

**CITY OF BEREAL  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

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







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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the City of Berea, Cuyahoga County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The City of Berea is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER  
Ohio Auditor of State

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August 29, 2025

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Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Berea  
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We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*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 Berea, Cuyahoga County, Ohio (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2025.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

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

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

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Rea & Associates, Inc.  
Medina, Ohio  
June 24, 2025

# CITY OF BEREAL, OHIO



MAYOR CYRIL M. KLEEM  
ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024



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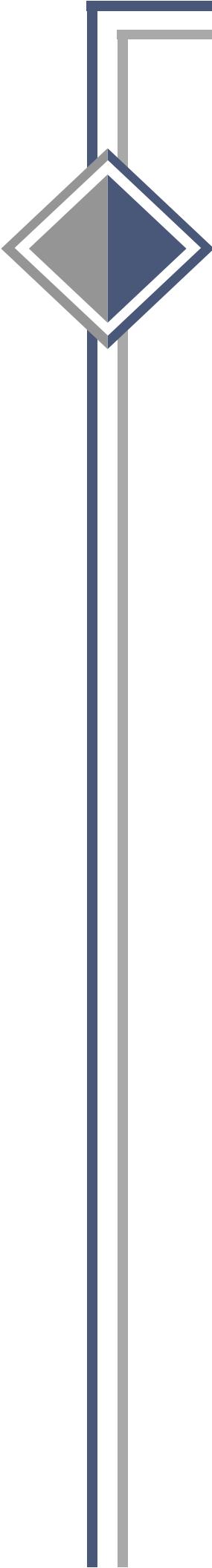
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Issued by: Department of Finance  
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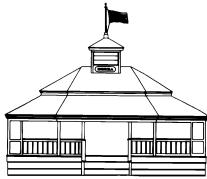
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# CITY OF BEREA

*"The Grindstone City"*

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June 24, 2025

Honorable Mayor Cyril M. Kleem,  
Members of City Council, and  
Citizens of Berea, Ohio

I am pleased to submit the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the City of Berea, Ohio for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The Ohio Revised Code requires that every general-purpose local government publish within six months of the close of each fiscal year a complete set of audited financial statements. This report is published to fulfill that requirement for 2024.

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

Rea and Associates, Inc. has issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the City of Berea's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024. The independent auditor's report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditor's report and provides a narrative introduction, overview and analysis of the basic financial statements. The MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

## **History of Berea**

Berea earned its name by the flip of a coin on September 27, 1836. Berea grew from an agricultural area to a quarry town in 1840. John Baldwin is credited with the discovery of a lathe to cut slabs of stone into grindstone, thus making “Berea sandstone” world famous. The grindstones were used to sharpen tools for farm, home and industry. The large sandstone from Berea quarries were used in prestigious buildings in the United States and abroad. In the 1940's, grindstones were replaced with carbon grinding wheels, and cement was being used more often in construction. The City holds a “Grindstone Festival” every year to honor its past. (Berea Historical Society and “Men of Grit and Greatness” by W. F. Holzworth)

## **General Information**

Situated in the southwest portion of Cuyahoga County, Berea is ten miles from downtown Cleveland. The City’s population from the 2020 Federal Census was 18,545 residents. Total land area is approximately 6.5 square miles.

The City’s immediate access to three State and U.S. highways and Interstate highways: I-71, I-80 and I-480 makes Berea an attractive location for residents and commercial enterprise. The City is served by Norfolk-Southern and CSX railroads and is adjacent to areas served by Amtrak railroad. Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, located within three miles of the City, and Burke Lakefront Airport, located within 15 miles of the City, add to the desirability of the area.

Baldwin Wallace University (formerly Baldwin Wallace College) founded in 1845, a private liberal arts college well known for its Conservatory of Music, is located in the City. Within commuting distance of the City are several public and private two-year and four-year colleges and universities, including Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Lorain County Community College, Notre Dame College, Ursuline College, Oberlin College and the University of Akron.

The City utilizes over 80 acres of City-owned park land to house a variety of recreational facilities including an outdoor municipal pool, playgrounds, and softball and football fields. The Coe Lake recreation area features paddle boats, nature trails, and an outdoor science education center along with a gazebo, pavilion, amphitheater seating and beach area. The City also boasts approximately 370 acres of the Cleveland Metroparks System. The Metroparks’ Rocky River Reservation contains the Wallace and Baldwin Lakes for swimming, boating, ice skating, and fishing along with all-purpose trails for biking, jogging, hiking and physical fitness facilities. Other features of the Reservation include the Berea Falls Scenic Overlook, Music Mound, hiking trails, horseback riding trails, and the Wallace Lake, Baldwin Lake, and South Baldwin picnic areas.

## Form of Government

The City of Berea operates under and is governed by the laws of the State of Ohio and its own Charter which was first adopted by the electorate in 1960. The Charter has been and may be amended by the voters from time to time. A nine-member Charter Review Committee reviews the Charter every five years. The charter provides for a mayor-council form of government. Legislative authority is vested in a seven-member council. The Council is composed of two members elected at-large and five members who are elected by wards, for two-year terms. The presiding officer is the President of Council, who is elected at-large by the electors for a two-year term. All members of Council serve in a part-time capacity.

The City's chief executive and administrative officer is the Mayor who is elected to a four-year term and serves in a full-time capacity. The Mayor may also veto legislation passed by Council. A two-thirds vote of all members of Council will override a veto.

The Berea Municipal Court provides judicial services for the City of Berea. The jurisdiction of the Court, as established by the Ohio Revised Code, encompasses the contiguous communities of Berea, Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, Strongsville, Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township, parts of the Ohio Turnpike and Cleveland Metroparks.

Established by charter, the municipal government consists of six departments (Police, Fire, Service, Recreation, Law and Finance). In addition, the Building, Community Development, Engineering, and Housing Services departments were established by the Mayor. The Police and Fire departments are headed by the Director of Public Safety. Each department has a director, who reports directly to the Mayor. All directors work closely with the Mayor in providing the citizens of Berea with the highest quality of services while maintaining efficiency and cost effectiveness.

In accordance with State law, all funds, with the exception of custodial funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The legal level of control has been established by Council at the personal services and other object level within each fund. Modifications or amendments to control levels in the Appropriation Ordinance require Council approval. Department heads may transfer resources within a control level as needed and approved by the Director of Finance. Temporary appropriations for the current year are determined by Council action on or before December 31. The final appropriations are adopted within 90 days of the new year.

The **Police Department** enforces local, state, and federal laws in addition to protecting citizens and their property. The department takes a community oriented policing approach that has been met with great success. Numerous programs are offered to citizens and students. The department, under the direction of the Director of Public Safety and headed by the Chief of Police, consists of three bureaus. The Patrol Division oversees the staff of patrol officers. The Services Operational Division oversees Drug Abuse Resistance Education, Animal Control, Parking Control, Auxiliary, School Guards, and firearms training. The Detective Bureau oversees the City's investigative services. The Police Department is a member of the Southwest Council of Governments' Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB), a regional SWAT team. The SEB team is made up of 18 member communities who provide money and manpower for equipment and operations for the tactical division, bomb technicians, hostage negotiations, snipers and medics. In 2015, the City began the Community Engagement Unit (CEU). The CEU is designed to foster relationships between police

and community organizations. The CEU works with at-risk youth, senior citizens, business owners and the students, faculty and staff of Baldwin Wallace University plus various civic and religious groups in the community. The department developed a program known as Safe Passages. At least eleven other cities have adopted their program and the Berea Police were recognized by the Attorney General of Ohio for the innovative program. Goals include assisting addicts in getting treatment. Safe Passages is founded on the premise that any addict may voluntarily come to the police station for assistance without fear of arrest.

The **Fire Department** provides fire suppression, emergency medical services, Hazmat response, extrication, and search and rescue, placing a strong emphasis on fire prevention, community involvement and education. The Director of Public Safety oversees the Chief of Fire who leads the department. The department has 2 fully equipped advanced-life-support rescue squads, two pumper trucks and a 107-foot Aerial Ladder Tower. The Fire Department is a member of the Southwest Council of Governments' Southwest Emergency Response Team (SERT). The SERT team is made up of 18 member communities, the Cleveland Metroparks, and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to provide money and manpower for equipment and operations for a hazardous response team, specialized water and land based rescue teams, a fire investigation unit and a tactical EMS team.

The **Service Department** is comprised of several divisions administered by a director. The City Service Division is responsible for the maintenance of all City vehicles, buildings, traffic lights and signs, public grounds, tree trimming, snow and leaf removal. The Storm Sewers and Drains Division maintain proper drainage control. The Street Paving and Repair Division handle the non-contractual maintenance of City streets. The Street Striping Division is responsible for the painting of street lines and markings. The Forestry Division oversees the forestry services and the annual tree planting. The City outsources its rubbish and recycling services. The City has its own water plant, which is also handled by the Service Department. The water plant has a supply division and a distribution division, which ensures the water supply is safe and the water lines are properly maintained. The Sewer division oversees the collection of sewage and the maintenance of the City's sewer lines. The Service Department works with the Finance Department in handling the billing and collection for the City's water department and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

The **Recreation Department** provides numerous recreational activities and programs throughout the year. The City has a recreation center, which includes an indoor pool, sauna, steam room, racquetball courts, running/walking track, exercise equipment, weight room, basketball courts, and various multi-purpose rooms. The recreation center offers many classes and programs to residents and non-residents. The department also oversees the outdoor pool and paddleboats at the City's Coe Lake and handles the rental of the City's outdoor gazebo and pavilion area. Coe Lake also includes several fishing areas, gazebo, pavilion, amphitheater seating, and stage area. The Recreation Department also supervises several baseball/softball fields and maintains several playgrounds throughout the City. The Recreation Department's Youth Sports Commission helps strengthen the community bonds through youth sports programs and activities that embrace and help develop future Berea-Midpark Titans' players.

The **Law Department** advises the Mayor, Council, and all departments on legal matters concerning the City. The department prepares all contracts, legislation, and legal documents. This department's prosecutors prosecute City of Berea traffic and criminal cases in the Berea Municipal Court.

The **Finance Department** handles several functions administered by a director. The Finance Department is responsible for the accurate recording of all receipts and disbursements. The department issues bi-weekly payroll and maintains the capital asset system. The department compiles the annual appropriations, the tax budget, the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and assists the Mayor in all financial decisions. The City's computer operations are also managed through the Finance Department. This includes the maintenance of all City computer and electronic equipment. This department also handles all purchasing needed to maintain operations for all departments. In addition to overseeing these duties, the Director of Finance is also the City's Tax Administrator and utilizes the Regional Income Tax Agency to oversee the collection and distribution of the City's income tax.

The **Building Department** is responsible for interpreting and enforcing all building codes in the City and is administered by the Director of Public Service. The department also issues permits and citations, conducts site inspections, and licenses all contractors. This department is responsible for the implementation of plans and programs that promote the comprehensive and orderly development of the City.

The **Community Development, Engineering, Housing and Social Services Departments** oversee the community division, the engineering division and the housing and social services division. The Community Development Division works in conjunction with the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Heritage Architectural Review Board as well as works on community relations and redevelopment issues. The Engineering Division ensures that all contractors working in Berea meet the general engineering requirements of the City. This department controls the review and implementation of plans and programs relating to the City's infrastructure. The Housing and Social Services Division provides programs and assistance to older adults and numerous residents. The division handles the various senior programs, special events throughout the year, Berea Community Outreach Program, and various housing programs. The Mayor established a Veterans Outreach office to assist veterans and their family members in a supportive and community-oriented environment. The office assists veterans and their families in facing a number of challenges such as post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse, homelessness or housing concerns, disability and medical issues, unemployment, and other services.

## **Economic Condition and Outlook**

The City of Berea is economically strong and is a highly desirable location to live, work and play. Our reputation as a business friendly destination is evidenced by corporate decisions to stay and grow here and by the new investment and jobs that have and continue to be created.

Location is one of the greatest assets of the City of Berea. As a major suburb of the City of Cleveland, its proximity to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and easy access to three interstate highways has contributed to the City's continued economic growth.

Front Street on the City's North End Gateway was re-engineered with an overpass over CSX and Norfolk Southern railroad tracks resulting in a substantial reduction of traffic congestion due to the significant increase in train traffic. The City has purchased deteriorated property in this area and has demolished buildings in anticipation of future development in this area. This area is minutes from the Cleveland airport and IX Center, as well as major highways. The City has developed the

North End Revitalization Plan to assist in the overall plan for economic development in this City's North End Gateway and main thoroughfare. This area is in transition and the City has developed a marketing plan to assist in discussions to revitalize and develop this uptown area.

The City's North End Gateway is also the location of the National Football League's, Cleveland Browns headquarters and training facility. The City and the Cleveland Browns are committed to working together to ensure the team remains a vital part of Berea's community. The City of Berea owns the Cleveland Browns headquarters and training facility and worked with the Browns to amend their lease agreement in 2019. The revised lease terms extend through 2040 with an opt-out clause after the end of the 2038 National Football League season. In 2016, the Browns invested over \$15 million in capital improvements. In addition, the City agreed to provide an income tax rebate to the Cleveland Browns of fifty percent of their annual growth on income tax above a \$2.6 million base annually through 2038. The income tax base amount shall increase by one-half of one percent (0.5%) each year. The rebated income tax funds can only be used towards capital improvements to the City owned facility and cannot be used towards the general operations of the Browns. The Browns agreed to provide various charitable commitments to the community, and also agreed to pay the property taxes on the building.

The City's Downtown area is home to the Baldwin Wallace College campus. In September 2018, a new 65,000 square foot mixed use project opened. This project was a result of a partnership between the City, the DiGeronimo Companies and Baldwin Wallace University. This project included 16,000 square feet of retail/commercial space below three floors of dormitory rooms. This was the first major redevelopment project in Downtown Berea in almost 20 years. This redevelopment project increased the daily downtown population by 131 students. The project increased the amount of foot traffic to the downtown businesses and connected park and recreation facilities.

**Current Year Projects:** In 2022, the City received \$1,572,348 under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). During 2023 and 2024 the City held and encumbered \$1,518,250 of the remaining ARPA funding for projected capital projects slated to begin in 2025.

In 2024, the City completed the North End Sewer Flow Connection at a cost of \$850,000. This project was fully funded by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. The project includes a new flow connection to offload flows to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's interceptor sewer.

In 2024, construction was completed on the Kiwanis Treehouse at Coe Lake. The project had a budgeted cost of \$700,000. The City received \$590,000 from the Cuyahoga County Council, a \$50,000 Community Development Supplemental Grant, and a \$30,000 donation from the Berea Kiwanis for naming rights.

In 2024, The City completed the State Route 237 (Prospect Street) Project. The project had a budget of \$1,500,000. The City was awarded \$750,000 in federal funds through the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordination Agency. The project resurfaced State Route 237 (Prospect Street) from Bagley Road to Baker Street.

In 2024, construction was completed on the Barrett Road Pipe Bridge. The project had a budgeted cost of \$400,000. The project consisted of replacing an existing pipe bridge that carries a gravity sanitary sewer line over a “valley”.

**Future Outlook:** The future economic outlook for the City of Berea is encouraging. Despite Berea being an older community, most thought the City could not expand and grow. However, the City has seen significant changes. The City anticipates continued development in both residential and commercial areas throughout the City.

The City’s North End Gateway is currently under a transformation. The City has developed a North End Revitalization Plan to assist in the overall plan for economic development at the City’s North End Gateway after a \$24 million railroad overpass project was completed on the main thoroughfare through the City’s north end. The City has purchased several parcels to assist in the overall revitalization plan and developed a marketing plan to revitalize and develop this uptown area. This area is minutes to the Cleveland Hopkins’ International Airport as well as easy access to several interstates. The north end is the north gateway to the City and its options are endless. The City is working with developers interested in this area and anticipate some exciting improvements in the north end with future development and new businesses.

In 2025, the City began negotiations and collaboration for a mixed-use development area called “District 46”, named for the year that the Cleveland Brown football team was founded. This collaboration is in conjunction with the Cleveland Brown Football team and DiGeronimo Development. District 46 will be located next to the Cleveland Browns Training Facility that is owned by the City. The project is estimated to cost \$150 million and will consist of a 7,000-seat community multi-sport field, a hotel, a sports medical facility, 150 apartments, retail space and a parking garage.

In 2025, construction will begin on a secondary Water Storage Tank at the Berea Water Treatment Plant. \$1,518,250 of ARPA funds and \$481,750 of City funds will defray the \$2.0 million costs. This second tank will provide redundancy and additional water storage mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

For 2025, The City is planning the Front Street Resurfacing Project. This project has an estimated cost of \$1,150,000. The City was awarded \$250,000 in local resurfacing funds through Cuyahoga County. Front Street will be resurfaced from Bagley Road to Church Street through the downtown area.

For 2025, the City is planning the Adrian, Anne, Pattie, and Girard Improvement Project at a cost of \$7 million. This project will be a replacement of the existing water line and complete pavement reconstruction. The City has received an Ohio Public Works Commission grant and loan to cover 60 percent of the cost. NEORSD Community Cost Share funding and an Ohio Water Development Authority loan will cover approximately \$2 million of the project cost.

For 2025, The City is planning the Longbrooke Road Reconstruction Project. This project has an estimated cost of \$1,500,000. The work will include road improvements to the Cul de sacs in the Longbrooke development.

The City implemented improved exterior maintenance plans. This has resulted in encouraging residents to make exterior improvements throughout the City and has assisted the City in offsetting some of the effects from the decline in countywide property values due to the depressed economy. The City has also initiated several grant programs to assist seniors and low-income residents to make the necessary improvements to their homes.

### **Future Projects:**

The Mayor has created a Planning and Development Council made up of residents and department heads to review various improvements to the City. The Council has reviewed gateways and wayfinding signage improvements, an analysis of City parks and playgrounds, as well as improvements to the historical City downtown and Coe Lake area. The Council was involved in the various park and playground improvements as well as the gateway and Coe Lake area improvements.

For 2026, the City is planning the Jacqueline, Meadow, Sprague Sewer Rehabilitation Project at a cost of \$975,000. 75 percent of the costs will be covered by a grant from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. This project includes the rehabilitation of the existing sanitary sewers and the potential elimination of an existing sanitary sewer pump station.

For 2027, the City is planning to resurface Bagley Road at a cost of \$7,000,000. The City was awarded \$4,100,000 in federal funds and is partnering with Cuyahoga County for the local share.

## **Long-Term Financial Planning**

The City maintains a Fund Balance Policy. The purpose of the Fund Balance Policy is to establish a fund balance/retained earnings policy that is tailored to the needs of the City and to ensure against unanticipated events that would adversely affect the financial condition of the City and jeopardize the continuation of necessary public services. This policy was created to establish long-term goals for building and reserving the City's General Fund Balance, to commit funds for anticipated retirement payouts, and to establish a General Fund Rainy Day Fund for additional long-term stability. The City's primary goal was to begin committing funds for the retirement payouts. The City will continue to maintain the funds needed to meet anticipated retirement payouts while also working towards meeting its goal of a General Fund unassigned balance that exceeds 15 percent of annual operating expenditures and other financing uses (transfers). The third reserve was designed to reserve at least one month of annual operating expenditures and other financing uses (transfers) for a Rainy Day Committed Fund Balance.

The City has committed to maintaining a positive General Fund balance and the establishment of the reserves. The Finance Department reviews all monetary transactions on an on-going basis and works diligently to monitor revenues and reprioritize expenditures and works with the Mayor to maintain optimal balances for all fund balances, especially the General Fund.

The City developed a Six-Year Capital Plan. The capital plan looks at the City's departmental needs during this time period and the possible funding available. The plan is heavily focused on infrastructure improvements with a minimal change in total debt outstanding. The capital plan will be reviewed and updated periodically.

## Other Information

**GFOA Certificate of Achievement Award:** The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Berea, Ohio for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award, recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report, whose content conforms to program standards. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. The City of Berea began preparing the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and began submitting the report for the award twenty years ago. The City has received the Certificate of Achievement for the last twenty consecutive years. We believe our current annual comprehensive financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

**Acknowledgments:** The preparation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report was made possible by the dedicated service of the entire staff of the Department of Finance. I would like to express my appreciation to all staff members who have contributed or assisted in its preparation. Appreciation is also expressed to all City departments for their cooperation and assistance. I would also like to acknowledge the cooperation of the team from Rea and Associates, Inc., who assisted the finance department in the preparation of the financial report and their staff for conducting a thorough audit of our finances.

In closing, I would like to thank the Mayor, the members of Berea City Council and the citizens of our fine community, for without your continued support, the preparation of this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea D. Morris,  
Director of Finance

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DECEMBER 31, 2024**

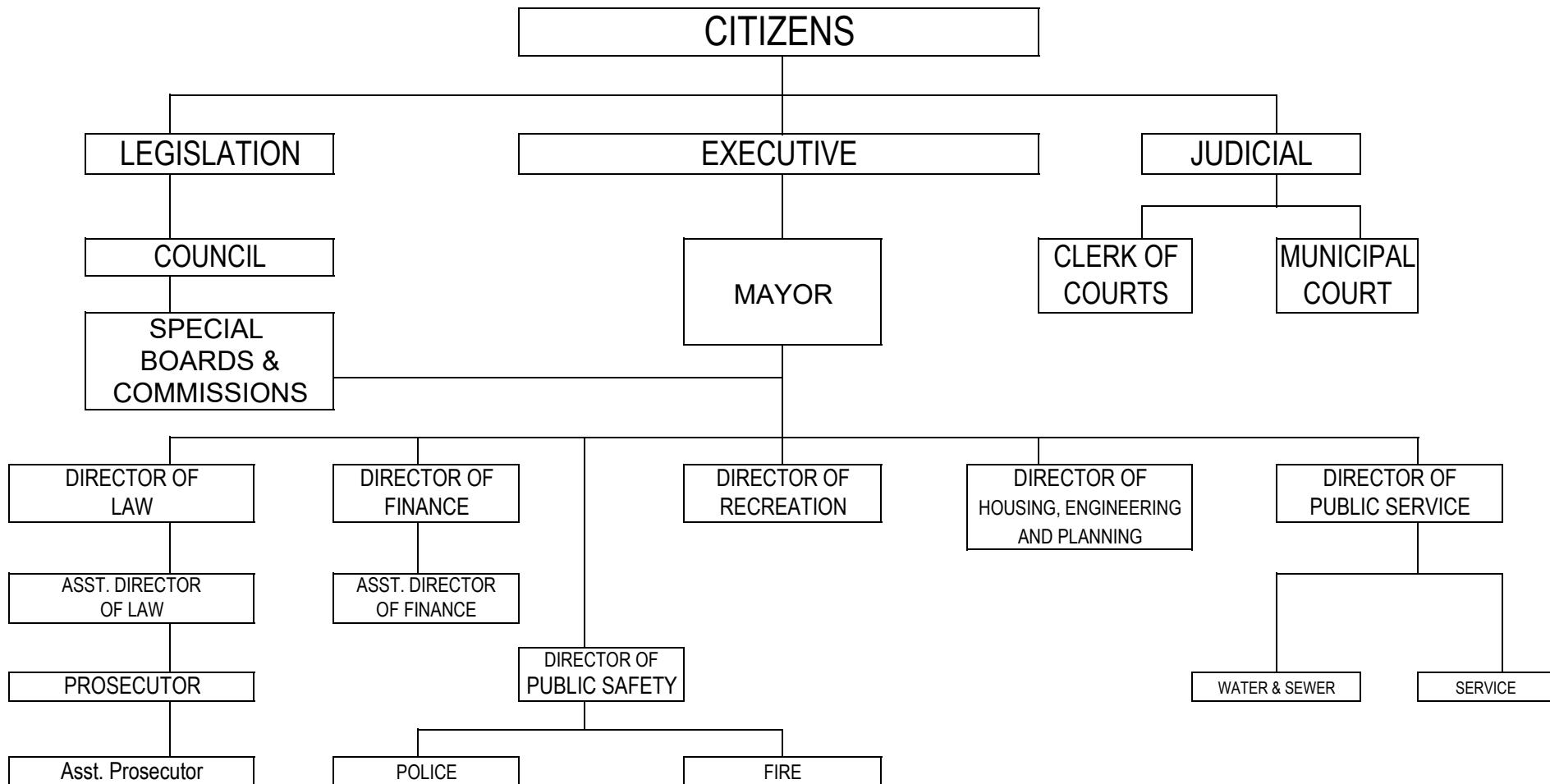
**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mayor	Cyril M. Kleem
President of Council	James Maxwell
Council Member-at-Large	Mary K. Brown
Council Member-at-Large	Eugene Zacharayz
Council Member - Ward 1	Leon R. Dozier Sr.
Council Member - Ward 2	Christopher McManis
Council Member - Ward 3	Lisa Weaver
Council Member - Ward 4	Erika Coble
Council Member - Ward 5	Richard Skoczen

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Director of Finance	Andrea D. Morris
Director of Law/Director of Public Safety	Barbara Jones
Director of Public Service	Antonio Armagno
Director of Recreation & Community Services	Marty Compton
Director of Housing, Engineering, and Planning	Matthew J. Madzy

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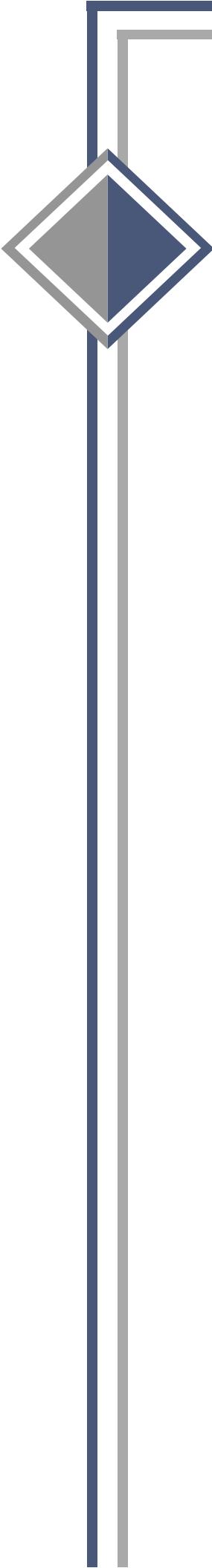
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December 31, 2023

*Christopher P. Monell*

Executive Director/CEO



## FINANCIAL SECTION



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Berea  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio  
11 Berea Commons  
Berea, OH 44017

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Berea, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying 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 as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparisons for the General and American Rescue Plan Act funds for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Audit Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis, and Pension and other Post-Employment Benefit schedules*, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules, and other supplemental schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund statements and schedules, and other supplemental schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

***Other Information***

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

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 24, 2025 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

Rea & Associates, Inc.  
Medina, Ohio  
June 24, 2025

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The discussion and analysis of the City of Berea's (the City) financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance.

### ***Financial Highlights***

Key financial highlights for 2024 are as follows:

- In total, net position increased \$7.7 million from 2023. Net position of governmental activities increased \$6.9 million. Net position of business-type activities increased \$0.8 million.
- Total capital assets increased \$3.6 million during 2024. Capital assets of governmental activities increased \$3.5 million and capital assets of business-type activities increased just under \$0.2 million.
- Outstanding debt in governmental and business-type activities decreased due to scheduled principal payments made by the City.

### ***Using this Annual Financial Report***

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

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

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

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

The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Activities* provide 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 tell 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 funds presented in total in one column. In the case of the City of Berea, the general fund is by far the most significant fund. Business-type funds consist of the water and sewer revenue funds.

