REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025 – 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Fodor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:03 PM. City Council convened for a regular meeting in Council Chambers – Courtroom #1.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

Councilpersons Nick Augustine, Jim Fodor, Mario Rodriguez, and Christine Shoop were present. Derrick Abney, Lori DiNallo, and Paul Hach were not able to attend.

Mrs. Shoop moved to excuse Derrick Abney, Lori DiNallo, and Paul Hach from tonight's meeting, seconded by Mr. Augustine. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried.

Other City Staff in attendance: City Manager Doug Lewis, Law Director Jim Lyons, Economic Development Director Susan Crotty, Finance Director Bill Parkinson, Fire Chief Tom Hummel, Police Lt. Larry Armstrong, and Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson.

APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Augustine moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Agenda approved.

INVOCATION was given by Councilperson Nick Augustine.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 11.17.25

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 17, 2025.

Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 17, 2025, seconded by Mr. Augustine. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Shoop asked to enter into the minutes an email from Ray Sternot, of Birchwood Lane and Board HOA President of Heisley Park, from November 24, 2025.

Mr. Fodor & Members of Council

I want to thank you and members of Council for taking the time during the November 17, 2025, Council Meeting to listen to me and Mr. David Biro Sr.'s concerns about our view of the Heisley Park/Lake County Ohio stormwater infrastructure. We are pleased with Mr. Lewis' assurance during the meeting that he will work with us on the review, investigation and sharing of our concerns and the data we provided to the Lake County Engineer, the Lake County Stormwater Director and the City Engineer. As we said, we believe after almost 30 years and the identification of new data that it is necessary to re-evaluate the Heisley Park stormwater infrastructure based on current actual field research/observations and updated consulting studies to bring the stormwater design up to current standards. Specifically and to reiterate, some of the items and concerns that we see need to be addressed as part of this review are: 1.) Why the relocated stream shown on the map that the city provided is not in the defined and approved re-located stormwater path that was designed to take stormwater out of Heisley Park via Wassan Ditch and how that fact impacts the Heisley Park stormwater system and capacity of the ponds today? 2.) Why does the stormwater system during dry periods see an unexpected and unexplained amount of water flowing into North Ashwood Pond #3. This fact was observed while being dredged and can be confirmed by the dredging company? 3.) How will the stormwater utility entities in the city and the county address the observed issue of stormwater flowing back into our pond from Wassan Ditch and in conjunction address the lack of regulatory and statutory capabilities needed to ensure stormwater paths north to the lake are well maintained in accordance with approved stormwater management practices. 4.) Determine why isn't there wildlife seen in the ponds adjacent to the railroad tracks? I also want to specifically thank Councilwoman Shoop regarding her comment on the 2013 rain event. She was correct in suggesting that

the event was widespread and there could have been and there was substantial flooding and pollution in other areas of the city. Her comment points out that large areas of Painesville and the surrounding areas and not just Heisley Park can and have been impacted by an unusual rain event in the past. More importantly it implies that future rain events could be even larger and more widespread, which supports the question of whether the current design is adequate given that we can expect future rain events to increase in size and frequency. Further, since the development is north of some very high ground to our south and we know that stormwater flows from South to North to the lake and travels via Heisley Park it supports that a stormwater system review and increased stormwater maintenance is warranted especially since this development sits in a bathtub-like environment between two railroad tracks. Her comment could also lead one to even suggest that it would be prudent to move stormwater as quickly to the lake as possible and not add to the stored pond waters in the Heisley Park bathtub during a rain event. More current engineering studies might also conclude that given the latest environmental changes there should be consideration that the ponds in both Heisley Park and Encore Estates be changed to detention versus retention ponds.

Respectfully,
Ray Sternot, Heisley Park HOA President

COMMITTEE REPORT: BZA
BZA

City Manager Doug Lewis gave a report for this committee which was held on November 18, 2025. The following items were discussed: the City of Painesville has received an application from Jeff Monreal requesting a variance to allow a wall sign on the front façade of his building in addition to the existing freestanding sign. Section 1127.10 only permits either a freestanding sign or a wall sign for non-residential uses in residential zoning districts. Chairman Behrens stated that said variance request would be tabled to the next BZA Meeting in December due to Mr. Monreal not being present due to a lack of a full Board present; and the City of Painesville has received an application from Cams Lighting and Signs, requesting three variances to allow the property signage to exceed the permitted square footage per the Painesville SW Development Plan and Design Guidelines. The applicant is requesting a 25 square foot monument sign in lieu of the permitted 24 square feet. The applicant is also requesting two 145.6 square foot wall mounted signs in lieu of the permitted 50 square feet. By a vote of 4-0, the three variance requests were approved to allow the property signage to exceed the permitted square footage per the Painesville SW Development Plan and Design Guidelines.

