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**CITY OF CHARDON  
GEAUGA COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

City of Chardon  
Geauga County  
111 Water Street  
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To the members of City Council:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Opinion**

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

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

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

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 15, 2015, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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

September 15, 2015

***City of Chardon, Ohio***  
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The discussion and analysis of the City of Chardon's financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole; readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the additional information contained in the financial statements and the notes thereof.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2014 are as follows:

- ◆ The assets of the City of Chardon exceeded its liabilities at the close of this year by \$64,933,210. Of this amount, \$6,957,702 may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- ◆ City's total net position increased \$2,101,051 during 2014. Net position of the governmental activities increased \$1,590,996, while net position of business-type activities increased by \$510,055.
- ◆ A deletion of \$5,160,054 was made to construction in progress reported in governmental activities during the year as a building project was completed.

**Using this Annual Financial Report**

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

The statement of net position and statement of activities provide summary information about the activities of the whole City, presenting both an aggregate view of the City's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements show how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the City's most significant funds with all other nonmajor governmental funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the City, there are three major governmental funds and two major business-type funds.

***Government-wide financial statements – Reporting the City of Chardon as a Whole***

*Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities*

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the City to provide programs and activities, the view of the City as a whole looks at all financial transactions and answers the question, "How did we do financially during 2014"? These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting method used by most private-sector companies.

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This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. These two statements report the City's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the City as a whole, the financial position of the City has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the City's property tax base, current property tax laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions and other factors.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities divides the City into two kinds of activities:

- **Governmental Activities** – Most of the City's programs and services are reported here including general government, safety services, public health and welfare, and transportation. These services are funded primarily by taxes and intergovernmental revenues including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.
- **Business-Type Activities** – These services are provided on a fee-for-usage basis to recover all or a significant portion of the expenses of the goods or services provided. The City's business-type activities include water and sewer services.

***Fund Financial Statements - Reporting the City of Chardon's Most Significant Funds***

*Fund Financial Statements*

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds. Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the activities within the City's major funds. The City uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. However, these fund financial statements focus on the City's most significant funds. The City's major governmental funds are the general fund, general capital improvement fund and the general obligation debt service fund. An analysis of the City's major governmental funds begins on page 10.

*Governmental Funds*

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

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Because the focus of the governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions.

Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City maintains a multitude of individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the major funds, which were identified earlier. Data from the other nonmajor governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

*Proprietary Funds*

Proprietary funds (water and sewer) have historically operated as *enterprise funds* and are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. Since they use the same basis of accounting as business-type activities, these fund statements will essentially match the information provided in statements for the City as a whole.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found starting on page 23 of this report.

*Fiduciary Funds*

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources are not available to support the City's own programs. The City is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. The fiduciary fund financial statements can be found starting on page 26 of this report.

*Notes to the Financial Statements*

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found starting on page 28 of this report.

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**Government-wide Financial Analysis - City of Chardon as a Whole**

As noted earlier, the Statement of Net Position looks at the City as a whole and can prove to be a useful indicator of the City's financial position.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities are divided into the following categories:

- ◆ Assets
- ◆ Liabilities
- ◆ Deferred inflows of resources
- ◆ Net Position (Assets plus Deferred outflows of resources minus Liabilities and Deferred inflows of resources)
- ◆ Program Expenses and Revenues
- ◆ General Revenues
- ◆ Net Position Beginning and End of Year

Table 1 provides a summary of the City's net position for 2014 as compared to 2013.

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Assets:</b>						
Current and other assets	\$ 10,462,831	\$ 8,711,273	\$ 1,981,552	\$ 1,849,405	\$ 12,444,383	\$ 10,560,678
Capital assets, net	<u>42,920,815</u>	<u>43,340,345</u>	<u>30,306,795</u>	<u>31,048,652</u>	<u>73,227,610</u>	<u>74,388,997</u>
Total assets	<u>53,383,646</u>	<u>52,051,618</u>	<u>32,288,347</u>	<u>32,898,057</u>	<u>85,671,993</u>	<u>84,949,675</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Current liabilities	553,995	432,195	116,467	129,033	670,462	561,228
Long-term liabilities						
Due within one year	511,836	514,975	1,319,437	1,257,218	1,831,273	1,772,193
Due in more than one year	<u>6,636,721</u>	<u>7,002,612</u>	<u>10,389,797</u>	<u>11,559,215</u>	<u>17,026,518</u>	<u>18,561,827</u>
Total liabilities	<u>7,702,552</u>	<u>7,949,782</u>	<u>11,825,701</u>	<u>12,945,466</u>	<u>19,528,253</u>	<u>20,895,248</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>						
Property taxes	1,197,447	1,222,268	-	-	1,197,447	1,222,268
Payments in lieu of taxes	<u>13,083</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,083</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,210,530</u>	<u>1,222,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,210,530</u>	<u>1,222,268</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>						
Net investment in capital assets	36,238,926	36,355,668	18,751,936	18,569,586	54,990,862	54,925,254
Restricted	2,984,646	2,432,610	-	-	2,984,646	2,432,610
Unrestricted	<u>5,246,992</u>	<u>4,091,290</u>	<u>1,710,710</u>	<u>1,383,005</u>	<u>6,957,702</u>	<u>5,474,295</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 44,470,564</u>	<u>\$ 42,879,568</u>	<u>\$ 20,462,646</u>	<u>\$ 19,952,591</u>	<u>\$ 64,933,210</u>	<u>\$ 62,832,159</u>

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Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. For the City, total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$64,933,210 as of December 31, 2014. At the end of the current year, the City of Chardon is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net position, both for the government as a whole as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

The largest portion of the City's net position (84.7 percent) reflects the investments in capital assets less any related debt to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to the City's citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Total assets for 2014 increased \$722,319 or 0.9 percent when compared to 2013. The increase in total assets was mainly due from an increase in cash balances from an insurance settlement related to the old street garage facility.

The City has tried to make concerted efforts to maximize the return on investments of its cash and cash equivalents and use these funds to provide liquidity for planned future capital purchases. Due to the interest rates being low over the past few years, the investments have shifted from callable federal government-sponsored enterprise issues to a greater reliance on non callable federal government-sponsored enterprise issues, money market accounts and certificates of deposits. State statute and City investment policy allows for investments with maturities of five years or less. As of December 31, 2014, the City has staggered the maturities of these investments with some maturing each year for the next four years.

The net position of the City's business-type activities increased 2.6 percent in 2014. This increase was due to decreased spending not significant to any single item during the year. The City generally can only use this net position to finance the continuing operations of the sewer and water systems operations.

In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, Table 2 provides further details regarding the results of activities for the current year.

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Table 2  
Changes in Net Position

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Program Revenue:</b>						
Charges for services	\$ 2,092,321	\$ 2,167,428	\$ 3,237,649	\$ 2,673,450	\$ 5,329,970	\$ 4,840,878
Operating grants and contributions	1,169,893	941,271	-	-	1,169,893	941,271
Capital grants and contributions	98,012	-	-	-	98,012	-
Total program revenues	<u>3,360,226</u>	<u>3,108,699</u>	<u>3,237,649</u>	<u>2,673,450</u>	<u>6,597,875</u>	<u>5,782,149</u>
<b>General Revenues:</b>						
Property taxes	1,344,855	1,242,692	-	-	1,344,855	1,242,692
Income taxes	5,711,061	5,617,505	-	-	5,711,061	5,617,505
Grant and entitlements	166,854	212,270	-	-	166,854	212,270
Investment earnings	39,142	28,991	1,244	2,923	40,386	31,914
Other	617,533	392,011	-	-	617,533	392,011
Total general revenues	<u>7,879,445</u>	<u>7,493,469</u>	<u>1,244</u>	<u>2,923</u>	<u>7,880,689</u>	<u>7,496,392</u>
Total revenues	<u>11,239,671</u>	<u>10,602,168</u>	<u>3,238,893</u>	<u>2,676,373</u>	<u>14,478,564</u>	<u>13,278,541</u>
<b>Program Expenses:</b>						
General government	3,358,298	3,354,288	-	-	3,358,298	3,354,288
Security of persons and property	3,119,513	3,116,755	-	-	3,119,513	3,116,755
Public health services	95,152	89,408	-	-	95,152	89,408
Transportation	2,399,299	2,443,070	-	-	2,399,299	2,443,070
Community environment	221,325	226,418	-	-	221,325	226,418
Leisure time activities	270,935	249,191	-	-	270,935	249,191
Interest and fiscal charges	128,313	154,730	-	-	128,313	154,730
Water	-	-	1,084,934	1,115,941	1,084,934	1,115,941
Sewer	-	-	2,014,993	1,951,331	2,014,993	1,951,331
Total program expenses	<u>9,592,835</u>	<u>9,633,860</u>	<u>3,099,927</u>	<u>3,067,272</u>	<u>12,692,762</u>	<u>12,701,132</u>
Excess before transfers and contributions	1,646,836	968,308	138,966	(390,899)	1,785,802	577,409
Transfers	(371,089)	(434,215)	371,089	434,215	-	-
Contributions	<u>315,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>315,249</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net assets	1,590,996	534,093	510,055	43,316	2,101,051	577,409
Net position at beginning of year	<u>42,879,568</u>	<u>42,345,475</u>	<u>19,952,591</u>	<u>19,909,275</u>	<u>62,832,159</u>	<u>62,254,750</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 44,470,564</u>	<u>\$ 42,879,568</u>	<u>\$ 20,462,646</u>	<u>\$ 19,952,591</u>	<u>\$ 64,933,210</u>	<u>\$ 62,832,159</u>