A question typically asked about the City's finances is "How did we do financially during 2024?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include *all assets and deferred outflows of resources* and *liabilities and deferred inflows of resources* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting method used by most private-sector companies. This

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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 net 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 which restrict revenue growth, facility conditions, and other factors.

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

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

### ***Reporting the City'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 safeguarded for specific activities or objectives. The City uses many funds to account for 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, American Rescue Plan Act fund, general bond retirement fund, and general capital improvement fund.

***Governmental Funds*** Most of the City's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance future services. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

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

***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 of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs. The accounting used for the fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

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## The City as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the City as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary of the City's net position for 2024 compared to 2023:

**Table 1**  
**Net Position**

	Governmental Activities			Business-Type Activities		
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change
<b>Assets</b>						
Current & Other Assets	\$ 30,764,337	\$ 27,189,377	\$ 3,574,960	\$ 3,273,970	\$ 3,350,202	\$ (76,232)
Net OPEB Asset	302,889	-	302,889	62,038	-	62,038
Capital Assets, Net	<u>86,890,753</u>	<u>83,411,236</u>	<u>3,479,517</u>	<u>38,000,614</u>	<u>37,833,895</u>	<u>166,719</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>117,957,979</u>	<u>110,600,613</u>	<u>7,357,366</u>	<u>41,336,622</u>	<u>41,184,097</u>	<u>152,525</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>						
Pension & OPEB	<u>10,139,732</u>	<u>11,951,031</u>	<u>(1,811,299)</u>	<u>639,846</u>	<u>1,021,147</u>	<u>(381,301)</u>
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>10,139,732</u>	<u>11,951,031</u>	<u>(1,811,299)</u>	<u>639,846</u>	<u>1,021,147</u>	<u>(381,301)</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Current & Other Liabilities	3,668,889	4,184,901	(516,012)	440,705	271,964	168,741
Long-Term Liabilities:						
Due Within One Year	2,100,931	2,226,951	(126,020)	960,941	975,123	(14,182)
Due In More Than One Year:						
Net Pension Liability	29,443,294	29,742,699	(299,405)	1,888,063	2,178,058	(289,995)
Net OPEB Liability	1,528,453	1,648,241	(119,788)	-	44,243	(44,243)
Other Amounts	<u>20,587,353</u>	<u>21,960,805</u>	<u>(1,373,452)</u>	<u>8,706,691</u>	<u>9,574,762</u>	<u>(868,071)</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>57,328,920</u>	<u>59,763,597</u>	<u>(2,434,677)</u>	<u>11,996,400</u>	<u>13,044,150</u>	<u>(1,047,750)</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>						
Property Taxes	6,773,595	5,098,961	1,674,634	553,464	505,112	48,352
Leases	882,346	922,174	(39,828)	-	-	-
Pension & OPEB	<u>2,419,274</u>	<u>2,990,226</u>	<u>(570,952)</u>	<u>79,061</u>	<u>91,046</u>	<u>(11,985)</u>
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>10,075,215</u>	<u>9,011,361</u>	<u>1,063,854</u>	<u>632,525</u>	<u>596,158</u>	<u>36,367</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	66,926,136	61,855,208	5,070,928	29,159,844	28,366,622	793,222
Restricted	5,624,433	5,312,719	311,714	62,038	-	62,038
Unrestricted	<u>(11,856,993)</u>	<u>(13,391,241)</u>	<u>1,534,248</u>	<u>125,661</u>	<u>198,314</u>	<u>(72,653)</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$ 60,693,576</u>	<u>\$ 53,776,686</u>	<u>\$ 6,916,890</u>	<u>\$ 29,347,543</u>	<u>\$ 28,564,936</u>	<u>\$ 782,607</u>

The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the City at December 31, 2024 and is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27*. In a prior year, the City adopted GASB Statement 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, which significantly revised accounting for costs and liabilities related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB). For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the City's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting net OPEB asset and deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB.

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Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability*. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability/asset to equal the City's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension/OPEB benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the City is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

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In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the City's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

Capital assets include land, intangibles, land improvements, buildings, building improvements, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, vehicles, infrastructure and construction in progress. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources to repay the debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets may not be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A portion of the City's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The balance of unrestricted net position is a deficit balance.

The increase in governmental activities current and other assets can be partially attributed to the increase in taxes receivable following the six year revaluation. A new water and sewer distribution fee accounts for the increase in the business-type activities accounts receivable.

Capital assets showed an increase in governmental activities mainly due to renovations to the Browns training facility while the completion of the North End sewer project accounts for the increase in business-type activities capital assets.

Accounts payable increased, primarily due to upgrades to street lighting and traffic signals, while accrued wages decreased with approximately half as many accrued workdays compared to the prior year. Unearned revenue also decreased from prior year as the unused ARPA funds are being expended. Decreases in long term obligations in both governmental and business-type activities can be attributed to scheduled principal payments.

OPERS and OP&F both experienced a decrease in unfunded pension liabilities during the most recent measurement period, largely driven by strong investment performance. While both systems reported investment losses in the prior year, significant gains in the current year helped improve their funded positions. For OPERS, the shift from a net OPEB liability to a net OPEB asset was driven by a combination of favorable actuarial assumption changes and robust investment returns. OP&F's net OPEB liability remained relatively stable year-over-year, reflecting a balance of offsetting impacts from actuarial updates and investment performance.

These fluctuations are passed through to the City relative to their proportionate share of contributions of all members, which remained relatively constant from the prior year for both retirement plans, contributing to fluctuations in expenses impacted by pension and OPEB.

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In order to further understand what makes up the changes in net position for the current year, the following table gives readers further details regarding the results of activities for 2024 and 2023.

**Table 2**  
**Changes in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities			Business-Type Activities		
	2024	2023	Change	2024	2023	Change
<b>Revenues</b>						
<i>Program Revenues</i>						
Charges for Services	\$ 5,598,005	\$ 5,485,650	\$ 112,355	\$ 3,617,981	\$ 2,869,276	\$ 748,705
Operating Grants	2,427,519	1,883,027	544,492	60,199	59,264	935
Capital Grants	<u>9,862,962</u>	<u>4,031,880</u>	<u>5,831,082</u>	<u>1,008,568</u>	<u>1,165,133</u>	<u>(156,565)</u>
<i>Total Program Revenues</i>	<u>17,888,486</u>	<u>11,400,557</u>	<u>6,487,929</u>	<u>4,686,748</u>	<u>4,093,673</u>	<u>593,075</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>						
Property Taxes	5,045,718	4,905,303	140,415	502,986	494,181	8,805
Income Taxes	20,304,207	19,618,278	685,929	-	-	-
Grants & Entitlements	1,318,366	1,231,771	86,595	-	-	-
Other Taxes	223,707	200,525	23,182	-	-	-
Other	<u>1,105,416</u>	<u>858,279</u>	<u>247,137</u>	<u>5,995</u>	-	<u>5,995</u>
<i>Total General Revenues</i>	<u>27,997,414</u>	<u>26,814,156</u>	<u>1,183,258</u>	<u>508,981</u>	<u>494,181</u>	<u>14,800</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>45,885,900</u>	<u>38,214,713</u>	<u>7,671,187</u>	<u>5,195,729</u>	<u>4,587,854</u>	<u>607,875</u>
<b>Program Expenses</b>						
General Government	13,331,435	12,474,089	857,346	-	-	-
Security of Persons and Property	10,583,978	10,821,674	(237,696)	-	-	-
Public Health	356,433	221,996	134,437	-	-	-
Leisure Time Activities	5,957,779	5,280,807	676,972	-	-	-
Community Development	347,750	404,419	(56,669)	-	-	-
Public Works	1,509,778	1,457,057	52,721	-	-	-
Transportation	5,402,406	5,341,190	61,216	-	-	-
Interest Expense	592,451	704,948	(112,497)	-	-	-
Enterprise Operations						
Water	-	-	-	3,366,508	3,749,229	(382,721)
Sewer	-	-	-	1,933,614	1,558,927	374,687
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<u>38,082,010</u>	<u>36,706,180</u>	<u>1,375,830</u>	<u>5,300,122</u>	<u>5,308,156</u>	<u>(8,034)</u>
<i>Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</i>	<u>7,803,890</u>	<u>1,508,533</u>	<u>6,295,357</u>	<u>(104,393)</u>	<u>(720,302)</u>	<u>615,909</u>
Transfers	<u>(887,000)</u>	<u>(755,000)</u>	<u>(132,000)</u>	<u>887,000</u>	<u>755,000</u>	<u>132,000</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<u>6,916,890</u>	<u>753,533</u>	<u>6,163,357</u>	<u>782,607</u>	<u>34,698</u>	<u>747,909</u>
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>53,776,686</u>	<u>53,023,153</u>	<u>753,533</u>	<u>28,564,936</u>	<u>28,530,238</u>	<u>34,698</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 60,693,576</u>	<u>\$ 53,776,686</u>	<u>\$ 6,916,890</u>	<u>\$ 29,347,543</u>	<u>\$ 28,564,936</u>	<u>\$ 782,607</u>

The City's overall net position increased from the prior year. The reasons for this overall increase are discussed in the following sections for governmental activities and business-type activities.

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## **Governmental Activities**

The funding for the governmental activities comes from several different sources, the most significant being the municipal income tax. Other prominent sources are property taxes, grants and entitlements, and charges for services.

The City's income tax is at a rate of 2.0 percent. Both residents of the City and non-residents who work inside the City are subject to the income tax. However if residents work in a locality that has a municipal income tax, the City provides 100 percent credit up to 1.5 percent of the amount paid to another City.

Governmental revenue is comprised of program revenue and general revenue. General revenues include grants and entitlements, such as local government funds. Governmental activities are primarily funded with the combination of property tax, income tax and intergovernmental revenues. The City monitors its sources of revenues very closely for fluctuations.

The increase in operating grants can be partially attributed to the use of previously unearned ARPA funds for various purposes. Donations for the Cleveland Browns facility renovations increased over the prior year accounting for the increase in capital grants, which also contributed to additional depreciation on the improvements increasing leisure expense.

The largest program functions of the City are general government, which departments consist of council, mayor, finance, law, civil service, municipal buildings and fleet, development and administration and security of persons and property, which includes police and fire departments.

## **Business-Type Activities**

Business-type activities include water and sewer operations. The revenues are generated primarily from charges for services.

Charges for services increased over prior year, mainly due to the addition of a water and sewer distribution fee. The change in pension and OPEB obligations, as previously discussed, accounts for the decrease in water expenses and partially offset the increase in expenses for salaries and general operating costs in the sewer fund.

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

#### ***Governmental Funds***

As noted earlier, the City's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual method of accounting. The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for discretionary use as they represent the portion of the fund balance which has not yet been limited to use for a particular purpose by either an external party, the City itself, or a group or individual that has been delegated authority to assign resources for use for particular purposes by the City's Council.

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	Fund Balance 12/31/2024	Fund Balance 12/31/2023	Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	\$ 7,626,713	\$ 7,526,503	\$ 100,210
General Bond Retirement Fund	984,365	1,129,343	(144,978)
General Capital Improvement Fund	2,803,115	1,375,392	1,427,723

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the City. Fund balance showed a minimal increase reflecting a balanced approach to budgeting with expenditures closely aligned to revenues.

The American Rescue Plan Act fund had no change in fund balance, as any unspent grant revenue is reported as unearned revenue.

The decrease in fund balance in the general bond retirement fund is partially due debt service payments exceeding bond proceeds and property tax revenue.

The increase in the fund balance of the general capital improvement fund is mainly due to timing of grant proceeds coupled with transfers, compared to capital outlay expenditures and debt service payments.

### ***Proprietary Funds***

The City's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements for the business-type activities, but in more detail.

	Net Position 12/31/2024	Net Position 12/31/2023	Increase (Decrease)
Water Revenue	\$ 9,738,466	\$ 9,261,432	\$ 477,034
Sewer Revenue	19,609,077	19,303,504	305,573

As previously discussed, the new water and sewer distribution fees in addition to transfers from general fund contributed to the increases in net position over the prior year.

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

The City's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund.

During the course of 2024, the City amended its general fund budget on various occasions. All recommendations for appropriation changes come to Council from the City Finance Director. The Finance Committee of Council reviews them, and they make their recommendation to the Council as a whole.

***Original Budget Compared to Final Budget*** Original income tax revenues were increased for expected increases in collections, which also account for the increase in final appropriations over original budget.

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**Final Budget Compared to Actual Results** Income tax collections were higher than expected contributing to actual revenues exceeding final budget. There were no significant differences between final budgeted appropriations and actual expenditures.

There were no significant variances to discuss within other financing sources and uses.

***Capital Assets and Debt Administration***

**Capital Assets**

The City's governmental capital assets increased from prior year, due to acquisitions exceeding depreciation and amortization. Major acquisitions consisted of:

- Road Improvements
- Renovations to the Cleveland Browns Campus
- Coe Lake Treehouse Project
- Leasing an Ambulance

Completed projects and additional construction in progress offset the majority of the depreciation and amortization in business-type activities accounting for the increase in capital assets. The City completed the North End sewer project and began other sewer and water improvement projects during the year.

See Note 8 for additional information about the capital assets of the City.

**Debt**

Scheduled principal payments in governmental activities exceeded the addition of a new lease, accounting for the decrease in debt. Debt in business-type activities also decreased from prior year as principal payments exceeded new OWDA loans.

Under ORC Section 133.07, the City's net indebtedness, both voted and unvoted, is subject to a direct limitation based on the City's assessed property valuation. The City's overall net indebtedness may not exceed 10.5% of its total assessed valuation. In addition, unvoted general obligation debt is limited to 5.5% of the same valuation.

See Note 12 for additional details.

**Contacting the City'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 the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Director of Finance, Andrea D. Morris, City of Berea, 11 Berea Commons, Berea, Ohio 44017, e-mail [amorris@cityofberea.org](mailto:amorris@cityofberea.org) or telephone 440-826-5889. We also offer information regarding our City on our web site, [www.cityofberea.org](http://www.cityofberea.org).

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Statement of Net Position*  
*December 31, 2024*

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 12,902,079	\$ 767,381	\$ 13,669,460
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	700,930	-	700,930
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents	459,533	-	459,533
Accounts Receivable	221,562	1,656,388	1,877,950
Intergovernmental Receivable	1,307,928	125,769	1,433,697
Taxes Receivable	12,038,921	571,870	12,610,791
Special Assessments Receivable	805,605	-	805,605
Loans Receivable	731,844	-	731,844
Leases Receivable	911,468	-	911,468
Prepaid Items	163,052	-	163,052
Materials and Supplies Inventory	351,258	152,562	503,820
Assets Held for Resale	170,157	-	170,157
Net OPEB Asset	302,889	62,038	364,927
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated/Amortized	14,652,849	2,508,005	17,160,854
Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized, Net	72,237,904	35,492,609	107,730,513
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>117,957,979</u>	<u>41,336,622</u>	<u>159,294,601</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension	9,024,754	585,720	9,610,474
OPEB	1,114,978	54,126	1,169,104
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>10,139,732</u>	<u>639,846</u>	<u>10,779,578</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	1,348,992	34,160	1,383,152
Accrued Wages	135,613	14,416	150,029
Contracts Payable	16,682	241,150	257,832
Intergovernmental Payable	235,652	15,535	251,187
Accrued Interest Payable	-	135,444	135,444
Claims Payable	163,701	-	163,701
Unearned Revenue	1,768,249	-	1,768,249
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	2,100,931	960,941	3,061,872
Due In More Than One Year:			
Net Pension Liability	29,443,294	1,888,063	31,331,357
Net OPEB Liability	1,528,453	-	1,528,453
Other Amounts Due in More Than One Year	20,587,353	8,706,691	29,294,044
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>57,328,920</u>	<u>11,996,400</u>	<u>69,325,320</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes Levied for the Next Year	6,773,595	553,464	7,327,059
Leases	882,346	-	882,346
Pension	861,602	43,392	904,994
OPEB	1,557,672	35,669	1,593,341
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>10,075,215</u>	<u>632,525</u>	<u>10,707,740</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	66,926,136	29,159,844	96,085,980
Restricted for:			
Debt Service	1,195,508	-	1,195,508
Street Lighting	1,486,184	-	1,486,184
Street Maintenance and Repair	938,754	-	938,754
Court Operations and Capital Outlay	504,711	-	504,711
Security Operations	489,899	-	489,899
Drug and Alcohol Programs	28,276	-	28,276
OPEB	302,889	62,038	364,927
Other Purposes	678,212	-	678,212
Unrestricted	(11,856,993)	125,661	(11,731,332)
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$ 60,693,576</u>	<u>\$ 29,347,543</u>	<u>\$ 90,041,119</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Statement of Activities*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Program Revenues			
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Capital Grants and Contributions
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
General Government	\$ 13,331,435	\$ 2,962,915	\$ -	\$ -
Security of Persons and Property	10,583,978	1,591,762	347,369	19,058
Public Health	356,433	-	281,506	-
Leisure Time Activities	5,957,779	1,004,871	532,042	9,711,307
Community Development	347,750	32,890	222,039	-
Public Works	1,509,778	-	-	-
Transportation	5,402,406	5,567	1,044,563	132,597
Interest Expense	<u>592,451</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>38,082,010</u>	<u>5,598,005</u>	<u>2,427,519</u>	<u>9,862,962</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities</b>				
Water Revenue	3,366,508	2,807,658	60,199	-
Sewer Revenue	<u>1,933,614</u>	<u>810,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,008,568</u>
<i>Total Business-Type Activities</i>	<u>5,300,122</u>	<u>3,617,981</u>	<u>60,199</u>	<u>1,008,568</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$ 43,382,132</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,215,986</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,487,718</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,871,530</u></u>

**General Revenues**

Property Taxes Levied for:

General Purposes  
 Police and Fire Pension  
 Community Hospital  
 Debt Service  
 Water Improvements

Income Taxes Levied for:

General Purposes  
 Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs  
 Other Taxes  
 Investment Earnings  
 Miscellaneous

*Total General Revenues*

Transfers

*Total General Revenues and Transfers*

*Change in Net Position*

*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**

Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
\$ (10,368,520)	\$ -	\$ (10,368,520)
(8,625,789)	- (8,625,789)	
(74,927)	- (74,927)	
5,290,441	- 5,290,441	
(92,821)	- (92,821)	
(1,509,778)	- (1,509,778)	
(4,219,679)	- (4,219,679)	
(592,451)	- (592,451)	
<u>(20,193,524)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,193,524)</u>
- (498,651)	(498,651)	(498,651)
- (114,723)	(114,723)	(114,723)
- (613,374)	(613,374)	(613,374)
<u>(20,193,524)</u>	<u>(613,374)</u>	<u>(20,806,898)</u>
2,121,711	- 2,121,711	
885,352	- 885,352	
101,811	- 101,811	
1,936,844	- 1,936,844	
- 502,986	502,986	502,986
20,304,207	- 20,304,207	
1,318,366	- 1,318,366	
223,707	- 223,707	
676,827	- 676,827	
428,589	5,995 434,584	
<u>27,997,414</u>	<u>508,981</u>	<u>28,506,395</u>
<u>(887,000)</u>	<u>887,000</u>	<u>-</u>
27,110,414	1,395,981	28,506,395
6,916,890	782,607	7,699,497
<u>53,776,686</u>	<u>28,564,936</u>	<u>82,341,622</u>
<u>\$ 60,693,576</u>	<u>\$ 29,347,543</u>	<u>\$ 90,041,119</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Balance Sheet*  
*Governmental Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

	General	American Rescue Plan Act	General Bond Retirement	General Capital Improvement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>						
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 5,131,319	\$ 1,518,249	\$ 984,365	\$ 1,685,221	\$ 3,448,028	\$ 12,767,182
Cash and Cash Equivalents with Fiscal Agents	-	-	-	459,533	-	459,533
Accounts Receivable	142,201	-	-	-	79,361	221,562
Intergovernmental Receivable	555,365	-	121,892	6,360	624,311	1,307,928
Taxes Receivable	7,905,774	-	2,773,041	-	1,360,106	12,038,921
Special Assessments Receivable	28,275	-	-	-	777,330	805,605
Loans Receivable	-	-	-	731,844	-	731,844
Leases Receivable	911,468	-	-	-	-	911,468
Materials and Supplies Inventory	-	-	-	-	351,258	351,258
Assets Held for Resale	-	-	-	170,157	-	170,157
<i>Total Assets</i>	<b>\$ 14,674,402</b>	<b>\$ 1,518,249</b>	<b>\$ 3,879,298</b>	<b>\$ 3,053,115</b>	<b>\$ 6,640,394</b>	<b>\$ 29,765,458</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,024,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 243,118	\$ 1,267,323
Accrued Wages	113,843	-	-	-	21,770	135,613
Contracts Payable	-	-	-	-	16,682	16,682
Intergovernmental Payable	107,227	-	-	-	128,425	235,652
Unearned Revenue	-	1,518,249	-	250,000	-	1,768,249
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<b>1,245,275</b>	<b>1,518,249</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>409,995</b>	<b>3,423,519</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>						
Property Taxes Levied for the Next Year	2,773,474	-	2,683,790	-	1,316,331	6,773,595
Delinquent Property Taxes	92,234	-	89,251	-	43,775	225,260
Unavailable Revenue - Income Tax	1,582,730	-	-	-	-	1,582,730
Unavailable Revenue - Other	471,630	-	121,892	-	1,237,775	1,831,297
Leases	882,346	-	-	-	-	882,346
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<b>5,802,414</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,894,933</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,597,881</b>	<b>11,295,228</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>						
Nonspendable	54,546	-	-	-	351,258	405,804
Restricted	-	-	984,365	-	2,655,239	3,639,604
Committed	1,955,160	-	-	2,803,115	678,059	5,436,334
Assigned	336,729	-	-	-	-	336,729
Unassigned	5,280,278	-	-	-	(52,038)	5,228,240
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	<b>7,626,713</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>984,365</b>	<b>2,803,115</b>	<b>3,632,518</b>	<b>15,046,711</b>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<b>\$ 14,674,402</b>	<b>\$ 1,518,249</b>	<b>\$ 3,879,298</b>	<b>\$ 3,053,115</b>	<b>\$ 6,640,394</b>	<b>\$ 29,765,458</b>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to*  
*Net Position of Governmental Activities*  
*December 31, 2024*

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**Total Governmental Fund Balances** \$ 15,046,711

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. 86,890,753

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

Delinquent Property Taxes	\$ 225,260
Income Tax	1,582,730
Intergovernmental	1,025,692
Special Assessments	<u>805,605</u>
	3,639,287

An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds.

The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position. 753,509

The net pension liability and net OPEB liability are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, the liability/net OPEB asset and related deferred inflows/outflows are not reported in governmental funds.

Net OPEB Asset	302,889
Deferred Outflows - Pension	9,024,754
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	1,114,978
Net Pension Liability	(29,443,294)
Net OPEB Liability	(1,528,453)
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(861,602)
Deferred Inflows - OPEB	<u>(1,557,672)</u>
	(22,948,400)

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

General Obligation Bonds	(14,025,000)
OPWC Loans	(2,297,160)
Revenue Bonds	(4,175,000)
Unamortized Bond Premium	(173,238)
Police and Fire Pension	(123,847)
Direct Financing	(82,643)
Lease	(257,070)
Compensated Absences	<u>(1,554,326)</u>
	(22,688,284)

*Net Position of Governmental Activities* \$ 60,693,576

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance*  
*Governmental Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	General	American Rescue Plan Act	General Bond Retirement	General Capital Improvement	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
Property Taxes	\$ 2,135,340	\$ -	\$ 1,946,788	\$ -	\$ 992,858	\$ 5,074,986
Income Taxes	19,953,107	-	-	-	-	19,953,107
Other Local Taxes	234,279	-	-	-	-	234,279
Special Assessments	19,594	-	-	-	845,082	864,676
Charges for Services	444,397	-	-	-	1,307,654	1,752,051
Licenses and Permits	319,615	-	-	-	31,765	351,380
Fines and Forfeitures	1,828,840	-	-	-	761,821	2,590,661
Intergovernmental	952,092	728,818	244,141	132,597	1,664,143	3,721,791
Interest	676,827	-	-	-	12,842	689,669
Rent	88,039	-	-	-	-	88,039
Contributions and Donations	-	-	-	-	425,417	425,417
Miscellaneous	46,666	-	-	127,843	254,080	428,589
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>26,698,796</i>	<i>728,818</i>	<i>2,190,929</i>	<i>260,440</i>	<i>6,295,662</i>	<i>36,174,645</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Current:						
General Government	11,451,487	-	20,361	-	935,127	12,406,975
Security of Persons and Property	7,098,757	-	-	-	2,312,880	9,411,637
Public Health	-	248,845	-	-	107,588	356,433
Leisure Time Activities	103,228	-	-	-	2,368,962	2,472,190
Community Development	360,637	-	-	-	-	360,637
Public Works	1,495,254	-	-	-	-	1,495,254
Transportation	-	-	-	-	1,154,877	1,154,877
Capital Outlay	-	479,973	-	943,338	2,193,509	3,616,820
Debt Service:						
Principal Retirement	1,688	-	1,670,000	183,476	80,273	1,935,437
Interest and Fiscal Charges	12	-	640,546	903	9,903	651,364
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>20,511,063</i>	<i>728,818</i>	<i>2,330,907</i>	<i>1,127,717</i>	<i>9,163,119</i>	<i>33,861,624</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>6,187,733</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(139,978)</i>	<i>(867,277)</i>	<i>(2,867,457)</i>	<i>2,313,021</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>						
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	19,477	-	-	-	-	19,477
Inception of Lease	-	-	-	-	257,070	257,070
Transfers In	-	-	-	2,295,000	2,930,000	5,225,000
Transfers Out	(6,107,000)	-	(5,000)	-	-	(6,112,000)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>(6,087,523)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(5,000)</i>	<i>2,295,000</i>	<i>3,187,070</i>	<i>(610,453)</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>100,210</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(144,978)</i>	<i>1,427,723</i>	<i>319,613</i>	<i>1,702,568</i>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<i>7,526,503</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,129,343</i>	<i>1,375,392</i>	<i>3,312,905</i>	<i>13,344,143</i>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<i>\$ 7,626,713</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 984,365</i>	<i>\$ 2,803,115</i>	<i>\$ 3,632,518</i>	<i>\$ 15,046,711</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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

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**Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds** \$ 1,702,568

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

Capital Asset Additions	\$ 11,412,114
Current Year Depreciation	<u>(7,932,597)</u>
	3,479,517

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

Delinquent Property Taxes	(29,268)
Income Tax	351,100
Intergovernmental	91,691
Special Assessments	<u>(46,019)</u>
	367,504

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

General Obligation Bonds	1,290,000
OPWC Loans	167,777
Revenue Bonds	380,000
Police and Fire Pension	9,235
Direct Financing	<u>88,425</u>
	1,935,437

Inception of lease in the governmental funds that increase long-term liabilities in the statement of net position are not reported as revenues. (257,070)

In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, and bond premium and the gain/loss on refunding are amortized over the term of the bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when bonds are issued.

Accrued Interest Payable	41,589
Amortization of Premium on Bonds	<u>17,324</u>
	58,913

Contractually required pension/OPEB contributions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds; however, the statement of net position reports these amounts as deferred outflows.

