</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Leisure Time Activities:				
Recreation				
Personal Services	16,691	16,691	8,543	8,148
Materials and Supplies	6,300	6,300	2,695	3,605
Contractual Services	4,770	4,770	325	4,445
Other	3,500	3,500	1,290	2,210
Total Recreation	<u>31,261</u>	<u>31,261</u>	<u>12,853</u>	<u>18,408</u>
Parks				
Personal Services	17,108	17,108	3,792	13,316
Materials and Supplies	5,060	5,060	3,981	1,079
Contractual Services	13,597	13,597	5,221	8,376
Capital Outlay	50,000	50,000	50,000	0
Total Parks	<u>85,765</u>	<u>85,765</u>	<u>62,994</u>	<u>22,771</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>117,026</u>	<u>117,026</u>	<u>75,847</u>	<u>41,179</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(86,850)	(86,850)	(33,642)	53,208
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	102,324	102,324	102,324	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	1,771	1,771	1,771	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$17,245</u>	<u>\$17,245</u>	<u>\$70,453</u>	<u>\$53,208</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Deposits on Fire Losses Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Other	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$12,277	(\$62,723)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property:				
Fire Losses				
Other	75,000	75,000	4,000	71,000
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	8,277	8,277
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	52,029	52,029	52,029	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$52,029</u>	<u>\$52,029</u>	<u>\$60,306</u>	<u>\$8,277</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Police Pension Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$183,910	\$183,910	\$193,135	\$9,225
Intergovernmental	24,768	24,768	24,127	(641)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>208,678</i>	<i>208,678</i>	<i>217,262</i>	<i>8,584</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property:				
Police Pension				
Personal Services	207,500	237,790	232,061	5,729
Other	4,200	4,200	3,738	462
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>211,700</i>	<i>241,990</i>	<i>235,799</i>	<i>6,191</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(3,022)</i>	<i>(33,312)</i>	<i>(18,537)</i>	<i>14,775</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers In	40,000	40,000	30,000	(10,000)
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>36,978</i>	<i>6,688</i>	<i>11,463</i>	<i>4,775</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>2,355</i>	<i>2,355</i>	<i>2,355</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$39,333</i>	<i>\$9,043</i>	<i>\$13,818</i>	<i>\$4,775</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Fire Pension Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$149,180	\$149,180	\$156,654	\$7,474
Intergovernmental	20,081	20,081	19,570	(511)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>169,261</i>	<i>169,261</i>	<i>176,224</i>	<i>6,963</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Security of Persons and Property:				
Fire Pension				
Personal Services	169,500	199,822	199,822	0
Other	3,500	3,500	3,032	468
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>173,000</i>	<i>203,322</i>	<i>202,854</i>	<i>468</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(3,739)</i>	<i>(34,061)</i>	<i>(26,630)</i>	<i>7,431</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Transfers In	32,000	32,000	32,000	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>28,261</i>	<i>(2,061)</i>	<i>5,370</i>	<i>7,431</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>2,063</i>	<i>2,063</i>	<i>2,063</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$30,324</i>	<i>\$2</i>	<i>\$7,433</i>	<i>\$7,431</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Special Assessment Bond Retirement Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Special Assessments	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$80	(\$4,920)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government:				
Other	500	500	10	490
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	4,500	4,500	70	(4,430)
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	3,149	3,149	3,149	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$7,649</u>	<u>\$7,649</u>	<u>\$3,219</u>	<u>(\$4,430)</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Street Improvement Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$475,621	\$527,461	\$497,860	(\$29,601)
Intergovernmental	21,000	21,000	15,813	(5,187)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>496,621</i>	<i>548,461</i>	<i>513,673</i>	<i>(34,788)</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Capital Outlay:				
Materials and Supplies	498,580	566,000	529,084	36,916
Other	15,520	15,200	13,272	1,928
<i>Total Capital Outlay:</i>	<i>514,100</i>	<i>581,200</i>	<i>542,356</i>	<i>38,844</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(17,479)</i>	<i>(32,739)</i>	<i>(28,683)</i>	<i>4,056</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>13,840</i>	<i>13,840</i>	<i>13,840</i>	<i>0</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	18,900	18,900	18,900	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i>\$15,261</i>	<i>\$1</i>	<i>\$4,057</i>	<i>\$4,056</i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Municipal Court Improvement Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>			<b>Variance with Final Budget</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$57,660	(\$5,340)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Capital Outlay:				
Capital Outlay	160,454	160,454	121,230	39,224
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(97,454)	(97,454)	(63,570)	33,884
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	126,870	126,870	126,870	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	227	227	227	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<b>\$29,643</b>	<b>\$29,643</b>	<b>\$63,527</b>	<b>\$33,884</b>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Capital Improvement Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Municipal Income Taxes	<u>\$51,320</u>	<u>\$51,320</u>	<u>\$58,289</u>	<u>\$6,969</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Capital Outlay:				
Capital Outlay	<u>36,936</u>	<u>36,936</u>	<u>23,180</u>	<u>13,756</u>
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	44,170	54,743	54,739	4
Interest	0	12,769	12,766	3
Total Debt Service	<u>44,170</u>	<u>67,512</u>	<u>67,505</u>	<u>7</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>81,106</u>	<u>104,448</u>	<u>90,685</u>	<u>13,763</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(29,786)</u>	<u>(53,128)</u>	<u>(32,396)</u>	<u>20,732</u>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>54,168</u>	<u>54,168</u>	<u>54,168</u>	<u>0</u>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>16,936</u>	<u>16,936</u>	<u>16,936</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$41,318</u>	<u>\$17,976</u>	<u>\$38,708</u>	<u>\$20,732</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Old Main Bridge Construction Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Capital Outlay:				
Purchase Services	657,000	657,000	343,882	313,118
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	(657,000)	(657,000)	(343,882)	313,118
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
General Obligation Notes Issued	657,000	657,000	657,000	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	313,118	313,118
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	\$0	\$0	\$313,118	\$313,118

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Industrial Park Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	(\$40,000)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Capital Outlay:				
Capital Outlay	35,000	35,000	24,859	10,141
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>(24,859)</i>	<i>(29,859)</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Advances In	0	0	24,859	24,859
Advances Out	(4,412)	(4,412)	0	4,412
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>(4,412)</i>	<i>(4,412)</i>	<i>24,859</i>	<i>29,271</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>588</i>	<i>588</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>(588)</i>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<i>751</i>	<i>751</i>	<i>751</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$1,339</u></i>	<i><u>\$1,339</u></i>	<i><u>\$751</u></i>	<i><u>(\$588)</u></i>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
ODNR NatureWorks Grant Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$16,629	\$16,629	\$0	(\$16,629)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Capital Outlay:				
Capital Outlay	16,629	16,629	16,629	0
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	0	0	(16,629)	(16,629)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Advances In	0	0	16,629	16,629
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**OPWC Park and Day Street Improvements Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	<u>\$362,500</u>	<u>\$362,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$362,500)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Capital Outlay:				
Personal Services	86,218	86,218	31,437	54,781
Contractual Services	<u>476,282</u>	<u>476,282</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>476,282</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>562,500</u>	<u>562,500</u>	<u>31,437</u>	<u>531,063</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>(200,000)</u>	<u>(31,437)</u>	<u>168,563</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
OPWC Loan Issued	200,000	200,000	0	(200,000)
Advances In	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,437</u>	<u>31,437</u>
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>31,437</u>	<u>(168,563)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Body Camera Grant Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$43,300	\$43,300	\$0	(\$43,300)
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Capital Outlay:				
Capital Outlay	43,300	43,300	43,300	0
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	0	0	(43,300)	(43,300)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Advances In	0	0	43,300	43,300
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
**Broad Street Improvements Fund**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Capital Outlay:				
Capital Outlay	141,713	141,713	141,713	0
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	(141,713)	(141,713)	(141,713)	0
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
OPWC Loan Issued	141,713	141,713	0	(141,713)
Advances In	0	0	125,841	125,841
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	141,713	141,713	125,841	(15,872)
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	(15,872)	(15,872)
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	15,872	15,872	15,872	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$15,872</u>	<u>\$15,872</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$15,872)</u>

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## **STATISTICAL SECTION**

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## Statistical Section

This part of the City of Conneaut, Ohio's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures and required supplementary information says about the City's overall financial health.

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Contents	Pages(s)
<b><i>Financial Trends</i></b> .....	<b><i>S2 – S13</i></b>
These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the City's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.	
<b><i>Revenue Capacity</i></b> .....	<b><i>S14 – S23</i></b>
These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the City's most significant local revenue, the property tax and the municipal income tax.	
<b><i>Debt Capacity</i></b> .....	<b><i>S24 – S31</i></b>
These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the City's current levels of outstanding debt and the City's ability to issue additional debt in the future.	
<b><i>Economic and Demographic Information</i></b> .....	<b><i>S32 – S35</i></b>
These schedules offer economic and demographic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the City's financial activities take place.	
<b><i>Operating Information</i></b> .....	<b><i>S36 – S45</i></b>
These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the City's financial report relates to the services the City provides and the activities it performs.	

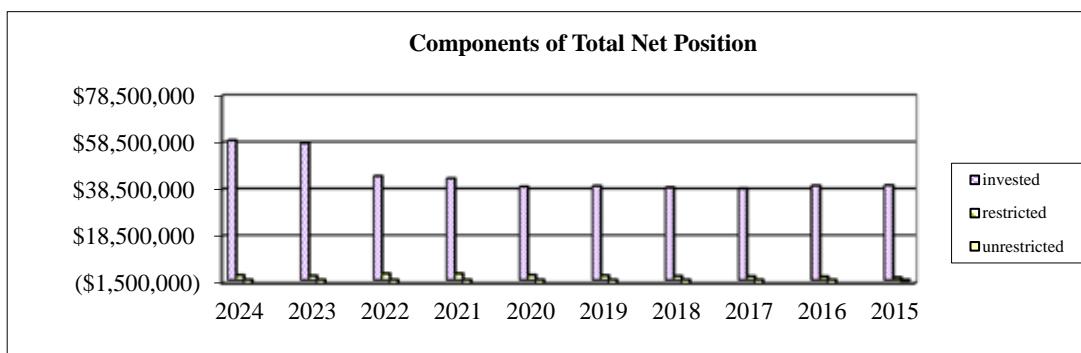
**Sources:** Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports for the relevant year.