LEGISLATION:
ITEM #1 ORDINANCE
2nd Reading* – An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and expenditures of the City of Painesville, State of Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and adopting the operating budget, and declaring an emergency.** ***(1st Reading 11.17.25)

Finance Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He presented the second reading of the 2026 budget, detailing the electric, sewer, stormwater and water funds. He outlined the rates increase for 2026 and 2027 for electric, water, and sewer, and explained each of the individual fund expenditures with comparisons from previous years. The water pollution control budget projects revenue at $5.72 million and expenditures at $5.5 million, with a surplus for 2026. The electric operating fund projects revenue at $37.2 million and expenditures at $36.8 million. The stormwater fund projects revenue at $1.06 million and expenditures at $985,000, with most funding coming through grant funding.

This will go to third reading.

ITEM #2 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts with the lowest and best bidders for furnishing materials, supplies and services to various departments/divisions of the City of Painesville, and declaring an emergency.**

Finance Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is an annual piece of legislation for a large list of supplies and other items that the city bids out in 2026.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #3 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to apply for and accept funding from the Ohio State Fire Marshal Individual Equipment Grant, for the purpose of purchasing firefighter turnout gear, and declaring an emergency.**

Fire Chief Tom Hummel spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is an annual grant offered by the State Fire Marshal. It is a no matching fund, and possibly up to $15,000.00 to be used for any type of equipment for fire service. It will be used to purchase turnout gear.

This will go to second reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Re-Appointment of Stephen Beahon to the Utility Committee

Mr. Augustine made a motion to re-appoint Stephen Beahon to the Utility Committee for a three-year term starting January 1, 2026, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager

Law Director Jim Lyons had no report at this time.

City Manager Doug Lewis reported on the following items: the City received the first delivery of our solar panels today. Eight truckloads of solar panels were loaded into the former CRE building off Chester Street; The amphitheater has a completed foundation and some of the walls for the amphitheater building. It is anticipated to set the amphitheater on the 8th of December; Marous Development project is also moving forward quickly. Two of the four floors completed; and He expressed condolences for the family of Commissioner Rich Regovich who passed away last week. His funeral and procession was today.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 15th at 7:00 PM; Painesville Seniors Holiday Luncheon will be Wednesday, December 3rd from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Fairport Senior Center. This was a RSVP event; Santa in the Square will be on the weekends in December leading up to the big day. This is a FREE experience and open to all. Hours vary and are posted on our website, and Wreaths Across America will be Saturday, December 13th at 12:00 PM at Evergreen, Riverside and St. Mary's Cemeteries.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Rodriguez thanked everyone who watched and attended tonight's meeting.

Mr. Augustine expressed deepest condolences to the Regovich Family.

Mrs. Shoop reminded residents about parking cars on the street to be aware of parking across from or near driveways, and she also offered her condolences to the Regovich Family

Mr. Fodor reminded residents about the safety of using propane/electric heaters and for residents to keep the street drain clear of leaves.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Augustine. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:29 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council

PROPOSED BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2026

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

ELECTRIC, SEWER, STORMWATER and WATER FUNDS

Enterprise Funds

Funds used to account for activities for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services

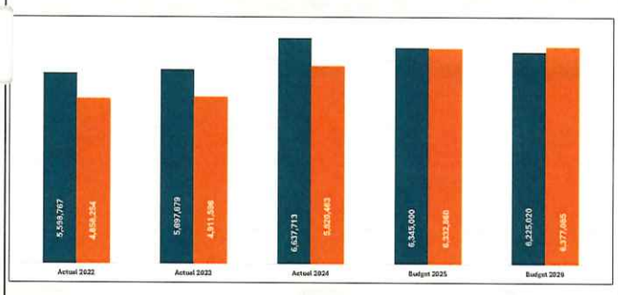
§5705.09 – Establishment of Funds

Water	Fund #'s 710-719
Water Pollution Control	Fund #'s 720-729
Electric	Fund #'s 730-739
Storm Water	Fund #'s 760-769

- New Utility Rates Implemented 2025

	2026	2027	Ordinance
– Electric	3.5%	1.5%	ORD 02-25
– Water	0.0%	5.0%	ORD 05-25
– Sewer	10.0%	5.0%	ORD 04-25