Pension	2,279,426
OPEB	<u>34,016</u>
	2,313,442

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

Pension	(2,869,287)
OPEB	<u>37,580</u>
	(2,831,707)

The internal service fund used by management to charge the costs of insurance to individual funds is not reported in the statement of activities. Governmental expenditures and related internal service fund revenues are eliminated. The net revenue (expense) of the internal service fund is allocated among the governmental activities. 344,505

Some expenses 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.

Compensated Absences	<u>(196,219)</u>
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*Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities* \$ 6,916,890

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

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 2,135,340	\$ 2,135,340	\$ -
Income Taxes	18,848,640	19,781,975	20,400,651	618,676
Other Local Taxes	240,000	216,450	204,854	(11,596)
Special Assessments	20,000	20,000	19,594	(406)
Charges for Services	524,247	424,247	444,397	20,150
Licenses and Permits	455,000	372,000	319,615	(52,385)
Fines and Forfeitures	93,000	93,000	81,016	(11,984)
Intergovernmental	815,020	928,351	939,511	11,160
Interest	500,000	500,000	568,558	68,558
Rent	90,000	90,000	88,039	(1,961)
Other	72,621	52,621	20,599	(32,022)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>23,558,528</u>	<u>24,613,984</u>	<u>25,222,174</u>	<u>608,190</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government	9,039,008	10,004,900	9,731,818	273,082
Security of Persons and Property	7,519,430	7,669,430	7,507,380	162,050
Leisure Time Activities	103,071	125,800	109,999	15,801
Community Development	391,111	369,170	360,637	8,533
Public Works	1,564,741	1,548,061	1,517,280	30,781
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	1,688	1,688	1,688	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	12	12	12	-
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>18,619,061</u>	<u>19,719,061</u>	<u>19,228,814</u>	<u>490,247</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>4,939,467</u>	<u>4,894,923</u>	<u>5,993,360</u>	<u>1,098,437</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	5,000	5,000	19,477	14,477
Transfers In	325,000	206,257	206,257	-
Transfers Out	(5,845,000)	(6,107,000)	(6,107,000)	-
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>(5,515,000)</u>	<u>(5,895,743)</u>	<u>(5,881,266)</u>	<u>14,477</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(575,533)</u>	<u>(1,000,820)</u>	<u>112,094</u>	<u>1,112,914</u>
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>4,747,593</u>	<u>4,747,593</u>	<u>4,747,593</u>	<u>-</u>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>110,102</u>	<u>110,102</u>	<u>110,102</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 4,282,162</u>	<u>\$ 3,856,875</u>	<u>\$ 4,969,789</u>	<u>\$ 1,112,914</u>

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**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in  
Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual*  
*American Rescue Plan Act Fund*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Budgeted Amounts			Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final	Actual	
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
Public Health	\$ 1,767,095	\$ 1,767,095	\$ 1,767,095	\$ -
Capital Outlay	479,972	479,972	479,972	-
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>2,247,067</u>	<u>2,247,067</u>	<u>2,247,067</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(2,247,067)	(2,247,067)	(2,247,067)	-
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	2,247,067	2,247,067	2,247,067	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	-	-	-	-
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Statement of Fund Net Position*  
*Proprietary Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

	Enterprise Funds			Governmental Activities	
	Water Revenue	Sewer Revenue	Total	Internal Service Funds	
<b>Assets</b>					
<i>Current Assets:</i>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 292,034	\$ 475,347	\$ 767,381	\$ 134,897	
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	-	-	-	700,930	
Accounts Receivable	1,147,470	508,918	1,656,388	-	
Intergovernmental Receivable	29,925	95,844	125,769	-	
Taxes Receivable	571,870	-	571,870	-	
Prepaid Items	-	-	-	163,052	
Materials and Supplies Inventory	152,562	-	152,562	-	
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	<u>2,193,861</u>	<u>1,080,109</u>	<u>3,273,970</u>	<u>998,879</u>	
<i>Non-Current Assets:</i>					
Net OPEB Asset	51,090	10,948	62,038	-	
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated/Amortized	1,209,870	1,298,135	2,508,005	-	
Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized, Net	13,935,212	21,557,397	35,492,609	-	
<i>Total Non-Current Assets</i>	<u>15,196,172</u>	<u>22,866,480</u>	<u>38,062,652</u>	<u>-</u>	
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>17,390,033</u>	<u>23,946,589</u>	<u>41,336,622</u>	<u>998,879</u>	
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>					
Pension	482,358	103,362	585,720	-	
OPEB	44,576	9,550	54,126	-	
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<u>526,934</u>	<u>112,912</u>	<u>639,846</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>					
Accounts Payable	31,063	3,097	34,160	81,669	
Accrued Wages	12,088	2,328	14,416	-	
Contracts Payable	-	241,150	241,150	-	
Intergovernmental Payable	13,070	2,465	15,535	-	
Accrued Interest Payable	83,581	51,863	135,444	-	
Claims Payable	-	-	-	163,701	
Compensated Absences Payable	1,191	3,372	4,563	-	
Leases Payable	-	90,234	90,234	-	
Direct Financing Payable	3,887	-	3,887	-	
Loans Payable	-	19,404	19,404	-	
OPWC Loans Payable	30,592	116,373	146,965	-	
OWDA Loans Payable	576,787	114,101	690,888	-	
General Obligation Bonds Payable	5,000	-	5,000	-	
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>	<u>757,259</u>	<u>644,387</u>	<u>1,401,646</u>	<u>245,370</u>	
<i>Long-Term Liabilities:</i>					
Compensated Absences Payable - Net of Current Portion	31,207	88,321	119,528	-	
Leases Payable - Net of Current Portion	-	304,239	304,239	-	
Loans Payable - Net of Current Portion	-	106,715	106,715	-	
OPWC Loans Payable - Net of Current Portion	574,665	1,294,042	1,868,707	-	
OWDA Loans Payable - Net of Current Portion	4,564,171	1,668,331	6,232,502	-	
General Obligation Bonds Payable - Net of Current Portion	75,000	-	75,000	-	
Net Pension Liability	1,554,875	333,188	1,888,063	-	
<i>Total Long-Term Liabilities</i>	<u>6,799,918</u>	<u>3,794,836</u>	<u>10,594,754</u>	<u>-</u>	
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>7,557,177</u>	<u>4,439,223</u>	<u>11,996,400</u>	<u>245,370</u>	
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>					
Property Taxes Levied for the Next Year	553,464	-	553,464	-	
Pension	38,467	4,925	43,392	-	
OPEB	29,393	6,276	35,669	-	
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>621,324</u>	<u>11,201</u>	<u>632,525</u>	<u>-</u>	
<b>Net Position</b>					
Net Investment in Capital Assets	10,258,902	18,900,942	29,159,844	-	
Restricted for:					
OPEB	51,090	10,948	62,038	-	
Unrestricted	(571,526)	697,187	125,661	753,509	
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$ 9,738,466</u>	<u>\$ 19,609,077</u>	<u>\$ 29,347,543</u>	<u>\$ 753,509</u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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

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	Enterprise Funds			Governmental Activities
	Water Revenue	Sewer Revenue	Total	Internal Service Funds
<b>Operating Revenues</b>				
Charges for Services	\$ 2,807,658	\$ 810,323	\$ 3,617,981	\$ 4,139,463
Other	5,995	-	5,995	644,837
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<i>2,813,653</i>	<i>810,323</i>	<i>3,623,976</i>	<i>4,784,300</i>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Personal Services	1,449,604	396,335	1,845,939	-
Contractual Services	385,248	529,077	914,325	1,398,913
Materials and Supplies	735,297	45,828	781,125	-
Claims	-	-	-	3,027,172
Depreciation/Amortization	703,045	849,770	1,552,815	-
Other	10,730	8,189	18,919	13,710
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<i>3,283,924</i>	<i>1,829,199</i>	<i>5,113,123</i>	<i>4,439,795</i>
<i>Operating Income (Loss)</i>	<i>(470,271)</i>	<i>(1,018,876)</i>	<i>(1,489,147)</i>	<i>344,505</i>
<b>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>				
Intergovernmental	60,199	-	60,199	-
Property Tax	502,986	-	502,986	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(82,584)	(104,415)	(186,999)	-
<i>Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</i>	<i>480,601</i>	<i>(104,415)</i>	<i>376,186</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions and Transfers</i>	<i>10,330</i>	<i>(1,123,291)</i>	<i>(1,112,961)</i>	<i>344,505</i>
Capital Contributions	-	1,008,568	1,008,568	-
Transfers In	487,000	420,296	907,296	-
Transfers Out	(20,296)	-	(20,296)	-
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<i>477,034</i>	<i>305,573</i>	<i>782,607</i>	<i>344,505</i>
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<i>9,261,432</i>	<i>19,303,504</i>	<i>28,564,936</i>	<i>409,004</i>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<i>\$ 9,738,466</i>	<i>\$ 19,609,077</i>	<i>\$ 29,347,543</i>	<i>\$ 753,509</i>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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

	Enterprise Funds			Governmental Activities
	Water Revenue	Sewer Revenue	Total	Internal Service Funds
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>				
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 2,554,504	\$ 713,324	\$ 3,267,828	\$ 4,139,463
Cash Received from Other Operating Receipts	5,995	-	5,995	644,837
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(741,658)	(49,071)	(790,729)	-
Cash Payments to Employees for Services and Benefits	(1,524,423)	(373,902)	(1,898,325)	-
Cash Payments for Contractual Services	(388,578)	(528,812)	(917,390)	(1,288,503)
Cash Payments for Claims	-	-	-	(3,008,118)
Other Cash Payments	(10,730)	(8,189)	(18,919)	(13,710)
<i>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities</i>	<u>(104,890)</u>	<u>(246,650)</u>	<u>(351,540)</u>	<u>473,969</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities</b>				
Intergovernmental Revenue	59,934	-	59,934	-
Property Taxes	509,794	-	509,794	-
Transfers In	482,000	400,000	882,000	-
<i>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Noncapital Financing Activities</i>	<u>1,051,728</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>1,451,728</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>				
Capital Grants	-	1,314,006	1,314,006	-
Proceeds of OWDA Loans	-	68,513	68,513	-
Acquisition of Capital Assets	(279,270)	(1,247,516)	(1,526,786)	-
Transfers in for Capital Related Debt Payments	5,000	20,296	25,296	-
Transfers Out for Capital Related Debt Payments	(20,296)	-	(20,296)	-
Principal Payments on Debt	(595,928)	(355,613)	(951,541)	-
Interest Payments on Debt	(91,180)	(86,465)	(177,645)	-
<i>Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Capital and Related Financing Activities</i>	<u>(981,674)</u>	<u>(286,779)</u>	<u>(1,268,453)</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments</i>	<u>(34,836)</u>	<u>(133,429)</u>	<u>(168,265)</u>	<u>473,969</u>
<i>Cash and Investments Beginning of Year</i>	<u>326,870</u>	<u>608,776</u>	<u>935,646</u>	<u>361,858</u>
<i>Cash and Investments End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 292,034</u>	<u>\$ 475,347</u>	<u>\$ 767,381</u>	<u>\$ 835,827</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities</b>				
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (470,271)	\$ (1,018,876)	\$ (1,489,147)	\$ 344,505
Adjustments:				
Depreciation/Amortization	703,045	849,770	1,552,815	-
(Increase) Decrease in Assets and Deferred Outflows:				
Accounts Receivable	(253,154)	(96,999)	(350,153)	-
Prepaid Items	-	-	-	28,741
Materials and Supplies Inventory	(5,509)	-	(5,509)	-
Net OPEB Asset	(51,090)	(10,948)	(62,038)	-
Deferred Outflows - Pension/OPEB	314,080	67,221	381,301	-
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities and Deferred Inflows:				
Accounts Payable	(4,182)	(2,978)	(7,160)	81,669
Accrued Wages	(17,480)	(4,981)	(22,461)	-
Intergovernmental Payable	(2,691)	(1,050)	(3,741)	-
Claims Payable	-	-	-	19,054
Compensated Absences Payable	(26,850)	27,626	776	-
Deferred Inflows - Pension/OPEB	(15,533)	3,548	(11,985)	-
Net Pension Liability	(238,820)	(51,175)	(289,995)	-
Net OPEB Liability	(36,435)	(7,808)	(44,243)	-
<i>Net Cash Provided by (Used For) Operating Activities</i>	<u>\$ (104,890)</u>	<u>\$ (246,650)</u>	<u>\$ (351,540)</u>	<u>\$ 473,969</u>

**Noncash Capital Financing Activities:**

The City purchased \$241,150 and \$48,402 of capital assets on account in 2024 and 2023, respectively, for the sewer fund.

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Fiduciary Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

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	Custodial
<b>Assets</b>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 1,359,151
Cash in Segregated Accounts	250,689
Accounts Receivable	<u>2,683,325</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>4,293,165</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	1,298,105
Due to Other Governments	<u>2,995,060</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>4,293,165</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Unrestricted	<u>\$ -</u>

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**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Fiduciary Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Custodial
<b>Additions</b>	
Licenses, Permits & Fees for Other Governments	\$ 2,712
Fines & Forfeitures for Other Governments	2,640,777
Collections for Other Governments	<u>6,297,888</u>
<i>Total Additions</i>	<u>8,941,377</u>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Licenses, Permits & Fees Distributions to Other Governments	2,712
Fines & Forfeitures Distributions to Other Governments	2,640,777
Distributions to Other Governments	<u>6,297,888</u>
<i>Total Deductions</i>	<u>8,941,377</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	-
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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## **NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY AND THE REPORTING ENTITY**

The City of Berea, (the “City”) is a home rule municipal corporation, established under the laws of the State of Ohio and operates under its own Charter. The current Charter, which provides for a Mayor-Council form of government, was originally adopted May 3, 1960. Elected officials include seven Council members, Council president and a Mayor.

### **The Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements of the City are not misleading. The City’s primary government consists of all funds and departments which are not legally separate from the City. For the City, this includes the departments that provide the following services: police and fire protection, emergency medical, street maintenance, sanitation, planning and zoning, parks and recreation, water treatment, and general administrative services.

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

### **Jointly Governed Organizations**

The City participates in several jointly governed organizations. A jointly governed organization is managed by representatives from each of the governments that create the organization, but there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility on the part of the participating governments. Those organizations are as follows:

#### *Southwest Council of Governments*

The Southwest Council of Governments helps foster cooperation between municipalities in areas affecting health, safety, welfare, education, economic conditions and regional development. The Council’s Board is comprised of one member from each of the participating entities. The Board exercises total control over the operation of the Council including budgeting, appropriating, contracting, and designating management. Budgets are adopted by the Board. Each city’s degree of control is limited to its representation on the Board.

The Council has established two subsidiary organizations, the Southwest Emergency Response Team (SERT), which provides hazardous material protection and assistance, technical rescue including water rescue and land-based components, fire investigation and tactical EMS services; and the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB), which provides specially trained officers to respond to incidents where special weapons and tactics are needed, including SWAT, Bomb Squad, Crisis Negotiations and Tactical

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EMS. The Council's financial statements may be obtained by contacting the Southwest Council of Governments, Eric Dean, Fiscal Officer, 16099 Foltz Parkway, Strongsville, Ohio 44149.

*Southwest Regional Communications*

The Southwest Regional Communications organization is a jointly-governed organization between the City and seven other communities. Formed as a Regional Council of Governments as permitted under Ohio Revised Code Section 167.01, the intent of the organization is to establish, own, operate, maintain, and administer, a regional communications network for public safety and public service purposes for the mutual benefit of the participating communities. This organization is controlled by a governing body consisting of each participating community's mayor or his/her delegate or representative. The degree of control exercised by any member is limited to its representation on the governing board.

All members agree to contribute the sums of money on a shared basis as agreed per the requirements set forth in the Articles of Understanding. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 14 and amended by GASB Statement No. 61, the City does not have an equity interest in the organization. Financial information may be obtained by contacting Martin S. Healy, 17401 Holland Road, Brook Park, Ohio 44142, or by email at [healymswcc@gmail.com](mailto:healymswcc@gmail.com).

*Southwest General Health Center*

The Southwest General Health Center is an Ohio nonprofit corporation providing health services. The Health Center is a jointly governed organization among the communities of Berea, Brook Park, Columbia Township, Middleburg Heights, Olmsted Falls and Strongsville.

The Health Center is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of the following: one member of the legislative body from each of the political subdivisions, one resident from each of the political subdivisions who is not a member of the legislative body, three persons who are residents of any of the participating political subdivisions, the president and the executive vice president of the corporations, and the president and the vice president of the medical staff. The legislative body of each political subdivision elects their own member to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Health Center. The Board exercises total control over the operation of the Health Center including budgeting, appropriating, contracting and designating management. Each City's control is limited to its representation on the Board. The Southwest General Hospital special revenue fund accounts for property tax resources that are distributed to the Health Center.

*Woodvale Union Cemetery*

The Woodvale Union Cemetery is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. Woodvale Union Cemetery provides burial grounds and burial services to the public. The Cemetery is a jointly governed organization among the communities of Berea and Middleburg Heights.

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The Cemetery is governed by a joint council consisting of the council members from both member communities. The joint council elects and appoints the members of the Board of Trustees. The members of the Board of Trustees consist of the following: one elected member of the legislative body from each of the political subdivisions, and one appointed resident from either of the political subdivisions who is not a member of the legislative body.

The joint council exercises control over the operation of the Cemetery through budgeting, appropriating, and contracting. The Board of Trustees control daily operations of the Cemetery. Each city's control is limited to its representation on the Joint Council. In 2024, the City of Berea contributed \$200,000 for operating expenses to the Cemetery.

*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 240 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 ensuring 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 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. Financial information can be obtained by contacting Dr. William Koons, the Board Chairman, at 175 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308 or at the website [www.nopecinfo.org](http://www.nopecinfo.org).

*Regional Income Tax Agency*

In 1971, 38 municipalities joined together to organize a Regional Council of Governments (RCOG) to administer tax collection and enforcement concerns facing member cities and villages. The first official act of the RCOG was to form the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) to administer the income tax ordinances of any Ohio municipality that joins the agency through the RCOG. Today, RITA serves as the income tax collection agency for over 420 municipalities/taxing jurisdictions throughout the State of Ohio. Financial information may be obtained by writing to RITA, 10107 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

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

### **Basis of Presentation**

The City's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

**Government-wide Financial Statements** - The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the City as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The activity of the internal service fund is eliminated to avoid "doubling up" revenues and expenses. Other interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation. The statements distinguish between those activities of the City that are governmental and those that are considered business-type.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the City at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the City's governmental activities and for the business-type activities of the City. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the City, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental program 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 proprietary 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. The internal service fund is presented in a single column on the face of the proprietary fund statements. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

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

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and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The following are the City's major governmental funds:

*General Fund* - The general fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund also accounts for the activities related to the municipal income tax levy collections passed by ordinance in November 1992. One-fourth of income tax revenues are collected in the municipal income tax fund and are designated for water, sewer, recreation, debt and capital expenditures. These funds cannot be spent for any other reason. The allocation (which may exclude any particular purpose mentioned in any one year) to the five areas is designated annually during the budgeting process approved by Council. The general fund balance is available to the City for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the Charter of the City of Berea and/or the general laws of Ohio.

*American Rescue Plan Act Fund* - The American Rescue Plan Act fund is used to provide local and state governments with economic resources to assist in the economic, public health and societal recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The revenues received are both State and Federal, and not all expenditures are federally funded.

*General Bond Retirement Fund* - The general bond retirement fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of general long-term principal, interest, and related costs, other than those paid by proprietary funds.

*General Capital Improvement Fund* - The general capital improvement fund is used to account for financial resources designated for the acquisition or major repair of infrastructure or capital assets.

The other governmental funds of the City account for grants and other resources to which the City is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources.

**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.

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

*Water Revenue Fund* - The water revenue fund is used to account for the operation of the water treatment plant and distribution of water to the residents and commercial users of the City and some residents of the county.

*Sewer Revenue Fund* - The sewer revenue fund is used to account for the operations of the sewage collection operations.

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***Internal Service Funds*** - The internal service funds are used to account for the financing of services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the City on a cost reimbursement basis. The City's three internal service funds account for funds reserved to finance a self insurance program for hospitalization benefits and a self insurance program for property and liability losses and to account for the payment of worker's compensation insurance.

***Fiduciary Funds*** - Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds are 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 fiduciary funds are custodial funds that account for regional sewer collections, collection of fines for the law library, Ohio Board of Building Standards fees, municipal court collections for the Metropark and municipal court collections.

### **Measurement Focus**

***Government-wide Financial Statements*** - The government-wide financial statements are prepared using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the City are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents increases (e.g. revenues) and decreases (e.g. expenses) in total net position.

***Fund Financial Statements*** - All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and deferred outflows of resources and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Like the government-wide statements, all proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of fund net position. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows for proprietary funds provide information about how the City finances and meets the cash flow needs of the proprietary activities.

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

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### **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 inflows/outflows of resources and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

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

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

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end: income tax, admissions tax, cable TV franchise fees, state-levied locally shared taxes (including gasoline tax and motor vehicle license fees), fines and forfeitures, interest, grants and entitlements, and rentals.

***Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources*** In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the City, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the government-wide statement of net position for pension and OPEB. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are explained in Notes 9 and 10.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For the City, deferred inflows of resources include property taxes, leases, pension, OPEB and unavailable revenue. Property taxes represent amounts for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of December 31, 2024, but which were levied to finance 2025 operations. These amounts have been recorded as a deferred inflow on both the government-wide statement of net position and governmental fund financial statements. Unavailable revenue is reported only on the governmental funds balance sheet, and represents receivables which will not be collected

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within the available period. For the City, unavailable revenue may include delinquent property taxes, income taxes, intergovernmental grants, and miscellaneous revenues. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period the amounts become available. The details of these unavailable revenues are identified on the reconciliation of governmental fund balances to net position of governmental activities. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are reported on the government-wide statement of net position. (See Notes 9 and 10)

### **Cash and Investments**

To improve cash management, cash received by the City is pooled. Each fund's pooled cash and investments represents the balance on hand as if each fund maintained its own cash and investment account. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments" on the financial statements. For purpose of the statement of cash flows, the proprietary funds' share of equity in pooled certificates of deposit are considered to be cash equivalents.

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 "Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments." Investments with an original maturity of more than three months that are not made from the pool are reported as "Investments."

The City has segregated bank accounts for monies held separate from the City's central bank account. These interest bearing depository accounts are presented on the Statement of Fund Net Position, Proprietary Funds and the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position as "Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts" since they are not required to be deposited into the City's treasury.

STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio) is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. The City measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit participant transactions to \$250 million per day. Transactions in all of a participant's accounts will be combined for this purpose. Twenty-four hours advance notice to STAR Ohio is appreciated for purchases or redemptions of \$100 million or more. For fiscal year 2024, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates.

Investment procedures and interest allocations are restricted by provisions of the Ohio Constitution, the Ohio Revised Code and the Berea Municipal Code. Interest in the general fund during 2024 amounted to \$676,827, which includes \$533,429 assigned from other City funds. All investment income, including changes in the fair value of investments, are recognized as revenue in the operating statements.

### **Material & Supplies Inventory**

Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

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### **Assets Held for Resale**

Acquisition of property that the City intends to sale is not capitalized. Donations of property are recorded as contributions at their estimated net realizable value at the date of the donation. Such donations of assets held for resale are recognized as revenue and reported as unrestricted donations on the Statement of Activities. All other property acquired for resale is recorded at the lower of cost or fair value.

### **Capital Assets**

General capital assets are capital assets which are associated with and generally arise from governmental activities. They generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. General capital assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the 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 acquisition value as of the date received. Intangible assets are recorded at cost. The City maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The City's infrastructure consists of roads, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, water lines, bridges, traffic signals, and sidewalks and includes infrastructure acquired prior to December 31, 1980. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not. All capital assets are depreciated except for land, intangibles and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the City's historical records of necessary improvements and replacement.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Land Improvements	10 - 50
Buildings	40
Building Improvements	7 - 50
Machinery and Equipment	2 - 20
Furniture and Fixtures	7 - 10
Vehicles	3 - 20
Infrastructure	10 - 50

The City is reporting intangible right to use assets related to leased equipment and vehicles. These intangible assets are being amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset.

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### **Compensated Absences**

The City recognizes a liability for compensated absences for the leave time that (1) has been earned for services previously rendered by employees, (2) accumulates and is allowed to be carried over to subsequent years, and (3) is more likely than not to be used as time off or settled during or upon separation from employment under the last-in-first-out flow assumption. The liability for compensated absences is reported as incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for compensated absences is recorded in the governmental funds only if the liability has matured because of employee resignations or retirements.

### **Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability/asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense; information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

### **Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations**

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

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

### **Fund Balance**

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, the City classifies its fund balance based on the purpose for which the resources were received and the level of constraint placed on the resources. 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 loans receivable, as well as property acquired for resale, unless the use of the proceeds from the collection of those receivables or from the sale of those properties is restricted, committed or assigned.

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*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.

*Committed* – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (ordinance or resolution, as both are equally binding) of City Council. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution, as both are equally binding) it employed to previously commit those amounts. In contrast to fund balance that is restricted by enabling legislation, the committed fund balance classification may be redeployed for other purposes with appropriate due process. Constraints imposed on the use of committed amounts are imposed by the City Council, separate from the authorization to raise the underlying revenue; therefore, compliance with these constraints is not considered to be legally enforceable. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

*Assigned* – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the City for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by City Council. State statute authorizes the Finance Director to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated. The City Council may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget.

*Unassigned* – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. General fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance. 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.

The City's fund balance policy establishes the unassigned fund balance at no less than 5 percent of annual operating expenditures and other financing uses and transfers.

### **Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or

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related debt also should be included in this component of net position. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Restricted for other purposes is primarily made up of restrictions for guarantee deposits and contract retainers. At December 31, 2024, there was no net position restricted by enabling legislation.

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

### **Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the proprietary funds. For the City, these revenues are charges for services for water and sewer services, and the self-insurance programs. Operating expenses are necessary costs that have been incurred in order to provide the good or service that is the primary activity of the fund. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating.

### **Contributions of Capital**

Contributions of capital in proprietary fund financial statements arise from outside contributions of capital assets, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction. In the government-wide financial statements, capital contributions are recorded as capital grants and contributions.

### **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.

Repayment from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

### **Extraordinary and Special Items**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the City Administration and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither of these occurred in 2024.

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## **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.

## **Budgetary Data**

All funds, except custodial funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated, however, only governmental funds are required to be reported. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount Council may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is Council's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by Council. The legal level of control has been established by Council at the object level (personal services and other) within each department in the general fund and at the object level (personal services and other) for all other funds. Budgetary modifications may only be made by resolution of the City Council at the legal level of control.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the Director of Finance. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statement reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statement reflect the amounts on the final amended certificate of estimated resources issued during 2024.

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

## **Implementation of New Accounting Principles**

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the City has implemented certain provisions of GASB Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022, GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62, and GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences.

GASB Statement No. 99 enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting and improves the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The implementation of certain provisions of GASB Statement No. 99 that relate to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

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GASB Statement No. 100 enhances accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide a more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessment accountability. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 100 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the City.

GASB Statement No. 101 updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences to promote consistency and better meet the information needs of financial statement users. The unified recognition and measurement model in this Statement will result in a liability for compensated absences that more appropriately reflects when a government incurs an obligation. These changes were incorporated into the City 2024 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position.

