



**City of Pataskala Finance Department**  
**James M. Nicholson, Finance Director**  
*Finance Director's Report to Council*

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**Current Projects & Issues**

- **September 2017** – The financial results through September 30<sup>th</sup> have been compiled and summarized in the monthly Financial Condition Report, which was previously distributed and is currently available on the city's website. We have not yet received the mid-month settlement from RITA, information which is required in order to calculate total collections for the month of September. As a result, I am unable to provide you with an update on October collections at this time.
- **2018 Budget** – Development of the formal 2018 budget document has been completed, and copies of the document have been distributed to Council, Mayor and department heads. A special Council meeting to review the document has been scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>. We are on-track to meet the scheduled budget adoption by the November mid-month Council meeting. As stated previously, BJ and I are able to sit down and go over the budget proposal one-on-one with any Council member who wishes to do so. Simply call or email your request, and we can get a meeting scheduled.
- **2018 Health Insurance Renewal** – I continue to work with our health insurance brokers, Mark Braidech and Brian Gatch from Wells Fargo, to identify potential replacement health insurance programs for 2018. In addition to remaining with the Jefferson Health Plan (JHP) for 2018, we are also looking at the Central Ohio Healthcare Consortium (COHCC), as well as fully-insured programs to ensure that the city is getting the best employee benefits at the lowest possible cost. The JHP is our current program/TPA, the one that we stayed with when the OPEC-HC transitioned to a new TPA in late-June. Clearly, they have a vested interest in the city remaining with them, although they were a key player in the troubled program we are currently enrolled in. Although the COHCC is a cooperative healthcare program, it has been successfully serving central Ohio communities since 1992. Every city/member has a seat and a voice on the executive board, ensuring that the member interests are appropriately represented. The current COHCC member cities include: Gahanna, Granville, Grove City, Powell, Canal Winchester, Worthington, New Albany, Obetz, Washington Court House and Madison Township. We anticipate having initial cost proposals in the next 1-2 weeks, and should be bringing a proposal to Council within the next 3-4 weeks.