WATER OPERATING FUND

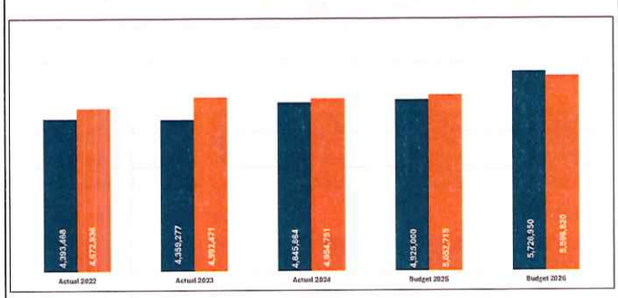


WATER

	Actual 2022		Actual 2023		Actual 2024		Budget 2025		Budget 2026	
Metered Water Sales	5,544,745	99.0%	5,595,977	98.0%	6,292,231	94.3%	6,245,000	98.4%	6,075,000	97.6%
All Other Revenue	54,022	1.0%	111,703	2.0%	375,491	5.7%	100,000	1.6%	150,020	2.4%
Employee Compensation	2,591,593	51.6%	2,956,287	60.2%	3,503,197	61.3%	3,765,395	59.7%	3,721,780	59.3%
Professional Services & Supplies	1,528,631	31.4%	1,527,531	32.1%	1,951,833	33.5%	2,114,055	33.4%	2,130,195	33.4%
Debt Service	283,406	5.9%	282,405	5.8%	283,406	4.9%	283,410	4.5%	425,110	6.7%
Transfers & Advances	56,404	1.2%	42,261	0.9%	36,512	0.6%	150,000	2.4%	100,000	1.6%
All Other Expenditures	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1,414	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

CAPITAL PROJECTS - WATER	
CHESTNUT WATER TOWER DOOR REPLACEMENT	$ 20,000.00
MONORAIL HOIST	$ 30,000.00
WATER PLANT GARAGE REPAIRS	$ 50,000.00
CITY-WIDE WATER VALVE REPLACEMENT	$ 60,000.00
OUTDOOR CONCRETE BUNKER FOR MATERIAL STORAGE	$ 75,000.00
REPLACE WATER DISTRIBUTION SLUDGE TRUCK	$ 95,000.00
RAW WATER PUMP REBUILD	$ 100,000.00
PLANT REPAIR DESIGN & ENGINEERING	$ 150,000.00
CITY-WIDE WATER VALVE REPLACEMENT	$ 250,000.00
FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT & REPAIRS 1-5	$ 275,000.00
PAINT AUBURN WATER STORAGE	$ 750,000.00
CHLORINE ROOM PHASE II; 50% LOCAL SHARE; 34% GRANT FUNDED; 16% LOAN	$ 934,000.00
CITY-WIDE WATERLINE REPLACEMENTS	$ 1,250,000.00

WPCP OPERATING FUND

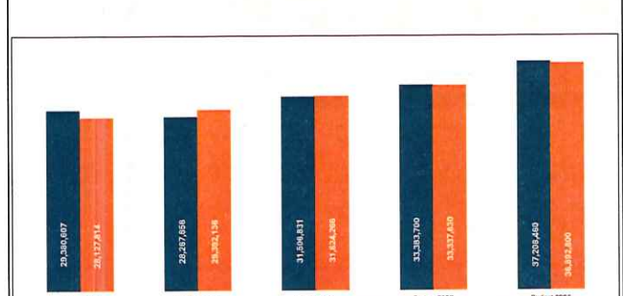


WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

	Actual 2022		Actual 2023		Actual 2024		Budget 2025		Budget 2026	
Water Pollution Control Service Charg	4,342,502	98.8%	4,328,905	98.3%	4,830,369	99.7%	4,676,000	99.0%	5,653,050	98.7%
All Other Revenue	51,167	1.2%	30,267	0.7%	15,474	0.3%	45,000	1.0%	72,550	1.3%
Employee Compensation	2,455,498	52.4%	2,463,627	49.4%	2,891,244	58.2%	3,067,700	60.7%	3,679,105	53.6%
Professional Services & Supplies	1,089,742	23.3%	1,199,572	22.2%	1,454,414	30.0%	1,751,065	35.4%	1,859,375	33.8%
Debt Service	18,854	0.4%	18,854	0.4%	18,854	0.4%	18,850	0.4%	28,340	0.5%
Transfers & Advances	1,068,803	22.9%	1,480,378	28.0%	550,000	11.1%	175,000	3.5%	600,000	10.7%
All Other Expenditures	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