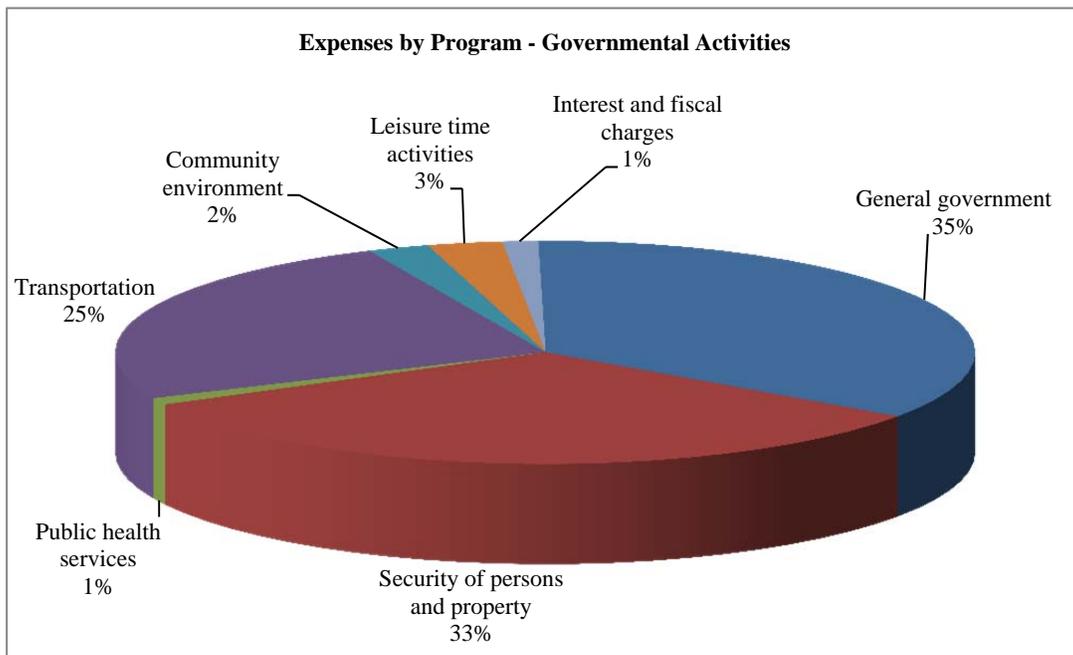
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*Governmental Activities*

Several revenue sources fund our governmental activities with the City income tax being the largest contributor. The City's income tax rate is two percent on gross income effective January 1, 2005. Residents of the City who work in another community and pay the withholding tax for that community receive a 50 percent tax credit on their City tax, capped at an income tax rate of 1.0 percent on gross income.

During 2014 the revenues generated from this tax amounted to \$5,711,061. The increase in income tax revenues from 2013 was 1.7 percent. The income tax revenue amounts fluctuate from collections as well as the estimated receivable provided by a third party that collects taxes on behalf of the City. The City continues to use the delinquent letter program and the subpoena program to ensure compliance with the local tax laws.

Security of persons and property, transportation and general government are the major activities of the City generating 92.5 percent of the governmental expenses. Currently, there are 20 sworn officers in the police department. During 2014, the department continued to place strong emphasis on the training of its employees to keep up with the rapidly changing laws, practices and technology. The City also continues to provide its residents and businesses with fire protection and ambulance service through a contract with the Chardon Volunteer Fire Department Inc.



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*Business-Type Activities*

The business-type activities of the City, which include the City's sewer and water operations, increased the City's net position by \$510,055 from various events. In addition, revenues increased compared to 2013 resulting in an even greater increase in net position.

Overall, the City's business-type activities generated \$3,237,649 in program revenues during 2014, program expenses were \$3,099,927. General revenues of \$1,244 and net transfers of \$371,089 were adequate to cover the program expenses.

**The City's Funds**

*Governmental Funds*

Information about the City's major funds starts on page 18. These funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues and other financing sources of \$12,062,160 and expenditures and other financing uses of \$10,707,040. The net change in fund balance for the year was significant in the general capital improvement fund. It is showing a decrease in fund balance of \$157,045; which is attributed to the spending of proceeds for constructing, furnishing and equipping a service garage as well as transferring out \$385,741 of insurance settlement proceeds received during 2014. The insurance settlement was related to the old street garage facility and the proceeds were transferred to the general obligation debt service fund to help cover future debt service payments related to the debt issued to finance construction of the new street garage facility.

Overall the revenue base continues to meet City obligations and reflects the current solid financial condition of the City as a whole.

Table 3 below reports year 2014 balances compared to 2013:

Table 3  
Change in Fund Balance

	Fund Balance		Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013		
General fund	\$ 3,950,664	\$ 3,432,074	\$ 518,590	15.1%
General obligation debt service fund	386,858	1,027	385,831	37,568.7%
General capital improvement	351,713	508,758	(157,045)	-30.9%
Other governmental funds	2,645,883	2,038,139	607,744	29.8%
	<u>\$ 7,335,118</u>	<u>\$ 5,979,998</u>	<u>\$ 1,355,120</u>	

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Table 4 below assists in illustrating the financial activities for the general fund of year 2014 balances compared to 2013:

Table 4  
Change in Financial Activities for the General Fund

	December 31, <u>2014</u>	December 31, <u>2013</u>	Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Municipal income tax	\$ 5,440,015	\$ 5,439,461	\$ 554	0.0%
Property and other taxes	399,014	404,059	(5,045)	-1.2%
Charges for services	93,199	89,123	4,076	4.6%
Licenses and permits	184,030	178,024	6,006	3.4%
Fines and forfeitures	780,120	785,995	(5,875)	-0.7%
Intergovernmental	189,099	257,844	(68,745)	-26.7%
Investment income	39,142	28,991	10,151	35.0%
Other	231,351	392,011	(160,660)	-41.0%
Total revenue	<u>7,355,970</u>	<u>7,575,508</u>	<u>(219,538)</u>	
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
General government	2,545,345	2,561,337	(15,992)	-0.6%
Security of persons and property	1,744,639	1,694,436	50,203	3.0%
Public health services	16,800	12,600	4,200	33.3%
Transportation	1,274,494	1,163,959	110,535	9.5%
Community environment	157,202	155,794	1,408	0.9%
Capital outlay	-	3,208	(3,208)	-100.0%
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	5,311	5,311	-	0.0%
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 5,743,791</u>	<u>\$ 5,596,645</u>	<u>\$ 147,146</u>	

*General Fund Budgeting Highlights*

The City's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund. An annual appropriation budget is legally required to be prepared for all funds of the City other than agency funds. Council is provided with a detailed line item budget for all departments and after a discussion at a council meeting, which is open to the public; the budget is adopted by City council. Council must approve legislation for any revisions in the budget that alter totals or the total appropriations for any object level within each department. The finance department watches all the departmental budgets closely to monitor compliance with allocated budgets and provides monthly reports to City Council depicting monthly and year-to-date activity.

Final budgeted revenues of \$6,756,310 were \$50,921 lower than original amount mainly due to income tax revenues. Monitoring the actual collections revealed a decline in net profit income tax collections, which warranted a decrease in the original income tax budget. Actual revenues exceeded the final amount by \$136,822. These differences were caused by the conservative budgeting nature of the original budgeting process, as well as the receipt of municipal court revenues that would normally have been received in January 2016.

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Final budgeted expenditures (excluding transfers-out) of \$6,616,392 were more than the original budgeted expenditures by \$215,003. This change was reported in general government and transportation functions. However, the final budget for transfers-out in the general fund were \$155,000 less than the original budget, thereby reducing the net increase to \$60,003 in the total final budgeted expenditures and transfers-out. Actual expenditures (excluding transfers-out) for the year were \$679,739 less than the final budgeted amounts. This change was due to close monitoring of expenditures. Likewise, actual transfers-out in the general fund were \$208,100 less than the final budgeted amount, due to increases in revenues from the sanitary sewer impact fee related to new commercial development. This revenue was then used to help pay the debt related to the expansion portion of the wastewater treatment plant, rather than using transfers from the general fund.

*Business-Type Funds*

The City's major enterprise funds consist of the sewer fund, and water fund. The basic financial statements for the major funds are included in this report.

Proprietary Funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the sewer, and water funds.

**Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

*Capital Assets*

At the end of 2014, the City had \$73,227,610 invested in land and land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, vehicles and infrastructure.

Table 5 shows fiscal 2014 balances of capital assets as compared to 2013:

Table 5  
Capital Assets at December 31

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Land and land use rights	\$ 2,983,870	\$ 2,633,964	\$ 320,748	\$ 320,748	\$ 3,304,618	\$ 2,954,712
Construction in progress	376,496	5,210,129	148,030	91,204	524,526	5,301,333
Land improvements	1,457,492	1,448,932	242,678	242,678	1,700,170	1,691,610
Buildings	14,443,362	9,501,649	20,888,823	20,937,130	35,332,185	30,438,779
Machinery and equipment	817,517	723,103	4,083,264	4,056,917	4,900,781	4,780,020
Vehicles	1,621,189	1,621,189	317,033	317,033	1,938,222	1,938,222
Infrastructure						
Traffic lights	1,961,016	1,961,016	-	-	1,961,016	1,961,016
Streets and sidewalks	22,576,696	22,397,535	-	-	22,576,696	22,397,535
Storm sewers, bridges and culverts	14,606,241	14,606,241	-	-	14,606,241	14,606,241
Water lines	-	-	6,690,665	6,690,665	6,690,665	6,690,665
Sewer lines	-	-	11,433,449	11,397,622	11,433,449	11,397,622
Less: accumulated depreciation	(17,923,064)	(16,763,413)	(13,817,895)	(13,005,345)	(31,740,959)	(29,768,758)
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 42,920,815</u>	<u>\$ 43,340,345</u>	<u>\$ 30,306,795</u>	<u>\$ 31,048,652</u>	<u>\$ 73,227,610</u>	<u>\$ 74,388,997</u>

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**For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

The City has an aggressive stance on maintaining its assets, including infrastructure, in excellent condition. Vehicles such as trucks for snow plowing and police cruisers are planned for well in advance by the respective department heads and a scheduled maintenance and replacement timetable is followed to provide peak performance for the maximum time frame.

With regards to the infrastructure, the City's service department maintains a comprehensive listing of all the streets, bridges, culverts, storm sewer, water lines and sewer lines in the City. As part of the City's annual road maintenance program, the City's Service Director, Street Superintendent, and Engineer evaluate the condition of each street after each winter and prioritizes the streets in need of repair or replacement. After approval from council, the projects are bid typically in late winter or early spring to get the best possible pricing from contractors. This program is paid for out of the general fund, the general capital improvement fund, or the street construction maintenance and repair fund of the City. Capital assets (before depreciation) for governmental activities increased \$740,121 (net of decreases) mainly due to completed construction in progress and building additions. This increase (net of decreases) was offset by an increase in accumulated depreciation of \$1,254,295. Capital assets for business-type activities decreased by \$741,857, mainly due to depreciation expense charged for the current year.