**NOTE 3 – FUND BALANCE**

Fund balance can be 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 governmental funds.

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The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented as follows:

	General	American Rescue Plan Act	General Bond Retirement	General Capital Improvement	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<b>Nonspendable for:</b>						
Inventory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 351,258	\$ 351,258
Unclaimed Monies	54,546	-	-	-	-	54,546
<b>Total Nonspendable</b>	<b>54,546</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>351,258</b>	<b>405,804</b>
<b>Restricted for:</b>						
Bond Retirement	-	-	984,365	-	-	984,365
Street Repair and Improvement	-	-	-	-	296,940	296,940
Retainers and Deposits	-	-	-	-	475,631	475,631
Security Operations and Programs	-	-	-	-	45,418	45,418
Street Lighting	-	-	-	-	708,854	708,854
Community Health	-	-	-	-	4,564	4,564
Community Improvement	-	-	-	-	15,861	15,861
Drug and Alcohol Programs	-	-	-	-	527,312	527,312
Court Operations and Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	580,659	580,659
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>984,365</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,655,239</b>	<b>3,639,604</b>
<b>Committed for:</b>						
Retirements	1,263,383	-	-	-	-	1,263,383
Income Tax	558,208	-	-	-	-	558,208
Recreational Programs	-	-	-	-	66,700	66,700
Security Operations and Programs	-	-	-	-	50,010	50,010
Court Operations and Capital Outlay	133,569	-	-	-	-	133,569
General Capital Improvement	-	-	-	2,803,115	-	2,803,115
Safety Equipment	-	-	-	-	130,042	130,042
Recreation Capital Improvement	-	-	-	-	397,102	397,102
Neighborhood Capital Improvement	-	-	-	-	34,205	34,205
<b>Total Committed</b>	<b>1,955,160</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,803,115</b>	<b>678,059</b>	<b>5,436,334</b>
<b>Assigned for:</b>						
General Government	38,698	-	-	-	-	38,698
Public Safety	1,967	-	-	-	-	1,967
Human Services	160	-	-	-	-	160
Community & Economic Development	18,813	-	-	-	-	18,813
Subsequent Year Appropriations	277,091	-	-	-	-	277,091
<b>Total Assigned</b>	<b>336,729</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>336,729</b>
Unassigned	5,280,278	-	-	-	(52,038)	5,228,240
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,626,713</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 984,365</b>	<b>\$ 2,803,115</b>	<b>\$ 3,632,518</b>	<b>\$ 15,046,711</b>

Fund balances at December 31, 2024 included individual fund deficits as follows:

	<u>Deficit</u>
<b><i>Non-Major Governmental Funds</i></b>	
Fire Pension	\$ 30,792
Police Pension	21,246
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 52,038</b>

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The property/liability insurance internal service fund has a negative net position of \$27,405.

The deficits in these governmental funds, resulted from adjustments for accrued liabilities. The general fund is liable for any deficit in these funds and will provide transfers when cash is required, not when accruals occur.

**NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

While the City is reporting financial position, results of operations, and changes in fund balance on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary basis as provided by law, is based upon accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual are presented for the general fund and major special revenue funds on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget.

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

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budget) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budget) as opposed to when the liability is incurred (GAAP).
3. Encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budget) rather than a restriction, commitment or assignment of fund balance (GAAP).
4. Some funds are included in the general fund (GAAP), but have separate legally adopted budgets (budget).

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

<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>		
	General Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund
GAAP Basis	\$ 100,210	\$ -
Net Adjustment for Revenue Accruals	506,876	(728,818)
Net Adjustment for Expenditure Accruals	(388,987)	-
Funds Budgeted Elsewhere **	(14,757)	-
Adjustment for Encumbrances	<u>(91,248)</u>	<u>(1,518,249)</u>
 Budget Basis	 <u>\$ 112,094</u>	 <u>\$ (2,247,067)</u>

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\*\* As part of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, certain funds that are legally budgeted in separate special revenue funds are considered part of the general fund on a GAAP basis. This includes the animal control, municipal court and unclaimed monies funds.

#### **NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

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

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

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

Interim monies may be invested or deposited 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 or interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. 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, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in the first two bullets 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

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6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
7. Certain banker's acceptances and commercial paper notes in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time and for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty days and two hundred seventy days, respectively; and,
8. Under limited circumstances, corporate note interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the City, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. 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.

**Deposits -** Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At year end, \$684,390 of the City's bank balance of \$2,777,689 was uninsured and collateralized. The City's financial institution was approved for a reduced collateral rate of 85 percent through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System.

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 the City and deposited with a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured; or
- Participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution. OPCS required the total market value of the securities pledged to be 102 percent of the deposits being secured or a rate set by the Treasurer of State.

**Segregated Cash** - The municipal court bond fund and health insurance accounts are maintained separately from the City's deposits. The carrying amount of the deposits are reported as "Cash in Segregated Accounts" and "Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts," respectively.

**Investments** - The City has a formal investment policy. The objective of the policy shall be the preservation of capital and protection of principal while earning investment interest. Safety of principal is the primary objective of the investment program. All investments are in an internal investment pool.

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The City's investments at year end were as follows:

S&P Global Ratings	Investment Type	Measurement Value	Investment Maturities			Percent of Total
			12 Months or Less	12 to 36 Months	More Than 36 Months	
Net Asset Value (NAV):						
AAAm	STAR Ohio	\$ 9,850,046	\$ 9,850,046	\$ -	\$ -	73.02%
AAAm	Money Market	79,166	79,166	-	-	0.59%
Fair Value:						
N/A	Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	3,559,514	734,236	1,850,237	975,041	26.39%
	Total Investments	<u>\$13,488,726</u>	<u>\$10,663,448</u>	<u>\$ 1,850,237</u>	<u>\$ 975,041</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs. Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The above table identifies the City's recurring fair value measurements as of December 31, 2024. The City's fair value investments are Level 2 since valued using methodologies that incorporate market inputs such as benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers, and reference data including market research publications. Market indicators and industry and economic events are also monitored which could require the need to acquire further market data.

**Interest Rate Risk** - As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value of losses caused by rising interest rates, the City's investment policy requires that operating funds be invested primarily in short-term investments maturing within 5 years from the date of purchase, and that the City's investment portfolio be structured so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and/or long-term debt payments. The stated intent of the policy is to avoid the need to sell securities prior to maturity.

**Credit Risk** - The credit risk of the City's investments is in the table above. Ohio law requires that STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that the money market fund be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The money market fund carries a rating of AAAm by S&P Global Ratings.

STAR Ohio is an investment pool operated by the Ohio State Treasurer. It is unclassified since it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Ohio law requires STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The weighted average of maturity of the portfolio held by STAR Ohio as of December 31, 2024, is 27 days.

**Concentration of Credit Risk** - The City places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The investment percentages are listed above.

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## **NOTE 6 – RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at December 31, 2024 consisted of municipal income taxes, property and other taxes, intergovernmental receivables arising from entitlements and shared revenues, leases, special assessments, loans and accounts (billings for utility service). No allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded because uncollectible amounts are expected to be insignificant.

Special assessments, delinquent special assessments and delinquent property taxes will primarily be collected in more than one year.

### **Income Taxes**

The City levies and collects an income tax of 2 percent on all income earned within the City, as well as on income of residents earned outside the City. In the latter case, the City allows a credit of 100 percent up to 1-1/2 percent of the tax paid to another municipality, not to exceed the amount owed. Employers within the City are required to withhold income tax on employee earnings and remit the tax at least quarterly to the Regional Income Tax Agency, who administers the City's income tax collections. Corporations and other individual taxpayers are also required to pay their estimated tax at least quarterly and file a final return annually.

The City, by ordinance, allocates income tax revenues and expenditures for collecting, administering, and enforcing the tax to the general fund (75 percent) and to the municipal income tax fund (25 percent). The income tax revenues collected in the municipal income tax fund are designated for water, sewer, recreation, debt, and capital expenditures. The funds cannot be spent for any other reason. The allocation to the four areas is designated annually during the budgetary process approved by Council. The municipal income tax fund has been combined with the general fund for GAAP and budgetary-basis for reporting purposes. On the accrual basis, income tax revenue was \$20,304,207 in the governmental activities. At year end, the municipal income tax fund had \$558,208 in committed funds, for financial statement purposes, that will be allocated to other funds as approved by the municipal income tax levy.

### **Property Taxes**

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

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

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

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

The full tax rate for all City operations for the year ended December 31, 2024, was \$16.80 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The assessed values upon which 2024 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Real Property	\$ 476,899,010
Public Utilities - Personal	<u>17,460,280</u>
Total	<u>\$ 494,359,290</u>

The County Fiscal Officer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts within the County, including the City. The County Auditor periodically remits to the City its portion of the taxes collected. Property taxes receivable represents real and public utility property taxes and outstanding delinquencies which were measurable as of December 31, 2024, and for which there was an enforceable legal claim. In governmental funds, the portion of the receivable not levied to finance 2024 operations is offset to deferred inflows of resources – property taxes levied for the next year. On the accrual basis, collectible delinquent property taxes have been recorded as a receivable and revenue while on the modified accrual basis the revenue has been reported as deferred inflows of resources – unavailable revenue.

### **Loans Receivable**

The City is reporting a long-term loan receivable related to the Eastland Road Construction project. During 2005, the Cities of Berea, Middleburg Heights and Brook Park, along with Cuyahoga County, entered into an agreement that involves various improvements between Bagley Road and State Route 237. As part of this agreement, the City has entered into a loan agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) in the amount of \$1,900,900 to help fund some of the construction costs. Although the City of Berea is obligated for the entire loan, the agreement between the cities obligates the City of Middleburg Heights (43 percent) and the City of Brook Park (34 percent) to make semi-annual debt service payments to the City of Berea to help make the annual debt service payments to OPWC.

As of December 31, 2024, there is a long-term OPWC loan payable by the City in the amount of \$1,045,494 (See Note 12). A corresponding long-term loan receivable has been reported in the City's financial statements in the amount of \$731,844, which represents the combined amount owed by the City of Middleburg Heights and the City of Brook Park to the City. These loans are classified as loans receivable on the balance sheet, considered collectible in full, and are expected to be collected in more than one year.

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A summary of future payments to be received is as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
2025	\$ 73,184	
2026	73,184	
2027	73,184	
2028	73,184	
2029	73,184	
2030 - 2034	<u>365,924</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 731,844</u>	

**Lease Receivable**

In December 2023, the City entered into an amended lease agreement with T-Mobile Central LLC for permission to use a cell tower at 124 Lincoln Street. The annual rent payable under the lease, per annum, varies with 15 percent increases every five years. The City is reporting a lease receivable in the governmental-type funds. This amount represents the discounted future lease payments. This discount is being amortized using the interest method. Payments are made monthly. Interest revenue for the lease during the year was \$6,781.

A summary of future payments to be received is as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2025	\$ 11,096	\$ 32,450
2026	11,500	32,046
2027	11,918	31,627
2028	12,352	31,194
2029	19,442	30,636
2030-2034	115,987	141,912
2035-2039	180,894	115,690
2040-2044	264,834	76,237
2045-2048	283,445	21,201
Total	<u>\$ 911,468</u>	<u>\$ 512,993</u>

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## **NOTE 7 - INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS**

### **Interfund Balances**

Interfund receivables and payables can result from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, or (3) payments between funds are made.

### **Interfund Transfers**

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

In 1992, the voters authorized the municipal income tax levy. Proceeds from the levy are recorded in the general fund, for financial statement purposes, and can be transferred out for water, sewer, recreation, debt and capital expenditures as approved annually by Council. These funds cannot be spent for any other reason.

The following transfers out were made from the general fund to reallocate income tax money:

Fund	Amount
Recreation Fund	\$ 1,350,000
General Capital Improvement Fund	1,770,000
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	140,000
Neighborhood Capital Improvement Fund	790,000
Water Revenue Fund	482,000
Sewer Revenue Fund	<u>400,000</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 4,932,000</u>

In addition, the general fund transferred \$250,000 to the street maintenance and repair fund, \$150,000 to the fire pension fund, \$150,000 to the police pension fund, \$525,000 to the capital improvement fund and \$100,000 to the neighborhood improvement fund. The general bond retirement fund transferred \$5,000 to the water revenue fund to pay debt issues relating to water improvements. The City has a voted debt levy that can be used for any type of debt. The water revenue fund transferred \$20,296 to the sewer revenue fund to pay debt issues related to water improvements.

In 2024, the internal transfers between entity-wide activities included cash transfers of \$887,000 from governmental activities to business-type activities.

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**NOTE 8 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of changes in capital assets during 2024 follows:

	Balance 1/1/24	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/24
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
<i>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated/Amortized</i>				
Land	\$ 12,469,213	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,469,213
Intangible Right of Way	2,183,636	-	-	2,183,636
Construction in Progress	244,338	586,906	(831,244)	-
<i>Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated/Amortized</i>	<i>14,897,187</i>	<i>586,906</i>	<i>(831,244)</i>	<i>14,652,849</i>
<i>Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized</i>				
Land Improvements	22,715,174	883,149	-	23,598,323
Buildings	14,525,873	-	-	14,525,873
Building Improvements	43,195,843	9,270,718	(19,170)	52,447,391
Machinery and Equipment	6,866,790	117,620	-	6,984,410
Furniture and Fixtures	1,860,208	-	-	1,860,208
Vehicles	5,312,183	449,790	(379,122)	5,382,851
Infrastructure:				
Bridges	11,435,911	315,752	-	11,751,663
Roads	63,136,800	362,353	(88,738)	63,410,415
Sidewalks	1,763,727	-	-	1,763,727
Traffic Signals	4,238,674	-	-	4,238,674
Intangible Right-to-Use Vehicle	-	257,070	-	257,070
<i>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized</i>	<i>175,051,183</i>	<i>11,656,452</i>	<i>(487,030)</i>	<i>186,220,605</i>
<i>Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i>				
Land Improvements	(11,504,219)	(1,162,093)	-	(12,666,312)
Buildings	(11,600,222)	(337,791)	-	(11,938,013)
Building Improvements	(19,005,838)	(2,017,974)	19,170	(21,004,642)
Machinery and Equipment	(6,211,415)	(220,500)	-	(6,431,915)
Furniture and Fixtures	(1,807,952)	(25,889)	-	(1,833,841)
Vehicles	(3,475,611)	(452,997)	379,122	(3,549,486)
Infrastructure:				
Bridges	(5,953,031)	(428,791)	-	(6,381,822)
Roads	(43,370,815)	(3,054,568)	88,738	(46,336,645)
Sidewalks	(1,450,077)	(77,851)	-	(1,527,928)
Traffic Signals	(2,157,954)	(141,289)	-	(2,299,243)
Intangible Right-to-Use Vehicle	-	(12,854)	-	(12,854)
<i>Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i>	<i>(106,537,134)</i>	<i>(7,932,597)</i>	<i>487,030</i>	<i>(113,982,701)</i>
<i>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized, Net</i>	<i>68,514,049</i>	<i>3,723,855</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>72,237,904</i>
<b>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net</b>				
	\$ 83,411,236	\$ 4,310,761	\$ (831,244)	\$ 86,890,753

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	Balance 1/1/24	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/24
<b>Business-Type Activities</b>				
<i>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated/Amortized</i>				
Land	\$ 93,181	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93,181
Intangible Right of Way	1,154,237	- -	- -	1,154,237
Construction in Progress	208,314	1,707,940	(655,667)	1,260,587
<i>Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated/Amortized</i>	<i>1,455,732</i>	<i>1,707,940</i>	<i>(655,667)</i>	<i>2,508,005</i>
<i>Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized</i>				
Land Improvements	995,301	- -	- -	995,301
Buildings	4,941,378	- -	- -	4,941,378
Building Improvements	2,467,600	- -	- -	2,467,600
Machinery and Equipment	5,701,436	11,594	- -	5,713,030
Furniture and Fixtures	49,252	- -	- -	49,252
Vehicles	187,973	- -	(45,671)	142,302
Infrastructure:				
Water Lines	15,664,240	- -	- -	15,664,240
Storm Sewers	18,334,811	- -	- -	18,334,811
Sanitary Sewers	15,173,114	655,667	- -	15,828,781
Intangible Right-to-Use Equipment	477,550	- -	- -	477,550
<i>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized</i>	<i>63,992,655</i>	<i>667,261</i>	<i>(45,671)</i>	<i>64,614,245</i>
<i>Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i>				
Land Improvements	(976,016)	(2,386)	- -	(978,402)
Buildings	(3,368,851)	(113,971)	- -	(3,482,822)
Building Improvements	(1,402,909)	(106,907)	- -	(1,509,816)
Machinery and Equipment	(4,363,269)	(149,573)	- -	(4,512,842)
Furniture and Fixtures	(49,252)	- -	- -	(49,252)
Vehicles	(187,973)	- -	45,671	(142,302)
Infrastructure:				
Water Lines	(5,007,461)	(346,002)	- -	(5,353,463)
Storm Sewers	(7,351,386)	(433,514)	- -	(7,784,900)
Sanitary Sewers	(4,899,416)	(304,952)	- -	(5,204,368)
Intangible Right-to-Use Equipment	(7,959)	(95,510)	- -	(103,469)
<i>Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</i>	<i>(27,614,492)</i>	<i>(1,552,815)</i>	<i>45,671</i>	<i>(29,121,636)</i>
<i>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized, Net</i>	<i>36,378,163</i>	<i>(885,554)</i>	<i>- -</i>	<i>35,492,609</i>
<b>Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net</b>	<b>\$ 37,833,895</b>	<b>\$ 822,386</b>	<b>\$ (655,667)</b>	<b>\$ 38,000,614</b>

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

	<u>Depreciation/ Amortization</u>
Security of Persons and Property	\$ 493,004
Leisure Time Services	2,896,324
Public Works	12,149
Transportation	3,566,585
General Government	<u>964,535</u>
 Total Depreciation Expense	 <u>\$ 7,932,597</u>

**NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

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

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

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions – between an employer and its employees — of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represents the City’s proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the City’s obligation for the liability to annually required payments. The City cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the City does receive the benefit of employees’ services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when

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the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* and *net OPEB liability (asset)* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension/OPEB contributions outstanding at the end of the year is included in intergovernmental payable on both the accrual and modified accrual bases of accounting.

The remainder of this note includes the pension disclosures. See Note 10 for the OPEB disclosures.

***Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)***

Plan Description – City employees, other than full-time police and firefighters, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Effective January 1, 2022, new members may no longer select the Combined Plan, and current members may no longer make a plan change to this plan. In October 2023, the legislature approved House Bill (HB) 33 which allows for the consolidation of the combined plan with the traditional plan with the timing of the consolidation at the discretion of OPERS. As of December 31, 2023, the consolidation has not been executed. (The latest information available.) Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional plan. Substantially all employee members are in OPERS' traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

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<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013

**State and Local**

**Age and Service Requirements:**

Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit

**Traditional Plan Formula:**

2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30

**State and Local**

**Age and Service Requirements:**

Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit

**Traditional Plan Formula:**

2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30

**State and Local**

**Age and Service Requirements:**

Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit

**Traditional Plan Formula:**

2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

When a benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the member's original base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

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

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

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined within the constraints of statutory limits for each division and expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution was \$1,022,706 for 2024. Of this amount, \$93,076 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

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***Plan Description – Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)***

Plan Description – Full-time police and firefighters participate in Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by OP&F. OP&F provides retirement and disability pension benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by the Ohio State Legislature and are codified in Chapter 742 of the Ohio Revised Code. OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information and detailed information about OP&F fiduciary net position. The report that may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at [www.op-f.org](http://www.op-f.org) or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Upon attaining a qualifying age with sufficient years of service, a member of OP&F may retire and receive a lifetime monthly pension. OP&F offers four types of service retirement: normal, service commuted, age/service commuted and actuarially reduced. Each type has different eligibility guidelines and is calculated using the member's average annual salary. The following discussion of the pension formula relates to normal service retirement.

For members hired after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 52 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit. For members hired on or before after July 1, 2013, the minimum retirement age is 48 for normal service retirement with at least 25 years of service credit.

The annual pension benefit for normal service retirement is equal to a percentage of the allowable average annual salary. The percentage equals 2.5 percent for each of the first 20 years of service credit, 2.0 percent for each of the next five years of service credit and 1.5 percent for each year of service credit in excess of 25 years. The maximum pension of 72 percent of the allowable average annual salary is paid after 33 years of service credit (see OP&F Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for Deferred Retirement Option Plan provisions and reduced and unreduced benefits).

Under normal service retirement, retired members who are at least 55 years old and have been receiving OP&F benefits for at least one year may be eligible for a cost-of-living allowance adjustment. The age 55 provision for receiving a COLA does not apply to those who are receiving a permanent and total disability benefit, statutory survivors and annuity beneficiaries. Members participating in the DROP program have separate eligibility requirements related to COLA.

The COLA amount for members who have 15 or more years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members who are receiving a pension benefit that became effective before July 1, 2013, will be equal to 3.0 percent of the member's base pension benefit.

The COLA amount for members who have less than 15 years of service credit as of July 1, 2013, and members whose pension benefit became effective on or after July 1, 2013, will be equal to a percentage of the member's base pension benefit where the percentage is the lesser of 3.0 percent or the percentage increase in the consumer price index, if any, over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent.

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Members who retired prior to July 24, 1986, or their surviving beneficiaries under optional plans are entitled to cost-of-living allowance increases. The annual increase is paid on July 1st of each year. The annual COLA increase is \$360 under a Single Life Annuity Plan with proportional reductions for optional payment plans.

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

	<u>Police</u>	<u>Firefighters</u>
<b>2024 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer	19.50 %	24.00 %
Employee	12.25 %	12.25 %
<b>2024 Actual Contribution Rates</b>		
Employer:		
Pension	19.00 %	23.50 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	<u>0.50</u>	<u>0.50</u>
Total Employer	<u>19.50 %</u>	<u>24.00 %</u>
Employee	<u>12.25 %</u>	<u>12.25 %</u>

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$1,431,020 for 2024. Of this amount, \$112,702 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

In addition to current contributions, the City pays installments on a specific liability the City incurred when the State of Ohio established the statewide pension system for police and fire fighter in 1967. As of December 31, 2024, the specific liability of the City was \$123,847 payable in semi-annual payments through the year 2035.

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

The net pension liability for OPERS was measured as of December 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. OP&F's total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2023, and was determined by rolling forward the total pension liability as of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the City's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

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	OPERS	OP&F	Total
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Period	0.042422%	0.2093397%	
Prior Measurement Period	0.043372%	0.2011642%	
Change in Proportion	<u>-0.000950%</u>	<u>0.0081755%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 11,106,253	\$ 20,225,104	\$ 31,331,357
Pension Expense	\$ 1,095,940	\$ 1,927,849	\$ 3,023,789

Other than contributions made subsequent to the measurement date and differences between projected and actual earnings on investments; deferred inflows/outflows of resources are recognized in pension expense beginning in the current period, using a straight line method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions, determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. Net deferred inflows/outflows of resources pertaining to the differences between projected and actual investment earnings are similarly recognized over a closed five year period. At December 31, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	OPERS	OP&F	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	\$ 2,241,716	\$ 2,291,929	\$ 4,533,645
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	181,523	649,286	830,809
Changes of Assumptions	-	1,278,203	1,278,203
Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences in Contributions	-	514,621	514,621
City Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	1,022,176	1,431,020	2,453,196
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,445,415</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,165,059</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,610,474</u></b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ -	\$ 226,193	\$ 226,193
Changes of Assumptions	-	307,141	307,141
Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences in Contributions	165,176	206,484	371,660
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 165,176</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 739,818</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 904,994</u></b>

\$2,453,196 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Year Ending December 31:	OPERS	OP&F	Total
2025	\$ 428,684	\$ 984,461	\$ 1,413,145
2026	718,056	1,106,670	1,824,726
2027	1,430,535	1,684,117	3,114,652
2028	(319,212)	19,568	(299,644)
2029	-	193,600	193,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,258,063</b>	<b>\$ 3,994,221</b>	<b>\$ 6,252,284</b>

***Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS***

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, using the following key actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67:

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

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females). Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females). For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

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During 2023, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio, and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Defined Benefit portfolio contains the investment assets for the Traditional Pension Plan, the defined benefit component of the Combined Plan and the annuitized accounts of the Member-Directed Plan. Within the Defined Benefit portfolio contributions into the plans are all recorded at the same time, and benefit payments all occur on the first of the month. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Defined Benefit portfolio was a gain of 11.2 percent for 2023.

The allocation of investment assets with the Defined Benefit portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined benefit pension plans. The long-term expected rate of return on defined benefit investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected real rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major class that is included in the Defined Benefit portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023, these best estimates are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	24.00%	2.85%
Domestic Equities	21.00	4.27
Real Estate	13.00	4.46
Private Equity	15.00	7.52
International Equities	20.00	5.16
Risk Parity	2.00	4.38
Other investments	5.00	3.46
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for the current year was 6.9 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers are made at the contractually required rates, as actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** The following table presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 6.9 percent, as well as what the City's proportionate

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share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.9 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (7.9 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 17,484,227	\$ 11,106,253	\$ 5,801,633

***Actuarial Assumptions – OP&F***

OP&F's total pension liability as of December 31, 2023, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2023, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total pension liability is determined by OP&F's actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Assumptions considered are: withdrawal rates, disability retirement, service retirement, DROP elections, mortality, percent married and forms of the payment, DROP interest rate, CPI-based COLA, investment returns, salary increases and payroll growth. The changes in assumptions are being amortized over the estimated remaining useful life of the participants which was 6.03 years at December 31, 2023.

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, prepared as of January 1, 2023, are presented below.

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

For 2023, the mortality for service retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Healthy Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted to 96.2 percent for males and 98.70 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

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

For 2023, mortality for contingent annuitants is based on the Pub- 2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Contingent Annuitant Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 108.9 percent for males and 131 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

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For 2023, Mortality for active members is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Employee mortality table. All rates are projected using the MP- 2021 Improvement Scale.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption (30 to 50 years) and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the underlying inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	18.60 %	4.10 %
Non-US Equity	12.40	4.90
Private Markets	10.00	7.30
Core Fixed Income *	25.00	2.40
High Yield Fixed Income	7.00	4.10
Private Credit	5.00	6.80
U.S. Inflation Linked Bonds*	15.00	2.10
Midstream Energy Infrastructure	5.00	5.80
Real Assets	8.00	6.00
Gold	5.00	3.50
Private Real Estate	12.00	5.40
Commodities	2.00	3.50
 Total	 <u>125.00 %</u>	

Note: Assumptions are geometric.

\* levered 2.0x

OP&F's Board of Trustees has incorporated the risk parity concept into OP&F's asset liability valuation with the goal of reducing equity risk exposure, which reduces overall Total Portfolio risk without sacrificing return, and creating a more risk-balanced portfolio based on their relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.25 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

**Discount Rate** The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earning were calculated using the longer-term assumed

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investment rate of return of 7.50 percent. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

***Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*** Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact, the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 26,789,657	\$ 20,225,104	\$ 14,766,040

## **NOTE 10- DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS**

### ***Net OPEB Liability***

See Note 9 for a description of the net OPEB liability.

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

Plan Description – The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan. Substantially all employee members are in OPERS' traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust. The 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust or Health Care Trust) was established in 2014, under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The purpose of the 115 Trust is to fund health care. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. Retirees may have an allowance deposited into a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account to be used toward the health care program of their choice and other eligible expenses. An OPERS vendor is available to assist with the selection of a health care program.