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Net Position By Component*  
*Last Ten Years*  
*(Accrual Basis of Accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$25,089,281	\$25,577,733	\$25,136,740	\$25,741,041
Restricted:				
Capital Projects	134,700	220,562	415,159	551,587
Debt Service	0	0	0	11,117
Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair	638,026	572,780	627,408	705,488
Police and Fire Operations	529,599	479,395	494,330	765,676
Drug and Alcohol Enforcement	259,525	234,346	86,862	84,111
Cemetery Operations	38,186	44,947	74,919	80,919
Economic Development	60,833	53,976	39,635	29,701
Street Lighting	28,676	0	0	0
Municipal Court	69,838	100,732	0	0
Mental Health and Recovery	5,572	0	0	0
Unclaimed Monies	33,869	32,955	0	0
OPEB Plans	105,146	0	376,300	199,765
Other Purposes	0	0	284,621	115,771
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(7,835,283)</u>	<u>(6,495,840)</u>	<u>(5,948,964)</u>	<u>(7,097,314)</u>
<b>Total Governmental Activities Net Position</b>	<b>19,157,968</b>	<b>20,821,586</b>	<b>21,587,010</b>	<b>21,187,862</b>
<b>Business-Type - Activities</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	34,418,113	32,691,624	19,051,311	17,429,050
Restricted for OPEB Plans	83,520	0	318,408	169,032
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(1,466,119)</u>	<u>213,396</u>	<u>(19,536)</u>	<u>(42,204)</u>
<b>Total Business-Type Activities Net Position</b>	<b>33,035,514</b>	<b>32,905,020</b>	<b>19,350,183</b>	<b>17,555,878</b>
<b>Primary Government</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	59,507,394	58,269,357	44,188,051	43,170,091
Restricted	1,987,490	1,739,693	2,717,642	2,713,167
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(9,301,402)</u>	<u>(6,282,444)</u>	<u>(5,968,500)</u>	<u>(7,139,518)</u>
<b>Total Primary Government Net Position</b>	<b>\$52,193,482</b>	<b>\$53,726,606</b>	<b>\$40,937,193</b>	<b>\$38,743,740</b>

(1) The City reported the impact of GASB Statement No. 75 beginning in 2018.

(2) The City reported the impact of GASB Statement No. 83 beginning in 2019.



2020	2019 (2)	2018 (1)	2017	2016	2015
\$22,887,187	\$23,758,469	\$23,893,913	\$24,342,868	\$25,201,005	\$26,060,414
372,596	350,247	266,923	167,262	148,285	0
0	0	0	0	9,204	0
551,318	464,941	377,934	413,941	494,648	605,531
848,845	823,205	733,662	736,057	520,364	218,313
81,428	78,289	74,354	69,761	64,271	68,248
64,026	63,255	64,073	52,271	52,507	59,495
18,240	23,707	19,712	10,436	46,956	23,647
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
105,186	80,855	71,603	53,926	47,501	48,683
(7,705,898)	(8,184,475)	(10,617,413)	(9,341,123)	(3,932,829)	(2,507,776)
<u>17,222,928</u>	<u>17,458,493</u>	<u>14,884,761</u>	<u>16,505,399</u>	<u>22,651,912</u>	<u>24,576,555</u>
16,734,171	16,134,759	15,419,190	14,549,006	14,833,885	14,125,413
0	0	0	0	0	0
(598,588)	(286,499)	1,285,859	1,860,325	2,058,500	1,931,779
<u>16,135,583</u>	<u>15,848,260</u>	<u>16,705,049</u>	<u>16,409,331</u>	<u>16,892,385</u>	<u>16,057,192</u>
39,621,358	39,893,228	39,313,103	38,891,874	40,034,890	40,185,827
2,041,639	1,884,499	1,608,261	1,503,654	1,383,736	1,023,917
(8,304,486)	(8,470,974)	(9,331,554)	(7,480,798)	(1,874,329)	(575,997)
<u>\$33,358,511</u>	<u>\$33,306,753</u>	<u>\$31,589,810</u>	<u>\$32,914,730</u>	<u>\$39,544,297</u>	<u>\$40,633,747</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Changes in Net Position*  
*Last Ten Years*  
*(Accrual Basis of Accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Governmental Activities:				
Charges for Services and Assessments:				
General Government	\$385,139	\$379,537	\$325,960	\$333,604
Security of Persons and Property	596,294	517,602	362,925	396,052
Public Health Services	2,811	2,725	2,502	2,982
Leisure Time Activities	14,560	15,700	10,635	8,479
Community Development	80,711	174,125	53,454	54,028
Basic Utility Services	180,723	180,326	178,639	179,099
Transportation	33,729	10,377	39,187	31,437
Subtotal - Charges for Services	<u>1,293,967</u>	<u>1,280,392</u>	<u>973,302</u>	<u>1,005,681</u>
Operating Grants and Contributions:				
General Government	70,151	37,443	0	0
Security of Persons and Property	1,171,676	826,799	183,833	208,271
Public Health Services	6,879	0	0	0
Leisure Time Activities	47,364	23,245	4,624	12,800
Community Development	16,818	111,450	157,169	27,192
Transportation	952,124	672,587	1,023,113	781,619
Subtotal - Operating Grants and Contributions	<u>2,265,012</u>	<u>1,671,524</u>	<u>1,368,739</u>	<u>1,029,882</u>
Capital Grants and Assessments:				
General Government	0	0	0	0
Security of Persons and Property	43,300	50,956	0	138,173
Leisure Time Activities	0	0	0	0
Community Development	44,798	69,000	27,000	2,000
Transportation	13,827	647,724	75,966	2,665,923
Subtotal - Capital Grants and Assessments	<u>101,925</u>	<u>767,680</u>	<u>102,966</u>	<u>2,806,096</u>
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>				
<i>Program Revenues</i>	<u>3,660,904</u>	<u>3,719,596</u>	<u>2,445,007</u>	<u>4,841,659</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Charges for Services:				
Water	2,486,557	2,456,845	2,437,679	2,352,770
Sewer	2,483,278	2,379,165	2,388,807	2,299,075
Dredge Facility	3,047,338	0	0	0
Capital Grants and Assessments				
Water	0	114,126	118,089	159,190
Sewer	73,977	129,890	172,482	87,555
Dredge Facility	677,960	13,916,470	944,533	0
<i>Total Business-Type Activities</i>				
<i>Program Revenues</i>	<u>8,769,110</u>	<u>18,996,496</u>	<u>6,061,590</u>	<u>4,898,590</u>
<i>Total Primary Government</i>				
<i>Program Revenues</i>	<u>\$12,430,014</u>	<u>\$22,716,092</u>	<u>\$8,506,597</u>	<u>\$9,740,249</u>

2020	2019 (2)	2018 (1)	2017	2016	2015
\$317,378	\$295,566	\$336,197	\$332,884	\$150,111	\$352,705
248,728	395,419	427,336	399,930	191,510	474,037
2,978	2,909	37,927	36,581	15,264	36,955
11,806	11,392	16,189	13,906	51,692	43,425
41,704	38,323	74,660	62,113	50,346	61,928
160,203	164,372	161,149	157,202	129,363	127,334
112,531	340,891	42,094	111,935	93,937	24,618
<u>895,328</u>	<u>1,248,872</u>	<u>1,095,552</u>	<u>1,114,551</u>	<u>682,223</u>	<u>1,121,002</u>
0	0	0	0	15,252	0
1,333,560	143,610	121,002	184,347	109,401	156,610
0	0	3,775	6,124	0	0
2,504	10,940	29,670	43,598	31,052	3,364
6,929	14,374	47,273	27,400	14,414	209,277
852,007	586,149	473,460	378,381	397,941	461,779
<u>2,195,000</u>	<u>755,073</u>	<u>675,180</u>	<u>639,850</u>	<u>568,060</u>	<u>831,030</u>
0	0	0	0	0	107,000
0	15,219	0	2,093	10,071	41,491
0	0	6,719	18,200	0	0
737,602	40,972	0	0	0	0
289,753	783,726	24,621	0	0	311,480
<u>1,027,355</u>	<u>839,917</u>	<u>31,340</u>	<u>20,293</u>	<u>10,071</u>	<u>459,971</u>
<u>4,117,683</u>	<u>2,843,862</u>	<u>1,802,072</u>	<u>1,774,694</u>	<u>1,260,354</u>	<u>2,412,003</u>
2,367,443	2,337,153	2,353,501	2,333,830	2,274,899	2,244,357
2,359,066	2,375,526	2,399,516	2,422,437	2,398,051	2,404,611
0	0	0	0	0	0
336,200	30,059	111,853	125,000	50,233	14,268
0	0	193,399	326,417	26,764	23,364
0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>5,062,709</u>	<u>4,742,738</u>	<u>5,058,269</u>	<u>5,207,684</u>	<u>4,749,947</u>	<u>4,686,600</u>
<u>\$9,180,392</u>	<u>\$7,586,600</u>	<u>\$6,860,341</u>	<u>\$6,982,378</u>	<u>\$6,010,301</u>	<u>\$7,098,603</u>

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Changes in Net Position (continued)*  
*Last Ten Years*  
*(Accrual Basis of Accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Expenses</b>				
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$2,073,737	\$1,866,994	\$1,687,502	\$1,200,315
Security of Persons and Property	6,283,515	6,011,917	4,965,318	4,549,435
Public Health Services	207,915	148,936	13,020	88,870
Leisure Time Activities	161,735	121,662	112,087	97,071
Community Development	196,277	355,345	71,264	40,340
Basic Utility Services	184,230	176,685	238,384	214,218
Transportation	3,277,230	3,071,050	2,899,953	1,302,283
Interest	123,625	118,640	118,356	78,038
<i>Total Governmental Activities Expenses</i>	<i>12,508,264</i>	<i>11,871,229</i>	<i>10,105,884</i>	<i>7,570,570</i>
Business-Type Activities				
Water	3,023,167	2,725,123	2,020,444	1,569,569
Sewer	2,755,801	2,762,675	2,264,489	1,847,248
Dredge Facility	2,830,984	0	0	0
<i>Total Business-Type Activities Expenses</i>	<i>8,609,952</i>	<i>5,487,798</i>	<i>4,284,933</i>	<i>3,416,817</i>
<i>Total Primary Government Program Expenses</i>	<i>21,118,216</i>	<i>17,359,027</i>	<i>14,390,817</i>	<i>10,987,387</i>
<b>Net (Expense)/Revenue</b>				
Governmental Activities	(8,847,360)	(8,151,633)	(7,660,877)	(2,728,911)
Business-Type Activities	159,158	13,508,698	1,776,657	1,481,773
<i>Total Primary Government Net Expense</i>	<i>(\$8,688,202)</i>	<i>\$5,357,065</i>	<i>(\$5,884,220)</i>	<i>(\$1,247,138)</i>

2020	2019 (2)	2018 (1)	2017	2016	2015
\$1,689,627	\$1,813,569	\$1,735,723	\$1,623,407	\$1,574,431	\$1,586,680
4,795,231	1,714,741	4,772,997	4,219,555	4,386,740	3,634,530
173,993	181,513	232,483	218,089	202,382	185,703
94,794	161,214	130,195	145,635	114,558	122,354
139,462	185,934	181,611	261,048	139,890	156,956
177,756	199,418	204,919	200,724	162,842	348,553
3,800,790	2,900,301	2,247,526	2,680,196	2,391,079	2,455,888
114,937	50,707	56,681	70,393	78,960	89,634
<b>10,986,590</b>	<b>7,207,397</b>	<b>9,562,135</b>	<b>9,419,047</b>	<b>9,050,882</b>	<b>8,580,298</b>
 2,508,882	 2,210,030	 2,368,947	 2,564,360	 2,009,333	 2,149,651
2,524,594	2,702,728	2,437,995	2,458,780	1,920,961	1,900,079
0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>5,033,476</b>	<b>4,912,758</b>	<b>4,806,942</b>	<b>5,023,140</b>	<b>3,930,294</b>	<b>4,049,730</b>
 <b>16,020,066</b>	 <b>12,120,155</b>	 <b>14,369,077</b>	 <b>14,442,187</b>	 <b>12,981,176</b>	 <b>12,630,028</b>
 (6,868,907)	 (4,363,535)	 (7,760,063)	 (7,644,353)	 (7,790,528)	 (6,168,295)
29,233	(170,020)	251,327	184,544	819,653	636,870
<b>(\$6,839,674)</b>	<b>(\$4,533,555)</b>	<b>(\$7,508,736)</b>	<b>(\$7,459,809)</b>	<b>(\$6,970,875)</b>	<b>(\$5,531,425)</b>