The City is committed to a long-term goal of meeting the needs of its infrastructure and facilities. The City has a five-year capital plan in place that provides for street improvements, storm sewers, water and sanitary sewer lines and addressing facility and equipment needs.

**Debt**

At December 31, 2014, the City of Chardon had \$18,857,791 in outstanding debt and compensated absences, of which \$5,135,000 was in general obligation bonds. Table 6 summarizes the outstanding obligations of the City.

Table 6  
Outstanding Debt at Year End

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
General obligation bonds	\$ 5,135,000	\$ 5,325,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,135,000	\$ 5,325,000
Premium on bonds	40,042	43,515	-	-	40,042	43,515
OPWC loans	1,506,847	1,616,162	-	-	1,506,847	1,616,162
OWDA loans	-	-	11,432,145	12,479,066	11,432,145	12,479,066
Land purchase agreement	-	-	122,714	203,325	122,714	203,325
Compensated absences	466,668	532,910	154,375	134,042	621,043	666,952
Total	<u>\$ 7,148,557</u>	<u>\$ 7,517,587</u>	<u>\$ 11,709,234</u>	<u>\$ 12,816,433</u>	<u>\$ 18,857,791</u>	<u>\$ 20,334,020</u>

Other obligations include accrued vacation pay and sick leave, and OPWC and OWDA loans. More detailed information about the City's long-term liabilities is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

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**Current Related Financial Activities**

The City of Chardon is strong financially. On January 21, 2014 Standard & Poor's rating service increased the City's rating from AA- to the highest possible rating of AAA. In addition, the City of Chardon's systems of budgeting and internal controls are well regarded and the City is well prepared to meet the challenges of the future. In conclusion, management has been committed to provide the residents of the City of Chardon with full disclosure of the financial position of the City.

**Contacting the City of Chardon's Finance Department**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for all money it receives, spends, or invests. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Director of Finance, Mate Rogonjic, City of Chardon, 111 Water Street, Chardon, Ohio 44024, telephone (440) 286-2470, email: [mrogonjic@chardon.cc](mailto:mrogonjic@chardon.cc) or web site at [www.chardon.cc](http://www.chardon.cc).

**City of Chardon, Ohio**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**December 31, 2014**

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<u>Assets:</u>			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,336,474	\$ 1,223,248	\$ 7,559,722
Receivables:			
Income tax	1,641,186	-	1,641,186
Property and other taxes	1,296,440	-	1,296,440
Accounts	288,355	421,272	709,627
Accrued interest	13,942	-	13,942
Intergovernmental	675,958	-	675,958
Revenue in lieu of taxes	13,083	-	13,083
Materials and supplies inventory	184,163	333,032	517,195
Prepaid items	13,230	4,000	17,230
Nondepreciable capital assets	3,360,366	468,778	3,829,144
Depreciable capital assets	57,483,513	43,655,912	101,139,425
Accumulated depreciation	(17,923,064)	(13,817,895)	(31,740,959)
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>53,383,646</b>	<b>32,288,347</b>	<b>85,671,993</b>
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Accounts payable	286,467	54,454	340,921
Contracts payable	-	6,893	6,893
Accrued wages and benefits	150,751	37,397	188,148
Accrued pension	23,224	5,238	28,462
Due to other governments	54,209	12,485	66,694
Income tax refunds payable	28,934	-	28,934
Accrued interest payable	10,410	-	10,410
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	511,836	1,319,437	1,831,273
Due in more than one year	6,636,721	10,389,797	17,026,518
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>7,702,552</b>	<b>11,825,701</b>	<b>19,528,253</b>
<u>Deferred inflows of resources:</u>			
Property taxes	1,197,447	-	1,197,447
Payments in lieu of taxes	13,083	-	13,083
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>1,210,530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,210,530</b>
<u>Net position:</u>			
Net investment in capital assets	36,238,926	18,751,936	54,990,862
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	512,538	-	512,538
Transportation	1,294,681	-	1,294,681
Security of persons and property	702,591	-	702,591
Other purposes	474,836	-	474,836
Unrestricted	5,246,992	1,710,710	6,957,702
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 44,470,564</b>	<b>\$ 20,462,646</b>	<b>\$ 64,933,210</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Chardon, Ohio**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Capital Grants and Contributions
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
General government	\$ 3,358,298	\$ 1,244,095	\$ 114,397	\$ 48,012
Security of persons and property	3,119,513	361,753	108,445	-
Public health services	95,152	31,210	2,124	-
Transportation	2,399,299	71,766	933,742	-
Community environment	221,325	246,624	-	-
Leisure time activities	270,935	136,873	11,185	50,000
Interest and fiscal charges	128,313	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>9,592,835</u>	<u>2,092,321</u>	<u>1,169,893</u>	<u>98,012</u>
<u>Business-Type Activities:</u>				
Water	1,084,934	1,163,278	-	-
Sewer	2,014,993	2,074,371	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>3,099,927</u>	<u>3,237,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 12,692,762</u>	<u>\$ 5,329,970</u>	<u>\$ 1,169,893</u>	<u>\$ 98,012</u>

General revenues:  
Property taxes levied for:  
    General purposes  
    Security of persons and property  
Income tax levied for:  
    General purposes  
    Capital projects  
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs  
Gain on sale of capital assets  
Investment earnings  
Contributions  
Other  
Capital contributions  
Transfers  
Total general revenues, capital contributions and transfers

Change in net assets

Net position, beginning of year  
Net position, end of year

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

Primary Government

Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
\$ (1,951,794)	\$ -	\$ (1,951,794)
(2,649,315)	-	(2,649,315)
(61,818)	-	(61,818)
(1,393,791)	-	(1,393,791)
25,299	-	25,299
(72,877)	-	(72,877)
(128,313)	-	(128,313)
(6,232,609)	-	(6,232,609)
-	78,344	78,344
-	59,378	59,378
-	137,722	137,722
(6,232,609)	137,722	(6,094,887)
410,584	-	410,584
934,271	-	934,271
5,538,861	-	5,538,861
172,200	-	172,200
166,854	-	166,854
-	-	-
39,142	1,244	40,386
-	-	-
617,533	-	617,533
315,249	-	315,249
(371,089)	371,089	-
7,823,605	372,333	8,195,938
1,590,996	510,055	2,101,051
42,879,568	19,952,591	62,832,159
\$ 44,470,564	\$ 20,462,646	\$ 64,933,210

**City of Chardon, Ohio**

**Balance Sheet**

**Governmental Funds**

**December 31, 2014**

	General	General Obligation Debt Service	General Capital Improvement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets:</u>					
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,014,984	\$ 386,858	\$ 355,755	\$ 2,578,877	\$ 6,336,474
Receivables:					
Income tax	1,591,950	-	49,236	-	1,641,186
Property and other taxes	393,570	-	-	902,870	1,296,440
Accounts	86,522	-	-	201,833	288,355
Accrued interest	13,942	-	-	-	13,942
Intergovernmental	58,688	-	48,012	569,258	675,958
Revenue in lieu of taxes	-	-	-	13,083	13,083
Materials and supplies inventory	110,903	-	-	73,260	184,163
Prepaid items	11,002	-	-	2,228	13,230
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,281,561</u>	<u>\$ 386,858</u>	<u>\$ 453,003</u>	<u>\$ 4,341,409</u>	<u>\$ 10,462,831</u>
Liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances:					
<u>Liabilities:</u>					
Accounts payable	\$ 102,421	\$ -	\$ 37,473	\$ 146,573	\$ 286,467
Accrued wages and benefits	131,678	-	-	19,073	150,751
Accrued pension	13,803	-	-	9,421	23,224
Due to other governments	48,090	-	-	6,119	54,209
Income tax refunds payable	28,934	-	-	-	28,934
Total liabilities	<u>324,926</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,473</u>	<u>181,186</u>	<u>543,585</u>
<u>Deferred inflows of resources:</u>					
Property taxes	362,167	-	-	835,280	1,197,447
Payments in lieu of taxes	-	-	-	13,083	13,083
Unavailable revenue - delinquent property taxes	22,706	-	-	48,745	71,451
Unavailable revenue - other	621,098	-	63,817	617,232	1,302,147
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,005,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,817</u>	<u>1,514,340</u>	<u>2,584,128</u>
<u>Fund balances:</u>					
Nonspendable	121,905	-	-	75,488	197,393
Restricted	-	-	351,713	2,015,969	2,367,682
Committed	-	-	-	555,714	555,714
Assigned	793,389	386,858	-	-	1,180,247
Unassigned	3,035,370	-	-	(1,288)	3,034,082
Total fund balances	<u>3,950,664</u>	<u>386,858</u>	<u>351,713</u>	<u>2,645,883</u>	<u>7,335,118</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,281,561</u>	<u>\$ 386,858</u>	<u>\$ 453,003</u>	<u>\$ 4,341,409</u>	<u>\$ 10,462,831</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Chardon, Ohio**

**Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to  
Net Position of Governmental Activities  
December 31, 2014**

Total governmental fund balances \$ 7,335,118

*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 funds. 42,920,815

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are offset by deferred inflows of resources in the funds:

Property and other taxes	\$ 71,686	
Income taxes	526,827	
Intergovernmental	529,911	
Charges for services	245,174	
Total	<u>1,373,598</u>	1,373,598

Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds. (10,410)

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:

General obligation bonds	\$ (5,135,000)	
Premium	(40,042)	
OPWC loan	(1,506,847)	
Compensated absences	(466,668)	
Total	<u>(7,148,557)</u>	(7,148,557)

Net position of governmental activities \$ 44,470,564

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Chardon, Ohio**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**