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

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OPERS members retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

**Age 65 or older Retirees** Minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

**Age 60 to 64 Retirees** Based on the following age-and-service criteria:

**Group A** 30 years of total service with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit;

**Group B** 31 years of total service credit with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit; or

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

**Age 59 or younger** Based on the following age-and-service criteria:

**Group A** 30 years of qualified health care service credit;

**Group B** 32 years of qualified health care service credit at any age or 31 years of qualified heath care service credit and at least age 52; or

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

A retiree from groups A, B or C who qualifies for an unreduced pension, but a portion of their service credit is not health care qualifying service, can still qualify for health care at age 60 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying health care service credit.

Retirees who don't meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022, who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022, as summarized in the following table:

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>
<b>Age and Service Requirements</b> <i>December 1, 2014 or Prior</i> Any Age with 10 years of service credit  <i>January 1, 2015 through</i> <i>December 31, 2021</i> Age 60 with 20 years of service credit or Any Age with 30 years of service credit	<b>Age and Service Requirements</b> <i>December 1, 2014 or Prior</i> Any Age with 10 years of service credit  <i>January 1, 2015 through</i> <i>December 31, 2021</i> Age 52 with 31 years of service credit or Age 60 with 20 years of service credit or Any Age with 32 years of service credit	<b>Age and Service Requirements</b> <i>December 1, 2014 or Prior</i> Any Age with 10 years of service credit  <i>January 1, 2015 through</i> <i>December 31, 2021</i> Age 55 with 32 years of service credit or Age 60 with 20 years of service credit

See the Age and Service Retirement section of the OPERS ACFR for a description of Groups A, B and C.

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Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are provided to eligible retirees, and are deposited into their HRA account.

The base allowance is determined by OPERS and is currently \$1,200 per month for non-Medicare retirees and \$350 per month for Medicare retirees. The retiree receives a percentage of the base allowance, calculated based on years of qualifying service credit and age when the retiree first enrolled in OPERS health care. Monthly allowances range between 51 percent and 90 percent of the base allowance for both non-Medicare and Medicare retirees.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50 percent of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

**Funding Policy** - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2024, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2024, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan. Beginning July 1, 2022, there was a two percent allocation to health care for the Combined Plan which has continued through 2024. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA

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for participants in the member-directed plan for 2024 was 4.0 percent. Effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves which has continued through 2024.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The City's contractually required contribution was \$0 for 2024.

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

Plan Description – The City contributes to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F) sponsored healthcare program, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined post-employment health care plan administered by a third-party provider. This program is not guaranteed and is subject to change at any time upon action of the Board of Trustees. On January 1, 2019, OP&F implemented a new model for health care. Under this new model, OP&F provides eligible retirees with a fixed stipend earmarked to pay for health care and Medicare Part B reimbursements.

OP&F contracted with a vendor who assists eligible retirees in choosing health care plans that are available where they live (both Medicare-eligible and pre-65 populations). A stipend funded by OP&F is available to these members through a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and can be used to reimburse retirees for qualified health care expenses.

Regardless of a benefit recipient's participation in the health care program, OP&F is required by law to pay eligible recipients of a service pension, disability benefit and spousal survivor benefit for their Medicare Part B insurance premium, up to the statutory maximum provided the benefit recipient is not eligible to receive reimbursement from any other source. Once OP&F receives the necessary documentation, a monthly reimbursement is included as part of the recipient's next benefit payment. The stipend provided by OP&F meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75.

OP&F maintains funds for health care in two separate accounts: one account for health care benefits and one account for Medicare Part B reimbursements. A separate health care trust accrual account is maintained for health care benefits under IRS Code Section 115 trust. IRS Code Section 401(h) account is maintained for Medicare Part B reimbursements.

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

OP&F issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial information and required supplementary information for the plan. The report may be obtained by visiting the OP&F website at [www.op-f.org](http://www.op-f.org) or by writing to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, 140 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-5164.

Funding Policy – The Ohio Revised Code provides for contribution requirements of the participating employers and of plan members to the OP&F defined benefit pension plan. Participating employers are required to contribute to the pension plan at rates expressed as percentages of the payroll of active pension plan members, currently 19.5 percent and 24 percent of covered payroll for police and fire employer units, respectively. The Ohio Revised Code states that the employer contribution may not exceed 19.5 percent of covered payroll for police employer units and 24 percent of covered payroll for fire employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

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The Board of Trustees is authorized to allocate a portion of the total employer contributions for retiree health care benefits. For 2024, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.5 percent of covered payroll. The amount of employer contributions allocated to the health care plan each year is subject to the Trustees' primary responsibility to ensure that pension benefits are adequately funded.

The City's contractually required contribution to OP&F was \$34,016 for 2024. Of this amount, \$2,677 is reported as an intergovernmental payable.

***Net OPEB Liability (Asset), OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

The net OPEB liability and total OPEB liability for OPERS were determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022, rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2023, by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payment, and interest accruals during the year. OP&F's total OPEB liability was measured as of December 31, 2022, and was determined by rolling forward the total OPEB liability as of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. The City's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the City's share of contributions to the retirement plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	OPERS	OP&F	Total
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset):			
Current Measurement Period	0.040434%	0.2093397%	
Prior Measurement Period	0.041276%	0.2011642%	
Change in Proportion	<u>-0.000842%</u>	<u>0.0081755%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)			
\$ (364,927)	\$ (364,927)	\$ 1,528,453	\$ 1,163,526
OPEB Expense	\$ (44,568)	\$ (704)	\$ (45,272)

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

	OPERS	OP&F	Total
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	\$ 219,160	\$ 112,866	\$ 332,026
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	- 73,499	73,499	73,499
Changes of Assumptions	93,951	525,959	619,910
Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences in Contributions	5,278 104,375	104,375	109,653
City Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	- 34,016	34,016	34,016
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 318,389</b>	<b>\$ 850,715</b>	<b>\$ 1,169,104</b>

	OPERS	OP&F	Total
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 51,940 280,886	\$ 280,886	\$ 332,826
Changes of Assumptions	156,871 984,288	984,288	1,141,159
Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences in Contributions	393 118,963	118,963	119,356
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 209,204</b>	<b>\$ 1,384,137</b>	<b>\$ 1,593,341</b>

\$34,016 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction/addition of the net OPEB liability in 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31:	OPERS	OP&F	Total
2025	\$ (6,260)	\$ (67,524)	\$ (73,784)
2026	18,852	(63,880)	(45,028)
2027	170,597	(36,980)	133,617
2028	(74,004)	(127,064)	(201,068)
2029	- (130,792)	(130,792)	(130,792)
Thereafter	- (141,198)	(141,198)	(141,198)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 109,185</b>	<b>\$ (567,438)</b>	<b>\$ (458,253)</b>

***Actuarial Assumptions – OPERS***

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the values of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review or modification as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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Projections of health care costs for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of coverage provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of costs between OPERS and plan members. The actuarial valuation used the following key actuarial assumptions and methods applied to all prior periods included in the measurement in accordance with the requirements of GASB 74:

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

Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130 percent of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115 percent of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females). Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females). For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2020.

During 2023, OPERS managed investments in three investment portfolios: the Defined Benefit portfolio, the Health Care portfolio and the Defined Contribution portfolio. The Health Care portfolio includes the assets for health care expenses for eligible members. Within the Health Care portfolio, if any contributions are made into the plans, the contributions are assumed to be received continuously throughout the year based on the actual payroll payable at the time contributions are made. Health care-related payments are assumed to occur mid-year. Accordingly, the money-weighted rate of return is considered to be the same for all plans within the portfolio. The annual money-weighted rate of return expressing investment performance, net of investment expenses and adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, for the Health Care portfolio was a gain of 14.0 percent for 2023.

The allocation of investment assets within the Health Care portfolio is approved by the Board of Trustees as outlined in the annual investment plan. Assets are managed on a total return basis with a long-term objective of continuing to offer a sustainable health care program for current and future retirees. OPERS' primary goal is to achieve and maintain a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the defined pension plans. Health care is a discretionary benefit. The long-term expected rate of return on health care investment assets was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the

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target asset allocation percentage, adjusted for inflation. Best estimates of geometric rates of return were provided by the Board's investment consultant. For each major asset class that is included in the Health Care's portfolio's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric)
Fixed Income	37.00%	2.82%
Domestic Equities	25.00	4.27
Real Estate Investment Trust	5.00	4.68
International Equities	25.00	5.16
Risk Parity	3.00	4.38
Other investments	<u>5.00</u>	2.43
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Discount Rate** A single discount rate of 5.70 percent was used to measure the OPEB liability on the measurement date of December 31, 2023; however, the single discount rate used at the beginning of the year was 5.22 percent. Projected benefit payments are required to be discounted to their actuarial present value using a single discount rate that reflects (1) a long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (to the extent that the health care fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate are not met). This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on the health care investment portfolio of 6.00 percent and a municipal bond rate of 3.77 percent (Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index"). The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Based on these assumptions, the health care fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance health care costs through 2070. As a result, the actuarial assumed long-term expected rate of return on health care investments was applied to projected costs through the year 2070, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all health care costs after that date.

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

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 200,553	\$ (364,927)	\$ (833,345)

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***Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rate*** Changes in the health care cost trend rate may also have a significant impact on the net OPEB liability or asset. The following table presents the net liability or asset calculated using the assumed trend rates, and the expected net OPEB liability or asset if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.0 percent lower or 1.0 percent higher than the current rate.

Retiree health care valuations use a health care cost-trend assumption that changes over several years built into the assumption. The near-term rates reflect increases in the current cost of health care; the trend starting in 2024 is 5.50 percent. If this trend continues for future years, the projection indicates that years from now virtually all expenditures will be for health care. A more reasonable alternative is the health plan cost trend will decrease to a level at, or near, wage inflation. On this basis, the actuaries project premium rate increases will continue to exceed wage inflation for approximately the next decade, but by less each year, until leveling off at an ultimate rate, assumed to be 3.50 percent in the most recent valuation.

	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ (380,080)	\$ (364,927)	\$ (347,732)

***Actuarial Assumptions – OP&F***

OP&F's total OPEB liability as of December 31, 2023, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of January 1, 2023, and rolled-forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The total OPEB liability is determined by OP&F's actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual valuation. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, salary increases, disabilities, retirements and employment terminations. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases, actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results, are presented below.

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

For 2023, mortality for service retirees is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Healthy Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 96.2 percent for males and 98.7 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

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

For 2023, mortality for contingent annuitants is based on the Pub- 2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Contingent Annuitant Retiree mortality table with rates adjusted by 108.9 percent for males and 131 percent for females. All rates are projected using the MP-2021 Improvement Scale.

For 2023, mortality for active members is based on the Pub-2010 Below-Median Safety Amount-Weighted Employee mortality table. All rates are projected using the MP- 2021 Improvement Scale.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five-year period ended December 31, 2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in the Statement of Investment Policy. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expected. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted averaged of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes.

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

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	18.60 %	4.10 %
Non-US Equity	12.40	4.90
Private Markets	10.00	7.30
Core Fixed Income *	25.00	2.40
High Yield Fixed Income	7.00	4.10
Private Credit	5.00	6.80
U.S. Inflation Linked Bonds*	15.00	2.10
Midstream Energy Infrastructure	5.00	5.80
Real Assets	8.00	6.00
Gold	5.00	3.50
Private Real Estate	12.00	5.40
Commodities	2.00	3.50
 Total	 <u>125.00 %</u>	

Note: Assumptions are geometric.

\* levered 2.0x

OP&F's Board of Trustees has incorporated the risk parity concept into OP&F's asset liability valuation with the goal of reducing equity risk exposure, which reduces overall Total Portfolio risk without sacrificing return, and creating a more risk-balanced portfolio based on the relationship between asset classes and economic environments. From the notional portfolio perspective above, the Total Portfolio may be levered up to 1.25 times due to the application of leverage in certain fixed income asset classes.

**Discount Rate** For 2023, the total OPEB liability was calculated using the discount rate of 4.07 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contribution from employers and from members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the longer-term assumed investment rate of return of 7.5 percent. Based on those assumptions, OP&F's fiduciary net position was projected to not be able to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, for 2023, the long-term assumed rate of return on investments of 7.50 percent was applied to periods before December 31, 2037, and the Municipal Bond Index Rate of 3.38 percent was applied to periods on and after December 31, 2037, resulting in a discount rate of 4.07 percent.

**Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** Net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 4.07 percent, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.07 percent), or one percentage point higher (5.07 percent) than the current rate.

	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,882,631	\$ 1,528,453	\$ 1,230,167

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#### **NOTE 11 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave components are derived from negotiated agreements, City ordinances and State laws. Vacation leave is earned at varying rates depending upon length of service and standard work week. Vacation leave is vested in the employee on January 1 of each year.

For all employees, except for service union laborers and firefighters, sick leave is earned at the rate of four and one sixteenths hours per bi-weekly pay period. Service union laborers and Water Plant union laborers earn sick leave at the rate of five hours per bi-weekly pay period for 40 hour work week employees, and sick leave is earned at the rate of four and thirty-one tenths hours per bi-weekly pay period for 37.5 hour work week employees. Firefighters earn sick leave at the rate of 24 hours, which equals one tour of duty, per month. Each employee with 10 - 20 years of service with the City is paid for one-third of the employee's earned unused sick leave, not to exceed 360 hours, or 17 tours of duty for firefighters, upon separation from the City. Each employee with 20 or more years of service with the City is paid for one-third of the employee's full balance of earned unused sick leave, limited to 63 hours for firefighters, and 1,512 hours for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, upon separation from the City. Payments upon retirement for union employees will be paid over three years. The full balance may be transferred to another governmental agency if not taken upon separation.

Firefighters with 20 or more years of service with the City may elect to sell back up to 12 tours of duty of accumulated sick leave in any one calendar year. Firefighters will be paid at their current pay rate multiplied by one-third of the total number sick leave hours sold back. Service union laborers with 20 or more years of service with the City may elect to sell back up to 128 hours of accumulated sick leave in any one calendar year. Service union laborers will be paid at their current pay rate multiplied by one-third of the total number sick leave hours sold back.

#### **NOTE 12 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The original issue date, maturity date, interest rate and original issuance amount for each of the City's long-term obligations follows:

	Original Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Original Issue Amount
<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>				
2015 Various Purpose Bonds	2015	2035	2.00%-4.00%	\$ 6,870,000
2016 Various Purpose Refunding Bonds	2016	2026	4.00-4.25%	2,875,000
2020 Various Purpose Refunding Bonds	2020	2030	1.32%	1,860,000
2022 Various Purpose Refunding Bonds	2022	2033	1.98%	2,790,000
2023 Various Purpose Improvement Bonds	2023	2037	3.47%	7,330,000
2022 Revenue Bonds	2022	2035	3.58%	4,935,000
<i>(continued)</i>				

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	Original Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Original Issue Amount
<b>OPWC Loans</b>				
Sewer - Rocky River Project	2005	2025	0.00%	\$ 370,069
Sewer - North End Pump Station	2007	2027	0.00%	710,000
Sewer - Westbridge Drive	2013	2045	0.00%	600,000
Sewer - Fair Street	2016	2037	0.00%	294,000
Sewer - Fair Street Phase 2	2018	2039	0.00%	161,411
Sewer - Kraft Street	2019	2041	0.00%	354,959
Sewer - Barberry, Woodlawn, Maple & Fourth	2023	2043	0.00%	134,220 *
Water - Beech Street	2011	2031	0.00%	102,500
Water - Fair Street	2016	2037	0.00%	73,500
Water - Fair Street Phase 2	2018	2039	0.00%	80,706
Water - Kraft Street	2019	2041	0.00%	305,265
Water - Barberry, Woodlawn, Maple & Fourth	2023	2043	0.00%	125,241 *
Governmental Activities - Eastland Road	2009	2029	0.00%	1,900,900
Governmental Activities - Westbridge Drive	2012	2032	0.00%	202,650
Governmental Activities - Fair Street	2016	2037	0.00%	367,500
Governmental Activities - West Center Street	2017	2039	0.00%	423,500
Governmental Activities - Fair Street Phase 2	2018	2039	0.00%	142,195
Governmental Activities - Kraft Street	2019	2041	0.00%	705,000
Governmental Activities - Barberry, Woodlawn, Maple & Fourth	2023	2043	0.00%	213,145 *
<b>OWDA Loans</b>				
Sewer - Sanitary Sewers	2004	2034	4.66%	1,200,000
Sewer - South Rocky River Sewers	2005	2036	3.75%	713,940
Sewer - Sewer Improvements	2008	2024	4.28%	345,251
Sewer - Beech Street Sewer	2011	2022	3.49%	123,902
Sewer - Hickory Drive Sewer Phase 2	2015	2035	2.91%	275,963
Sewer - Fair Street Reconstruction Phase 1	2017	2037	2.52%	364,014
Sewer - North End Sewer Rehabilitation	2020	2050	1.93%	465,488
Water - Waterline Repacement	2006	2027	4.42%	1,156,254
Water - Waterline Repacement	2007	2038	4.17%	1,109,436
Water - WTP Improvement Phase 1	2007	2028	3.25%	1,930,593
Water - Waterline Improvements	2008	2038	4.78%	1,105,020
Water - WTP Improvement Phase 2	2009	2030	3.70%	3,802,756
Water - Water System Improvements	2011	2042	3.49%	915,008
Water - Water Meters	2016	2037	2.46%	1,710,056
Water - Fair Street Reconstruction Phase 1	2017	2037	2.52%	336,013
<b>Direct Financing with Pledged Assets</b>				
Governmental Activities - Equipment/Vehicles	2018	2025	2.84%	167,680
Governmental Activities - Police Cameras and Equipment	2020	2025	3.29%	223,040
Governmental Activities - Lifepak	2020	2024	1.36%	32,406
Governmental Activities - Dodge Ram	2021	2024	3.47%	14,511
Water - Various Equipment/Vehicles	2018	2025	2.84%	25,056

\*The total loan (project) is not yet 100% complete.

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

	Balance 1/1/24	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/24	Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
<i>General Obligation Bonds:</i>					
2015 Various Purpose Bonds	\$ 4,460,000	\$ -	\$ (355,000)	\$ 4,105,000	\$ 370,000
2016 Refunding Bonds	450,000	-	(145,000)	305,000	150,000
2020 Refunding Bonds	1,190,000	-	(235,000)	955,000	235,000
2022 Refunding Bonds	2,210,000	-	(215,000)	1,995,000	225,000
2023 Various Purpose Bonds	<u>7,005,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(340,000)</u>	<u>6,665,000</u>	<u>360,000</u>
<i>Total General Obligation Bonds</i>	<u>15,315,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,290,000)</u>	<u>14,025,000</u>	<u>1,340,000</u>
<i>Revenue Bonds:</i>					
2022 Revenue Bonds	4,555,000	-	(380,000)	4,175,000	380,000
<i>Direct Borrowing:</i>					
OPWC Loans Payable	2,464,937	-	(167,777)	2,297,160	167,777
<i>Direct Financing:</i>					
2018 Equipment and Vehicles	51,303	-	(25,293)	26,010	26,010
2020 Police Cameras and Equipment	111,462	-	(54,829)	56,633	56,633
2020 Lifepak	6,615	-	(6,615)	-	-
2021 Vehicle	1,688	-	(1,688)	-	-
<i>Total Direct Financing</i>	<u>171,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(88,425)</u>	<u>82,643</u>	<u>82,643</u>
Leases	-	257,070	-	257,070	46,534
<i>Other Long Term Obligations:</i>					
Net Pension Liability	29,742,699	-	(299,405)	29,443,294	-
Net OPEB Liability	1,648,241	-	(119,788)	1,528,453	-
Unamortized Bond Premiums	190,562	-	(17,324)	173,238	17,324
Compensated Absences *	1,358,107	196,219	-	1,554,326	57,161
Police and Fire Pension Liability	<u>133,082</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,235)</u>	<u>123,847</u>	<u>9,492</u>
<i>Total Other Long Term Obligations</i>	<u>33,072,691</u>	<u>196,219</u>	<u>(445,752)</u>	<u>32,823,158</u>	<u>83,977</u>
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 55,578,696</b>	<b>\$ 453,289</b>	<b>\$ (2,371,954)</b>	<b>\$ 53,660,031</b>	<b>\$ 2,100,931</b>

\* - The change in compensated absences above is a net change for the year.

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	Balance 1/1/2024	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2024	Due Within One Year
<b>Business-Type Activities</b>					
<i>General Obligation Bonds:</i>					
2015 Various Purpose Bonds	\$ 85,000	\$ -	\$ (5,000)	\$ 80,000	\$ 5,000
<i>Direct Borrowings:</i>					
OWDA Loans	7,548,194	68,513	(693,317)	6,923,390	690,888
OPWC Loans	2,162,637	-	(146,965)	2,015,672	146,965
Loan Payable	145,523	-	(19,404)	126,119	19,404
<i>Total Direct Borrowings</i>	<i>9,856,354</i>	<i>68,513</i>	<i>(859,686)</i>	<i>9,065,181</i>	<i>857,257</i>
<i>Direct Financing:</i>					
2018 Equipment and Vehicles	7,666	-	(3,779)	3,887	3,887
<i>Lease Payable:</i>					
Vehicle	477,550	-	(83,077)	394,473	90,234
<i>Other Long Term Obligations:</i>					
Net Pension Liability	2,178,058	-	(289,995)	1,888,063	-
Net OPEB Liability	44,243	-	(44,243)	-	-
Compensated Absences *	123,315	776	-	124,091	4,563
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,345,616</i>	<i>776</i>	<i>(334,238)</i>	<i>2,012,154</i>	<i>4,563</i>
<b>Total Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>\$ 12,772,186</b>	<b>\$ 69,289</b>	<b>\$ (1,285,780)</b>	<b>\$ 11,555,695</b>	<b>\$ 960,941</b>

\* - The change in compensated absences above is a net change for the year.

*General Obligation Bonds* - General obligations bonds are direct obligations of the City for which its full faith and credit are pledged for repayment. The general obligation bonds will be retired from the general bond retirement fund and water revenue fund. The general obligation bonds outstanding as of December 31, 2024 are to be repaid from both voted and unvoted property taxes levied on all taxable property located within the City, municipal income taxes, and transfers from the water revenue fund for exempt properties. Exempt properties include organizations exempt from taxation, such as colleges and churches, as well as property outside the City's jurisdiction who are provided water services from the City. The City assesses these exempt properties through a surcharge on their water bills to pay for the debt.

On March 24, 2015, the City issued \$6,870,000 in Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds at an average interest rate of 3.24 percent with a premium of \$346,478. These bonds were used to retire bond anticipation notes and will mature in 2035.

On August 18, 2016, the City issued current refunding general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the bonds were used to refund \$2,775,000 of the City's outstanding 2006 Various Purpose Bonds. The issuance resulted in a difference between the cash flows required to service the old debt and the cash flows required to service the new debt of \$177,163. The issuance resulted in an economic gain of \$180,310.

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On November 12, 2020, the City issued current refunding general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the bonds were used to refund \$1,780,000 of the City's outstanding 2010 Various Purpose Bonds. The issuance resulted in a difference between the cash flows required to service the old debt and the cash flows required to service the new debt of \$220,711. The issuance resulted in an economic gain of \$210,073. As of December 31, 2024 \$960,000 of these bonds are considered defeased, (which mature on December 1, 2023 through December 1, 2030).

On March 16, 2022, the City issued refunding general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the bonds were used to refund \$2,750,000 of the City's outstanding 2013 Various Purpose Bonds. The issuance resulted in a difference between the cash flows required to service the old debt and the cash flows required to service the new debt of \$161,247. The issuance resulted in an economic gain of \$312,627. As of December 31, 2024 \$2,000,000 of these bonds are considered defeased, (which mature on December 1, 2023 through December 1, 2033).

On January 10, 2023 the City issued \$7,330,000 in Various Purpose General Obligation Bonds at an interest rate of 3.47 percent. These bonds will be used to retire existing bond anticipation notes and finance various improvement projects. The bonds will mature in 2037.

**Revenue Bonds** - On September 8, 2022, the City issued \$4,935,000 in Building Improvement Revenue Bonds with an interest rate of 3.58 percent maturing in 2035. These bonds will be used to retire existing bond anticipation notes and finance building improvements for the Cleveland Brown's organization.

The City has pledged future non-tax revenues to repay bond principal and interest of \$4,175,000 and \$896,646, respectively. Net available revenues of \$244,141 are available to repay principal and interest payments due in 2025.

**OWDA Loans** - The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loans will be paid from user charges from the appropriate enterprise fund.

In the event of default, as defined by each OWDA loan agreement, the lender may declare the full amount of the unpaid amount immediately due and payable and require the City to pay any fines or penalties incurred with interest.

**OPWC Loan** - The Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) loans are zero percent loans and paid from the general capital improvement fund, which includes resources related to loans receivable (See Note 6) and the water and sewer enterprise funds.

The City has pledged future net customer revenue to repay \$6,923,381 and \$2,015,682 in OWDA and OPWC loans, respectively. Current year principal and interest payments, as a percentage of net customer revenues, on all OWDA and OPWC loans were 69 percent. The percentage is expected to decrease in the future as expansion projects begin operation in years to come. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on all OWDA and OPWC loans is \$7,945,277 and \$2,015,682, respectively, which includes the principal and interest payments on completed projects. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total net available revenues were \$678,477 and \$1,272,959, respectively for the water fund and \$351,680 and \$230,894, respectively for the sewer fund.

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In the event of default, as defined by each OPWC loan agreement, the amount of default will be subject to 8 percent interest on all amounts due from date of default. Additionally, the Lender may declare all amounts immediately due and payable or require the City Treasurer to pay the amounts due from funds appropriated to the county's undivided local government fund. The lender will also be entitled to collect any cost incurred in the event of default.

**Loans Payable** – During 2008, the City entered into an agreement with the City of Olmsted Falls, Ohio for a joint construction project on Lindberg/Westlawn Road. As part of this agreement, the City agreed to make annual debt service payments to the City of Olmsted Falls to cover annual debt service payments from a loan the City of Olmsted Falls entered into with OPWC in order to provide funding for the project.

**Direct Financing** - In the event of a default, Lessor may declare an amount equal to all remaining lease payments in effect when the event of default occurs together with interest be immediately due and payable or request the City to promptly return the asset to the Lessor and/or allow Lessor to disable the asset and take immediate possession of and remove it or sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any assets financed under the leases and demand payment of all out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by Lessor as a result of the event of default.

**Net Pension and OPEB Liabilities** – There are no repayment schedules for the net pension liability and net OPEB liability; however, employer pension and OPEB contributions are primarily made from the general fund and the sewer and water revenue funds. For additional information related to the net pension liability and net OPEB liability see Notes 9 and 10.

**Other Long-Term Obligations** - Direct financing are paid from the general fund, general capital improvement fund and water revenue fund.

The police and fire pension liability will be paid by voted property taxes levied on all taxable property located within the City from the police pension and fire pension special revenue funds.