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Changes in Net Position (continued)*  
*Last Ten Years*  
*(Accrual Basis of Accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position</b>				
Governmental Activities				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes Levied For:				
General Purposes	\$434,773	\$350,557	\$373,731	\$334,038
Debt Service	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	494,505	488,109	521,494	462,471
Other Purposes	1,715,130	1,632,459	1,743,452	1,581,477
Municipal Income Taxes levied for:				
General Purposes	2,958,819	2,781,513	2,980,879	2,535,292
Capital Outlay	59,251	55,823	59,810	59,389
Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair	668,949	628,450	674,285	573,235
Other Purposes	71,176	66,770	71,580	60,865
Hotel Taxes	34,447	59,766	47,988	105,701
Permissive Taxes	110,043	100,898	107,810	113,290
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs	566,238	550,747	475,798	550,326
Payment in Lieu Taxes	54,543	56,924	56,924	0
Franchise Taxes	101,364	116,277	141,272	30,714
Unrestricted Contributions	5,520	6,006	0	0
Investment Earnings/Interest	162,781	172,921	93,213	4,545
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	49,088	8,670	0	0
Miscellaneous	267,175	313,439	721,576	210,845
Special Item - Transfer of Health Department Operations (3)	0	0	0	0
Transfers	(3,120)	(3,120)	(2,500)	71,657
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<i>7,750,682</i>	<i>7,386,209</i>	<i>8,067,312</i>	<i>6,693,845</i>
Business-Type Activities				
Gain on Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	73,276	43,019	7,861	10,179
Transfers	3,120	3,120	2,500	(71,657)
<i>Total Business-Type Activities</i>	<i>76,396</i>	<i>46,139</i>	<i>10,361</i>	<i>(61,478)</i>
<i>Total Primary Government General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position</i>	<i>7,827,078</i>	<i>7,432,348</i>	<i>8,077,673</i>	<i>6,632,367</i>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>				
Governmental Activities	(1,096,678)	(765,424)	406,435	3,964,934
Business-Type Activities	235,554	13,554,837	1,787,018	1,420,295
<i>Total Primary Government Change in Net Position</i>	<i>(\$861,124)</i>	<i>\$12,789,413</i>	<i>\$2,193,453</i>	<i>\$5,385,229</i>

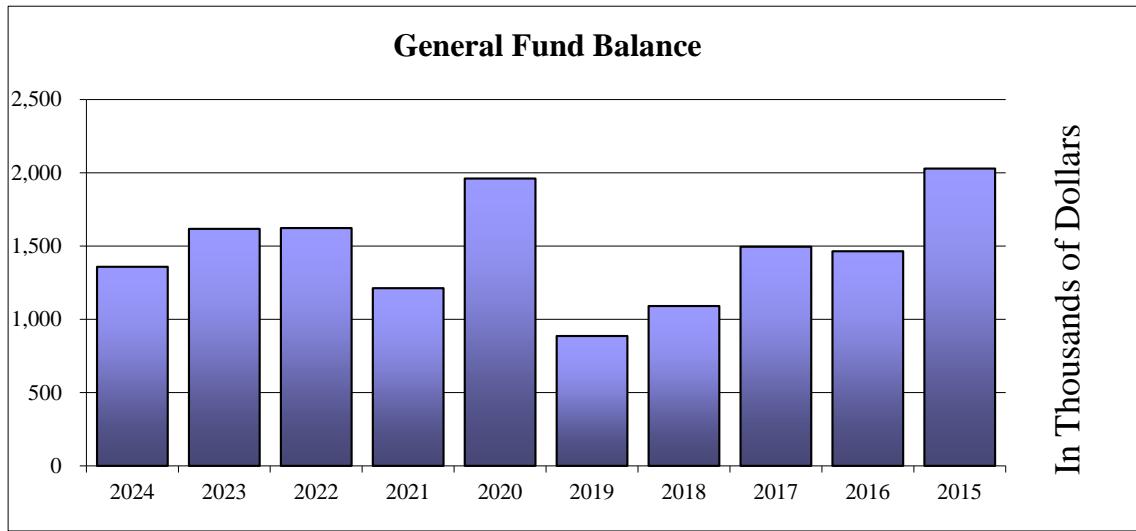
(1) Expenses are first impacted by the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75 beginning in 2018.

(2) Effective January 1, 2019, the City transferred the operations of their Health Department to the City of Conneaut Board of Health.

2020	2019 (2)	2018 (1)	2017	2016	2015
\$343,361	\$326,498	\$309,057	\$319,487	\$311,464	\$316,065
0	0	0	26	85,082	85,313
508,716	485,056	457,588	492,228	444,849	473,019
1,440,812	1,372,660	1,294,704	1,392,266	1,370,348	722,423
2,222,009	2,619,713	2,386,131	2,528,319	2,122,639	2,589,415
44,598	52,572	47,895	50,738	42,617	51,963
502,376	592,288	539,489	571,624	479,927	585,435
53,343	62,889	57,281	60,698	50,953	62,164
24,076	42,681	28,137	22,877	24,138	20,392
127,892	134,441	134,128	133,862	133,225	133,620
990,821	569,256	389,868	418,681	416,296	479,906
0	0	0	0	0	0
152,237	159,801	168,471	145,056	164,729	133,313
9,061	11,774	6,639	24,650	17,873	19,609
29,967	103,155	95,672	49,920	24,033	6,819
0	0	0	0	0	18,582
540,118	113,928	215,070	162,255	180,212	95,314
0	293,055	0	0	0	0
5,827	(2,500)	9,295	(2,500)	(2,500)	(1,250)
<u>6,995,214</u>	<u>6,937,267</u>	<u>6,139,425</u>	<u>6,370,187</u>	<u>5,865,885</u>	<u>5,792,102</u>
0	0	0	120,470	0	0
263,917	85,644	53,686	48,574	13,040	31,067
(5,827)	2,500	(9,295)	2,500	2,500	1,250
<u>258,090</u>	<u>88,144</u>	<u>44,391</u>	<u>171,544</u>	<u>15,540</u>	<u>32,317</u>
<u>7,253,304</u>	<u>7,025,411</u>	<u>6,183,816</u>	<u>6,541,731</u>	<u>5,881,425</u>	<u>5,824,419</u>
126,307	2,573,732	(1,620,638)	(1,274,166)	(1,924,643)	(376,193)
287,323	(81,876)	295,718	356,088	835,193	669,187
<u>\$413,630</u>	<u>\$2,491,856</u>	<u>(\$1,324,920)</u>	<u>(\$918,078)</u>	<u>(\$1,089,450)</u>	<u>\$292,994</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Fund Balances, Governmental Funds*  
*Last Ten Years*  
*(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>General Fund</b>				
Nonspendable	\$60,296	\$63,707	\$50,760	\$51,515
Assigned	685,183	586,795	377,127	836,836
Unassigned	613,194	967,025	1,195,230	324,348
Total General Fund	<u>1,358,673</u>	<u>1,617,527</u>	<u>1,623,117</u>	<u>1,212,699</u>
<b>All Other Governmental Funds</b>				
Nonspendable	76,440	89,234	62,780	77,048
Restricted	1,217,675	1,047,734	1,821,220	1,826,582
Committed	112,011	183,618	235,211	197,076
Unassigned (Deficit)	(331,150)	(307,286)	(970,661)	(98,677)
Total All Other Governmental Funds	<u>1,074,976</u>	<u>1,013,300</u>	<u>1,148,550</u>	<u>2,002,029</u>
<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b><u>\$2,433,649</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,630,827</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,771,667</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,214,728</u></b>



2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$118,376	\$43,846	\$34,876	\$43,821	\$27,140	\$33,281
1,081,177	369,229	637,520	661,488	886,245	822,244
<u>761,495</u>	<u>473,253</u>	<u>418,490</u>	<u>790,303</u>	<u>551,341</u>	<u>1,173,552</u>
<u>1,961,048</u>	<u>886,328</u>	<u>1,090,886</u>	<u>1,495,612</u>	<u>1,464,726</u>	<u>2,029,077</u>
116,052	91,042	65,282	56,228	49,479	50,738
1,557,405	1,520,847	1,379,612	1,324,704	1,410,639	1,152,337
207,363	160,354	170,366	143,904	120,361	77,864
(126,661)	(164,568)	(145,102)	(139,151)	(105,918)	(104,614)
<u>1,754,159</u>	<u>1,607,675</u>	<u>1,470,158</u>	<u>1,385,685</u>	<u>1,474,561</u>	<u>1,176,325</u>
<u>\$3,715,207</u>	<u>\$2,494,003</u>	<u>\$2,561,044</u>	<u>\$2,881,297</u>	<u>\$2,939,287</u>	<u>\$3,205,402</u>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds*  
*Last Ten Years*  
*(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$2,651,813	\$2,575,756	\$2,515,072	\$2,510,553
Municipal Income Taxes	3,652,973	3,598,135	3,634,737	3,214,521
Hotel Taxes	34,447	59,766	47,988	105,701
Permissive Taxes	110,043	100,898	0	0
Special Assessments	9,042	6,414	2,131	4,563
Intergovernmental	3,108,760	3,109,290	2,012,688	4,343,886
Fees, Licenses and Permits	269,558	230,309	276,687	348,116
Fines, Forfeitures and Settlements	388,901	377,826	227,531	227,476
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	54,543	56,924	56,924	0
Leases	4,164	3,285	2,657	0
Rentals	20,000	24,295	24,613	37,637
Charges for Services	578,865	530,598	456,833	433,995
Contributions and Donations	5,520	6,006	9,894	15,810
Investment Earnings/Interest	162,781	172,921	93,213	4,545
Franchise Taxes	107,719	120,412	134,651	42,692
Other	267,175	313,439	721,576	210,845
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>11,426,304</i>	<i>11,286,274</i>	<i>10,217,195</i>	<i>11,500,340</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government	1,951,936	1,689,855	1,856,239	1,802,361
Security of Persons and Property	5,527,556	5,145,035	4,812,790	4,618,373
Public Health Services	208,216	154,527	13,020	88,870
Leisure Time Activities	156,292	107,086	93,754	80,229
Community Development	181,603	350,431	284,791	135,656
Basic Utilities Services	184,497	183,318	238,384	214,218
Transportation	1,482,150	1,328,556	1,678,002	1,278,530
Capital Outlay	1,486,637	2,268,231	1,683,510	3,833,820
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	517,724	520,584	512,783	431,836
Interest	133,923	114,189	115,578	93,941
Principal Retirement - Current Refunding	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>11,830,534</i>	<i>11,861,812</i>	<i>11,288,851</i>	<i>12,577,834</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(404,230)</i>	<i>(575,538)</i>	<i>(1,071,656)</i>	<i>(1,077,494)</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Sale of Capital Assets	49,088	8,670	0	0
General Obligation Bonds Issued	0	0	0	498,000
General Obligation Notes Issued	0	0	0	0
Current Refunding	0	0	0	0
Inception of Subscriptions	0	165,200	0	0
Financed Purchase Issued	161,084	255,660	0	0
State Infrastructure Bank Loan Issued	0	0	0	7,358
OPWC Loans Issued	0	8,288	35,243	0
Transfer of Health Department Operations	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	286,162	246,162	131,871	179,608
Transfers Out	(289,282)	(249,282)	(134,371)	(107,951)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>207,052</i>	<i>434,698</i>	<i>32,743</i>	<i>577,015</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>(\$197,178)</i>	<i>(\$140,840)</i>	<i>(\$1,038,913)</i>	<i>(\$500,479)</i>
Debt Service as a Percentage of Noncapital Expenditures	6.3%	6.8%	6.9%	7.1%