**Governmental Funds**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	General	General Obligation Debt Service	General Capital Improvement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Income tax	\$ 5,440,015	\$ -	\$ 169,143	\$ -	\$ 5,609,158
Property and other taxes	399,014	-	-	910,994	1,310,008
Charges for services	93,199	-	-	315,344	408,543
Licenses and permits	184,030	-	-	-	184,030
Fines and forfeitures	780,120	-	-	379,996	1,160,116
Intergovernmental	189,099	-	-	980,365	1,169,464
Special assessments	-	-	-	161,647	161,647
Investment income	39,142	-	503	743	40,388
Contributions and donations	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Rentals	-	-	-	93,636	93,636
Other	231,351	-	385,741	149,837	766,929
Total revenue	<u>7,355,970</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>555,387</u>	<u>3,042,562</u>	<u>10,953,919</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
<b>Current:</b>					
General government	2,545,345	-	-	531,096	3,076,441
Security of persons and property	1,744,639	-	-	1,382,390	3,127,029
Public health services	16,800	-	-	66,294	83,094
Transportation	1,274,494	-	-	246,606	1,521,100
Community environment	157,202	-	-	57,947	215,149
Leisure time activities	-	-	-	243,971	243,971
Capital outlay	-	-	326,691	202,510	529,201
<b>Debt service:</b>					
Principal retirement	5,311	190,000	-	104,004	299,315
Interest and fiscal charges	-	132,410	-	-	132,410
Total expenditures	<u>5,743,791</u>	<u>322,410</u>	<u>326,691</u>	<u>2,834,818</u>	<u>9,227,710</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>1,612,179</u>	<u>(322,410)</u>	<u>228,696</u>	<u>207,744</u>	<u>1,726,209</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>					
Transfers - in	-	708,241	-	400,000	1,108,241
Transfers - out	(1,093,589)	-	(385,741)	-	(1,479,330)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,093,589)</u>	<u>708,241</u>	<u>(385,741)</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>(371,089)</u>
Net change in fund balance	518,590	385,831	(157,045)	607,744	1,355,120
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>3,432,074</u>	<u>1,027</u>	<u>508,758</u>	<u>2,038,139</u>	<u>5,979,998</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 3,950,664</u>	<u>\$ 386,858</u>	<u>\$ 351,713</u>	<u>\$ 2,645,883</u>	<u>\$ 7,335,118</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Chardon, Ohio**

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

Net change in fund balances - Total governmental funds \$ 1,355,120

*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 capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

In the current period, these amounts are:

Capital outlay	\$	529,201	
Capital contributions		315,249	
Depreciation expense		<u>(1,254,295)</u>	
Excess of capital outlay and capital assets transferred over depreciation expense			(409,845)

Governmental funds only report the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. (9,685)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. These activities consist of:

Property and other taxes	\$	34,847	
Income taxes		101,903	
Intergovernmental		64,874	
Charges for services		<u>84,128</u>	
Net change in deferred inflows of resources during the year			285,752

Some items 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. These activities consist of:

Decrease in compensated absences	\$	66,242	
Decrease in accrued interest		<u>624</u>	
Total additional expenditures			66,866

Repayment of bond and loan principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 299,315

The amortization of bond premium is reflected as an expense in the statement of activities. 3,473

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 1,590,996

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Chardon, Ohio**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes**  
**In Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual**  
**General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Income tax	\$ 5,175,000	\$ 5,032,000	\$ 5,031,039	\$ (961)
Property and other taxes	373,143	373,143	390,539	17,396
Charges for services	80,500	80,500	88,665	8,165
Licenses and permits	131,800	181,800	185,214	3,414
Fines and forfeitures	779,000	779,000	829,740	50,740
Intergovernmental	155,788	177,867	195,993	18,126
Investment income	15,000	15,000	38,540	23,540
Other	97,000	117,000	133,402	16,402
Total revenue	<u>6,807,231</u>	<u>6,756,310</u>	<u>6,893,132</u>	<u>136,822</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Current:				
General government	3,075,015	3,175,016	2,644,943	530,073
Security of persons and property	1,897,128	1,897,130	1,798,151	98,979
Public health and welfare	18,000	18,000	16,800	1,200
Transportation	1,236,310	1,351,310	1,315,437	35,873
Community environment	174,936	174,936	161,322	13,614
Total expenditures	<u>6,401,389</u>	<u>6,616,392</u>	<u>5,936,653</u>	<u>679,739</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>405,842</u>	<u>139,918</u>	<u>956,479</u>	<u>816,561</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>				
Insurance recoveries	100,000	100,000	97,541	(2,459)
Sale of capital assets	2,000	2,000	1,642	(358)
Transfers - in	130,032	130,032	48,000	(82,032)
Transfers - out	<u>(1,462,000)</u>	<u>(1,307,000)</u>	<u>(1,098,900)</u>	<u>208,100</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,229,968)</u>	<u>(1,074,968)</u>	<u>(951,717)</u>	<u>123,251</u>
Net change in fund balance	(824,126)	(935,050)	4,762	939,812
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,613,030	1,613,030	1,613,030	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	<u>191,165</u>	<u>191,165</u>	<u>191,165</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 980,069</u>	<u>\$ 869,145</u>	<u>\$ 1,808,957</u>	<u>\$ 939,812</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Chardon, Ohio**  
**Statement of Fund Net Position**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**December 31, 2014**

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Water	Sewer	Total
<u>Assets:</u>			
Current assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 736,840	\$ 486,408	\$ 1,223,248
Accounts receivable	175,847	245,425	421,272
Materials and supplies inventory	270,771	62,261	333,032
Prepaid items	2,000	2,000	4,000
Total current assets	<u>1,185,458</u>	<u>796,094</u>	<u>1,981,552</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Nondepreciable capital assets	279,436	189,342	468,778
Depreciable capital assets	14,502,014	29,153,898	43,655,912
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,122,400)</u>	<u>(10,695,495)</u>	<u>(13,817,895)</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>11,659,050</u>	<u>18,647,745</u>	<u>30,306,795</u>
Total assets	<u>12,844,508</u>	<u>19,443,839</u>	<u>32,288,347</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	16,244	38,210	54,454
Contracts payable	187	6,706	6,893
Accrued wages and benefits	15,534	21,863	37,397
Accrued pension	2,176	3,062	5,238
Due to other governments	5,473	7,012	12,485
Compensated absences payable	16,269	55,998	72,267
Purchase agreement payable	11,000	99,000	110,000
OWDA loans payable	<u>275,125</u>	<u>862,045</u>	<u>1,137,170</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>342,008</u>	<u>1,093,896</u>	<u>1,435,904</u>
Long-term liabilities:			
Compensated absences payable	61,491	20,617	82,108
Purchase agreement payable, net of current portion	4,154	8,560	12,714
OWDA loans payable, net of current portion	<u>3,943,579</u>	<u>6,351,396</u>	<u>10,294,975</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>4,009,224</u>	<u>6,380,573</u>	<u>10,389,797</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,351,232</u>	<u>7,474,469</u>	<u>11,825,701</u>
<u>Net position:</u>			
Net investment in capital assets	7,425,192	11,326,744	18,751,936
Unrestricted	<u>1,068,084</u>	<u>642,626</u>	<u>1,710,710</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 8,493,276</u>	<u>\$ 11,969,370</u>	<u>\$ 20,462,646</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Chardon, Ohio**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position**

**Proprietary Funds**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Water	Sewer	Total
<u>Operating revenues:</u>			
Charges for services	\$ 1,131,799	\$ 2,038,940	\$ 3,170,739
Reimbursements	31,479	22,234	53,713
Other	-	13,197	13,197
Total operating revenue	<u>1,163,278</u>	<u>2,074,371</u>	<u>3,237,649</u>
<u>Operating expenses:</u>			
Personal services	486,139	687,532	1,173,671
Supplies and materials	101,509	138,028	239,537
Travel and education	3,904	4,758	8,662
Contractual services	71,598	166,465	238,063
Utilities	84,853	171,236	256,089
Depreciation	235,462	612,352	847,814
Total operating expenses	<u>983,465</u>	<u>1,780,371</u>	<u>2,763,836</u>
Operating income	<u>179,813</u>	<u>294,000</u>	<u>473,813</u>
<u>Nonoperating revenues (expenses):</u>			
Interest	-	1,244	1,244
Interest and fiscal charges	(88,426)	(234,622)	(323,048)
Loss on disposal of capital assets	(13,043)	-	(13,043)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses):	<u>(101,469)</u>	<u>(233,378)</u>	<u>(334,847)</u>
Income before transfers	78,344	60,622	138,966
Transfers - in	<u>79,215</u>	<u>291,874</u>	<u>371,089</u>
Change in net position	157,559	352,496	510,055
Net position at beginning of year	<u>8,335,717</u>	<u>11,616,874</u>	<u>19,952,591</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 8,493,276</u>	<u>\$ 11,969,370</u>	<u>\$ 20,462,646</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Chardon, Ohio**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**Proprietary Funds**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Water	Sewer	Total
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash received from customers	\$ 1,163,366	\$ 2,073,978	\$ 3,237,344
Cash payments for personal services	(497,666)	(671,240)	(1,168,906)
Cash payments for travel and entertainment	(3,903)	(4,757)	(8,660)
Cash payments for contractual services	(84,856)	(164,651)	(249,507)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(120,470)	(132,392)	(252,862)
Cash payments for utilities	(87,535)	(168,372)	(255,907)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>368,936</u>	<u>932,566</u>	<u>1,301,502</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:			
Transfers from other funds	<u>79,215</u>	<u>291,874</u>	<u>371,089</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
OWDA loan	-	58,074	58,074
Interest paid on debt	(88,426)	(234,622)	(323,048)
Principal payment on loans	(269,704)	(835,291)	(1,104,995)
Acquisition of capital assets	<u>(32,725)</u>	<u>(163,632)</u>	<u>(196,357)</u>
Net cash used for capital and related financing activities	<u>(390,855)</u>	<u>(1,175,471)</u>	<u>(1,566,326)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income	<u>-</u>	<u>1,244</u>	<u>1,244</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	57,296	50,213	107,509
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>679,544</u>	<u>436,195</u>	<u>1,115,739</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 736,840</u>	<u>\$ 486,408</u>	<u>\$ 1,223,248</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Operating income	\$ 179,813	\$ 294,000	\$ 473,813
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	235,462	612,352	847,814
Change in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in assets:			
Accounts receivable	88	(393)	(305)
Materials and supplies inventory	(23,033)	1,530	(21,503)
Prepaid items	(1,415)	(1,415)	(2,830)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:			
Accounts payable	(10,583)	9,922	(661)
Accrued pension	(7,900)	(6,721)	(14,621)
Accrued wages and benefits	(6,093)	5,146	(947)
Compensated absences	2,466	17,867	20,333
Due to other governments	131	278	409
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 368,936</u>	<u>\$ 932,566</u>	<u>\$ 1,301,502</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Chardon, Ohio**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**December 31, 2014**