CAPITAL PROJECTS - SEWER	
REPLACE LAWN MOWER	$ 23,000.00
AERATION DIFFUSERS	$ 75,000.00
REPLACE 2005 INTERNATIONAL 7400 TANDEM DUMP TRUCK	$ 175,000.00
VARIOUS SEWER IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY	$ 200,000.00

ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND

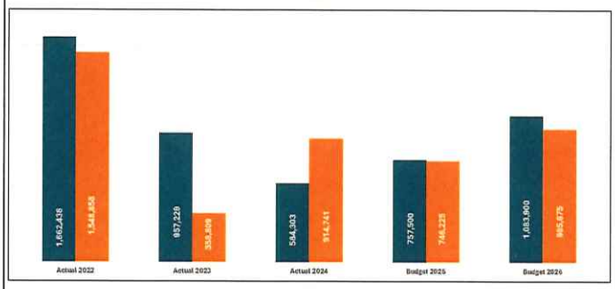


ELECTRIC

	Actual 2022		Actual 2023		Actual 2024		Budget 2025		Budget 2026	
Electric Service Charges	28,455,624	96.9%	27,111,585	95.9%	31,255,594	95.2%	32,945,000	98.6%	36,757,960	98.8%
All Other Revenue	924,983	3.1%	1,156,270	4.1%	251,237	0.8%	468,700	1.4%	450,500	1.2%
Employee Compensation	6,842,158	24.4%	6,575,479	22.8%	7,456,231	23.6%	7,643,395	23.0%	8,315,270	22.3%
Professional Services & Supplies	18,916,338	67.2%	20,618,823	70.8%	21,327,661	67.5%	22,118,645	66.3%	25,430,555	68.9%
Debt Service	12,596	0.0%	12,595	0.0%	12,596	0.0%	12,600	0.0%	18,805	0.1%
Transfers & Advances	1,052,758	5.8%	1,265,469	4.4%	2,100,000	6.6%	2,500,000	7.5%	2,445,000	6.6%
All Other Expenditures	712,225	2.5%	702,550	2.4%	715,777	2.3%	763,000	2.3%	763,000	2.1%

CAPITAL PROJECTS - ELECTRIC	
DESIGN/DIAGNOSIS OF H6 CIRCUIT FOR DOWNTOWN AREA	$ 50,000.00
VARIOUS DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	$ 150,000.00
REPLACE RICHMOND ST. CIRCUIT BREAKERS	$ 200,000.00
DAVEY RESOURCE CONSULTING GROUP POLE INSPECTIONS	$ 250,000.00
VARIOUS TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENTS AND REPAIRS THROUGHOUT THE CITY	$ 300,000.00
CRE BUILDING RENOVATIONS	$ 500,000.00
SOLAR FIELD LAND ACQUISITION	$ 1,000,000.00
SOLAR BATTERIES	$ 11,000,000.00
SOLAR PANELS	$ 32,210,000.00

STORM WATER FUND



STORM WATER

	Actual 2022		Actual 2023		Actual 2024		Budget 2025		Budget 2026	
Storm Water Service Charges	434,536	99.8%	423,191	99.8%	451,000	99.8%	450,000	99.7%	450,000	99.8%
Grant Funding	1,224,659	73.8%	530,680	55.6%	132,413	22.7%	200,000	29.7%	631,400	58.8%
All Other Revenue	3,852	0.2%	3,358	0.4%	811	0.1%	2,500	0.3%	2,500	0.2%
Employee Compensation	134,056	8.9%	115,170	20.5%	134,384	2.8%	161,755	6.9%	130,075	2.4%
Professional Services & Supplies	25,852	1.7%	29,638	5.8%	15,092	1.6%	24,950	3.3%	24,200	2.5%
Capital Outlay	1,265,770	83.8%	87,663	30.0%	632,253	83.1%	400,000	68.4%	700,000	81.8%
Debt Service	123,100	8.8%	135,338	27.7%	132,413	14.5%	134,480	18.8%	121,400	13.3%
Transfers & Advances	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	25,000	3.4%	0	0.0%
All Other Expenditures	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

CAPITAL PROJECTS - STORMWATER	
VARIOUS STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY	$ 200,000.00
MILL AND LATIMORE LEVEL II COUNTY STORMWATER PROJECT	$ 500,000.00

THANK YOU

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025