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$2,194,944	\$2,167,433	\$2,154,234	\$2,175,269	\$2,228,798	\$1,617,111
2,904,977	3,289,860	3,129,270	3,111,685	2,839,766	3,163,103
24,076	42,681	28,137	22,877	24,138	23,409
0	0	0	0	0	0
36,352	50,464	46,335	88,436	104,042	94,534
4,364,218	2,273,543	1,193,129	1,164,899	1,156,616	1,860,461
333,425	578,763	349,550	402,943	421,606	324,522
221,199	233,855	367,508	318,365	271,665	301,696
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
42,919	48,061	30,608	25,500	67,231	51,650
332,747	362,069	344,141	384,055	417,825	418,461
9,761	19,779	33,421	65,255	21,358	20,569
29,967	103,155	95,672	49,920	24,033	6,819
153,032	169,322	170,370	131,414	127,503	153,209
540,118	113,928	215,070	162,255	180,212	95,314
<u>11,187,735</u>	<u>9,452,913</u>	<u>8,157,445</u>	<u>8,102,873</u>	<u>7,884,793</u>	<u>8,130,858</u>
1,536,076	1,487,778	1,543,626	1,407,467	1,486,438	1,504,861
4,149,141	4,252,568	3,932,977	3,686,376	3,865,687	3,634,608
173,993	181,513	218,143	190,285	184,504	188,370
72,490	130,788	100,201	114,268	90,088	95,671
118,099	145,283	168,693	243,395	131,772	353,683
177,756	199,418	204,919	200,724	162,842	156,956
1,976,756	1,464,039	1,281,653	1,230,353	1,149,087	1,236,421
2,306,941	2,188,464	726,623	682,739	615,544	1,126,461
287,454	327,417	513,352	514,418	675,992	476,410
80,437	52,454	59,559	72,338	82,230	85,703
40,000	20,000	30,000	30,000	0	0
<u>10,919,143</u>	<u>10,449,722</u>	<u>8,779,746</u>	<u>8,372,363</u>	<u>8,444,184</u>	<u>8,859,144</u>
<u>268,592</u>	<u>(996,809)</u>	<u>(622,301)</u>	<u>(269,490)</u>	<u>(559,391)</u>	<u>(728,286)</u>
0	0	0	0	0	18,582
420,000	0	0	214,000	0	450,000
0	40,000	60,000	90,000	120,000	150,000
0	(40,000)	(60,000)	(90,000)	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
153,671	231,807	204,548	0	175,776	101,264
306,866	652,633	100,000	0	0	0
66,248	50,000	0	0	0	0
0	(2,172)	0	0	0	0
67,077	49,000	56,922	96,000	70,750	30,750
(61,250)	(51,500)	(59,422)	(98,500)	(73,250)	(32,000)
<u>952,612</u>	<u>929,768</u>	<u>302,048</u>	<u>211,500</u>	<u>293,276</u>	<u>718,596</u>
<u>\$1,221,204</u>	<u>(\$67,041)</u>	<u>(\$320,253)</u>	<u>(\$57,990)</u>	<u>(\$266,115)</u>	<u>(\$9,690)</u>

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Assessed Valuation and Estimated True Values of Taxable Property*  
*Last Ten Years*

Collection Year	Real Property			Tangible Personal Property	
	Assessed Value		Estimated Actual Value	Public Utility	
	Residential/Agricultural	Commercial Industrial/PU		Assessed Value	Estimated Actual Value
2024	\$176,692,370	\$58,401,270	\$671,696,114	\$13,925,470	\$15,824,398
2023	175,951,350	56,019,610	662,774,171	12,096,360	13,745,864
2022	134,050,200	55,490,810	541,545,743	11,731,940	13,331,750
2021	133,949,940	57,211,060	546,174,286	11,867,540	13,485,841
2020	133,626,170	56,604,400	543,515,914	10,446,790	11,871,352
2019	123,089,140	53,629,670	504,910,886	9,669,320	10,987,864
2018	123,141,820	53,647,390	505,112,029	8,879,990	10,090,898
2017	123,541,940	54,806,950	509,568,257	8,499,330	9,658,330
2016	123,731,870	54,135,860	508,193,514	7,968,920	9,055,591
2015	123,666,110	55,173,170	510,969,371	7,546,170	8,575,193

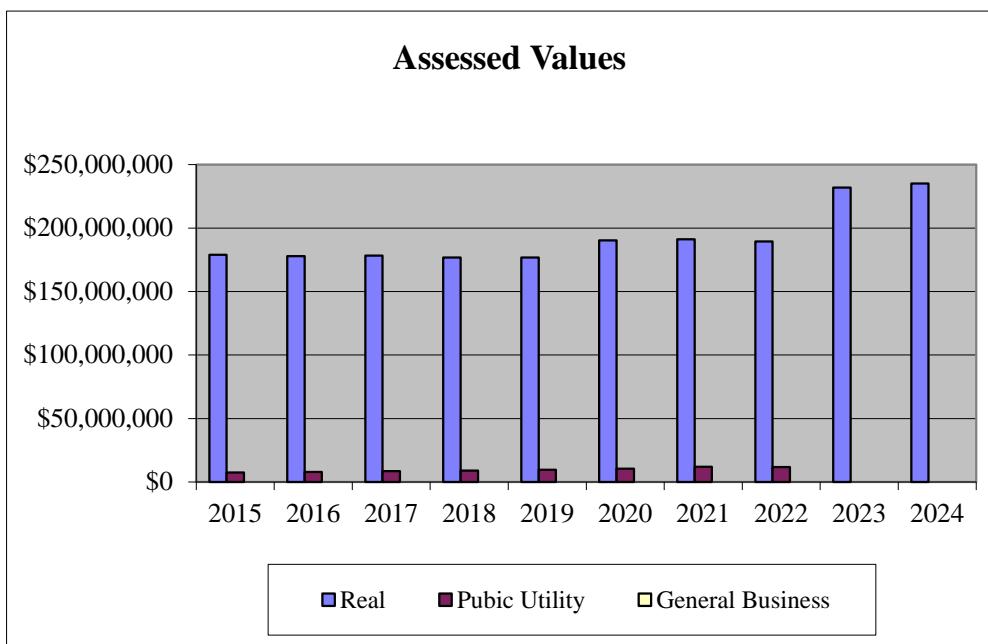
Real property is reappraised every six years with a State mandated update of the current market value in the third year following each appraisal.

The assessed value of real property (including public utility real property) is 35 percent of estimated true value. The assessed value of public utility personal property ranges from 25 percent of true value for railroad property to 88 percent for electric transmission and distribution property.

The tangible personal property values associated with each year are the values that, when multiplied by the applicable rates, generated the property tax revenue billed in that year. For real property, the amounts generated by multiplying the assessed values by the applicable rates would be reduced by a 10 percent and a 2 1/2 percent rollback, and homestead exemptions before being billed.

Source: Ashtabula County, Ohio; County Auditor

Assessed Value	Total Estimated Actual Value	Ratio	Weighted Average Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of Assessed Value)
\$249,019,110	\$687,520,512	36.22%	\$11.8581
244,067,320	676,520,035	36.08	11.9353
201,272,950	554,877,493	36.27	13.6865
203,028,540	559,660,127	36.28	13.7089
200,677,360	555,387,267	36.13	13.7099
186,388,130	515,898,749	36.13	12.8418
185,669,200	515,202,926	36.04	12.8404
186,848,220	519,226,587	35.99	12.8341
185,836,650	517,249,105	35.93	12.8352
186,385,450	519,544,565	35.87	13.4615



**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Property Tax Rates - Direct and Overlapping Governments*  
*(Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation)*  
*Last Ten Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Unvoted Millage</b>					
Operating	\$2.0000	\$2.0000	\$2.0000	\$2.0000	\$2.0000
Fire Pension	0.7300	0.7300	0.7300	0.7300	0.7300
Police Pension	0.9000	0.9000	0.9000	0.9000	0.9000
<i>Total Unvoted Millage</i>	<i>3.6300</i>	<i>3.6300</i>	<i>3.6300</i>	<i>3.6300</i>	<i>3.6300</i>
<b>Voted Millage - by levy</b>					
1995 Library Bond	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2003 Police Operating					
Residential/Agricultural Real	1.3167	1.3163	1.7217	1.7232	1.7209
Commercial/Industrial and Public Utility Real	1.8365	1.9266	1.9637	1.9716	1.9820
General Business and Public Utility Personal	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000
2013 Road and Bridge					
Residential/Agricultural Real	1.9390	1.9386	2.5356	2.5378	2.5343
Commercial/Industrial and Public Utility Real	2.5252	2.6491	2.7001	2.7110	2.7253
General Business and Public Utility Personal	2.7500	2.7500	2.7500	2.7500	2.7500
2015 Fire					
Residential/Agricultural Real	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Commercial/Industrial and Public Utility Real	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
General Business and Public Utility Personal	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
2015 Police					
Residential/Agricultural Real	2.1153	2.1148	2.7661	2.7685	2.7647
Commercial/Industrial and Public Utility Real	2.7548	2.8899	2.9455	2.9575	2.9730
General Business and Public Utility Personal	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000
2020 Fire					
Residential/Agricultural Real	2.1153	2.1148	2.7661	2.7685	2.7647
Commercial/Industrial and Public Utility Real	2.7548	2.8899	2.9455	2.9575	2.9730
General Business and Public Utility Personal	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000
<i>Total Voted Millage by Type of Property</i>					
Residential/Agricultural Real	\$7.4863	\$7.4845	\$9.7895	\$9.7980	\$9.7846
Commercial/Industrial and Public Utility Real	9.8712	10.3556	10.5548	10.5976	10.6533
General Business and Public Utility Personal	10.7500	10.7500	10.7500	10.7500	10.7500
<i>Total Millage by Type of Property</i>					
Residential/Agricultural Real	\$11.1163	\$11.1145	\$13.4195	\$13.4280	\$13.4146
Commercial/Industrial and Public Utility Real	13.5012	13.9856	14.1848	14.2276	14.2833
General Business and Public Utility Personal	14.3800	14.3800	14.3800	14.3800	14.3800
<i>Total Weighted Average Tax Rate</i>	<i>\$11.8581</i>	<i>\$11.9353</i>	<i>\$13.6865</i>	<i>\$13.7089</i>	<i>\$13.7099</i>