	Private Purpose Trust Cemetery	Agency
<u>Assets:</u>		
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 176,228
Cash and cash equivalents in segregated accounts	17,534	119,850
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,534</u>	<u>\$ 296,078</u>
 <u>Liabilities:</u>		
Intergovernmental payable	\$ -	\$ 121,304
Undistributed monies	-	29,450
Deposits held and due to others	-	145,324
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 296,078</u>
 <u>Net position:</u>		
Held in trust for cemetery	<u>17,534</u>	
Total net position	<u>\$ 17,534</u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

***City of Chardon, Ohio***

**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 2014**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Cemetery</u>
Additions:	
Interest	<u>\$ 10</u>
Deductions:	
Supplies and materials	<u>123</u>
Change in net position	(113)
Net position at beginning of year	<u>17,647</u>
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 17,534</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

***City of Chardon, Ohio***  
**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**  
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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the City of Chardon 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 most significant of the City's accounting policies are described below.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The City of Chardon is a home rule municipal corporation established under the laws of the State of Ohio which operates under its own Charter. The current Charter, which provides for a council-manager form of government, was adopted April 25, 1978. Effective April 29, 2002, the Village of Chardon became a city based on the 2000 Census.

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 Chardon, this includes police protection, parks and recreation, planning, zoning, street maintenance and repair, water and sewer utilities, municipal court and general administrative services. The City's departments include Police, Public Service, Manager, Finance, Legal, Planning and Zoning, Recreation and Municipal Court. Included within the Department of Public Service are the Division of Streets and Cemetery, Lands and Buildings and Water and Sewer. The City contracts with the Chardon Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to provide fire service and ambulance services. The operation of each of these activities and entities is directly controlled by the City Council through the budgetary process.

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

*The Chardon Municipal Court*

The City budgets and appropriates funds for the operation of the Court and is ultimately responsible for any operating deficits sustained by the Court. The City's share of the fines collected by the Court along with its share of the Court's administrative and operating costs are recorded pursuant to State law in the City's general fund and certain special revenue funds. Due to this relationship, the Court is not considered a component unit of the City but rather as part of the primary government unit itself. Monies held by the Court in a fiduciary capacity are recorded as an agency fund in the accompanying financial statements.

**B. 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.

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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 not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function or business activity is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the City.

Fund Financial Statements

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

**C. 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 liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the City's major governmental funds:

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

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General Obligation Debt Service Fund - This fund is maintained for the accumulation of monies to meet debt service requirements on general obligation debt of the City. Funds are derived from transfers from various other funds.

General Capital Improvement Fund - This fund is used to accumulate resources transferred from the general fund as well as a portion of the municipal income tax revenue and used for expenditures for capital assets and infrastructure within governmental funds.

The other governmental funds of the City account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted 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 does not have an internal service fund.

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

Water Fund - The water fund accounts for the provision of water treatment and distribution to its residential and commercial users.

Sewer Fund - The sewer fund accounts for the provision of sanitary sewer service to the residents and commercial users.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the City under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are therefore not available to support the City's own programs. The City's only trust fund is a private purpose trust which accounts for the perpetual care and maintenance of an individual family's burial plots in the City's cemetery through an endowment. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The City's agency funds account for tort claims, law library fees, unclaimed monies, construction guarantee bonds, employee healthcare flex spending, and the municipal court.

**D. Measurement Focus**

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, all liabilities, deferred outflows of resources 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.

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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 current liabilities 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 funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. The statement of changes in fund 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 City finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

**E. 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 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.

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 5). Revenue from grants, entitlements, shared revenues and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the City must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the City on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end: income tax, state-levied locally shared taxes (including gasoline tax), fines and forfeitures, licenses and permits, interest, grants and rentals.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statements of net 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. The City does not have any deferred outflows of resources at December 31, 2014.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of net position reports 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 City, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes and unavailable revenues. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2014, but which were levied to finance year 2015 operations. These amounts have been recorded as deferred inflows on both the government-wide statement of net position and the governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported on the government wide statement of net position and the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected within the available period. For the City, unavailable revenue includes delinquent property taxes, income taxes, franchise taxes, intergovernmental grants, special assessments, and charges for services. These amounts are deferred and recognized as inflows of resources in the period the amounts become available.

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.

**F. Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents**

To improve cash management, cash received by the City is pooled. Monies for all funds, except for the cemetery private purpose trust fund and municipal court agency fund, 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 interest bearing depository accounts are presented as "cash and cash equivalents in segregated accounts" since they are not required to be deposited into the City treasury. The cash of the cemetery private purpose fund and municipal court agency fund are included in this line item.

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During 2014, investments were limited to certificates of deposits and government-sponsored enterprise investments. The government-sponsored enterprise (GSE) investments, which are not backed by the full faith and credit of the federal government, were held as investments at year-end by the City. The GSE investments held were issued from Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) and Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB).

Investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices, with the exception of nonparticipating repurchase agreements, which are reported at cost.

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.

**G. Inventory**

On the government-wide financial statements, inventories are presented at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis and are expensed when used.

On fund financial statements, inventories of governmental funds are stated at cost while inventories of proprietary funds are stated at the lower of cost or market. For all funds, cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. The cost of inventory items is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental fund types when used. Inventories of the proprietary funds are expensed when used.

Inventory consists of expendable supplies held for consumption.

**H. Interfund Balances**

On fund financial statements, outstanding interfund loans and unpaid amounts for interfund services are reported as "Interfund Loan Receivables/Payables." Interfund loans which do not represent available expendable resources are offset by a fund balance reserve account. Interfund balance amounts, not services provided and used, are eliminated in the statement of net position.

**I. Prepaid Items**

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2014 are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure or expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

**J. Capitalization of Interest**

Interest is capitalized on proprietary fund assets acquired with tax-exempt debt. The City's policy is to capitalize net interest on construction projects until substantial completion of the project. The amount of capitalized interest equals the difference between the interest cost associated with the tax-exempt borrowing used to finance the project and the interest earned from temporary investment of the debt proceeds. Capitalized interest is amortized on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset.

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**K. Capital Assets**

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statement of net position and in the respective funds.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The City reports all land parcels and maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. 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 expended. For proprietary funds and business-type activities, any material amount of interest incurred during the construction of capital assets is also capitalized.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Buildings and improvements	50 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 20 years
Vehicles	5 to 10 years
Infrastructure	20 to 100 years

The City's infrastructure consists of bridges, culverts, curbs, sidewalks, storm sewers, streets, irrigation systems and water and sewer lines.

**L. Compensated Absences**

Vacation benefits and compensatory time are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned if the employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means. The City records a liability for all accumulated unused vacation and compensatory time when earned for all employees.

Sick leave benefits are accrued as a liability using the vesting method. The liability includes the employees who are currently eligible to receive termination benefits and those that the City has identified as probable of receiving payment in the future (those employees who will be eligible to receive termination payments in the next twenty years). The amount is based on accumulated sick leave and employee wage rates at year-end taking into consideration any limits specified in the City's termination policy.

The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

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On governmental fund financial statements, compensated absences are recognized as liabilities and expenditures to the extent payments come due each period upon the occurrence of employee resignations and retirements. These amounts, when applicable, are recorded in the account “matured compensated absences payable” in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported. In proprietary funds, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability.

**M. 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 year. Bonds and long-term loans are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

**N. 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” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. It also includes the long-term amount of interfund loans.

**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 the legislation.

**Committed** The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by formal action (ordinance or resolution) 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. 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.

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**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. 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.

**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 resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The City applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which 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.

**O. Net Position**

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

Net position restricted for other purposes include cemetery operations, police and computer and special project programs. The City applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available.

**P. 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 and sewer programs. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the good or service that are the primary activity of the fund. Revenues and expenses that do not meet these definitions are reported as non-operating.

**Q. Contributions of Capital**

Contributions of capital in proprietary fund financial statements arise from outside contributions of capital assets, tap-in fees to the extent they exceed the cost of the connection to the system, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction.

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**R. Interfund Activity**

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

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

**S. 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.

**T. Budgetary Process**

An annual appropriated budget is legally required to be prepared for all funds of the City other than agency funds. With authorization by the Finance Director or City Manager, line item budgets may be transferred within the appropriation accounts approved by Council. Council must approve any revisions in the budget that alter the total object level within each department. The following are the procedures used by the City in establishing the budgetary data reported in the basic financial statements:

Tax Budget

A tax budget of estimated revenue and expenditures for all funds other than agency funds is submitted to the County Auditor, as Secretary of the County Budget Commission, by July 20th of each year, for the period January 1 to December 31 of the following year.

Estimated Resources

The County Budget Commission determines if the budget substantiates a need to levy the full amount of authorized property tax rates and reviews revenue estimates. The Commission certifies its actions to the City by September 1. As part of this certification, the City receives the official certificate of estimated resources, which states the projected revenue of each fund. The City revises its budget so that the total contemplated expenditures from any fund during the ensuing fiscal year will not exceed the amount available as stated in the certificate of estimated resources. The revised budget then serves as the basis for the annual appropriations measure.

On or about January 1 the certificate of estimated resources is amended to include unencumbered fund balances at December 31. Further amendments may be made during the year if the Finance Director determines that revenue to be collected will be greater than or less than the prior estimates and the budget commission find the revised estimates to be reasonable. The amounts reported in the budgetary statements as original represent the amounts in the second amended official certificate of estimated resources issued during 2014. The amounts reported in the budgetary statements as final reflect the amounts in the final amended official certificate of estimated resources issued during 2014.