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Principal and interest requirements to retire the long-term debt obligations outstanding at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

**Governmental Activities**

Year	General Obligation Bonds		Revenue Bonds		OPWC (1)	Direct Financing	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest		Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 1,340,000	\$ 441,972	\$ 380,000	\$ 149,590	\$ 167,777	\$ 82,643	\$ 2,601
2026	1,300,000	407,372	380,000	135,975	167,777	-	-
2027	1,160,000	371,488	380,000	122,359	167,777	-	-
2028	1,195,000	337,571	380,000	108,744	167,777	-	-
2029	1,235,000	302,469	380,000	95,129	167,777	-	-
2030 - 2034	5,525,000	946,830	1,900,000	271,412	823,685	-	-
2035 - 2039	2,270,000	151,413	375,000	13,436	380,485	-	-
2040 - 2041	-	-	-	-	40,960	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 14,025,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,959,115</u>	<u>\$ 4,175,000</u>	<u>\$ 896,645</u>	<u>\$ 2,084,015</u>	<u>\$ 82,643</u>	<u>\$ 2,601</u>

(1) OPWC loans issued in 2024 have not been fully drawn down, thus there are no amortization schedules available. The net balance of the loans drawn totaling \$213,145 are reported as long term obligations due in more than one year and are not included in the above maturity schedule.

**Business-Type Activities**

Year	OWDA (1)		OPWC (2)	Loan	General Obligation Bond		Direct Financing	
	Principal	Interest			Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 690,888	\$ 231,164	\$ 146,965	\$ 19,404	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,063	\$ 3,887	\$ 110
2026	703,326	205,920	146,960	19,404	5,000	2,900	-	-
2027	694,756	179,998	128,461	19,404	5,000	2,727	-	-
2028	619,045	155,391	128,461	19,404	5,000	2,551	-	-
2029	574,742	133,868	128,461	19,404	5,000	2,375	-	-
2030 - 2034	2,053,492	406,517	464,803	29,099	45,000	7,800	-	-
2035 - 2039	1,057,407	102,324	432,143	-	10,000	400	-	-
2040 - 2044	128,489	7,959	160,206	-	-	-	-	-
2045	-	-	19,752	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$6,522,145</u>	<u>\$ 1,423,141</u>	<u>\$ 1,756,211</u>	<u>\$ 126,119</u>	<u>\$ 80,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,816</u>	<u>\$ 3,887</u>	<u>\$ 110</u>

(1) OWDA loans issued in 2022 have not been fully drawn down, thus there are no amortization schedules available. The net balance of the loans drawn totaling \$401,245 are reported as long term obligations due in more than one year and are not included in the above maturity schedule.

(2) OPWC loans issued in 2023 have not been fully drawn down, thus there are no amortization schedules available. The net balance of the loans drawn totaling \$259,461 are reported as long term obligations due in more than one year and are not included in the above maturity schedule.

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### **NOTE 13 – LEASES**

In 2024, The City entered into a 60 month lease as Lessee for the use of an ambulance. As of December 31, 2024, the value of the lease liability is \$257,070. The City is required to make annual fixed payments of \$59,358. The lease has an interest rate of 4.99 percent. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2024, is \$257,070 with accumulated amortization of \$12,854 in the sewer enterprise fund. The City has the option to purchase the ambulance for \$1.00.

The City entered into a 60 month lease as Lessee for the use of a GapVax Truck. As of December 31, 2024, the value of the lease liability is \$394,473. The City is required to make annual fixed payments of \$113,723. The lease has an interest rate of 5.95 percent. The value of the right-to-use asset as of December 31, 2024, is \$477,550 with accumulated amortization of \$103,469 in the sewer enterprise fund. The City has the option to purchase the truck for \$1.00.

The future lease payments required are as follows:

<u>Leases Payable</u>				
Year	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 46,534	\$ 12,825	\$ 90,234	\$ 23,490
2026	48,855	10,503	95,607	18,116
2027	51,292	8,066	101,300	12,423
2028	53,851	5,507	107,332	3,391
2029	56,538	2,821	-	-
	<u>\$257,070</u>	<u>\$ 39,722</u>	<u>\$394,473</u>	<u>\$ 57,420</u>

### **NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

The City maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for real property, building contents, vehicles, and general liability risks including public officials' liability. The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During 2024, the City contracted with Public Entities Pool of Ohio for claims in excess of coverage provided by the fund for all risk of loss. Under this program, the general liability and property losses are covered to \$10,000 and \$50,000 respectively. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There has not been a significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

The City maintains a property and liability insurance internal service fund to account for and finance its uninsured and insured risk of loss. The general fund, recreation and street maintenance special revenue funds and the water revenue and sewer revenue enterprise funds participate in the program and make payments to the property and liability insurance internal service fund based on estimates of the amounts

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needed to pay prior year and current year claims. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years. There has not been a significant reduction in coverage from the prior year.

The City has no claims liability at December 31, 2024 or 2023.

### **Medical Benefits**

The City has elected to provide employee medical, surgical, prescription drug, dental, and vision benefits. The City maintains a self-insurance internal services fund to account for this program. The plan provides medical/surgical coverage with certain deductibles, co-pays and maximum benefits as noted in the plan. The dental/vision benefits are also subject to certain deductibles, co-pays and maximum benefits as noted in the plan. The prescription drug plan utilizes a \$10 generic, \$20 preferred brand name, \$35 non-preferred brand name deductible per prescription. The plan is administered by United Healthcare/UMR and overseen by The Fedeli Group. All claims are reviewed by United Healthcare/UMR and the City before claims are paid by the City. All of the above limitations are subject to certain guidelines and restrictions.

The City pays into the self-insurance internal service fund \$1,804.00 for family coverage and \$582 for single coverage per month. The premium is charged to the fund that records the salary expenditure of the covered employee. The premium is based upon historical cost data provided by the insurance carriers. Employees contribute 8 percent of the prior year's actual costs for health insurance through a payroll deduction. Employees contributed \$191.08 for family coverage or \$78.00 for single coverage for medical, dental and vision.

The claims liability reported in the medical benefits internal service fund at December 31, 2024 is based on the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 30 which requires that a liability for unpaid claims cost, including estimates of cost relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include unallocated claim adjustment expenses. Changes in the medical benefits internal service fund's claims liability amount in 2023 and 2024 were as follows and typically are retired within three months of year end:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>January 1</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Year Claims</u>	<u>Claim</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31</u>
2023	\$ 204,232	\$ 2,472,776	\$ 2,532,361	\$ 144,647
2024	\$ 144,647	\$ 3,027,172	\$ 3,008,118	\$ 163,701

### **Workers' Compensation**

The City participates in the Workers' Compensation Retrospective Rating Plan for its workers compensation coverage. The City maintains a Workers Compensation internal service fund to account for this program, whereby various departments contribute premiums which are used to pay claim settlements and purchase specified insurance policies.

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## **NOTE 15 – CONTINGENCIES**

### **Litigation**

The City of Berea is a party to several legal proceedings seeking damages or injunctive relief generally incidental to its operations and pending projects. In those cases where a loss is probable and measurable, a liability has been recognized. It is the opinion of the City that the ultimate disposition of various claims and legal proceedings will not have a material effect, if any, on the financial position of the City.

### **Grants**

The disbursement of funds received under federal and state grants generally require compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any potential disallowed claims resulting from such an audit could become a liability of the City. However, City management believes any such disallowed claims would be immaterial on the overall financial position of the City at December 31, 2024.

### **Settlement Monies**

Ohio has reached settlement agreements with various distributors of opioids, which are subject to the OneOhio memorandum of understanding. The original settlement was reached in 2021 with annual payments anticipated through 2038. For 2024, distributions of \$23,502 are reflected as intergovernmental revenue in the OneOhio Special Revenue Fund.

## **NOTE 16 – COMMITMENTS**

### **Encumbrance Commitments**

The City utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year end may be reported as part of restricted, committed or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the City's commitments for encumbrances are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	\$ 59,788
American Rescue Plan Act	1,518,250
General Capital Improvement	115,430
Nonmajor Governmental	198,022
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*Required Supplementary Information*

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b><i>Ohio Public Employees' Retirement System (OPERS)</i></b>				
City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.042422%	0.043372%	0.044960%	0.043912%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 11,106,253	\$ 12,812,108	\$ 3,911,702	\$ 6,502,411
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 6,982,650	\$ 6,723,150	\$ 6,525,650	\$ 6,184,064
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	159.05%	190.57%	59.94%	105.15%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	79.01%	75.74%	92.62%	86.88%
<b><i>Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF)</i></b>				
City's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.2093397%	0.2011642%	0.202661%	0.204052%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 20,225,104	\$ 19,108,649	\$ 12,661,105	\$ 13,910,415
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 5,430,691	\$ 5,504,869	\$ 5,159,331	\$ 5,051,929
City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	372.42%	347.12%	245.40%	275.35%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	63.63%	62.90%	75.03%	70.65%

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year.

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
0.048847%	0.049841%	0.048450%	0.049453%	0.047988%	0.050309%
\$ 9,654,941	\$ 13,650,439	\$ 7,600,919	\$ 11,229,825	\$ 8,312,127	\$ 6,067,828
\$ 6,872,686	\$ 6,731,914	\$ 6,402,750	\$ 6,404,008	\$ 5,972,592	\$ 6,167,933
140.48%	202.77%	118.71%	175.36%	139.17%	98.38%
82.17%	74.70%	84.66%	77.25%	81.08%	86.45%
0.208932%	0.208528%	0.204259%	0.220524%	0.208076%	0.199826%
\$ 14,074,776	\$ 17,021,395	\$ 12,536,313	\$ 13,967,769	\$ 13,385,675	\$ 10,351,794
\$ 5,142,188	\$ 4,705,273	\$ 4,469,975	\$ 4,747,571	\$ 4,246,290	\$ 3,978,838
273.71%	361.75%	280.46%	294.21%	315.23%	260.17%
69.89%	63.07%	70.91%	68.36%	66.77%	72.20%

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*Last Ten Years*

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b><i>Ohio Public Employees' Retirement System (OPERS)</i></b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,022,176	\$ 977,571	\$ 941,241	\$ 913,591
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(1,022,176)</u>	<u>(977,571)</u>	<u>(941,241)</u>	<u>(913,591)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 7,301,257	\$ 6,982,650	\$ 6,723,150	\$ 6,525,650
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%
<b><i>Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF)</i></b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,431,020	\$ 1,146,027	\$ 1,159,595	\$ 1,088,312
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(1,431,020)</u>	<u>(1,146,027)</u>	<u>(1,159,595)</u>	<u>(1,088,312)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 6,803,220	\$ 5,430,691	\$ 5,504,869	\$ 5,159,331
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	21.03%	21.10%	21.06%	21.09%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$ 865,769	\$ 962,176	\$ 942,468	\$ 832,358	\$ 768,481	\$ 716,711
<u>(865,769)</u>	<u>(962,176)</u>	<u>(942,468)</u>	<u>(832,358)</u>	<u>(768,481)</u>	<u>(716,711)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 6,184,064	\$ 6,872,686	\$ 6,731,914	\$ 6,402,750	\$ 6,404,008	\$ 5,972,592
14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	13.00%	12.00%	12.00%
 \$ 1,066,623	 \$ 1,085,687	 \$ 995,530	 \$ 944,340	 \$ 1,003,574	 \$ 892,732
<u>(1,066,623)</u>	<u>(1,085,687)</u>	<u>(995,530)</u>	<u>(944,340)</u>	<u>(1,003,574)</u>	<u>(892,732)</u>
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ 5,051,929	\$ 5,142,188	\$ 4,705,273	\$ 4,469,975	\$ 4,747,571	\$ 4,246,290
21.11%	21.11%	21.16%	21.13%	21.14%	21.02%

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**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)*  
*Last Eight Years (1)*

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b><i>Ohio Public Employees' Retirement System (OPERS)</i></b>				
City's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.040434%	0.041276%	0.042895%	0.041927%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ (364,927)	\$ 260,253	\$ (1,343,537)	\$ (746,963)
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 6,982,650	\$ 6,723,150	\$ 6,525,650	\$ 6,184,064
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	-5.23%	3.87%	-20.59%	-12.08%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	107.76%	94.79%	128.23%	115.57%
<b><i>Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF)</i></b>				
City's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.2093397%	0.2011642%	0.202661%	0.204052%
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 1,528,453	\$ 1,432,231	\$ 2,221,342	\$ 2,161,965
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 5,430,691	\$ 5,504,869	\$ 5,159,331	\$ 5,051,929
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	28.14%	26.02%	43.05%	42.79%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	51.89%	52.59%	46.86%	45.42%

(1) Although this schedule is intended to reflect information for ten years, information prior to 2017 is not available.

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year.

<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
0.046651%	0.047766%	0.046800%	0.047728%
\$ 6,443,715	\$ 6,227,559	\$ 5,082,150	\$ 4,820,690
\$ 6,872,686	\$ 6,731,914	\$ 6,402,750	\$ 6,404,008
93.76%	92.51%	79.37%	75.28%
47.80%	46.33%	54.14%	54.04%
0.208932%	0.208528%	0.204259%	0.220524%
\$ 2,063,774	\$ 1,898,968	\$ 11,573,046	\$ 10,467,778
\$ 5,142,188	\$ 4,705,273	\$ 4,469,975	\$ 4,747,571
40.13%	40.36%	258.91%	220.49%
47.08%	46.57%	14.13%	15.96%

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**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
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*Last Ten Years*

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b><i>Ohio Public Employees' Retirement System (OPERS)</i></b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's Covered Payroll (1)	\$ 7,301,257	\$ 6,982,650	\$ 6,723,150	\$ 6,525,650
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b><i>Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPF)</i></b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 34,016	\$ 27,153	\$ 27,524	\$ 25,797
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(34,016)	(27,153)	(27,524)	(25,797)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's Covered Payroll	\$ 6,803,220	\$ 5,430,691	\$ 5,504,869	\$ 5,159,331
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%

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

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,028	\$ 128,080	n/a
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(64,028)</u>	<u>(128,080)</u>	n/a
<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	n/a				
\$ 6,184,064	\$ 6,872,686	\$ 6,731,914	\$ 6,402,750	\$ 6,404,008	n/a
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	2.00%	n/a
 \$ 25,260	 \$ 25,711	 \$ 23,526	 \$ 22,350	 \$ 24,139	 \$ 20,831
<u><u>\$ 25,260</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 25,711</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23,526</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 22,350</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,139</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,831</u></u>
<u><u><u>\$ -</u></u></u>					
\$ 5,051,929	\$ 5,142,188	\$ 4,705,273	\$ 4,469,975	\$ 4,747,571	\$ 4,246,290
0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%

**City of Berea**  
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**NOTE 1 - NET PENSION LIABILITY**

***Changes in Assumptions – OPERS***

No changes to the assumptions below since 2022. Amounts reported beginning in 2022 incorporate changes in assumptions used by OPERS in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation. These new assumptions compared with those used in prior years are presented below:

	2022	2019	2018 and 2017	2016 and prior
Wage Inflation	2.75%	3.25%	2.75%	2.75%
Future Salary Increases, including wage inflation	2.75% to 10.75%	3.25% to 10.75%	3.25% to 10.75%	4.25% to 10.05%
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA:				
Pre-January 7, 2013 Retirees	3.00%, simple	3.00%, simple	3.00%, simple	3.00%, simple
Post-January 7, 2013 Retirees	see below	see below	see below	see below
Investment Rate of Return	6.90%	7.20%	7.50%	8.00%
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age	Individual Entry Age

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

2024	2.30%, simple through 2024, then 2.05%, simple
2022	3.00%, simple through 2022, then 2.05%, simple
2021	0.50%, simple through 2021, then 2.15%, simple
2020	1.40%, simple through 2020, then 2.15%, simple
2017-2019	3.00%, simple through 2018, then 2.15%, simple
2016 and prior	3.00%, simple through 2018, then 2.80%, simple

***Changes in Benefit Terms – OPERS***

There were no significant changes in benefit terms.

***Changes in Assumptions – OP&F***

For 2022, the single discount rate changed from 8.00 percent to 7.50 percent.

For 2018, the single discount rate changed from 8.25 percent to 8.00 percent.

***Changes in Benefit Terms – OP&F***

There were no significant changes in benefit terms.

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
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## **NOTE 2 - NET OPEB LIABILITY (ASSET)**

### ***Changes in Assumptions - OPERS***

Amounts reported incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented as follows:

<b><u>Assumption</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
Wage Inflation	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%
Single Discount Rate	5.70%	5.22%	6.00%	6.00%	3.16%	3.96%	3.85%
Municipal Bond Rate	3.77%	4.05%	1.84%	2.00%	2.75%	3.71%	3.31%
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	8.50%	10.50%	10.00%	7.50%

For calendar year 2019, the investment rate of return decreased from 6.50 percent to 6.00 percent.

### ***Changes in Benefit Terms – OPERS***

On January 15, 2020, the Board approved several changes to the health care plan offered to Medicare and non-Medicare retirees in efforts to decrease costs and increase the solvency of the health care plan. These changes are effective January 1, 2022, and include changes to base allowances and eligibility for Medicare retirees, as well as replacing OPERS-sponsored medical plans for non-Medicare retirees with monthly allowances, similar to the program for Medicare retirees. These changes are reflected in 2021.

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

Amounts reported incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented as follows:

<b><u>Assumption</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
Blended Discount Rate	4.07%	4.27%	2.84%	2.96%	3.56%	4.66%	3.24%
Municipal Bond Rate	3.38%	3.65%	2.05%	2.12%	2.75%	4.13%	3.16%

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

Beginning January 1, 2019 OP&F changed its retiree health care model to a stipend-based health care model. A stipend funded by OP&F will be placed in individual Health Reimbursement Accounts that retirees will use to be reimbursed for health care expenses.

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**COMBINING STATEMENTS AND  
INDIVIDUAL FUND SCHEDULES**

**THE FOLLOWING COMBINING STATEMENTS  
AND SCHEDULES INCLUDE -  
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS,  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS AND  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS**

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Combining Statements –*  
*Nonmajor Funds*

**Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds**

The Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific sources that are legally restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes. With the implementation of GASB No. 54, the municipal court special revenue fund has been classified with the general fund for GAAP reporting purposes. However, this fund has its own legally adopted budget. As a result, an Individual Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual has been presented for this fund. The title of each special revenue fund is descriptive of the activities accounted for therein. The special revenue funds are:

***Municipal Court Fund***

To account for funds received and expended by the Berea Municipal Court. This fund is classified with general fund for GAAP reporting purposes.

***Recreation Fund***

To account for fees collected and income tax levied for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing, improving, operating or maintaining the City's recreational facilities and programs.

***State Highway Fund***

To account for that portion of the State gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration fees designated for maintenance of State highways within the City.

***Street Maintenance Fund***

To account for that portion of the State gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration fees designated for street maintenance and repair.

***Contract Retainer Fund***

To account for monies withheld from payments on construction contracts, to ensure compliance regarding the project, with the City.

***Guarantee Deposits Fund***

To account for the deposits made by builders to ensure compliance with building codes.

***Fire Pension Fund***

To accumulate property taxes levied for the payment of current employer contributions for fire disability and pension benefits and the accrued liability.

***Police Pension Fund***

To accumulate property taxes levied for the payment of current employer contributions for police disability and pension benefits and the accrued liability.

***Safe Students Fund***

To account for revenues received from school districts, grants and donations for school resource officers, training and equipment needs for the safety of students.

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**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
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**Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds**

***Public Safety Fund***

To account for revenues received from Cuyahoga County and other potential grantors and donors for operating and capital expenditures relating to public safety, including the community engagement unit.

***Safe Passages Fund***

To account for monies received, including donations and grants, for operating costs of the safe passages program which operates to facilitate rehabilitation opportunities for those individuals addicted to opiates.

***Street Lighting Fund***

To account for special assessments levied to pay the costs of street lighting in certain areas of the City.

***Community Hospital Fund***

To account for a special property tax levied to provide resources to support a health care facility.

***Community Development Block Grant Fund***

To account for revenues received from the federal government and expenditures incurred as prescribed under the Community Development Block Grant Program. There is no budget reported for this fund.

***Municipal Vehicle Tax Levy Fund***

To account for the additional motor vehicle registration fees designated for maintenance and repair to streets within the City.

***OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund***

To account for revenue and expenditures related to the OneOhio settlement with national opioid distributors.

***Law Enforcement Fund***

To account for monies seized from criminals by law enforcement officials in the course of their work and restricted, by State statute, for expenditures that would enhance the police department.

***Municipal Court Health Insurance Fund***

To account for court costs used to fund the cost of health insurance coverage for court employees.

***Probation Services Fund***

To account for court fees, restricted for the operation of the Court Probation Program.

***Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund***

To account for the resources obtained from DUI fines and designated, by state statute, for a state approved alcohol treatment program.

***DUI Education Fund***

To account for court fees obtained from DUI cases and restricted by State statute, for expenditures that would enhance DUI education.

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**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Combining Statements –*  
*Nonmajor Funds*

**Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds**

***Theft Diversion Fund***

To account for court costs used to fund the cost of theft diversion programs.

***Court Computer Fund***

To account for court fees, restricted for the use and maintenance of the computers within the Berea Municipal Court, Clerk of Courts Office.

***Court Computer Research Fund***

To account for court fees, restricted for the use and maintenance of the computers within the Berea Municipal Court, Judge's Office.

***Court Special Projects Fund***

To account for court fees, restricted for the use of special projects within the Berea Municipal Court.

***Indigent Defendant Alcohol Monitoring Fund***

To account for court costs used to fund a portion of the costs of indigent defendant alcohol monitoring.

***Municipal Court Magistrates Fund***

To account for court costs used to fund a portion of the costs of magistrates program established by the Berea Municipal Court.

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**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Combining Statements –*  
*Nonmajor Funds*

**Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds**

Capital Projects funds are established to account for financial resources to be used for the construction or acquisition of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

***Safety Capital Improvement Fund***

To account for revenue earmarked for improvements to the Police and Fire Department and the acquisition of capital equipment.

***Recreation Capital Improvement Fund***

To account for monies borrowed or earmarked for capital improvements for recreational purposes.

***Court Capital Improvement Fund***

To account for monies received and expended for the construction of a municipal court building.

***Neighborhood Improvement Fund***

To collect revenues related to housing and building code inspections and expend the funds on improvements within the neighborhood for such things as sidewalks, signage, buildings, property improvements, etc.

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Combining Balance Sheet*  
*Nonmajor Governmental Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 2,480,604	\$ 967,424	\$ 3,448,028
Accounts Receivable	76,882	2,479	79,361
Intergovernmental Receivable	544,603	79,708	624,311
Taxes Receivable	1,360,106	-	1,360,106
Special Assessments Receivable	777,330	-	777,330
Materials and Supplies Inventory	351,258	-	351,258
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 5,590,783</u>	<u>\$ 1,049,611</u>	<u>\$ 6,640,394</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 172,650	\$ 70,468	\$ 243,118
Accrued Wages and Benefits	16,436	5,334	21,770
Contracts Payable	-	16,682	16,682
Intergovernmental Payable	121,837	6,588	128,425
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>310,923</u>	<u>99,072</u>	<u>409,995</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes Levied for the Next Year	1,316,331	-	1,316,331
Delinquent Property Taxes	43,775	-	43,775
Unavailable Revenue - Other	1,158,067	79,708	1,237,775
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>2,518,173</u>	<u>79,708</u>	<u>2,597,881</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Nonspendable	351,258	-	351,258
Restricted	2,345,757	309,482	2,655,239
Committed	116,710	561,349	678,059
Unassigned	(52,038)	-	(52,038)
<i>Total Fund Balance</i>	<u>2,761,687</u>	<u>870,831</u>	<u>3,632,518</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u><u>\$ 5,590,783</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,049,611</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,640,394</u></u>

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

	Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 992,858	\$ -	\$ 992,858
Special Assessments	845,082	-	845,082
Charges for Services	1,007,654	300,000	1,307,654
Licenses and Permits	-	31,765	31,765
Fines and Forfeitures	728,384	33,437	761,821
Intergovernmental	1,633,085	31,058	1,664,143
Interest	12,842	-	12,842
Contributions and Donations	52,069	373,348	425,417
Miscellaneous	155,527	98,553	254,080
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>5,427,501</u>	<u>868,161</u>	<u>6,295,662</u>
Current:			
General Government	935,127	-	935,127
Security of Persons and Property	2,312,880	-	2,312,880
Public Health	107,588	-	107,588
Leisure Time Activities	2,368,962	-	2,368,962
Transportation	1,154,877	-	1,154,877
Capital Outlay	267,063	1,926,446	2,193,509
Debt Service			
Principal Retirement	9,235	71,038	80,273
Interest and Fiscal Charges	5,557	4,346	9,903
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>7,161,289</u>	<u>2,001,830</u>	<u>9,163,119</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Inception of Lease	-	257,070	257,070
Transfers In	1,900,000	1,030,000	2,930,000
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>1,900,000</u>	<u>1,287,070</u>	<u>3,187,070</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<u>166,212</u>	<u>153,401</u>	<u>319,613</u>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>2,595,475</u>	<u>717,430</u>	<u>3,312,905</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$ 2,761,687</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 870,831</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,632,518</u></u>

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	Recreation Fund	State Highway Fund	Street Maintenance Fund	Contract Retainer Fund	Guarantee Deposits Fund
<b>Assets</b>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 91,043	\$ 24,036	\$ 113,945	\$ 186,654	\$ 288,977
Accounts Receivable	25,680	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental Receivable	-	36,153	445,857	-	-
Taxes Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies Inventory	-	-	351,258	-	-
<i>Total Assets</i>	<b><u>\$ 116,723</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 60,189</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 911,060</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 186,654</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 288,977</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 28,941	\$ -	\$ 11,671	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued Wages and Benefits	9,626	-	4,031	-	-
Intergovernmental Payable	11,456	-	5,446	-	-
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<b><u>50,023</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>21,148</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>					
Property Taxes Leved for the Next Year	-	-	-	-	-
Delinquent Property Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Unavailable Revenue - Other	-	24,102	297,238	-	-
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>24,102</u></b>	<b><u>297,238</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Nonspendable	-	-	351,258	-	-
Restricted	-	36,087	241,416	186,654	288,977
Committed	66,700	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<b><u>66,700</u></b>	<b><u>36,087</u></b>	<b><u>592,674</u></b>	<b><u>186,654</u></b>	<b><u>288,977</u></b>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<b><u>\$ 116,723</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 60,189</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 911,060</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 186,654</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 288,977</u></b>

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	Fire Pension Fund	Police Pension Fund	Safe Students Fund	Public Safety Fund	Safe Passages Fund
<b>Assets</b>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 20,075	\$ 28,988	\$ 50,010	\$ 1,136	\$ 6,033
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental Receivable	27,422	27,422	-	-	-
Taxes Receivable	623,155	623,155	-	-	-
Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies Inventory	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Assets</i>	<b>\$ 670,652</b>	<b>\$ 679,565</b>	<b>\$ 50,010</b>	<b>\$ 1,136</b>	<b>\$ 6,033</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued Wages and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental Payable	50,867	50,234	-	-	-
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<b>50,867</b>	<b>50,234</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>					
Property Taxes Leved for the Next Year	603,099	603,099	-	-	-
Delinquent Property Taxes	20,056	20,056	-	-	-
Unavailable Revenue - Other	27,422	27,422	-	-	-
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<b>650,577</b>	<b>650,577</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	-	1,136	6,033
Committed	-	-	50,010	-	-
Unassigned	(30,792)	(21,246)	-	-	-
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<b>(30,792)</b>	<b>(21,246)</b>	<b>50,010</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>6,033</b>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<b>\$ 670,652</b>	<b>\$ 679,565</b>	<b>\$ 50,010</b>	<b>\$ 1,136</b>	<b>\$ 6,033</b>