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$2.0000	\$2.0000	\$2.0000	\$2.0000	\$2.0000
0.7300	0.7300	0.7300	0.7300	0.7300
0.9000	0.9000	0.9000	0.9000	0.9000
<u>3.6300</u>	<u>3.6300</u>	<u>3.6300</u>	<u>3.6300</u>	<u>3.6300</u>
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.6300
2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000
1.8673	1.8628	1.8553	1.8506	1.8466
2.0000	2.0000	1.9835	2.0000	2.0000
2.7500	2.7500	2.7500	2.7500	2.7500
2.7500	2.7500	2.7500	2.7455	2.7395
2.7500	2.7500	2.7273	2.7500	2.7500
1.5000	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000
1.5000	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000	1.5000
1.5000	1.5000	1.4876	1.5000	1.5000
3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000
3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000
3.0000	3.0000	2.9752	3.0000	3.0000
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
\$9.2500	\$9.2500	\$9.2500	\$9.2500	\$9.8800
9.1173	9.1128	9.1053	9.0961	9.7160
9.2500	9.2500	9.1736	9.2500	9.8800
<u>\$12.8800</u>	<u>12.7473</u>	<u>12.8800</u>	<u>12.8800</u>	<u>\$13.5100</u>
<u>12.7473</u>	<u>12.7428</u>	<u>12.7353</u>	<u>12.7261</u>	<u>13.3460</u>
<u>12.8800</u>	<u>12.8800</u>	<u>12.8036</u>	<u>12.8800</u>	<u>13.5100</u>
<u><u>\$12.8418</u></u>	<u><u>\$12.8404</u></u>	<u><u>\$12.8341</u></u>	<u><u>\$12.8352</u></u>	<u><u>\$13.4615</u></u>

(continued)

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Property Tax Rates - Direct and Overlapping Governments (continued)*  
*(Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation)*  
*Last Ten Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Overlapping Rates by Taxing District</b>					
Conneaut City School District					
Residential/Agricultural Real	\$25.0387	\$25.0387	\$26.6488	\$27.4139	\$27.3936
Commercial/Industrial and Public Utility Real	27.3360	28.2712	30.8970	30.9237	31.0335
General Business and Public Utility Personal	38.3400	38.3400	39.8400	40.5900	40.5900
Ashtabula County					
Residential/Agricultural Real	7.2599	7.5949	8.8906	9.3661	9.3688
Commercial/Industrial and Public Utility Real	10.4584	10.9637	10.5105	10.9663	10.9510
General Business and Public Utility Personal	11.0100	11.5200	11.0200	11.5200	11.5200
Special Taxing Districts (1)					
Residential/Agricultural Real	4.6474	5.3510	6.7894	6.4677	6.4631
Commercial/Industrial and Public Utility Real	5.7701	6.8855	7.4564	7.1878	7.2022
General Business and Public Utility Personal	7.4100	8.4100	8.9100	8.6500	8.6500

Source: Ashtabula County Auditor

Note: The rates presented for a particular calendar year are the rates that, when applied to the assessed values presented in the Assessed Value Table, The City's basic property tax rate may be increased only by a majority vote of the City's residents.

Overlapping rates are those of local and county governments that apply to property owners within the City.

Real property tax rates are reduced so that inflationary increases in value do not generate additional taxes.

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$40.5900	\$40.5900	\$40.5900	\$36.3900	\$36.3900
28.2171	28.1750	28.1145	23.9602	23.9227
31.2111	31.1646	30.7731	26.7154	26.6232
11.5200	11.5200	11.5200	11.5200	9.5530
9.8224	9.8182	9.7962	10.0306	8.0465
11.2552	11.2384	11.2001	11.2176	9.2017
8.6500	7.1500	7.1500	8.7600	7.6500
6.8981	5.4105	5.4034	8.3339	5.9616
7.3524	5.8405	5.7964	8.1487	6.2914

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Property Tax Levies And Collections*  
*Last Ten Years*

Year	Total Original Tax Levy	Current Tax Collections	Percent of Current Tax Collections To Original Tax Levy	Delinquent Tax Collections	Total Tax Collections (1)
2024	\$2,910,061	\$2,770,154	95.19 %	\$93,745	\$2,863,899
2023	2,952,838	2,661,492	90.13	86,843	2,748,335
2022	3,040,629	2,644,314	86.97	87,182	2,731,496
2021	2,751,483	2,640,183	95.95	89,031	2,729,214
2020	2,486,165	2,299,263	92.48	80,753	2,380,016
2019	2,371,505	2,275,777	95.96	74,255	2,350,032
2018	2,373,473	2,268,203	95.56	73,412	2,341,615
2017	2,464,939	2,276,626	92.36	91,689	2,368,315
2016	2,497,430	2,378,707	95.25	59,324	2,438,031
2015	1,807,218	1,662,558	92.00	68,344	1,730,902

Source: Ashtabula County, Ohio; County Auditor

(1) State reimbursement of rollback and homestead exemptions are included.

Note: The County does not identify delinquent collections by the year for which the tax was levied.

Penalties and interest are included, since by Ohio law they become part of the tax obligation as assessment occurs.

The County's current reporting system does not track delinquency tax collections by tax year. Outstanding delinquencies are tracked in total by the date the parcel is first certified delinquent. Penalties and interest are applied to the total outstanding delinquent balance. The presentation will be updated as new information becomes available.

Percent of Total Tax Collections To Original Tax Levy	Accumulated Outstanding Delinquent Taxes	Percentage of Delinquent Taxes To Original Tax Levy
98.41 %	\$150,935	5.19 %
93.07	204,502	6.93
89.83	309,133	10.17
99.19	248,583	9.03
95.73	318,096	12.79
99.09	220,150	9.28
98.66	203,369	8.57
96.08	296,253	12.02
97.62	267,516	10.71
95.78	284,571	15.75

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Principal Real Property Taxpayers*  
*2024 and 2015*

2024		
Taxpayer	Real Property Assessed Valuation	Percentage of Total Real Assessed Valuation
CCA Western Properties	\$25,051,460	10.66 %
Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.	8,411,490	3.58
Spirit Realty LP	4,539,510	1.93
American Transmission	2,974,800	1.26
East Ohio Gas	2,539,180	1.08
Millwork Properties	1,393,590	0.59
Villa At the Lake	1,340,960	0.57
CSP of Ohio LLC	1,072,090	0.46
Truck World	879,060	0.37
Bessmer and Lake Erie	799,330	0.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,001,470</b>	<b>20.84 %</b>
<b>Total Real Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>\$235,093,640</b>	
2015		
Taxpayer	Real Property Assessed Valuation	Percentage of Total Real Assessed Valuation
CCA Western Properties	\$25,049,150	14.01 %
Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.	6,120,750	3.42
Millwork Properties	1,415,580	0.79
Navigroup Venture LLC	1,332,240	0.75
CSP of Ohio LLC	961,700	0.54
ES Realty	840,980	0.47
Kolman Properties	786,560	0.44
Highland	775,610	0.43
Attitude Limited	763,570	0.43
Loves Travel Shop	742,120	0.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,788,260</b>	<b>21.69 %</b>
<b>Total Real Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>\$178,839,280</b>	

Source: Ashtabula County Auditor

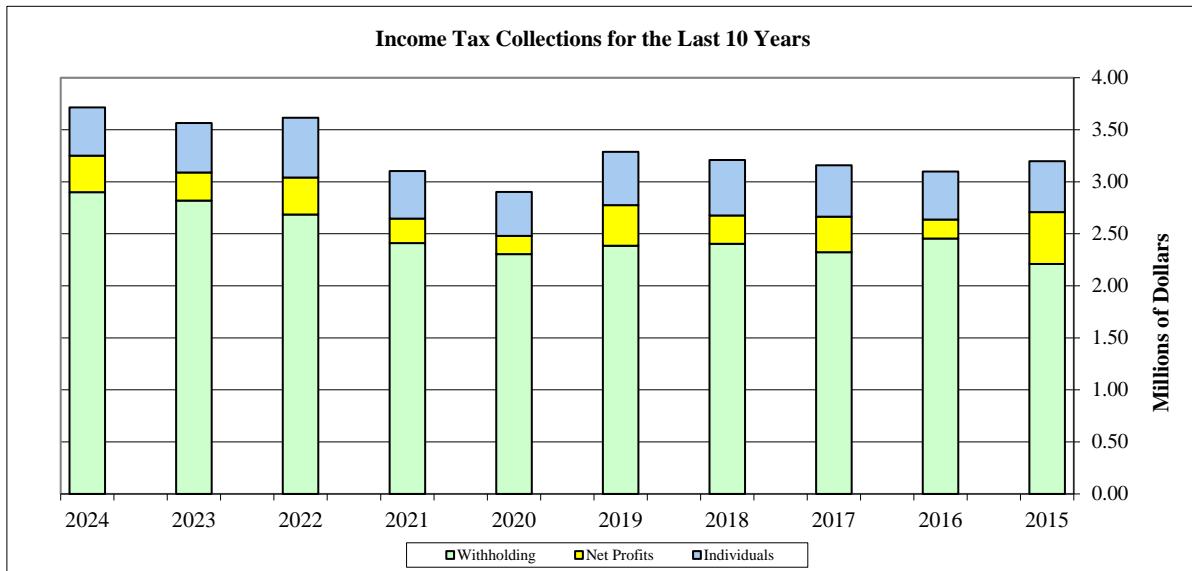
**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
**Income Tax Revenue Base and Collections**  
**Last Ten Years**

Tax Year	Tax Rate	Total Tax Collected (1)	Taxes from Withholding	Percentage of Taxes from Withholding	Taxes From Net Profits	Percentage of Taxes from Net Profits	Taxes From Individuals	Percentage of Taxes from Individuals
2024	1.65%	\$3,713,740	\$2,900,165	78.09%	\$350,263	9.43%	\$463,312	12.48%
2023	1.65	3,564,945	2,818,648	79.06	271,596	7.62	474,701	13.32
2022	1.65	3,616,420	2,685,679	74.26	353,948	9.79	576,793	15.95
2021	1.65	3,102,338	2,409,734	77.67	237,248	7.65	455,356	14.68
2020	1.65	2,902,905	2,303,999	79.37	175,563	6.05	423,343	14.58
2019	1.65	3,288,730	2,385,388	72.53	389,934	11.86	513,408	15.61
2018	1.65	3,208,973	2,403,041	74.89	272,228	8.48	533,704	16.63
2017	1.65	3,158,615	2,323,420	73.56	340,677	10.78	494,518	15.66
2016	1.65	3,098,326	2,454,624	79.22	183,311	5.92	460,391	14.86
2015	1.65	3,198,238	2,209,573	69.09	498,257	15.58	490,408	15.33

(1) Cash Basis of Accounting

Note: The City is statutory and is prohibited from presenting individual taxpayers.