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Appropriations

A temporary appropriation ordinance (the appropriated budget) to control the level of expenditures for all funds must be legally enacted on or about January 1. A permanent appropriation ordinance is legally enacted before March 31. Appropriations may not exceed estimated resources as established in the Official Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources. Supplemental appropriations may be adopted by Council action. During the year, several supplemental appropriation measures were necessary. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the first permanent appropriated budget for each fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried over from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts in the statements of budgetary comparisons represent the final appropriation amounts, including all amendments and modifications.

Lapsing of Appropriations

At the close of each year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried over for the subsequent year's expenditures and is reappropriated.

Budgeted Level of Expenditure

The primary level of budgetary control is at the object level within each department for all funds. Appropriated funds may not be expended for purposes other than those designated in the appropriation ordinance without authority from Council. Expenditures plus encumbrances may not legally exceed appropriations at the level of appropriation adopted by Council. The appropriations set by Council must remain fixed unless amended by Council ordinance. More detailed appropriations allocations may be made by the City Manager or Finance Director as long as the allocations are within Council's appropriated amount.

Encumbrances

As part of formal budgetary control, purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are encumbered and recorded as the equivalent of expenditures on the non-GAAP budgetary basis in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation and determine and maintain legal compliance. The Ohio Revised Code prohibits expenditures plus encumbrances from exceeding appropriations. On the GAAP basis, encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as assigned fund balances for subsequent-year expenditures of governmental funds.

**NOTE 2 - 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 and disbursements.

The Statements of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between the budget basis and the GAAP basis are identified as follows:

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- a. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
- b. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP).
- c. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget) rather than assigned fund balance (GAAP).
- d. Advances in and advances out (“repayment of advances”) are operating transactions (budget basis) as opposed to balance sheet transactions (GAAP basis).
- e. The change in fair value of investments is not included on the budget operating statement. This amount is included as revenue on the GAAP basis operating statement.
- f. Unreported cash represents amounts received but not included as revenue on the budget basis operating statements. These amounts are included as revenue on the GAAP basis operating statements.
- g. Cash held in the municipal court agency fund that is to be disbursed to the general fund are not included as revenue on the budget basis operating statements. These amounts are included as revenue on the GAAP basis operating statements.
- h. The revenues, expenditures and other financing sources and uses of the general fund include activity that is budgeted within special revenue funds (GAAP basis). However, on the budgetary basis, the activity of the special revenue funds is excluded resulting in perspective differences.

The following table summarizes the adjustments necessary to reconcile the GAAP basis statements to the budgetary basis statements for the general fund.

Net Change in Fund Balance	
	<u>General</u>
GAAP basis	\$ 518,590
Revenue accruals	79,011
Expenditure accruals	12,861
Perspective differences from funds budgeted as special revenue funds:	
Revenues	(394,666)
Encumbrances (budget basis) outstanding at year end	<u>(211,034)</u>
Budget basis	<u>\$ 4,762</u>

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**NOTE 3 – FUND BALANCE**

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 below:

Fund Balances	General	General Obligation Debt Service	General Capital Improvement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Nonspendable</u>					
Materials and supplies inventory	\$ 110,903	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,260	\$ 184,163
Prepays	11,002	-	-	2,228	13,230
Total nonspendable	121,905	-	-	75,488	197,393
<u>Restricted for</u>					
Streets and highways	-	-	-	825,424	825,424
Streets lighting	-	-	-	60	60
Fire and EMS services	-	-	-	560,466	560,466
Capital improvements	-	-	351,713	97,008	448,721
Court activities	-	-	-	400,834	400,834
Shade tree	-	-	-	46,501	46,501
Police services	-	-	-	49,987	49,987
Cemetery	-	-	-	35,689	35,689
Total restricted	-	-	351,713	2,015,969	2,367,682
<u>Committed</u>					
Recreation	-	-	-	92,632	92,632
Fire and EMS services	-	-	-	101,704	101,704
Capital improvements	-	-	-	361,378	361,378
Total committed	-	-	-	555,714	555,714
<u>Assigned</u>					
Encumbrances	145,691	-	-	-	145,691
Next year's budget	647,698	-	-	-	647,698
Debt service	-	386,858	-	-	386,858
Total assigned	793,389	386,858	-	-	1,180,247
Unassigned (deficit)	3,035,370	-	-	(1,288)	3,034,082
Total fund balances	\$ 3,950,664	\$ 386,858	\$ 351,713	\$ 2,645,883	\$ 7,335,118

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

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

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

Inactive deposits are monies 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 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 monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government-sponsored enterprise, agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC), Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), and Student Loan Marketing Association (SLMA). All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily;
4. Investment grade obligations of state and local governments, and public authorities;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) of this section and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions; and,
6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAROhio).

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

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*Custodial credit risk* is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the City’s deposits may not be returned to it. The City has no deposit policy for custodial risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits either be insured or protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either within the City or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least one hundred and five percent of the deposits being secured.

Undeposited Cash: At year-end, the City had \$950 in undeposited cash on hand which is included as part of “equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents.”

Deposits: At year-end, the carrying amount of the City's deposits was \$3,878,620 and the bank balance was \$4,020,958. The City’s deposits were not exposed to custodial credit risk as they were either insured or secured by a collateral pool of eligible securities held at the Federal Reserve in a pledge account.

Investments: At year-end, the City held the following investments.

Investment Type	Fair Value	Maturity	Standard & Poor's Rating
Government Sponsored Enterprise Bonds:			
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$ 499,995	06/29/18	AA+
Federal Home Loan Bank	500,805	09/21/15	AA+
Federal National Mortgage Association	498,995	08/27/19	AA+
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	499,350	08/28/17	AA+
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	496,330	12/19/19	AA+
Federal Farm Credit Bank	497,380	08/27/18	AA+
Federal Farm Credit Bank	500,875	12/07/16	AA+
Federal Farm Credit Bank	500,034	08/02/16	AA+
Total investments	\$ 3,993,764		

Investment procedures are restricted by the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. Interest allocation is determined by the Ohio Constitution, state statutes, and local ordinances adopted under City Charter. Under these provisions, interest revenue is distributed to the general fund, certain special revenue funds, and the private purpose trust fund. Interest revenue credited to the general fund during 2014 amounted to \$39,142, which includes \$28,003 assigned from other funds.

*Interest Rate Risk* arises because potential purchasers of debt securities will not agree to pay face value for those securities if interest rates subsequently increase. The City’s investment policy addresses interest rate risk requiring 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, thereby avoiding that need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity and by investing operating funds primarily in short-term investments. The City investment policy also limits certificates of deposit and security purchases to those that mature within five years unless authorized by Council.

*Custodial Risk* for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the City will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. All financial institutions and broker/dealers who desire to become qualified for investment transactions with the City must meet a set of prescribed standards and be periodically reviewed.

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*Credit Risk* is addressed by the City's investment policy by the requirements that all investments are authorized by Ohio Revised Code and that the portfolio be diversified both by types of investment and issuer. All investments of the city are registered and carry a rating AA+ by Standard & Poor's.

*Concentration of Credit Risk* is the possibility of loss attributed to the magnitude of the City's investment in a single issuer. More than five percent of the City's investments are in a single issuer of securities. Of the investments, 37.5% are FFCB, 12.5% are FNMA, 24.9% are FHLMC and 25.1% are FHLB. The City's investment policy requires diversification of the portfolio and indicates that investments shall be diversified to eliminate risk of loss resulting from the over-concentration of assets in a specific maturity, a specific issuer, or a specific class of security. The policy includes certificates of deposit and money market accounts as investments even when they are not considered an investment for financial reporting purposes. The policy requires: a) the total par amount invested in a combination of commercial paper and banker's acceptances may not exceed 25% of the total invested funds at the time of purchase; and b) no more than 50% of the portfolio shall be invested in securities with maturities that exceed two years.

**NOTE 5 – RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at December 31, 2014, consisted primarily of municipal income taxes, property and other taxes, intergovernmental receivables arising from entitlements, shared revenues, accrued interest on investments, and accounts (billings for ambulance service and utility service). No allowances for doubtful accounts have been recorded because uncollectible amounts are expected to be insignificant.

**Property Taxes**

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the City. Property tax revenue received during 2014 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of 2013 taxes.

2014 real property taxes were levied after October 1, 2014, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2014, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2014 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2015.

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 tangible personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2014 public utility property taxes which became a lien December 31, 2013, are levied after October 1, 2014, and are collected in 2015 with real property taxes.

The full tax rate for all City operations for the year ended December 31, 2014, was \$12.0 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property and public utility tangible property upon which 2014 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

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Property Category	Assessed Value	Percent
<u>Real Property</u>		
Residential and agricultural	\$ 96,083,430	60.26 %
Commercial and industrial	59,705,360	37.44
Public utilities	<u>3,671,140</u>	<u>2.30</u>
Total	<u>\$ 159,459,930</u>	<u>100 %</u>

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the county, including the City of Chardon. The County Auditor periodically remits to the City its portion of the taxes collected. Accrued property taxes receivable represent real and tangible personal property taxes, public utility taxes and outstanding delinquencies which are measurable as of December 31, 2014, and for which there is an enforceable legal claim. In the general fund, the entire receivable has been offset by deferred inflow of resources since the current taxes were not levied to finance 2014 operations and the collection of delinquent taxes during the available period is not subject to reasonable estimation. On the accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as revenue.

Income Taxes

The City levies a 2% income tax on substantially all earned income within the City as well as on income of residents that is earned outside the City. Employers within the City are required to withhold income tax on employees' compensation and remit the tax to the City's agent, Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA), either monthly or quarterly, as required. Corporations and other individual taxpayers are required to pay their estimated tax liability quarterly and file a final return annually.

In 2014, all income tax proceeds were allocated to the general fund, general operating reserve and payroll stabilization special revenue funds and general capital improvement reserve capital projects fund. On the GAAP basis of reporting the general operating reserve and payroll stabilization special revenue funds are included within the general fund; however, on the cash basis they are budgeted separately.

