

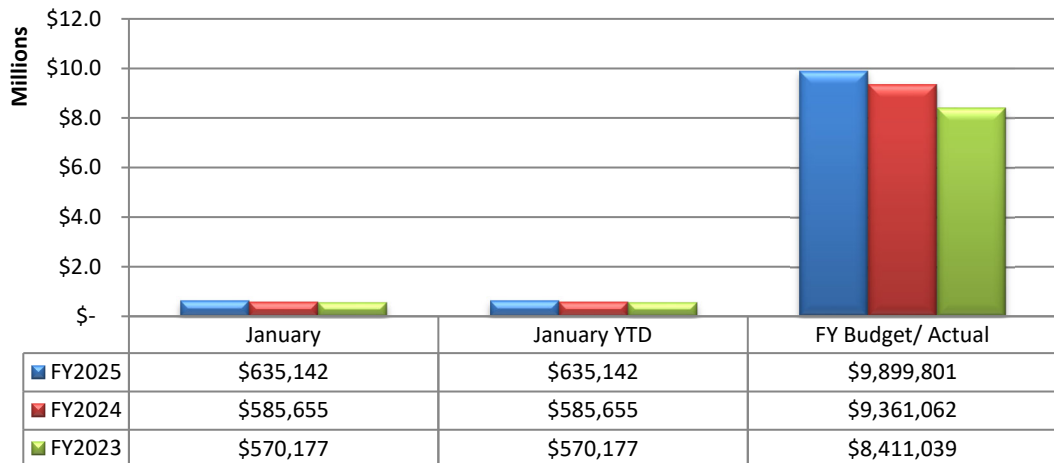


City of Pataskala Finance Department
James M. Nicholson, Finance Director
Finance Director's Report to Council

Current Projects & Issues

- **December 2024** – We officially closed the city’s general ledger (e.g. cash books) for fiscal year 2024 on January 3rd. The financial results through December 31st have been compiled and summarized in the monthly Financial Condition Report, which was previously distributed and is currently available on the city’s website. The year-end report is a bit different than those of prior months, as it also includes a recap of the major accomplishments by the department during 2024, as well as reporting on the city’s financial performance during 2024.
- **January 2025** – We are still processing entries for the month of January and will be doing so for the next several weeks. However, I am unable to update Council on the status of January income tax collections.
 - **Income Tax Revenue** - Collections in of January are \$635,142 and are \$49.5 thousand (8.45%) higher than the January 2024 collections. This amount equates to 6.42% of the full-year budget, well below the 8.33% straight-line rate if revenues were to be collected evenly throughout the year. In 2023 this rate was 6.26%, and it was 6.91% in 2022. It is way too early in the year to consider modifying our projections. However, we will monitor this trend closely over the next 3-4 months to determine if a trend (positive or negative) exists, and if the forecast should be modified to reflect any trends.

Income Tax Collections - All Funds
 (Street, Police, Capital Improvements & Debt Service funds)



- **2025 Property, Casualty & Liability Insurance Renewal** – We met with our insurance agent on January 14th to review the Ohio Plan’s renewal proposal and this year marks the 35th year that we have been with the Ohio Plan. The current policy expires on February 19th; however, we have a 30-day binder to sign the agreement and pay the annual premium. The new policy will run from

February 19, 2025 through February 19, 2026. The proposed renewal premium is \$139,044 and reflects a \$24,059 (20.92%) increase over our 2024 premiums. It's important to remember that in 2022 we realized a \$3,324 thousand (3.96%) increase over our 2021 premiums, an \$8,192.03 (9.39%) increase in 2023 over the 2022 premiums and a \$17,244.60 (17.64%) increase in 2024 over 2023. The drivers of the increase are: (1) increased loss ratios; (2) a 4% inflation factor was included in the premium calculation; and (3) a significant increase in the amount of assets covered by the policy. We are bringing the authorizing legislation to Council at the January 21st Council meeting.

- **2024 Financial Reporting & Audit** – Over the next 3-4 months, we will be working to create the schedules and documents required to support the development of the 2024 GAAP accrual-based financial statements for the city, as well as the development of the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Most of these schedules involve accrued wages, accounts payable and accounts receivable. In addition, we will also be updating the fixed asset inventory with all purchases and disposals during 2024 and supporting the audit of the 2024 financial statements.
- **2024 IRS Reporting** – We completed the preparation of the 20243 IRS Form 1099's and mailed the documents to all vendors meeting the requirements to receive the 2024 tax document (e.g. total payments >= \$600, etc.), with the resulting information being electronically filed with the IRS.

CITY OF PATASKALA, OHIO
PROPERTY, CASUALTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL ANALYSIS

| | 2025 | 2024 | \$ Incr/(Decr) | % Incr/ (Decr) |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| General Liability | \$ 11,483.00 | \$ 9,898.00 | \$ 1,585.00 | 16.01% |
| Public Officials ⁽²⁾ | 25,438.00 | 21,939.00 | 3,499.00 | 15.95% |
| Law Enforcement | 27,102.00 | 19,399.00 | 7,703.00 | 39.71% |
| Crime & Blanket Bond | 842.00 | 817.00 | 25.00 | 3.06% |
| Scheduled Property ⁽¹⁾ | 42,215.00 | 36,262.00 | 5,953.00 | 16.42% |
| Auto | 25,306.00 | 21,142.00 | 4,164.00 | 19.70% |
| Inland Marine | 6,481.00 | 5,766.00 | 715.00 | 12.40% |
| Additional Liability Limits | 8,719.00 | 8,650.00 | 69.00 | 0.80% |
| Cyber Liability | 2,491.00 | 2,346.00 | 145.00 | 6.18% |
| Ohio Plan Advantage/Other Credit ⁽³⁾ | <u>(11,257.00)</u> | <u>(11,234.00)</u> | <u>(23.00)</u> | <u>0.20%</u> |
| Total | \$ 139,044.00 | \$ 114,985.00 | \$ 24,059.00 | 20.92% |