Source: City Financial Records



**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Ratio of Outstanding Debt to*  
*Total Personal Income and Debt Per Capita*  
*Last Ten Years*

Year	Governmental Activities						
	General Obligation Bonds	OWDA Loans	Loans	OPWC Loans	Bond Anticipation Notes	Financed Purchases	Subscriptions
2024	\$702,200	\$0	\$996,339	\$142,560	\$0	\$559,582	\$66,682
2023	896,238	0	1,132,280	152,428	0	519,588	123,469
2022	1,085,922	0	1,316,422	152,820	0	349,055	11,220
2021	1,330,580	0	1,495,151	124,870	0	431,158	0
2020	1,075,101	0	1,229,920	130,913	0	510,431	0
2019	814,515	45,596	949,236	67,062	40,000	410,625	0
2018	970,875	89,638	363,142	20,606	60,000	235,750	0
2017	1,225,744	144,035	369,181	22,899	90,000	126,956	0
2016	1,239,337	196,523	512,959	25,192	120,000	215,222	0
2015	1,462,186	295,554	652,960	27,485	150,000	101,264	0

(1) Personal Income and Population Data are located on S34.

Source: City Financial Records

Business-Type Activities						
OWDA Loans	OPWC Loans	General Obligation Bonds	Loans	Total Debt	Percentage of Personal Income (1)	Per Capita (1)
\$5,218,802	\$543,750	\$201,300	\$0	\$8,431,215	2.94%	\$684.46
5,157,674	500,904	268,400	0	8,750,981	3.05	710.42
5,596,032	544,309	335,500	0	9,391,280	3.27	762.40
5,111,757	483,690	416,079	0	9,393,285	3.27	762.57
5,534,452	543,222	496,427	0	9,520,466	4.34	741.41
6,001,227	572,990	576,573	0	9,477,824	4.33	738.09
6,169,922	578,606	656,518	30,664	9,175,721	4.19	714.56
6,366,372	517,729	807,947	61,331	9,732,194	4.44	757.90
4,796,560	501,022	218,995	116,289	7,942,099	3.62	618.50
5,172,255	549,341	298,825	376,228	9,086,098	4.15	707.58

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Ratio of General Obligation Bonded Debt to Estimated True Values  
of Taxable Property and Bonded Debt Per Capita  
Last Ten Years*

Year	Population (1)	Estimated True Values of Taxable Property (2)	Gross Bonded Debt (3)			Ratio of Bonded Debt to Estimated True Values of Taxable Property	Bonded Debt Per Capita
			Governmental	Business- Type	Total		
2024	12,318	\$687,520,512	\$702,200	\$201,300	\$903,500	0.13 %	\$73.35
2023	12,318	676,520,035	896,238	268,400	1,164,638	0.17	94.55
2022	12,318	554,877,493	1,085,922	335,500	1,421,422	0.26	115.39
2021	12,318	559,660,127	1,330,580	416,079	1,746,659	0.31	141.80
2020	12,841	555,387,267	1,075,101	496,427	1,571,528	0.28	122.38
2019	12,841	515,898,749	814,515	576,573	1,391,088	0.27	108.33
2018	12,841	515,202,926	970,875	656,518	1,627,393	0.32	126.73
2017	12,841	519,226,587	1,225,744	807,947	2,033,691	0.39	158.37
2016	12,841	517,249,105	1,239,337	218,995	1,458,332	0.28	113.57
2015	12,841	519,544,565	1,462,186	298,825	1,761,011	0.34	137.14

Sources:

- (1) Year 2021 - 2024 Federal Census of Population Estimate  
Year 2015 - 2020 2010 Federal Census of Population
- (2) Ashtabula County Auditor
- (3) Includes only general obligation bonds.
- (4) Although the general obligation bond retirement fund is restricted for debt service, it is not specifically restricted to the payment of principal. Therefore, these resources are not shown as a deduction from general obligation bonded debt.

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Computation of Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt*  
*December 31, 2024*

Jurisdiction	Governmental Activities Debt	Percentage Applicable to City (1)	Amount Applicable to City of Conneaut
<b>Direct</b>			
General Obligation Bonds	\$702,200	100.00 %	\$702,200
Loans	996,339	100.00	996,339
OPWC Loans	142,560	100.00	142,560
Financed Purchases	559,582	100.00	559,582
Subscriptions	<u>66,682</u>	100.00	<u>66,682</u>
<i>Total Direct Debt</i>	<u>2,467,363</u>		<u>2,467,363</u>
<b>Overlapping</b>			
Ashtabula County			
General Obligation Bonds	14,465,000	10.14	1,466,751
OPWC Loans	60,000	10.14	6,084
Conneaut City School District			
General Obligation Bonds	<u>230,000</u>	86.44	<u>198,812</u>
<i>Total Overlapping Debt</i>	<u>14,755,000</u>		<u>1,671,649</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$17,222,363</u></b>		<b><u>\$4,139,012</u></b>

Source: Ashtabula County, Ohio; County Auditor

(1) Percentages were determined by dividing each overlapping subdivision's assessed valuation within the City by its total assessed valuation.

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**

*Legal Debt Margin  
Last Ten Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assessed Property Value	<u>\$249,019,110</u>	<u>\$244,067,320</u>	<u>\$201,272,950</u>	<u>\$203,028,540</u>
General Bonded Debt Outstanding:				
General Obligation Bonds	\$903,500	\$1,164,638	\$1,421,422	\$1,746,659
OWDA Loans	5,218,802	5,157,674	5,596,032	5,111,757
OPWC Loans	686,310	653,332	697,129	608,560
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0	0
Loans	996,339	1,132,280	1,316,422	1,495,151
Total Gross Indebtedness	7,804,951	8,107,924	9,031,005	8,962,127
Less:				
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0	0
OPWC Loans	(686,310)	(653,332)	(697,129)	(608,560)
OWDA Loans	(5,218,802)	(5,157,674)	(5,596,032)	(5,111,757)
General Obligation Bond Retirement Fund Balance	0	0	0	0
Total Net Debt Applicable to Debt Limit	<u>1,899,839</u>	<u>2,296,918</u>	<u>2,737,844</u>	<u>3,241,810</u>
Overall Legal Debt Limit (10 1/2 % of Assessed Valuation)	<u>26,147,007</u>	<u>25,627,069</u>	<u>21,133,660</u>	<u>21,317,997</u>
Legal Debt Margin Within 10 1/2 % Limitations	<u>\$24,247,168</u>	<u>\$23,330,151</u>	<u>\$18,395,816</u>	<u>\$18,076,187</u>
Legal Debt Margin as a Percentage of the Debt Limit	92.73%	91.04%	87.05%	84.79%
Unvoted Debt Limitation 5 1/2 % of Assessed Valuation	<u>\$13,696,051</u>	<u>\$13,423,703</u>	<u>\$11,070,012</u>	<u>\$11,166,570</u>
Total Gross Indebtedness	7,804,951	8,107,924	9,031,005	8,962,127
Less:				
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0	0
OPWC Loans	(686,310)	(653,332)	(697,129)	(608,560)
OWDA Loans	(5,218,802)	(5,157,674)	(5,596,032)	(5,111,757)
General Obligation Bond Retirement Fund Balance	0	0	0	0
Net Debt Within 5 1/2 % Limitations	<u>1,899,839</u>	<u>2,296,918</u>	<u>2,737,844</u>	<u>3,241,810</u>
Unvoted Legal Debt Margin Within 5 1/2 % Limitations	<u>\$11,796,212</u>	<u>\$11,126,785</u>	<u>\$8,332,168</u>	<u>\$7,924,760</u>
Unvoted legal Debt Margin as a Percentage of the Unvoted Debt Limitation	86.13%	82.89%	75.27%	70.97%

Source: City Financial Records

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<u>\$200,677,360</u>	<u>\$186,388,130</u>	<u>\$185,669,200</u>	<u>\$186,848,220</u>	<u>\$185,836,650</u>	<u>\$186,385,450</u>
\$1,571,528	\$1,391,088	\$1,627,393	\$2,033,691	\$1,458,332	\$1,761,011
5,534,452	6,046,823	6,259,560	6,510,407	4,993,083	5,467,809
674,135	640,052	599,212	540,628	526,214	576,826
0	120,000	180,000	240,000	300,000	440,000
1,229,920	949,236	393,806	430,512	629,248	1,029,188
9,010,035	9,147,199	9,059,971	9,755,238	7,906,877	9,274,834
0	0	0	0	0	(37,500)
(674,135)	(640,052)	(599,212)	(540,628)	(526,214)	(576,826)
(5,534,452)	(6,046,823)	(6,259,560)	(6,510,407)	(4,993,083)	(5,467,809)
0	0	0	(96,605)	(200,058)	(190,293)
2,801,448	2,460,324	2,201,199	2,607,598	2,187,522	3,002,406
21,071,123	19,570,754	19,495,266	19,619,063	19,512,848	19,570,472
<u>\$18,269,675</u>	<u>\$17,110,430</u>	<u>\$17,294,067</u>	<u>\$17,011,465</u>	<u>\$17,325,326</u>	<u>\$16,568,066</u>
86.70%	87.43%	88.71%	86.71%	88.79%	84.66%
<u>\$11,037,255</u>	<u>\$10,251,347</u>	<u>\$10,211,806</u>	<u>\$10,276,652</u>	<u>\$10,221,016</u>	<u>\$10,251,200</u>
9,010,035	9,147,199	9,059,971	9,755,238	7,906,877	9,274,834
0	0	0	0	0	(37,500)
(674,135)	(640,052)	(599,212)	(540,628)	(526,214)	(576,826)
(5,534,452)	(6,046,823)	(6,259,560)	(6,510,407)	(4,993,083)	(5,467,809)
0	0	0	(96,605)	(200,058)	(190,293)
2,801,448	2,460,324	2,201,199	2,607,598	2,187,522	3,002,406
<u>\$8,235,807</u>	<u>\$7,791,023</u>	<u>\$8,010,607</u>	<u>\$7,669,054</u>	<u>\$8,033,494</u>	<u>\$7,248,794</u>
74.62%	76.00%	78.44%	74.63%	78.60%	70.71%

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Pledged Revenue Coverage*  
*Revenue Debt - Water Fund*  
*Last Ten Years*

Year	Operating Revenue	Expenses, Net of Depreciation *	Net Revenue Available for Debt Service	Debt Service Requirement**			Coverage
				Principal	Interest	Total	
2024	\$2,510,072	\$2,536,780	(\$26,708)	\$176,481	\$42,973	\$219,454	(0.12)
2023	2,479,422	2,303,166	176,256	169,369	44,317	213,686	0.82
2022	2,442,102	1,609,384	832,718	123,781	60,828	184,609	4.51
2021	2,355,588	1,170,330	1,185,258	146,656	51,115	197,771	5.99
2020	2,504,271	2,008,064	496,207	122,832	53,909	176,741	2.81
2019	2,369,897	1,725,833	644,064	131,782	52,527	184,309	3.49
2018	2,379,769	1,894,228	485,541	126,800	58,201	185,001	2.62
2017	2,362,700	2,073,595	289,105	138,224	77,861	216,085	1.34
2016	2,278,129	1,541,931	736,198	162,534	60,161	222,695	3.31
2015	2,270,332	1,666,156	604,176	153,649	62,026	215,675	2.80

\* Total operating expenses exclusive of depreciation.

\*\* Revenue debt includes OWDA and OPWC loans payable solely from net revenues in the water enterprise fund.