Intergovernmental Receivables

A summary of intergovernmental receivables follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
Local government and local government	
Revenue assistance	\$ 30,203
Homestead and rollback	63,902
Gasoline and excise tax	388,682
Motor vehicle license fees	136,185
Other intergovernmental	48,670
State shared revenue and grants	<u>8,316</u>
Total	<u>\$ 675,958</u>

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**NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2013</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2014</u>
<b>Governmental activities</b>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 2,623,798	\$ 268,500	\$ -	\$ 2,892,298
Land use rights	10,166	81,406	-	91,572
Construction in progress	<u>5,210,129</u>	<u>326,421</u>	<u>(5,160,054)</u>	<u>376,496</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>7,844,093</u>	<u>676,327</u>	<u>(5,160,054)</u>	<u>3,360,366</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Land improvements	1,448,932	8,560	-	1,457,492
Buildings	9,501,649	5,046,042	(104,329)	14,443,362
Machinery and equipment	723,103	94,414	-	817,517
Vehicles	1,621,189	-	-	1,621,189
Infrastructure:				
Traffic lights	1,961,016	-	-	1,961,016
Storm sewers, bridges and culverts	14,606,241	-	-	14,606,241
Streets and sidewalks	<u>22,397,535</u>	<u>179,161</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,576,696</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>52,259,665</u>	<u>5,328,177</u>	<u>(104,329)</u>	<u>57,483,513</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	(575,153)	(44,502)	-	(619,655)
Buildings	(2,785,923)	(274,682)	94,644	(2,965,961)
Machinery and equipment	(319,393)	(48,485)	-	(367,878)
Vehicles	(910,699)	(97,089)	-	(1,007,788)
Infrastructure:				
Traffic lights	(480,741)	(65,217)	-	(545,958)
Storm sewers, bridges and culverts	(3,410,976)	(154,413)	-	(3,565,389)
Streets and sidewalks	<u>(8,280,528)</u>	<u>(569,907)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,850,435)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(16,763,413)</u>	<u>(1,254,295)</u>	<u>94,644</u>	<u>(17,923,064)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>35,496,252</u>	<u>4,073,882</u>	<u>(9,685)</u>	<u>39,560,449</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 43,340,345</u>	<u>\$ 4,750,209</u>	<u>\$ (5,169,739)</u>	<u>\$ 42,920,815</u>

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Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 299,101
Security of persons and property	50,907
Public health services	14,081
Transportation	862,538
Community environment	704
Leisure time activities	<u>26,964</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,254,295</u>

	Balance <u>12/31/2013</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance <u>12/31/2014</u>
<b>Business-type activities</b>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 320,748	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 320,748
Construction in progress	<u>91,204</u>	<u>92,653</u>	<u>(35,827)</u>	<u>148,030</u>
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>411,952</u>	<u>92,653</u>	<u>(35,827)</u>	<u>468,778</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Land improvements	242,678	-	-	242,678
Buildings	20,937,130	-	(48,307)	20,888,823
Machinery and equipment	4,056,917	26,347	-	4,083,264
Vehicles	317,033	-	-	317,033
Infrastructure:				
Water lines	6,690,665	-	-	6,690,665
Sewer lines	<u>11,397,622</u>	<u>35,827</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,433,449</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>43,642,045</u>	<u>62,174</u>	<u>(48,307)</u>	<u>43,655,912</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	(130,724)	(10,578)	-	(141,302)
Buildings	(5,164,736)	(418,260)	35,264	(5,547,732)
Machinery and equipment	(3,472,308)	(228,198)	-	(3,700,506)
Vehicles	(206,022)	(12,852)	-	(218,874)
Infrastructure:				
Water lines	(1,630,139)	(66,660)	-	(1,696,799)
Sewer lines	<u>(2,401,416)</u>	<u>(111,266)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,512,682)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(13,005,345)</u>	<u>(847,814)</u>	<u>35,264</u>	<u>(13,817,895)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>30,636,700</u>	<u>(785,640)</u>	<u>(13,043)</u>	<u>29,838,017</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 31,048,652</u>	<u>\$ (692,987)</u>	<u>\$ (48,870)</u>	<u>\$ 30,306,795</u>

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Depreciation expense was charged to business-type activities as follows:

Water	\$ 235,462
Sewer	<u>612,352</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 847,814</u>

**NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The City is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts, theft, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private insurance carriers for real property, building contents, vehicle and general liability insurance, and police professional liability insurance.

The City continues to carry health insurance through a private carrier. There were no reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year, nor have settlements exceeded insurance coverage in any of the prior three fiscal years.

**NOTE 8 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

*Accumulated Unpaid Vacation:* City employees earn vacation leave at varying rates based upon length of service. Employees are encouraged to use their vacation leave within one year from their anniversary date, but are entitled to carryover eighty hours into the next year. City employees are paid for earned, unused vacation leave at the time of the termination of their employment.

*Accumulated Unpaid Sick Leave:* Full-time employees earn 10 hours of sick leave a month. Part-time employees do not earn sick leave, but are entitled to all of the hours earned from their start date if they do become full-time employees. Employees hired prior to July 21, 1983 with over 10 years of service and eligible to retire are entitled to 1/3 of their accumulated unused sick hours up to 960 hours. Employees hired subsequent to July 21, 1983 with over 10 years of service and eligible to retire are entitled to 1/3 of their accumulated unused sick hours up to 600 hours. Individuals leaving the employment of the City prior to meeting these eligibility requirements lose their accumulated sick leave.

*Accumulated Unpaid Compensatory Time:* From time to time, employees may need, with prior approval from their supervisors, to work overtime. These overtime hours will usually be paid at the appropriate overtime rate; however, with permission of the supervisor, an employee may have the option of taking the overtime in compensatory time at one and one half times the amount of hours worked.

Compensated absences will be paid from the general fund, water and sewer enterprise funds.

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**NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

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

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>Due in</u> <u>One</u> <u>Year</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
<u>General obligation bonds:</u>					
2012 Municipal service					
facilities, 2.0 - 4.0%, maturing 2032	\$ 4,940,000	\$ -	\$ (5,000)	\$ 4,935,000	\$ 5,000
Premium	43,515	-	(3,473)	40,042	-
2005 Municipal building					
improvements, 4.10%, maturing 2015	<u>385,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(185,000)</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
	<u>5,368,515</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(193,473)</u>	<u>5,175,042</u>	<u>205,000</u>
<u>Other long-term obligations:</u>					
Ohio Public Works Commission 0%					
Park Avenue reconstruction	212,500	-	(25,000)	187,500	25,000
Fifth Avenue improvement project	327,509	-	(23,394)	304,115	23,394
North Street improvement project	250,744	-	(17,910)	232,834	17,910
Downing Drive storm and sanitary sewer project	246,292	-	(13,313)	232,979	13,313
Repair Court Street, Karen Drive and Lost Pond Parkway	<u>579,117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,698)</u>	<u>549,419</u>	<u>29,698</u>
Total Ohio Public Works Commission	<u>1,616,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(109,315)</u>	<u>1,506,847</u>	<u>109,315</u>
Compensated absences	<u>532,910</u>	<u>149,418</u>	<u>(215,660)</u>	<u>466,668</u>	<u>197,521</u>
Total other long-term obligations	<u>2,149,072</u>	<u>149,418</u>	<u>(324,975)</u>	<u>1,973,515</u>	<u>306,836</u>
Total governmental long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 7,517,587</u>	<u>\$ 149,418</u>	<u>\$ (518,448)</u>	<u>\$ 7,148,557</u>	<u>\$ 511,836</u>

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	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/13</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/14</u>	<u>Due in</u> <u>One</u> <u>Year</u>
<b>Business-type activities:</b>					
<u>Ohio Water Development Authority loans:</u>					
0.0% Wilson Mills Road					
Sanitary Sewer - 2009	\$ 94,408	\$ -	\$ (5,596)	\$ 88,812	\$ 7,105
2.0% Water treatment plant improvements - 2007	4,488,408	-	(269,704)	4,218,704	275,125
3.25% Eastside sanitary trunk sewer improvements - 2006	2,154,713	-	(135,608)	2,019,105	140,051
2.975% Waste water treatment plant improvements - 2002	5,741,537	-	(694,087)	5,047,450	714,889
2.78% SW Sanitary sewer trunk Meadowlands Drive - 2014	-	58,074	-	58,074	-
Total Ohio Water Development Authority loans	<u>12,479,066</u>	<u>58,074</u>	<u>(1,104,995)</u>	<u>11,432,145</u>	<u>1,137,170</u>
<u>Other long-term obligations:</u>					
Land purchase agreement	203,325	-	(80,611)	122,714	110,000
Compensated absences	134,042	62,556	(42,223)	154,375	72,267
Total other long-term obligations	<u>337,367</u>	<u>62,556</u>	<u>(122,834)</u>	<u>277,089</u>	<u>182,267</u>
Total business-type long-term obligations	<u>\$ 12,816,433</u>	<u>\$ 120,630</u>	<u>\$ (1,227,829)</u>	<u>\$ 11,709,234</u>	<u>\$ 1,319,437</u>

The Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”) 2002 Park Avenue reconstruction loan relates to construction on City streets. The loan will be repaid in annual installments of \$25,000, maturing in 2022. Principal is paid out of the street construction, maintenance and repair fund.

The OPWC 2005 North Street improvement loan relates to construction on City streets. The loan will be repaid in annual installments of \$17,910, maturing in 2027. Principal is paid out of the street construction, maintenance and repair fund.

The OPWC 2006 Fifth Avenue improvement loan relates to construction on City streets. The loan will be repaid in annual installments of approximately \$23,394, maturing in 2027. Principal is paid out of the street construction, maintenance and repair fund.

The OPWC 2011 Downing Drive storm and sanitary sewer improvement loan relates to construction on City streets, water lines, storm and sanitary sewers. The loan will be repaid in annual installments of approximately \$13,314, maturing in 2032. Principal is paid out of the street construction, maintenance and repair fund and a portion was paid by the general fund.

The OPWC 2012 Repair Court Street, Karen Drive and Lost Pond Parkway loan relates to repairs on City streets. The loan will be repaid in annual installments of approximately \$29,698, maturing in 2033. Principal is paid out of the street construction, maintenance and repair fund.

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The 2002 Ohio Water Development Authority (“OWDA”) loan relates to a wastewater treatment plant expansion and upgrade project, maturing in 2021. The upgrade portion of the project was mandated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. For this project, approximately two-thirds of the revenue will be generated through a system development charge to all of the new developments in an effort to fund the expansion portion of the project. The remaining one-third of the revenue will be generated by a surcharge to the existing users that will be used for the upgrade portion of the project. During the year a principal payment in the amount of \$694,087 was made on the loan. Principal and interest is paid out of the sewer fund.