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	Street Lighting Fund	Community Hospital Fund	Community Development Block Grant Fund	Municipal Vehicle Tax Fund	OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund
<b>Assets</b>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 804,415	\$ 4,564	\$ 15,861	\$ 10,674	\$ 37,413
Accounts Receivable	-	-	-	\$ 5,567	-
Intergovernmental Receivable	-	4,553	-	3,196	-
Taxes Receivable	-	113,796	-	-	-
Special Assessments Receivable	777,330	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies Inventory	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 1,581,745</u>	<u>\$ 122,913</u>	<u>\$ 15,861</u>	<u>\$ 19,437</u>	<u>\$ 37,413</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 95,561	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued Wages and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental Payable	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>95,561</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>					
Property Taxes Leved for the Next Year	-	110,133	-	-	-
Delinquent Property Taxes	-	3,663	-	-	-
Unavailable Revenue - Other	777,330	4,553	-	-	-
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>777,330</u>	<u>118,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	708,854	4,564	15,861	19,437	37,413
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<u>708,854</u>	<u>4,564</u>	<u>15,861</u>	<u>19,437</u>	<u>37,413</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$ 1,581,745</u>	<u>\$ 122,913</u>	<u>\$ 15,861</u>	<u>\$ 19,437</u>	<u>\$ 37,413</u>

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	Law Enforcement Fund	Muni Court Health Insurance Fund	Probation Services Fund	Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund	DUI Education Fund
<b>Assets</b>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 21,931	\$ 14,172	\$ 4,756	\$ 403,860	\$ 5,996
Accounts Receivable	-	-	9,924	1,269	-
Intergovernmental Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies Inventory	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 21,931</u>	<u>\$ 14,172</u>	<u>\$ 14,680</u>	<u>\$ 405,129</u>	<u>\$ 5,996</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued Wages and Benefits	-	-	1,506	-	-
Intergovernmental Payable	-	-	1,708	-	-
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>					
Property Taxes Leved for the Next Year	-	-	-	-	-
Delinquent Property Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Unavailable Revenue - Other	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	21,931	14,172	11,466	405,129	5,996
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<u>21,931</u>	<u>14,172</u>	<u>11,466</u>	<u>405,129</u>	<u>5,996</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$ 21,931</u>	<u>\$ 14,172</u>	<u>\$ 14,680</u>	<u>\$ 405,129</u>	<u>\$ 5,996</u>

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	Theft Diversion Fund	Court Computer Fund	Court Computer Research Fund	Court Special Projects Fund	Indigent Defendant Alcohol Monitoring Fund
<b>Assets</b>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 809	\$ 112,748	\$ 18,824	\$ 64,022	\$ 79,995
Accounts Receivable	4,043	9,580	2,860	9,561	1,033
Intergovernmental Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Special Assessments Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Materials and Supplies Inventory	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Assets</i>	<b>\$ 4,852</b>	<b>\$ 122,328</b>	<b>\$ 21,684</b>	<b>\$ 73,583</b>	<b>\$ 81,028</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 34,223	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,254
Accrued Wages and Benefits	-	-	-	849	-
Intergovernmental Payable	-	-	-	1,466	-
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,223</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>2,254</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>					
Property Taxes Levied for the Next Year	-	-	-	-	-
Delinquent Property Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Unavailable Revenue - Other	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	4,852	88,105	21,684	71,268	78,774
Committed	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<b>4,852</b>	<b>88,105</b>	<b>21,684</b>	<b>71,268</b>	<b>78,774</b>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<b>\$ 4,852</b>	<b>\$ 122,328</b>	<b>\$ 21,684</b>	<b>\$ 73,583</b>	<b>\$ 81,028</b>

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	Municipal Court Magistrates Fund	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
<b>Assets</b>		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 69,667	\$ 2,480,604
Accounts Receivable	7,365	76,882
Intergovernmental Receivable	-	544,603
Taxes Receivable	-	1,360,106
Special Assessments Receivable	-	777,330
Materials and Supplies Inventory	-	351,258
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$ 77,032</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,590,783</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 172,650
Accrued Wages and Benefits	424	16,436
Intergovernmental Payable	660	121,837
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u><u>1,084</u></u>	<u><u>310,923</u></u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Property Taxes Levied for the Next Year	-	1,316,331
Delinquent Property Taxes	-	43,775
Unavailable Revenue - Other	-	1,158,067
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,518,173</u></u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
Nonspendable	-	351,258
Restricted	75,948	2,345,757
Committed	-	116,710
Unassigned	-	(52,038)
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<u><u>75,948</u></u>	<u><u>2,761,687</u></u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u><u>\$ 77,032</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,590,783</u></u>

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	Recreation Fund	State Highway Fund	Street Maintenance Fund	Contract Retainer Fund	Guarantee Deposits Fund
<b>Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Assessments	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	1,007,654	-	-	-	-
Fines and Forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	74,389	917,468	-	-
Interest	-	6,428	6,414	-	-
Contributions and Donations	52,069	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	116,237	39,250
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>1,059,723</u>	<u>80,817</u>	<u>923,882</u>	<u>116,237</u>	<u>39,250</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current:					
General Government	-	-	-	152,800	59,500
Security of Persons and Property	-	-	-	-	-
Public Health	-	-	-	-	-
Leisure Time Activities	2,368,962	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	79,000	1,035,877	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service					
Principal Retirement	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>2,368,962</u>	<u>79,000</u>	<u>1,035,877</u>	<u>152,800</u>	<u>59,500</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(1,309,239)</u>	<u>1,817</u>	<u>(111,995)</u>	<u>(36,563)</u>	<u>(20,250)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Transfers In	1,350,000	-	250,000	-	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<u>40,761</u>	<u>1,817</u>	<u>138,005</u>	<u>(36,563)</u>	<u>(20,250)</u>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>25,939</u>	<u>34,270</u>	<u>454,669</u>	<u>223,217</u>	<u>309,227</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 66,700</u>	<u>\$ 36,087</u>	<u>\$ 592,674</u>	<u>\$ 186,654</u>	<u>\$ 288,977</u>

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	Fire Pension Fund	Police Pension Fund	Safe Students Fund	Public Safety Fund	Safe Passages Fund
<b>Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ 444,911	\$ 444,911	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Assessments	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and Forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	54,923	54,923	190,972	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions and Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>499,834</i>	<i>499,834</i>	<i>190,972</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current:					
General Government	-	-	-	-	-
Security of Persons and Property	686,859	660,515	200,000	-	-
Public Health	-	-	-	-	-
Leisure Time Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service					
Principal Retirement	2,371	6,864	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,427	4,130	-	-	-
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>690,657</i>	<i>671,509</i>	<i>200,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(190,823)</i>	<i>(171,675)</i>	<i>(9,028)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Transfers In	150,000	150,000	-	-	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>(40,823)</i>	<i>(21,675)</i>	<i>(9,028)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<i>10,031</i>	<i>429</i>	<i>59,038</i>	<i>1,136</i>	<i>6,033</i>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<i>\$ (30,792)</i>	<i>\$ (21,246)</i>	<i>\$ 50,010</i>	<i>\$ 1,136</i>	<i>\$ 6,033</i>

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	Street Lighting Fund	Community Hospital Fund	Community Development Block Grant Fund	Municipal Vehicle Tax Fund	OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund
<b>Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 103,036	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Assessments	845,082	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and Forfeitures	-	-	-	5,567	-
Intergovernmental	46,139	9,116	222,039	39,614	23,502
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions and Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>891,221</i>	<i>112,152</i>	<i>222,039</i>	<i>45,181</i>	<i>23,502</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current:					
General Government	-	-	-	-	-
Security of Persons and Property	765,506	-	-	-	-
Public Health	-	107,588	-	-	-
Leisure Time Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	40,000	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	267,063	-	-
Debt Service					
Principal Retirement	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>765,506</i>	<i>107,588</i>	<i>267,063</i>	<i>40,000</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>125,715</i>	<i>4,564</i>	<i>(45,024)</i>	<i>5,181</i>	<i>23,502</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>125,715</i>	<i>4,564</i>	<i>(45,024)</i>	<i>5,181</i>	<i>23,502</i>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<i>583,139</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>60,885</i>	<i>14,256</i>	<i>13,911</i>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<i>\$ 708,854</i>	<i>\$ 4,564</i>	<i>\$ 15,861</i>	<i>\$ 19,437</i>	<i>\$ 37,413</i>

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	Law Enforcement Fund	Muni Court Health Insurance Fund	Probation Services Fund	Indigent Drivers Treatment Fund	DUI Education Fund
<b>Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Assessments	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and Forfeitures	-	64,822	156,362	59,155	2,228
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions and Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	40	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>64,822</i>	<i>156,362</i>	<i>59,155</i>	<i>2,228</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current:					
General Government	-	70,018	152,351	56,860	-
Security of Persons and Property	-	-	-	-	-
Public Health	-	-	-	-	-
Leisure Time Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service					
Principal Retirement	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>70,018</i>	<i>152,351</i>	<i>56,860</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>(5,196)</i>	<i>4,011</i>	<i>2,295</i>	<i>2,228</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>(5,196)</i>	<i>4,011</i>	<i>2,295</i>	<i>2,228</i>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<i>21,891</i>	<i>19,368</i>	<i>7,455</i>	<i>402,834</i>	<i>3,768</i>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<i>\$ 21,931</i>	<i>\$ 14,172</i>	<i>\$ 11,466</i>	<i>\$ 405,129</i>	<i>\$ 5,996</i>

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

	Theft Diversion Fund	Court Computer Fund	Court Computer Research Fund	Court Special Projects Fund	Indigent Defendant Alcohol Monitoring Fund
<b>Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Assessments	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and Forfeitures	55,922	120,432	36,042	119,944	14,358
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions and Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>55,922</i>	<i>120,432</i>	<i>36,042</i>	<i>119,944</i>	<i>14,358</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current:					
General Government	54,834	151,931	26,996	128,691	15,830
Security of Persons and Property	-	-	-	-	-
Public Health	-	-	-	-	-
Leisure Time Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service					
Principal Retirement	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>54,834</i>	<i>151,931</i>	<i>26,996</i>	<i>128,691</i>	<i>15,830</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>1,088</i>	<i>(31,499)</i>	<i>9,046</i>	<i>(8,747)</i>	<i>(1,472)</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>1,088</i>	<i>(31,499)</i>	<i>9,046</i>	<i>(8,747)</i>	<i>(1,472)</i>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<i>3,764</i>	<i>119,604</i>	<i>12,638</i>	<i>80,015</i>	<i>80,246</i>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<i>\$ 4,852</i>	<i>\$ 88,105</i>	<i>\$ 21,684</i>	<i>\$ 71,268</i>	<i>\$ 78,774</i>

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	Municipal Court Magistrates Fund	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
<b>Revenues</b>		
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 992,858
Special Assessments	-	845,082
Charges for Services	-	1,007,654
Fines and Forfeitures	93,552	728,384
Intergovernmental	-	1,633,085
Interest	-	12,842
Contributions and Donations	-	52,069
Miscellaneous	-	155,527
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>93,552</u>	<u>5,427,501</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Current:		
General Government	65,316	935,127
Security of Persons and Property	-	2,312,880
Public Health	-	107,588
Leisure Time Activities	-	2,368,962
Transportation	-	1,154,877
Capital Outlay	-	267,063
Debt Service		
Principal Retirement	-	9,235
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	5,557
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>65,316</u>	<u>7,161,289</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>28,236</u>	<u>(1,733,788)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>		
Transfers In	-	1,900,000
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<u>28,236</u>	<u>166,212</u>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>47,712</u>	<u>2,595,475</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 75,948</u>	<u>\$ 2,761,687</u>

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Combining Balance Sheet*  
*Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

	Safety Capital Improvement Fund	Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	Court Capital Improvement Fund	Neighborhood Improvement Fund	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
<b>Assets</b>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 217,192	\$ 397,102	\$ 307,003	\$ 46,127	\$ 967,424
Accounts Receivable	-	-	2,479	-	2,479
Intergovernmental Receivable	-	79,708	-	-	79,708
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 217,192</u>	<u>\$ 476,810</u>	<u>\$ 309,482</u>	<u>\$ 46,127</u>	<u>\$ 1,049,611</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 70,468	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,468
Accrued Wages and Benefits	-	-	-	5,334	5,334
Contracts Payable	16,682	-	-	-	16,682
Intergovernmental Payable	-	-	-	6,588	6,588
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>87,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,922</u>	<u>99,072</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>					
Unavailable Revenue - Other	-	79,708	-	-	79,708
<b>Fund Balances</b>					
Restricted	-	-	309,482	-	309,482
Committed	130,042	397,102	-	34,205	561,349
<i>Total Fund Balances (Deficit)</i>	<u>130,042</u>	<u>397,102</u>	<u>309,482</u>	<u>34,205</u>	<u>870,831</u>
<i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$ 217,192</u>	<u>\$ 476,810</u>	<u>\$ 309,482</u>	<u>\$ 46,127</u>	<u>\$ 1,049,611</u>

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

	Safety Capital Improvement Fund	Recreation Capital Improvement Fund	Court Capital Improvement Fund	Neighborhood Improvement Fund	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
<b>Revenues</b>					
Charges for Services	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,765	\$ 300,000
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	31,765
Fines and Forfeitures	-	-	33,437	-	33,437
Intergovernmental	19,058	12,000	-	-	31,058
Contributions and Donations	-	373,348	-	-	373,348
Miscellaneous	-	97,500	-	1,053	98,553
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>319,058</i>	<i>482,848</i>	<i>33,437</i>	<i>32,818</i>	<i>868,161</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current:					
Capital Outlay	775,043	231,519	10,028	909,856	1,926,446
Debt Service					
Principal Retirement	61,444	9,594	-	-	71,038
Interest and Fiscal Charges	3,794	552	-	-	4,346
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>840,281</i>	<i>241,665</i>	<i>10,028</i>	<i>909,856</i>	<i>2,001,830</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>(521,223)</i>	<i>241,183</i>	<i>23,409</i>	<i>(877,038)</i>	<i>(1,133,669)</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Inception of Lease	257,070	-	-	-	257,070
Transfers In	-	140,000	-	890,000	1,030,000
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>257,070</i>	<i>140,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>890,000</i>	<i>1,287,070</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>(264,153)</i>	<i>381,183</i>	<i>23,409</i>	<i>12,962</i>	<i>153,401</i>
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<i>394,195</i>	<i>15,919</i>	<i>286,073</i>	<i>21,243</i>	<i>717,430</i>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<i>\$ 130,042</i>	<i>\$ 397,102</i>	<i>\$ 309,482</i>	<i>\$ 34,205</i>	<i>\$ 870,831</i>

**INDIVIDUAL FUND SCHEDULES OF  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-  
BUDGET (NON-GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL**

**City of Berea  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 2,135,340	\$ 2,135,340	\$ -
Income Taxes	19,781,975	20,400,651	618,676
Other Local Taxes	216,450	204,854	(11,596)
Special Assessments	20,000	19,594	(406)
Charges for Services	424,247	444,397	20,150
Licenses and Permits	372,000	319,615	(52,385)
Fines and Forfeitures	93,000	81,016	(11,984)
Intergovernmental	928,351	939,511	11,160
Interest	500,000	568,558	68,558
Rent	90,000	88,039	(1,961)
Other	52,621	20,599	(32,022)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>24,613,984</i>	<i>25,222,174</i>	<i>608,190</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Police Department:			
Personal Services	3,710,500	3,654,826	55,674
Other	844,165	790,736	53,429
Total Police Department	<u>4,554,665</u>	<u>4,445,562</u>	<u>109,103</u>
Fire:			
Personal Services	2,956,265	2,908,773	47,492
Other	158,500	153,045	5,455
Total Fire Department	<u>3,114,765</u>	<u>3,061,818</u>	<u>52,947</u>
Total Security of Persons and Property	<u>7,669,430</u>	<u>7,507,380</u>	<u>162,050</u>
Leisure Time Services:			
Municipal Signage:			
Other	12,000	11,536	464
Public Grounds:			
Personal Services	16,200	6,183	10,017
Other	97,600	92,280	5,320
Total Public Grounds	<u>113,800</u>	<u>98,463</u>	<u>15,337</u>
Total Leisure Time Services	<u>125,800</u>	<u>109,999</u>	<u>15,801</u>
Community Development:			
Building Department:			
Personal Services	187,500	183,068	4,432
Other	18,620	17,469	1,151
Total Building Department	<u>206,120</u>	<u>200,537</u>	<u>5,583</u>

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in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
General Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Engineering Department:			
Personal Services	\$ 150,000	\$ 148,579	\$ 1,421
Other	13,050	11,521	1,529
Total Engineering Department	<u>163,050</u>	<u>160,100</u>	<u>2,950</u>
Total Community Development	<u>369,170</u>	<u>360,637</u>	<u>8,533</u>
Public Works:			
Storm Sewers and Drains:			
Other	400	286	114
Refuse Collection and Disposal:			
Other	1,440,000	1,435,019	4,981
Leaf Collection:			
Other	21,000	20,714	286
Snow Removal:			
Other	86,661	61,261	25,400
Total Public Works	<u>1,548,061</u>	<u>1,517,280</u>	<u>30,781</u>
General Government:			
Council:			
Personal Services	188,417	187,925	492
Other	16,800	7,952	8,848
Total Council	<u>205,217</u>	<u>195,877</u>	<u>9,340</u>
Mayor:			
Personal Services	224,644	222,902	1,742
Other	4,500	3,885	615
Total Mayor	<u>229,144</u>	<u>226,787</u>	<u>2,357</u>
Finance:			
Personal Services	333,278	324,072	9,206
Other	5,900	4,576	1,324
Total Finance	<u>339,178</u>	<u>328,648</u>	<u>10,530</u>
Law:			
Personal Services	315,544	315,267	277
Other	23,150	22,936	214
Total Law	<u>338,694</u>	<u>338,203</u>	<u>491</u>
Civil Service Commission:			
Other	<u>7,450</u>	<u>1,762</u>	<u>5,688</u>

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in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
General Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Public Safety:</b>			
Personal Services	\$ 43,790	\$ 42,931	\$ 859
Other	1,425	651	774
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<u>45,215</u>	<u>43,582</u>	<u>1,633</u>
<b>Municipal Fleet and Equipment:</b>			
Other	286,150	281,735	4,415
<b>Municipal Building:</b>			
Personal Services	1,086,026	1,023,496	62,530
Other	490,000	483,851	6,149
<b>Total Municipal Building</b>	<u>1,576,026</u>	<u>1,507,347</u>	<u>68,679</u>
<b>Service Administration:</b>			
Personal Services	154,400	147,309	7,091
Other	17,610	16,914	696
<b>Total Service Administration</b>	<u>172,010</u>	<u>164,223</u>	<u>7,787</u>
<b>Planning and Development:</b>			
Other	11,200	10,753	447
<b>Administration:</b>			
Personal Services	3,212,558	3,082,273	130,285
Other	3,582,058	3,550,628	31,430
<b>Total Administration</b>	<u>6,794,616</u>	<u>6,632,901</u>	<u>161,715</u>
<b>Total General Government</b>	<u>10,004,900</u>	<u>9,731,818</u>	<u>273,082</u>
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Principal Retirement	1,688	1,688	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	12	12	-
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><i>Total Expenditures</i></b>	<b><i>19,719,061</i></b>	<b><i>19,228,814</i></b>	<b><i>490,247</i></b>
<b><i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i></b>	<b><i>4,894,923</i></b>	<b><i>5,993,360</i></b>	<b><i>1,098,437</i></b>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	\$ 5,000	\$ 19,477	\$ 14,477
Transfers In	206,257	206,257	-
Transfers Out	<u>(6,107,000)</u>	<u>(6,107,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>(5,895,743)</i>	<i>(5,881,266)</i>	<i>14,477</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(1,000,820)</i>	<i>112,094</i>	<i>1,112,914</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>			
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	4,747,593	4,747,593	-
	<u>110,102</u>	<u>110,102</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$ 3,856,875</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,969,789</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,112,914</u></u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 1,725,000	\$ 1,738,087	\$ 13,087
Other	<u>30,000</u>	<u>21,271</u>	<u>(8,729)</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>1,755,000</u>	<u>1,759,358</u>	<u>4,358</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Municipal Court:			
Personal Services	1,589,993	1,587,365	2,628
Other	<u>196,141</u>	<u>195,734</u>	<u>407</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>1,786,134</u>	<u>1,783,099</u>	<u>3,035</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(31,134)	(23,741)	7,393
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	38,923	38,923	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>5,529</u>	<u>5,529</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 13,318</u>	<u>\$ 20,711</u>	<u>\$ 7,393</u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$</u> -
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Public Health:			
Other	1,767,095	1,767,095	-
Capital Outlay	<u>479,972</u>	<u>479,972</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(2,247,067)</i>	<i>(2,247,067)</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u><i>2,247,067</i></u>	<u><i>2,247,067</i></u>	<u><i>-</i></u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$</u> -</u>	<u><u>\$</u> -</u>	<u><u>\$</u> -</u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,946,788	\$ 1,946,788	\$ -
Intergovernmental	<u>244,141</u>	<u>244,141</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>2,190,929</u>	<u>2,190,929</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Other	100,000	20,361	79,639
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	1,676,000	1,675,000	1,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>640,639</u>	<u>640,546</u>	<u>93</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>2,416,639</u>	<u>2,335,907</u>	<u>80,732</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(225,710)</u>	<u>(144,978)</u>	<u>80,732</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u>1,129,342</u>	<u>1,129,342</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 903,632</u>	<u>\$ 984,364</u>	<u>\$ 80,732</u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 378,476	\$ 382,392	\$ 3,916
Other	<u>46,524</u>	<u>73,185</u>	<u>26,661</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>425,000</u>	<u>455,577</u>	<u>30,577</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Capital Outlay			
Other	2,585,609	1,846,372	739,237
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	185,810	183,476	2,334
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>903</u>	<u>903</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>2,772,322</u>	<u>2,030,751</u>	<u>741,571</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(2,347,322)</u>	<u>(1,575,174)</u>	<u>772,148</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	142,012	142,012	-
Transfers In	<u>2,586,274</u>	<u>2,586,274</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>2,728,286</u>	<u>2,728,286</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>380,964</u>	<u>1,153,112</u>	<u>772,148</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u>269,904</u>	<u>269,904</u>	<u>-</u>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>130,091</u>	<u>130,091</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 780,959</u>	<u>\$ 1,553,107</u>	<u>\$ 772,148</u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Charges for Services	\$ 947,000	\$ 999,853	\$ 52,853
Contributions and Donations	<u>96,000</u>	<u>52,069</u>	<u>(43,931)</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>1,043,000</u>	<u>1,051,922</u>	<u>8,922</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Leisure Time Services:			
Personal Services	1,316,264	1,291,356	24,908
Other	<u>1,131,964</u>	<u>1,114,962</u>	<u>17,002</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>2,448,228</u>	<u>2,406,318</u>	<u>41,910</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(1,405,228)</u>	<u>(1,354,396)</u>	<u>50,832</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Transfers In	1,350,000	1,350,000	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(55,228)</u>	<u>(4,396)</u>	<u>50,832</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	54,453	54,453	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>16,072</u>	<u>16,072</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 15,297</u>	<u>\$ 66,129</u>	<u>\$ 50,832</u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 75,000	\$ 74,380	\$ (620)
Investment Income	<u>3,000</u>	<u>6,428</u>	<u>3,428</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>78,000</u>	<u>80,808</u>	<u>2,808</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Transportation:			
Other	<u>80,000</u>	<u>79,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>1,808</u>	<u>3,808</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u>22,227</u>	<u>22,227</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$ 20,227</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,035</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,808</u></u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 915,000	\$ 917,352	\$ 2,352
Investment Income	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,414</u>	<u>1,414</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>920,000</u>	<u>923,766</u>	<u>3,766</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Transportation:			
Personal Services	890,295	857,299	32,996
Other	<u>305,846</u>	<u>280,117</u>	<u>25,729</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>1,196,141</u>	<u>1,137,416</u>	<u>58,725</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(276,141)</u>	<u>(213,650)</u>	<u>62,491</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Transfers In	250,000	250,000	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(26,141)</u>	<u>36,350</u>	<u>62,491</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	76,396	76,396	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 50,300</u>	<u>\$ 112,791</u>	<u>\$ 62,491</u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Other	\$ 115,000	\$ 116,237	\$ 1,237
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Other	200,000	152,800	47,200
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(85,000)</i>	<i>(36,563)</i>	<i>48,437</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>223,219</i>	<i>223,219</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$ 138,219</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 186,656</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 48,437</u></i>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Other	\$ 30,000	\$ 39,250	\$ 9,250
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Other	60,000	59,500	500
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(30,000)</i>	<i>(20,250)</i>	<i>9,750</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>309,227</i>	<i>309,227</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$ 279,227</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 288,977</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 9,750</u></i>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 444,911	\$ 444,911	\$ -
Intergovernmental	<u>54,923</u>	<u>54,923</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>499,834</u>	<u>499,834</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Other	<u>692,495</u>	<u>687,981</u>	<u>4,514</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(192,661)</u>	<u>(188,147)</u>	<u>4,514</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Transfers In	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(42,661)</u>	<u>(38,147)</u>	<u>4,514</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u>58,221</u>	<u>58,221</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 15,560</u>	<u>\$ 20,074</u>	<u>\$ 4,514</u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 444,911	\$ 444,911	\$ -
Intergovernmental	<u>54,923</u>	<u>54,923</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>499,834</u>	<u>499,834</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Other	<u>676,547</u>	<u>670,054</u>	<u>6,493</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(176,713)</u>	<u>(170,220)</u>	<u>6,493</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Transfers In	<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(26,713)</u>	<u>(20,220)</u>	<u>6,493</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u>49,208</u>	<u>49,208</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 22,495</u>	<u>\$ 28,988</u>	<u>\$ 6,493</u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 180,000	\$ 190,972	\$ 10,972
<b>Expenditures</b>			
	-	-	-
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>180,000</i>	<i>190,972</i>	<i>10,972</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Transfers Out	(200,000)	(200,000)	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(20,000)</i>	<i>(9,028)</i>	<i>10,972</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>59,038</i>	<i>59,038</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u><i>\$ 39,038</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 50,010</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 10,972</i></u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$</u> -
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Personal Services	1,000	-	1,000
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(1,000)	-	1,000
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	1,136	1,136	-
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$</u> 136	<u>\$</u> 1,136	<u>\$</u> 1,000

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$</u> -	<u>\$</u> -
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Other	6,000	-	6,000
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(6,000)	-	6,000
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	6,033	6,033	-
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$</u> 33	<u>\$</u> 6,033	<u>\$</u> 6,000