Source: City Financial Records

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Pledged Revenue Coverage*  
*Revenue Debt - Sewer Fund*  
*Last Ten Years*

Year	Operating Revenue	Expenses, Net of Depreciation *	Net Revenue Available for Debt Service	Debt Service Requirement**			Coverage
				Principal	Interest	Total	
2024	\$2,508,039	\$2,144,974	\$363,065	\$376,580	\$57,739	\$434,319	0.84
2023	2,399,607	2,143,275	256,332	367,240	65,035	432,275	0.59
2022	2,392,245	1,645,697	746,548	366,032	73,716	439,748	1.70
2021	2,306,436	1,248,955	1,057,481	335,571	82,524	418,095	2.53
2020	2,486,155	1,908,845	577,310	373,711	86,662	460,373	1.25
2019	2,428,426	2,084,452	343,974	362,537	102,967	465,504	0.74
2018	2,426,934	1,873,883	553,051	307,934	93,494	401,428	1.38
2017	2,442,141	1,778,533	663,608	242,740	98,706	341,446	1.94
2016	2,407,861	1,417,069	990,792	261,480	85,425	346,905	2.86
2015	2,409,703	1,378,966	1,030,737	126,673	99,642	226,315	4.55

\* Total operating expenses exclusive of depreciation.

\*\* Revenue debt includes OWDA and OPWC loans payable solely from net revenues in the sewer enterprise fund.

Source: City Financial Records

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Principal Employers*  
*Current Year and Nine Years Ago*

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2024

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Employer	Employees	Percentage of Total City Employment
University Hospitals Health System	445	9.24 %
Conneaut Area City School District	347	7.20
Corrections Corporation of America (CCA)	277	5.75
Teijin Automotive Technology	214	4.44
Lukjan Metal Products	211	4.38
City of Conneaut	179	3.72
Cascade Ohio	139	2.89
General Aluminum	138	2.86
Loves	114	2.37
Orlando Brothers	79	1.64
 Total	 2,143	 44.49 %
Total Employment within the City	  <hr/> <hr/>	  <hr/> <hr/>

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2015

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Employer	Employees	Percentage of Total City Employment
Corrections Corporation of America (CCA)	307	7.18 %
Conneaut Area City School District	288	6.73
General Aluminum	281	6.57
Continental Structural Plastics	216	5.05
University Heights Hospital System	207	4.84
Ashtabula County	131	3.06
Cascade Ohio	130	3.04
Lukjan Metal Products	128	2.99
Infinity Resources	113	2.64
City of Conneaut	102	2.38
 Total	 <hr/> <hr/>	 <hr/> <hr/>
Total Employment within the City	  <hr/> <hr/>	  <hr/> <hr/>

Source: Number of employees obtained from the W2's  
from the City's Tax Department

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Demographic and Economic Statistics*  
*Last Ten Years*

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Year	Population (1)	Total Personal Income (3)	Personal Income Per Capita (1)	Median Household Income (1)	Median Age (1)
2024	12,318	\$287,181,852	\$23,314	\$47,685	42
2023	12,318	287,181,852	23,314	47,685	42
2022	12,318	287,181,852	23,314	47,685	42
2021	12,318	287,181,852	23,314	47,685	42
2020	12,841	219,131,665	17,065	38,250	40
2019	12,841	219,131,665	17,065	38,250	40
2018	12,841	219,131,665	17,065	38,250	40
2017	12,841	219,131,665	17,065	38,250	40
2016	12,841	219,131,665	17,065	38,250	40
2015	12,841	219,131,665	17,065	38,250	40

(1) Year 2021 - 2024 2020 Federal Census of Population

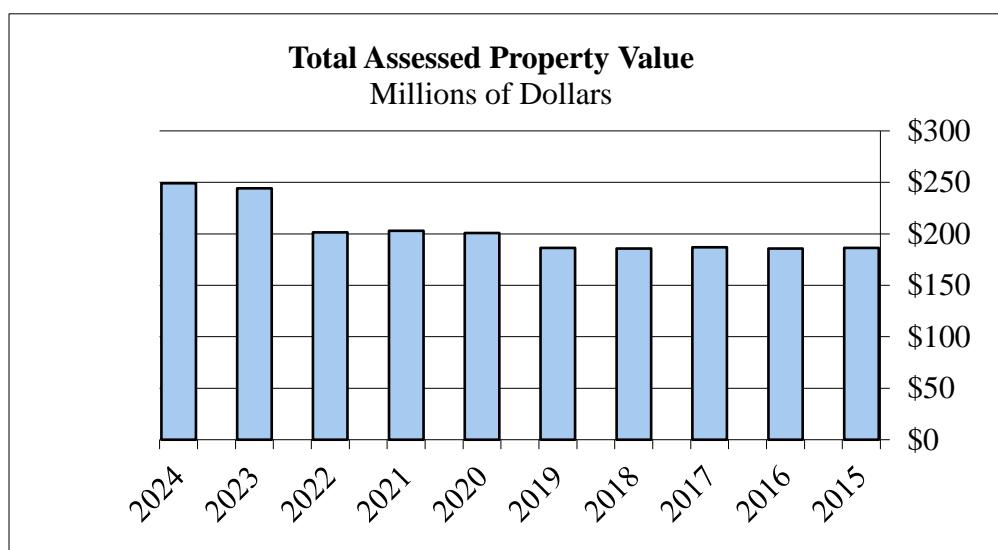
Year 2015 - 2020 2010 Federal Census of Population

(2) Source: Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

Website: "<http://www.education.ohio.gov>"

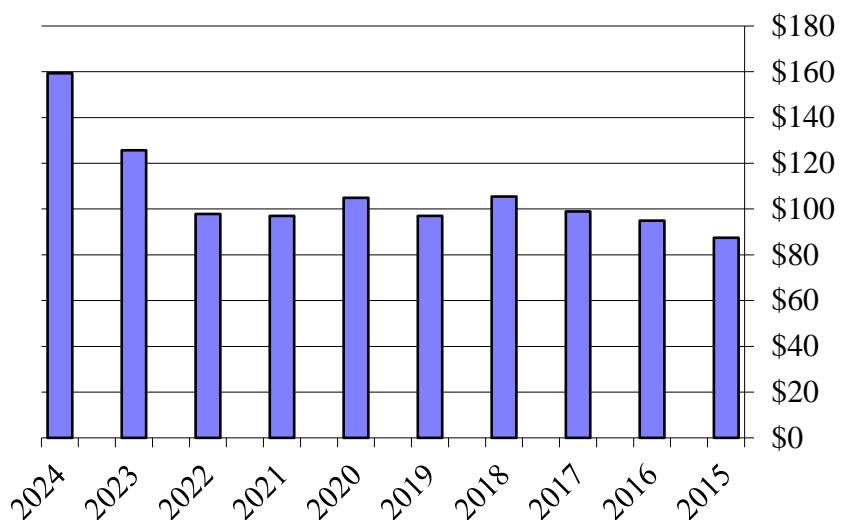
(3) Computation of per capita personal income multiplied by population

(4) The unemployment rate for the City is unavailable. County rate obtained from Ohio Labor Market Information.



Educational Attainment: Bachelor's Degree or Higher (1)	School Enrollment (2)	Ashtabula County Unemployment Rate (4)	Average Sales Price of Residential Property	Total Assessed Property Value
13.2%	1,748	4.3%	\$159,390	\$249,019,110
13.2	1,594	3.9	125,700	244,067,320
13.2	1,574	4.2	97,800	201,272,950
13.2	1,587	3.9	96,950	203,028,540
11.2	1,618	6.1	104,900	200,677,360
11.2	1,618	4.9	97,000	186,388,130
11.2	1,718	5.3	105,500	185,669,200
11.2	1,726	5.9	99,000	186,848,220
11.2	1,727	5.3	94,900	185,836,650
11.2	1,789	6.2	87,400	186,385,450

**Average Sales Price of Residential Property**  
Thousands of Dollars



**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Full-Time Equivalent City Government Employees by Function/Program*  
*Last Ten Years*

Function/Program	2024	2023	2022	2021
General Government				
Council	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Clerk of Council	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
City Manager	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Finance	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Law	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Court	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Security of Persons and Property				
Police	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
Police - Dispatchers	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Police - Jailers	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Fire	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Ambulance	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Public Health Services				
Health	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Cemetery	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Leisure Time Activities				
Recreation	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Community Environment				
Housing/Zoning	3.50	3.50	2.50	2.50
Transportation				
Street/Public Works	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Basic Utility Services				
Water	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Sewer	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Totals:	<u>110.50</u>	<u>110.50</u>	<u>109.50</u>	<u>109.50</u>

**Method:** Using 1.0 for each full-time employee and 0.50 for each part-time and seasonal employee at year end.

Source: City Financial Records

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.00
8.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	17.00
4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	10.50
5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
3.50	3.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2.00	2.00	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00
13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.00
13.00	13.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
<b>109.00</b>	<b>108.00</b>	<b>110.00</b>	<b>108.50</b>	<b>108.50</b>	<b>102.00</b>

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Operating Indicators by Function/Program*  
*Last Ten Years*

Function/Program	2024	2023	2022
<b>General Government</b>			
<i>Council and Clerk</i>			
Number of Ordinances Passed	134	135	104
Number of Resolutions Passed	10	13	8
<i>Finance Department</i>			
Number of checks/vouchers issued	2,736	3,184	4,268
Amount of checks written	\$22,849,722	\$31,877,143	\$18,206,658
Interest earnings for fiscal year (cash basis)	\$156,479	\$166,527	\$86,641
Number of Receipts issued	420	400	374
Number of Budget Adjustments issued	14	10	11
Agency Ratings - Moody's Financial Services	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa
Health Insurance Costs vs General Fund Expenditures %	17.38%	16.54%	8.45%
General Fund Receipts (cash basis)	\$5,990,646	\$5,262,526	\$5,250,878
General Fund Expenditures (cash basis)	\$6,144,696	\$5,307,270	\$5,467,735
General Fund Cash Balances	\$753,355	\$907,404	\$862,661
<i>Income Tax Department</i>			
Number of Individual Returns	4,771	4,632	4,425
Number of Business Returns	472	439	425
Number of business withholding accounts	1,064	850	746
Amount of Penalties and Interest Collected	\$42,918	\$60,559	\$125,022
Annual number of Corporate withholding forms processed	6,897	6,897	6,661
Annual number of balance due statements forms processed	237	1,412	1,367
Annual number of estimated payment forms processed	564	1,579	1,623
Annual number of reconciliations of withholdings processed	885	850	746
<i>Engineer Contracted Services</i>			
Dollar amount of Construction overseen by Engineer	\$1,024,549	\$14,431,029	\$1,460,589
<i>Municipal Court</i>			
Number of Civil Cases	216	180	271
Number of Criminal Cases	416	382	601
<i>Vital Statistics</i>			
Certificates Filed			
Number of Births	4	2	4
Number of Deaths	105	115	129
Certificates Issued			
Number of Births	273	311	354
Number of Deaths	490	505	540
Burial Permits Issued	154	234	170
<i>Civil Service</i>			
Number of police entry tests administered	0	1	0
Number of fire entry tests administered	1	2	1
Number of fire promotional tests administered	0	0	0
Number of hires of Police Officers from certified lists	0	0	0
Number of hires of Fire/Medics from certified lists	0	0	1
Number of promotions from police certified lists	1	0	0
Number of promotions from fire certified lists	0	0	0