The 2006 OWDA loan is for the Eastside sanitary trunk sewer improvements, maturing in 2026. During the year a principal payment in the amount of \$135,608 was made on the loan. Principal and interest is paid out of the sewer fund.

The 2009 OWDA loan is for the Wilson Mills sanitary sewer line project, maturing in 2027. During the year a principal payment in the amount of \$5,596 was made on the loan. Principal is paid out of the sewer fund.

The 2007 OWDA loan is for the water treatment plant, maturing in 2028. During the year a principal payment in the amount of \$269,704 was made on the loan. Principal and interest is paid out of the water fund.

The 2014 OWDA loan is for the SW sanitary trunk sewer improvements. This loan has not yet been finalized. Current operations are expected to provide cash flows for the repayment of this loan. Until a loan is fully disbursed or closed with the OWDA Chief Engineer, a final amortization is not available for the loan.

The City has agreed to set utility rates and fees sufficient to cover OWDA debt service requirements.

In 2005, the City defeased the Municipal Building Improvement Bonds in order to take advantage of lower interest rates. The proceeds of the new bonds were placed in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. As of December 31, 2010, all of the old bonds have been called and subsequently redeemed.

The City issued bonds in September 2012 in the principal amount of \$4,945,000, for construction of the Municipal Service Facilities. The bonds were issued at a premium and have an interest rate from 2.0% to 4.0% and mature in 2032. Principal and interest payments are paid out of the general obligation debt service fund.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the City’s long-term obligations outstanding at December 31, 2014, are as follows:

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>		<u>OPWC Loans</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	\$ 205,000	\$ 124,910	\$ 109,315	\$ 314,315	\$ 124,910
2016	5,000	116,810	109,315	114,315	116,810
2017	5,000	116,710	109,315	114,315	116,710
2018	270,000	116,610	109,315	379,315	116,610
2019	275,000	105,810	109,315	384,315	105,810
2020-2024	1,475,000	444,150	484,076	1,959,076	444,150
2025-2029	1,715,000	276,637	338,969	2,053,969	276,637
2030-2033	1,185,000	61,230	137,227	1,322,227	61,230
	<u>\$ 5,135,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,362,867</u>	<u>\$ 1,506,847</u>	<u>\$ 6,641,847</u>	<u>\$ 1,362,867</u>

<u>Year</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	
	<u>OWDA Loans</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	\$ 1,137,170	\$ 292,381
2016	1,168,715	260,837
2017	1,201,163	228,388
2018	1,234,542	195,010
2019	1,268,877	160,674
2020-2024	3,748,065	390,486
2025-2028	1,615,539	64,765
	<u>\$ 11,374,071</u>	<u>\$ 1,592,541</u>

**NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

**Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

The City participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. 1.) The Traditional Pension Plan (TP) - a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. 2.) The Member-Directed Plan (MD) - a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and (vested) employer contributions, plus any investment earnings thereon. 3.) The Combined Plan (CP) - a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the Traditional Plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the MD.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to OPERS, Attention: Finance Director, 277 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-5601 or (800) 222-7377, or by visiting the OPERS website at <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>.

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Member and employer contributions rates were consistent across all three plans (TP, MD and CP). For the year ended December 31, 2014, City employees were required to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary. The City's contribution rate for 2014 was 14%. The contribution rates are determined actuarially. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The City's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional plan for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$394,975, \$437,009 and, \$349,299 respectively; 95.5% has been contributed for 2014 and 100% for 2013 and 2012. \$17,953 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2014 is recorded as an intergovernmental payable.

**Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund**

The City contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. OP&F provides retirement and disability 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 for the plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164 or by visiting the OP&F website at [www.op-f.org](http://www.op-f.org).

From January 1, 2014 through July 1, 2014, plan members are required to contribute 10.75% of their annual covered salary. From July 2, 2014 through December 31, 2014, plan members are required to contribute 11.5% of their annual covered salary. Throughout 2014, the City is required to contribute 19.5% for police officers. The City's contributions to the Fund for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$164,214, \$143,795 and \$104,245 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for 2013 and 2012. 95.5% has been contributed for 2014 with the remainder being reported as a liability. \$7,323 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2014 is recorded as an intergovernmental payable.

**NOTE 11 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional plan (TP) – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan (MD) – a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan (CO) – 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 healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the traditional pension and the combined plans. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

In order to qualify for post-retirement health care coverage, age and service retirees under the traditional pension and combined plans must have 10 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability recipients and qualified survivor recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 45.

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The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority requiring employers to fund post-retirement health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside for the funding of post-retirement health care. Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active members. In 2014, the City contributed at a rate of 14% of covered payroll. The Ohio Revised Code currently limits the employer contribution to a rate not to exceed 14% of covered payroll for state and local employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB plan.

OPERS' Post Employment Health Care plan was established under, and is administrated in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year, the OPERS Board of Trustees determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post-employment health care benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Plan and Combined Plan was 2 percent during calendar year 2014. Effective January 1, 2015, the portion of employer contributions allocated to healthcare remained at 2 percent for both plans, as recommended by the OPERS Actuary. The OPERS Board of Trustees is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree, or their surviving beneficiaries, to pay a portion of the health care benefits provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

Actual employer contributions which were used to fund postemployment benefits for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$65,829, \$33,616 and \$139,720 respectively; 95.5% has been contributed for 2014 and 100% for 2013 and 2012. \$2,992 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2014 is recorded as an intergovernmental payable. The actual contribution and the actuarially required contribution amounts are the same.

Changes to the health care plan were adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 19, 2012, with a transition plan commencing January 1, 2014. With the passage of pension legislation under SB 343 and the approved health care changes, OPERS expects to be able to consistently allocate 4 percent of the employer contributions toward the health care fund after the end of the transition period.

Ohio Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund

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

OP&F provides access to post-retirement health care coverage for any person who receives or is eligible to receive a monthly service, disability, or survivor benefit check or is a spouse or eligible dependent child of such person. The health care coverage provided by OP&F meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 45.

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

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The Ohio Revised Code provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of the 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% and 24% of covered payroll for police and fire employers, respectively. The Ohio revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.5% of the covered payroll for police employer units and 24% of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

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

The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions made into the pension plan to the Section 115 trust and the Section 401(h) account as the employer contribution for retiree health care benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to healthcare was .5 percent of covered payroll from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. 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 and is limited by the provisions of Sections 115 and 401(h).

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

The City's total contributions to OP&F for police health care for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$4,321, \$27,692 and \$55,188, respectively, 95.5% has been contributed, for 2014 with the remainder being reported as a liability. \$193 representing the unpaid contribution for fiscal year 2014 is recorded as an intergovernmental payable.

**NOTE 12 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Litigation

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

Federal and State Grants

The City participates in several federally assisted programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantor or their representative. As of December 31, 2014, the audits of these programs have not been completed. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. Based on prior experience, the City believes such disallowance, if any, would be immaterial.

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**NOTE 13 - INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2014, consisted of the following:

<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer from</u> General fund
General obligation debt service fund	\$ 322,500
Nonmajor governmental funds	400,000
Enterprise funds:	
Water fund	79,215
Sewer fund	291,874
Total transfers from general fund	<u>\$ 1,093,589</u>
	General capital improvement fund
General obligation debt service fund	\$ 385,741

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations; to segregate money for anticipated capital projects; to provide additional resources for current operations or debt service; and to return money to the fund from which it was originally provided once a project is completed.

**NOTE 14 – 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:

	<u>Encumbrances</u>
General fund:	
General government	\$ 52,065
Security of persons and property	36,000
Community and economic development	2,556
Transportation	55,070
Total general fund	<u>\$ 145,691</u>
General capital improvement fund	220,514
Nonmajor governmental funds	227,500

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**NOTE 15 - ACCOUNTABILITY**

At December 31, 2013, the street lighting special revenue fund had a deficit fund balance of \$1,228. This deficit was caused by the application of GAAP; namely in the reporting of various liabilities attributable to the fiscal year. These deficit balances will be eliminated by anticipated future intergovernmental revenues or other subsidies not recognized and recorded at December 31.

**NOTE 16 – JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS**

**Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council**

The City is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC). NOPEC is 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. NOPEC is currently comprised of over 112 communities who have been authorized by ballot to purchase electricity on behalf of their citizens. The intent of NOPEC is to provide electricity 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 to the citizens of its member communities.

NOPEC is governed by a General Assembly made up of one representative from each member community. The representatives on the governing board from each county then elect one person to serve on the eight-member NOPEC Board of Directors. The Board oversees and manages the operation of the aggregation program. The degree of control exercised by any participating government is limited to its representation in the General Assembly and on the Board. The City did not contribute to NOPEC during 2014. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Ronald McVoy, Board Chairman, 31360 Solon Road, Suite 33, Solon, Ohio 44139.

**Valley Enforcement Regional Council of Governments**

The City is a member of Valley Enforcement Regional Council of Governments (VERCOG), a regional council of governments formed under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. VERCOG was formed to continue to foster cooperation among political subdivisions through sharing of facilities for their common benefit. It includes the supervision and control of the Valley Enforcement Group (“VEG”), which has been a mutual aid organization providing the mutual interchange and sharing of police personnel and police equipment. VERCOG is currently comprised of fifteen communities located within the Chagrin Valley which exercise law enforcement authority under Ohio law and whose law enforcement agency consists of four (4) or more full-time, sworn law enforcement officers. VERCOG is authorized to acquire and own police equipment and other property, to be used by all participating members, and may do any other thing permitted by law to accomplish its general purposes. The City contributed \$7,000 to VERCOG in 2014. Financial information can be obtained by contacting the City of Pepper Pike, 28000 Shaker Blvd., Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124.



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

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

City of Chardon  
Geauga County  
111 Water Street  
Chardon, Ohio 44024

To the members of City Council:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Chardon, Geauga County, (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 2015.

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

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

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

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

***Compliance and Other Matters***

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

***Purpose of this Report***

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

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

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

September 15, 2015



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**CITY OF CHARDON**

**GEAUGA COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015**