2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
109 11	107 11	101 15	89 9	97 12	118 7	116 6
3,637 \$14,963,976	3,374 \$16,506,772	3,352 \$16,348,283	3,775 \$14,468,162	3,154 \$15,672,972	3,046 \$13,684,900	3,347 \$13,893,413
\$4,147	\$30,027	\$103,155	\$95,881	\$47,961	\$23,126	\$6,818
486	564	570	509	554	573	509
12	16	10	5	8	14	9
Aaa 13.39%	Aaa 16.20%	Aaa 14.05%	Aaa 14.18%	Aaa 14.06%	Aaa 12.76%	Aaa 12.40%
\$4,215,499	\$5,603,100	\$4,692,478	\$4,358,140	\$4,510,408	\$4,583,015	\$4,902,538
\$4,916,935	\$4,477,150	\$4,875,367	\$4,653,990	\$4,514,923	\$4,822,199	\$4,741,073
\$1,077,517	\$1,610,483	\$653,002	\$835,891	\$1,131,741	\$1,136,255	\$1,375,440
4,364 456 702 \$62,154 5,750 1,392 1,518 702	4,232 468 688 \$29,351 4,644 1,432 1,565 688	4,140 489 636 \$38,307 4,232 1,064 2,152 600	4,322 416 593 \$37,633 4,432 1,123 2,432 627	4,322 417 532 \$48,537 4,056 1,224 1,862 558	4,249 408 526 \$50,216 3,325 1,181 1,560 548	4,430 483 537 \$34,291 2,300 982 1,575 571
\$4,838,490	\$1,227,088	\$1,910,488	\$1,406,743	\$1,804,480	\$755,002	\$2,282,649
272 515	192 476	288 440	290 504	261 506	270 648	257 885
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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Operating Indicators by Function/Program (continued)*  
*Last Ten Years*

Function/Program	2024	2023	2022
<b><i>Building Department Indicators</i></b>			
Construction Permits			
Estimated Value of Construction	\$5,047,774	\$2,339,649	\$6,499,699
Number of permits issued	184	148	180
Amount of Revenue generated from permits	\$22,791	\$7,970	\$23,070
<b><i>Security of Persons and Property</i></b>			
<i>Police</i>			
Total Calls for Services	15,402	16,563	19,322
911 Calls Answered (1)	1,279	623	541
Arrests/Citations	1,245	1,277	1,146
Community Policing Hours	4,292	4,088	1,766
Investigations	1,626	1,434	1,474
Jail Inmates	235	233	254
Vehicle Crashes	159	181	201
Prisoner costs	\$9,360	\$13,958	\$14,327
Gasoline costs of fleet	\$49,939	\$49,090	\$57,415
<i>Fire</i>			
EMS Calls	1,934	1,854	1,850
Fire Calls	622	596	659
Fires with Loss	29	16	25
Fires with Losses exceeding \$10K	11	5	13
Fire Losses	\$581,370	\$147,660	\$2,350,100
Fire Safety Inspections	75	81	62
Number of times Mutual Aid given to Fire and EMS	72	54	30
Number of times Mutual Aid received for Fire and EMS	46	40	43
<b><i>Public Health Services</i></b>			
Cemetery burials	34	48	43
Cemetery sale of lots	14	13	21
Cemetery receipts	\$23,238	\$25,675	\$26,556
<b><i>Leisure Time Activities</i></b>			
<i>Recreation</i>			
City Tax	\$32,183	\$31,514	\$31,464
Softball Fees	0	0	900
Facilities rentals	0	0	0
Total Recreation Department receipts	<u><u>\$32,183</u></u>	<u><u>\$31,514</u></u>	<u><u>\$32,364</u></u>

2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$2,989,198	\$3,453,360	\$3,055,350	\$2,868,702	\$1,991,375	\$2,210,590	\$1,523,971
166	179	131	145	147	167	161
\$9,050	\$7,360	\$6,945	\$5,940	\$6,080	\$6,840	\$5,290
17,143	15,159	16,546	19,096	19,982	16,507	17,898
633	600	296	387	4,890	6,275	5,533
905	1,148	1,280	1,474	1,572	1,107	1,135
3,240	4,084	3,169	1,166	942	925	850
1,415	1,698	1,827	2,066	1,918	2,319	2,226
216	279	355	390	289	324	300
192	187	233	215	245	222	244
\$13,779	\$10,541	\$11,436	\$9,046	\$5,827	\$7,230	\$6,922
\$39,929	\$31,073	\$28,652	\$32,828	\$29,026	\$22,564	\$25,441
1,878	1,682	1,642	1,661	1,645	1,727	1,877
666	637	657	717	623	691	346
38	30	66	54	34	29	49
10	8	4	12	9	4	6
\$829,800	\$373,010	\$234,750	\$653,380	\$467,330	\$272,416	\$582,402
62	32	121	104	117	111	132
47	14	26	12	6	7	10
27	13	34	0	9	9	18
61	42	30	48	44	40	53
37	26	15	39	13	7	16
\$22,425	\$27,675	\$20,861	\$19,425	\$27,213	\$20,782	\$29,170
\$26,991	\$25,256	\$28,612	\$27,918	\$27,481	\$26,956	\$27,827
0	1,100	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	7,500	40,605	37,375	31,650
<b>\$26,991</b>	<b>\$26,356</b>	<b>\$28,612</b>	<b>\$35,418</b>	<b>\$68,086</b>	<b>\$64,331</b>	<b>\$59,477</b>

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**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Operating Indicators by Function/Program (continued)*  
*Last Ten Years*

Function/Program	2024	2023	2022
<b>Transportation</b>			
Street Improvements - asphalt overlay (linear feet)	8,536	10,400	6,170
Rejuvenating Spray on Streets (Miles)	11,500	0	0
Crackseal Coating Program (Miles)	10	2	4
Street Repair (Curbs, aprons, berms, asphalt) (hours)	560	540	700
Guardrail Repair (hours)	315	300	350
Paint Striping (hours)	500	550	500
Street Sweeper (hours)	670	650	840
Cold Patch (hours)	630	600	520
Snow and Ice Removal regular hours	900	800	1,700
Snow and Ice Removal overtime hours	1,130	90	500
Storm Sewer Calls for Service - Sewer Jet Regular Hours	820	800	1,050
Storm Sewer Calls for Service - Sewer Jet Overtime Hours	65	50	90
Sewer Crew (hours)	780	800	930
Landscaping Stump-Chipper service (hours)	0	0	0
Leaf collection (hours)	420	450	498
Holiday lights setup (hours)	50	50	50
Downtown Square Repair After Events	28	24	328
Street/Traffic Signs (Hours)	380	400	325
Equipment repair/body shop (hours)	2,120	2,080	2,225
Tons of snow melting salt purchased (Nov-Mar)	1,200	1,200	1,200
Cost of salt purchased	\$61,104	\$32,293	\$43,420
<b>Water Department</b>			
Water Rates per 1st 2,000 gallons of water	\$21.94	\$20.50	\$19.90
Avg. number of water accounts billed monthly (Cubic Feet)	4,902	4,887	4,893
Total Water Collections Annually (Including Principal and Interest)	\$2,601,021	\$2,526,779	\$2,426,543
<b>Wastewater Department</b>			
Wastewater Rates per 1st 300 Cubic feet of water used	\$22.17	\$22.17	\$20.55
Total flow of wastewater treatment plant (Billions of Gallons)	0.784	0.806	0.745
Average daily flow (Millions of gallons per day)	2.140	2.360	2.796
Tons of dry sludge removed	235.43	318.76	299.90

Source: City Financial Records and Departments

(1) Beginning in 2018, 911 calls are being run through the Ashtabula County Emergency Management Agency.

2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
0	9,286	20,062	9,815	15,375	16,075	17,935
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	5	4	5	6	6	5
722	603	710	791	721	750	771
320	35	0	0	0	0	0
450	260	240	239	243	224	192
1,000	410	372	391	385	380	349
478	930	890	741	608	580	404
1,740	1,768	1,864	1,560	1,864	1,750	1,542
478	385	410	389	636	375	315
1,040	971	989	1,173	1,241	1,200	1,311
98	55	57	62	46	56	45
948	1,085	1,050	1,143	975	1,500	446
0	0	0	0	0	0	10
562	650	661	639	650	640	0
60	60	60	60	60	60	29
48	0	24	24	20	0	0
340	344	305	254	341	800	311
2,080	2,080	2,080	2,080	2,080	2,080	2,010
1,200	1,300	1,200	1,180	1,160	1,088	1,564
\$106,767	\$88,972	\$60,228	\$47,879	\$39,093	\$62,674	\$105,000
\$19.90	\$19.90	\$19.90	\$19.90	\$19.41	\$18.84	\$18.29
4,878	4,866	4,852	4,877	4,901	4,880	4,850
\$2,385,191	\$2,322,398	\$2,404,914	\$2,383,344	\$2,332,586	\$2,327,785	\$2,266,166
\$20.55	\$20.10	\$20.10	\$20.10	\$20.10	\$19.70	\$19.70
0.793	0.791	0.798	0.985	0.885	0.701	0.729
2.059	2.163	2.434	2.705	2.430	1.919	1.998
244.29	245.97	302.69	147.23	219.87	226.71	317.28

**City of Conneaut, Ohio**  
*Capital Assets Statistics by Function/Program*  
*Last Ten Years*

Function/Program	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>General Government</b>				
Square Footage Occupied	11,580	11,580	11,580	11,580
Inspection Vehicles	1	1	1	1
<b>Police</b>				
Stations	1	1	1	1
Square Footage Occupied	8,944	8,944	8,944	8,944
Vehicles	20	20	20	20
<b>Fire</b>				
Stations	2	2	2	2
Square Footage Occupied	12,880	12,880	12,880	12,880
Vehicles	10	10	10	10
<b>Recreation</b>				
Number of Parks	5	5	5	5
Number of Tennis Courts	2	2	2	2
Number of Baseball Diamonds	2	2	2	2
Square Footage Occupied	1,790	1,790	1,790	1,790
Vehicles	2	2	2	2
<b>Other Public Works</b>				
Streets (lane miles)	565	565	565	565
Service Vehicles	22	22	22	22
<b>Wastewater</b>				
Sanitary Sewers (miles)	60	60	60	60
Storm Sewers (miles)	35	35	35	35
<b>Water Department</b>				
Water Lines (miles)	91	91	91	91
Vehicles	9	9	9	9

Source: City Financial Records

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
11,580 1	11,580 1	11,580 1	11,580 1	11,580 1	11,580 1
1 8,944 20	1 8,944 20	1 8,944 20	1 8,944 20	1 8,944 20	1 8,944 20
2 12,880 10	2 12,880 10	2 12,880 10	2 12,880 10	2 12,880 10	2 12,880 10
5 2 2 1,790 2	5 2 2 1,790 2	5 2 2 1,790 2	5 2 2 1,790 2	5 2 2 1,790 2	5 2 2 1,790 2
565 22	565 22	565 22	565 22	565 22	565 22
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91 9	91 9	91 9	91 9	91 9	91 9

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