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 46,139	\$ 46,139	\$ -
Special Assessments	<u>828,861</u>	<u>845,082</u>	<u>16,221</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>875,000</u>	<u>891,221</u>	<u>16,221</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Personal Services	50,000	-	50,000
Other	<u>931,000</u>	<u>861,066</u>	<u>69,934</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>981,000</u>	<u>861,066</u>	<u>119,934</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(106,000)</u>	<u>30,155</u>	<u>136,155</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	635,550	635,550	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>3,050</u>	<u>3,050</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 532,600</u>	<u>\$ 668,755</u>	<u>\$ 136,155</u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 103,036	\$ 103,036	\$ -
Intergovernmental	<u>9,116</u>	<u>9,116</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>112,152</u>	<u>112,152</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Public Health and Welfare:			
Other	<u>111,196</u>	<u>107,588</u>	<u>3,608</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>956</u>	<u>4,564</u>	<u>3,608</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$ 956</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,564</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,608</u></u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 246,250	\$ 246,250	\$ -
<b>Expenditures</b>	-	-	-
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>246,250</u>	<u>246,250</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Transfers Out	(291,274)	(291,274)	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(45,024)</u>	<u>(45,024)</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u>60,885</u>	<u>60,885</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 15,861</u>	<u>\$ 15,861</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 39,000	\$ 39,508	\$ 508
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Transportation:			
Other	45,000	40,000	5,000
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(6,000)</i>	<i>(492)</i>	<i>5,508</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>11,168</i>	<i>11,168</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$ 5,168</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 10,676</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 5,508</u></i>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 17,500	\$ 23,502	\$ 6,002
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Other	2,500	-	2,500
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	15,000	23,502	8,502
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u>13,911</u>	<u>13,911</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 28,911</u>	<u>\$ 37,413</u>	<u>\$ 8,502</u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Other	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ -
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Other	20,000	-	20,000
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(19,960)</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>20,000</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>21,891</i>	<i>21,891</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$ 1,931</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 21,931</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 20,000</u></i>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 69,000	\$ 70,400	\$ 1,400
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Other	75,000	70,018	4,982
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(6,000)</i>	<i>382</i>	<i>6,382</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>13,790</i>	<i>13,790</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$ 7,790</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 14,172</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 6,382</u></i>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 161,500	\$ 161,737	\$ 237
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Personal Services	162,682	158,710	3,972
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(1,182)</i>	<i>3,027</i>	<i>4,209</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>1,729</i>	<i>1,729</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$ 547</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 4,756</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 4,209</u></i>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 50,000	\$ 59,812	\$ 9,812
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Other	100,000	73,970	26,030
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(50,000)</i>	<i>(14,158)</i>	<i>35,842</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>384,650</i>	<i>384,650</i>	<i>-</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	16,259	16,259	-
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u><i>\$ 350,909</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 386,751</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 35,842</i></u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 1,024	\$ 2,228	\$ 1,204
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
Security of Persons and Property:			
Other	2,500	-	2,500
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(1,476)</i>	<i>2,228</i>	<i>3,704</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>3,767</i>	<i>3,767</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$ 2,291</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 5,995</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 3,704</u></i>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 55,366	\$ 55,366	\$ -
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Personal Services	55,416	54,834	582
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(50)</i>	<i>532</i>	<i>582</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>277</i>	<i>277</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$ 227</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 809</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 582</u></i>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 115,000	\$ 119,502	\$ 4,502
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Personal Services	5,000	-	5,000
Other	145,000	122,408	22,592
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>150,000</i>	<i>122,408</i>	<i>27,592</i>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(35,000)</i>	<i>(2,906)</i>	<i>32,094</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>109,464</i>	<i>109,464</i>	<i>-</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	1,489	1,489	-
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i>\$ 75,953</i>	<i>\$ 108,047</i>	<i>\$ 32,094</i>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 32,000	\$ 35,751	\$ 3,751
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Other	40,000	26,996	13,004
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(8,000)</i>	<i>8,755</i>	<i>16,755</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>10,069</i>	<i>10,069</i>	<i>-</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	-	-	-
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u><i>\$ 2,069</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 18,824</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 16,755</i></u>

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 119,000	\$ 119,394	\$ 394
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Personal Services	60,000	47,886	12,114
Other	90,000	78,490	11,510
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>126,376</u>	<u>23,624</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	(31,000)	(6,982)	24,018
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	69,060	69,060	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	1,945	1,945	-
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 40,005</u>	<u>\$ 64,023</u>	<u>\$ 24,018</u>

**City of Berea  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,080	\$ 4,080
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Other	40,000	17,961	22,039
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(30,000)</i>	<i>(3,881)</i>	<i>26,119</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>77,031</i>	<i>77,031</i>	<i>-</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	2,460	2,460	-
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u><i>\$ 49,491</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 75,610</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 26,119</i></u>

**City of Berea  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 90,000	\$ 93,626	\$ 3,626
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General Government:			
Personal Services	71,132	66,093	5,039
Other	500	398	102
Total General Government	<u>71,632</u>	<u>66,491</u>	<u>5,141</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	18,368	27,135	8,767
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u>42,532</u>	<u>42,532</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 60,900</u>	<u>\$ 69,667</u>	<u>\$ 8,767</u>

**City of Berea  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,698	\$ (2,302)
Charges for Services	<u>295,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>320,000</u>	<u>322,698</u>	<u>2,698</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Capital Outlay:			
Other	560,389	522,354	38,035
Debt Service			
Principal Retirement	61,444	61,444	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	<u>3,794</u>	<u>3,794</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>625,627</u>	<u>587,592</u>	<u>38,035</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(305,627)</u>	<u>(264,894)</u>	<u>40,733</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	328,917	328,917	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>84,781</u>	<u>84,781</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 108,071</u>	<u>\$ 148,804</u>	<u>\$ 40,733</u>

**City of Berea  
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*Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
Recreation Capital Improvement Fund  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Contributions and Donations	373,348	373,348	-
Other	97,500	97,500	-
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>470,848</u>	<u>482,848</u>	<u>12,000</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Capital Outlay:			
Other	348,854	246,603	102,251
Debt Service			
Principal Retirement	9,594	9,594	-
Interest and Fiscal Charges	552	552	-
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>359,000</u>	<u>256,749</u>	<u>102,251</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>111,848</u>	<u>226,099</u>	<u>114,251</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Transfers In	140,000	140,000	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>251,848</u>	<u>366,099</u>	<u>114,251</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<u>15,918</u>	<u>15,918</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 267,766</u>	<u>\$ 382,017</u>	<u>\$ 114,251</u>

**City of Berea  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 20,000	\$ 33,293	\$ 13,293
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Capital Outlay:			
Other	50,000	10,028	39,972
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<i>(30,000)</i>	<i>23,265</i>	<i>53,265</i>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	<i>283,007</i>	<i>283,007</i>	<i>-</i>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	731	731	-
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$ 253,738</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 307,003</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 53,265</u></i>

**City of Berea  
Cuyahoga County, Ohio**

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

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Licenses and Permits	\$ 30,000	\$ 31,765	\$ 1,765
Other	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,053</u>	<u>53</u>
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>32,818</u>	<u>1,818</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Capital Outlay:			
Personal Services	663,173	642,411	20,762
Other	<u>293,164</u>	<u>282,583</u>	<u>10,581</u>
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>956,337</u>	<u>924,994</u>	<u>31,343</u>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<u>(925,337)</u>	<u>(892,176)</u>	<u>33,161</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Transfers In	890,000	890,000	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	<u>(35,337)</u>	<u>(2,176)</u>	<u>33,161</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) Beginning of Year</i>	42,894	42,894	-
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>235</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Fund Balance (Deficit) End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 7,792</u>	<u>\$ 40,953</u>	<u>\$ 33,161</u>

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Combining Statements -*  
*Internal Service Funds*

These funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department to other departments of the City, on a cost-reimbursement basis.

***Medical Benefits Fund***

To account for the operation of the City's self-insurance program for employee health benefits.

***Property/Liability Insurance Fund***

To account for the operation of the City's self-insurance program for property and liability insurance.

***Workers Compensation Fund***

To account for the payment of the City's workers compensation insurance.

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Combining Statement of Fund Net Position*  
*Internal Service Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

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	Medical Benefits Fund	Property/Liability Insurance Fund	Workers Compensation Fund	Totals
<b>Assets</b>				
<i>Current Assets:</i>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ -	\$ 54,264	\$ 80,633	\$ 134,897
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	700,930	-	-	700,930
Prepaid Items	-	-	163,052	163,052
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>700,930</b>	<b>54,264</b>	<b>243,685</b>	<b>998,879</b>
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>				
Accounts Payable	-	81,669	-	81,669
Claims Payable	163,701	-	-	163,701
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>163,701</b>	<b>81,669</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>245,370</b>
<b>Net Position</b>				
Unrestricted	537,229	(27,405)	243,685	753,509
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 537,229</b>	<b>\$ (27,405)</b>	<b>\$ 243,685</b>	<b>\$ 753,509</b>

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position*  
*Internal Service Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Medical Benefits Fund	Property/Liability Insurance Fund	Workers Compensation Fund	Totals
<b>Operating Revenues</b>				
Charges for Services	\$ 3,673,463	\$ 320,000	\$ 146,000	\$ 4,139,463
Other	422,981	181,361	40,495	644,837
<i>Total Operating Revenues</i>	<i>4,096,444</i>	<i>501,361</i>	<i>186,495</i>	<i>4,784,300</i>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Contractual Services	663,765	520,514	214,634	1,398,913
Claims	2,998,766	28,406	-	3,027,172
Other	13,710	-	-	13,710
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<i>3,676,241</i>	<i>548,920</i>	<i>214,634</i>	<i>4,439,795</i>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<i>420,203</i>	<i>(47,559)</i>	<i>(28,139)</i>	<i>344,505</i>
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<i>117,026</i>	<i>20,154</i>	<i>271,824</i>	<i>409,004</i>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<i>\$ 537,229</i>	<i>\$ (27,405)</i>	<i>\$ 243,685</i>	<i>\$ 753,509</i>

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Combining Statement of Cash Flow-*  
*Internal Service Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	Medical Benefits Fund	Property/ Liability Insurance Fund	Workers Compensation Fund	Total Internal Service Funds
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>				
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 3,673,463	\$ 320,000	\$ 146,000	\$ 4,139,463
Other Cash Receipts	422,981	181,361	40,495	644,837
Cash Payments for Contractual Services	(663,765)	(438,845)	(185,893)	(1,288,503)
Cash Payments for Claims	(2,979,712)	(28,406)	-	(3,008,118)
Other Cash Payments	(13,710)	-	-	(13,710)
<i>Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities</i>	<u>439,257</u>	<u>34,110</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>473,969</u>
<i>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments</i>	<u>439,257</u>	<u>34,110</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>473,969</u>
<i>Cash and Investments Beginning of Year</i>	<u>261,673</u>	<u>20,154</u>	<u>80,031</u>	<u>361,858</u>
<i>Cash and Investments End of Year</i>	<u><u>\$ 700,930</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 54,264</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 80,633</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 835,827</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities</b>				
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 420,203	\$ (47,559)	\$ (28,139)	\$ 344,505
Adjustments:				
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:				
Prepays	-	-	28,741	28,741
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	-	81,669	-	81,669
Claims Payable	<u>19,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,054</u>
<i>Total Adjustments</i>	<u><u>19,054</u></u>	<u><u>81,669</u></u>	<u><u>28,741</u></u>	<u><u>129,464</u></u>
<i>Net Cash Provided By (Used For) Operating Activities</i>	<u><u>\$ 439,257</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,110</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 602</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 473,969</u></u>

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Combining Statements –*  
*Fiduciary Funds*

***Fiduciary Funds***

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the City as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and/or other governments.

***Custodial Funds***

***Regional Sewer Fund***

To account for the collection of revenues to be remitted to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

***State Highway Patrol Fund***

To account for the resources obtained from state highway fines and designated, by state statute, for expenditures that would enhance the law library.

***Ohio Board of Building Standards Fund***

To account for state building fees collected from builders and disbursed to the State Board of Building Standards.

***Metroparks Fund***

To account for the collection and distribution of revenue received from the municipal court for the Metroparks.

***Municipal Court Fund***

To account for the collection and distribution of revenue associated with the operations of the Berea Municipal Court.

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, OH**  
*Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Custodial Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

	Regional Sewer Fund	State Highway Patrol Fund	Ohio Board of Building Standards Fund	Metroparks Fund
<b>Assets</b>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,313,114	\$ 658	\$ 137	\$ 45,242
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	<u>2,683,325</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$ 3,996,439</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 658</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 137</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 45,242</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,298,105	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to Other Governments	<u>2,698,334</u>	<u>658</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>45,242</u>
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u><u>\$ 3,996,439</u></u>	<u><u>658</u></u>	<u><u>137</u></u>	<u><u>45,242</u></u>
<b>Net Position</b>				
Unrestricted	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, OH**  
*Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Custodial Funds*  
*December 31, 2024*

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	Municipal	Court	Fund	Total
<b>Assets</b>				
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -			\$ 1,359,151
Cash and Cash Equivalents in Segregated Accounts	250,689			250,689
Accounts Receivable	-			2,683,325
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ 250,689</u>			<u>\$ 4,293,165</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable	\$ -			\$ 1,298,105
Due to Other Governments	250,689			2,995,060
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>250,689</u>			<u>4,293,165</u>
<b>Net Position</b>				
Unrestricted	-			-
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$ -</u>			<u>\$ -</u>

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, OH**  
*Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Custodial Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	Regional Sewer Fund	State Highway Patrol Fund	Ohio Board of Building Standards Fund	Metroparks Fund
<b>Additions</b>				
Licenses, Permits & Fees for Other Governments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,712	\$ -
Fines & Forfeitures for Other Government	- -	2,757	- -	5,836
Collections for Other Governments	6,297,888	- -	- -	- -
<i>Total Additions</i>	<i>6,297,888</i>	<i>2,757</i>	<i>2,712</i>	<i>5,836</i>
<b>Deductions</b>				
Licenses, Permits & Fees Distributions to Other Government	- -	- -	2,712	- -
Fines & Forfeitures Distributions to Other Government	- -	2,757	- -	5,836
Distributions to Other Government	6,297,888	- -	- -	- -
<i>Total Deductions</i>	<i>6,297,888</i>	<i>2,757</i>	<i>2,712</i>	<i>5,836</i>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	<i>- -</i>	<i>- -</i>	<i>- -</i>	<i>- -</i>
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	<i>- -</i>	<i>- -</i>	<i>- -</i>	<i>- -</i>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<i><u>\$ -</u></i>	<i><u>\$ -</u></i>	<i><u>\$ -</u></i>	<i><u>\$ -</u></i>

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, OH**  
*Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position*  
*Custodial Funds*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

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	Municipal Court Fund	Total
<b>Additions</b>		
Licenses, Permits & Fees for Other Governments	\$ -	\$ 2,712
Fines & Forfeitures for Other Government	2,632,184	2,640,777
Collections for Other Government:	-	6,297,888
<i>Total Additions</i>	<u>2,632,184</u>	<u>8,941,377</u>
<b>Deductions</b>		
Licenses, Permits & Fees Distributions to Other Government	-	2,712
Fines & Forfeitures Distributions to Other Government	2,632,184	2,640,777
Distributions to Other Government:	-	6,297,888
<i>Total Deductions</i>	<u>2,632,184</u>	<u>8,941,377</u>
<i>Change in Net Position</i>	-	-
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>	-	-
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Supplemental Schedules  
Entity-Wide Accrual Statements  
Reporting with GASB 68 and GASB 75  
and without GASB 68 and GASB 75

## **Background:**

Pursuant to GASB Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27*. In a prior year, the City adopted GASB Statement 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, which significantly revised accounting for costs and liabilities related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB). For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the City's actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting net OPEB asset and deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan's *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability*. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio's statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability/asset to equal the City's proportionate share of each plan's collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension/OPEB benefits attributable to active and inactive employees' past service
2. Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the City is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the City's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability and net OPEB liability/asset, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Supplemental Schedule*  
*Schedule of Net Position - Including GASB 68 and GASB 75*  
*December 31, 2024*

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 14,062,542	\$ 767,381	\$ 14,829,923
Accounts Receivable	221,562	1,656,388	1,877,950
Intergovernmental Receivable	1,307,928	125,769	1,433,697
Taxes Receivable	12,038,921	571,870	12,610,791
Special Assessments Receivable	805,605	-	805,605
Loans Receivable	731,844	-	731,844
Leases Receivable	911,468	-	911,468
Prepaid Items	163,052	-	163,052
Materials and Supplies Inventory	351,258	152,562	503,820
Assets Held for Resale	170,157	-	170,157
Net OPEB Asset	302,889	62,038	364,927
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	14,652,849	2,508,005	17,160,854
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	72,237,904	35,492,609	107,730,513
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>117,957,979</i>	<i>41,336,622</i>	<i>159,294,601</i>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension	9,024,754	585,720	9,610,474
OPEB	1,114,978	54,126	1,169,104
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>10,139,732</i>	<i>639,846</i>	<i>10,779,578</i>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	1,348,992	34,160	1,383,152
Accrued Wages	135,613	14,416	150,029
Contracts Payable	16,682	241,150	257,832
Intergovernmental Payable	235,652	15,535	251,187
Accrued Interest Payable	-	135,444	135,444
Claims Payable	163,701	-	163,701
Unearned Revenue	1,768,249	-	1,768,249
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	2,100,931	960,941	3,061,872
Due In More Than One Year:			
Net Pension Liability	29,443,294	1,888,063	31,331,357
Net OPEB Liability	1,528,453	-	1,528,453
Other Amounts Due in More Than One Year	20,587,353	8,706,691	29,294,044
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>57,328,920</i>	<i>11,996,400</i>	<i>69,325,320</i>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes Levied for the Next Fiscal Year	6,773,595	553,464	7,327,059
Leases	882,346	-	882,346
Pension	861,602	43,392	904,994
OPEB	1,557,672	35,669	1,593,341
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<i>10,075,215</i>	<i>632,525</i>	<i>10,707,740</i>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	66,926,136	29,159,844	96,085,980
Restricted for:			
Debt Service	1,195,508	-	1,195,508
Street Lighting	1,486,184	-	1,486,184
Street Maintenance and Repair	938,754	-	938,754
Court Operations and Capital Outlay	504,711	-	504,711
Security Operations	489,899	-	489,899
Drug and Alcohol Programs	28,276	-	28,276
OPEB	302,889	62,038	364,927
Other Purposes	678,212	-	678,212
Unrestricted	(11,856,993)	125,661	(11,731,332)
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<i>\$ 60,693,576</i>	<i>\$ 29,347,543</i>	<i>\$ 90,041,119</i>

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Supplemental Schedule*  
*Schedule of Net Position - Excluding GASB 68 and GASB 75*  
*December 31, 2024*

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments	\$ 14,062,542	\$ 767,381	\$ 14,829,923
Accounts Receivable	221,562	1,656,388	1,877,950
Intergovernmental Receivable	1,307,928	125,769	1,433,697
Taxes Receivable	12,038,921	571,870	12,610,791
Special Assessments Receivable	805,605	-	805,605
Loans Receivable	731,844	-	731,844
Leases Receivable	911,468	-	911,468
Prepaid Items	163,052	-	163,052
Materials and Supplies Inventory	351,258	152,562	503,820
Assets Held for Resale	170,157	-	170,157
Net OPEB Asset	-	-	-
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets	14,652,849	2,508,005	17,160,854
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	72,237,904	35,492,609	107,730,513
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>117,655,090</i>	<i>41,274,584</i>	<i>158,929,674</i>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Pension	-	-	-
OPEB	-	-	-
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	1,348,992	34,160	1,383,152
Accrued Wages	135,613	14,416	150,029
Contracts Payable	16,682	241,150	257,832
Intergovernmental Payable	235,652	15,535	251,187
Accrued Interest Payable	-	135,444	135,444
Claims Payable	163,701	-	163,701
Unearned Revenue	1,768,249	-	1,768,249
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	2,100,931	960,941	3,061,872
Due In More Than One Year:			
Net Pension Liability	-	-	-
Net OPEB Liability	-	-	-
Other Amounts Due in More Than One Year	20,587,353	8,706,691	29,294,044
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>26,357,173</i>	<i>10,108,337</i>	<i>36,465,510</i>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Property Taxes Levied for the Next Fiscal Year	6,773,595	553,464	7,327,059
Leases	882,346	-	882,346
Pension	-	-	-
OPEB	-	-	-
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<i>7,655,941</i>	<i>553,464</i>	<i>8,209,405</i>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	66,926,136	29,159,844	96,085,980
Restricted for:			
Debt Service	1,195,508	-	1,195,508
Street Lighting	1,486,184	-	1,486,184
Street Maintenance and Repair	938,754	-	938,754
Court Operations and Capital Outlay	504,711	-	504,711
Security Operations	489,899	-	489,899
Drug and Alcohol Programs	28,276	-	28,276
OPEB	-	-	-
Other Purposes	678,212	-	678,212
Unrestricted	11,394,296	1,452,939	12,847,235
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<i>\$ 83,641,976</i>	<i>\$ 30,612,783</i>	<i>\$ 114,254,759</i>

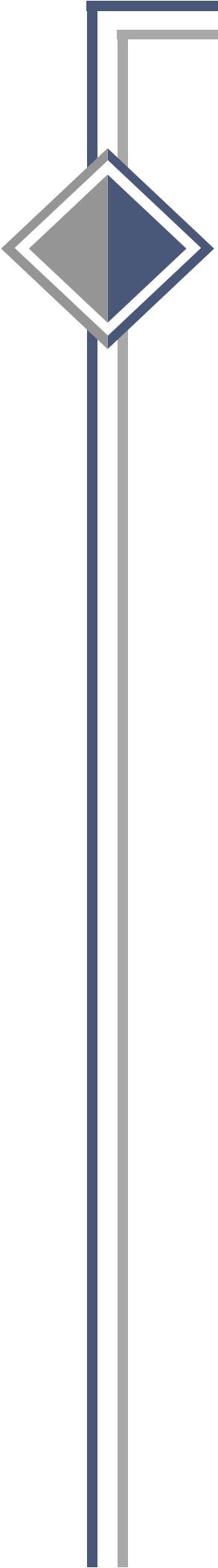
**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Supplemental Schedule*  
*Schedule of Activities - Including GASB 68 and GASB 75*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

						Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Program Revenues							
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Capital Grants, Contributions and Interest	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	
<b>Governmental Activities</b>								
General Government	\$ 13,331,435	\$ 2,962,915	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,368,520)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,368,520)
Security of Persons and Property	10,583,978	1,591,762	347,369	19,058	(8,625,789)	-	-	(8,625,789)
Public Health	356,433	-	281,506	-	(74,927)	-	-	(74,927)
Leisure Time Services	5,957,779	1,004,871	532,042	9,711,307	5,290,441	-	-	5,290,441
Community Development	347,750	32,890	222,039	-	(92,821)	-	-	(92,821)
Public Works	1,509,778	-	-	-	(1,509,778)	-	-	(1,509,778)
Transportation	5,402,406	5,567	1,044,563	132,597	(4,219,679)	-	-	(4,219,679)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	592,451	-	-	-	(592,451)	-	-	(592,451)
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<i>38,082,010</i>	<i>5,598,005</i>	<i>2,427,519</i>	<i>9,862,962</i>	<i>(20,193,524)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(20,193,524)</i>
<b>Business-Type Activities</b>								
Water Revenue	3,366,508	2,807,658	60,199	-	-	(498,651)	-	(498,651)
Sewer Revenue	1,933,614	810,323	-	1,008,568	-	(114,723)	-	(114,723)
<i>Total Business-Type Activities</i>	<i>5,300,122</i>	<i>3,617,981</i>	<i>60,199</i>	<i>1,008,568</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(613,374)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(613,374)</i>
<i>Total Primary Government</i>	<i>\$ 43,382,132</i>	<i>\$ 9,215,986</i>	<i>\$ 2,487,718</i>	<i>\$ 10,871,530</i>	<i>(20,193,524)</i>	<i>(613,374)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(20,806,898)</i>
<b>General Revenues:</b>								
Property Taxes Levied for:								
General Purposes				2,121,711	-	2,121,711		
Police and Fire Pension				885,352	-	885,352		
Community Hospital				101,811	-	101,811		
Debt Service				1,936,844	-	1,936,844		
Water Improvements				-	502,986	502,986		
Income Taxes Levied for:								
General Purposes				20,304,207	-	20,304,207		
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted								
to Specific Programs				1,318,366	-	1,318,366		
Other Taxes				223,707	-	223,707		
Investment Earnings				676,827	-	676,827		
Miscellaneous				428,589	5,995	434,584		
<i>Total General Revenues</i>				<i>27,997,414</i>	<i>508,981</i>	<i>28,506,395</i>		
Transfers				(887,000)	887,000	-		
<i>Total General Revenues and Transfers</i>				<i>27,110,414</i>	<i>1,395,981</i>	<i>28,506,395</i>		
<i>Change in Net Position</i>				<i>6,916,890</i>	<i>782,607</i>	<i>7,699,497</i>		
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>				<i>53,776,686</i>	<i>28,564,936</i>	<i>82,341,622</i>		
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>				<i>\$ 60,693,576</i>	<i>\$ 29,347,543</i>	<i>\$ 90,041,119</i>		

**City of Berea**  
**Cuyahoga County, Ohio**  
*Supplemental Schedule*  
*Schedule of Activities - Excluding GASB 68 and GASB 75*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

						Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Program Revenues							
	Expenses	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Capital Grants, Contributions and Interest	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	
<b>Governmental Activities</b>								
General Government	\$ 13,293,045	\$ 2,962,915	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (10,330,130)	\$ -	\$ (10,330,130)	
Security of Persons and Property	10,121,869	1,591,762	347,369	19,058	(8,163,680)	-	(8,163,680)	
Public Health	356,433	-	281,506	-	(74,927)	-	(74,927)	
Leisure Time Services	5,948,724	1,004,871	532,042	9,711,307	5,299,496	-	5,299,496	
Community Development	343,457	32,890	222,039	-	(88,528)	-	(88,528)	
Public Works	1,509,778	-	-	-	(1,509,778)	-	(1,509,778)	
Transportation	5,397,988	5,567	1,044,563	132,597	(4,215,261)	-	(4,215,261)	
Interest and Fiscal Charges	592,451	-	-	-	(592,451)	-	(592,451)	
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<i>37,563,745</i>	<i>5,598,005</i>	<i>2,427,519</i>	<i>9,862,962</i>	<i>(19,675,259)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(19,675,259)</i>	
<b>Business-Type Activities</b>								
Water Revenue	3,394,306	2,807,658	60,199	-	-	(526,449)	(526,449)	
Sewer Revenue	1,932,776	810,323	-	1,008,568	-	(113,885)	(113,885)	
<i>Total Business-Type Activities</i>	<i>5,327,082</i>	<i>3,617,981</i>	<i>60,199</i>	<i>1,008,568</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(640,334)</i>	<i>(640,334)</i>	
<i>Total Primary Government</i>	<i>\$ 42,890,827</i>	<i>\$ 9,215,986</i>	<i>\$ 2,487,718</i>	<i>\$ 10,871,530</i>	<i>(19,675,259)</i>	<i>(640,334)</i>	<i>(20,315,593)</i>	
<b>General Revenues:</b>								
Property Taxes Levied for:								
General Purposes				2,121,711	-	2,121,711		
Police and Fire Pension				885,352	-	885,352		
Community Hospital				101,811	-	101,811		
Debt Service				1,936,844	-	1,936,844		
Water Improvements				-	502,986	502,986		
Income Taxes Levied for:								
General Purposes				20,304,207	-	20,304,207		
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted								
to Specific Programs				1,318,366	-	1,318,366		
Other Taxes				223,707	-	223,707		
Investment Earnings				676,827	-	676,827		
Miscellaneous				428,589	5,995	434,584		
<i>Total General Revenues</i>				<i>27,997,414</i>	<i>508,981</i>	<i>28,506,395</i>		
Transfers				(887,000)	887,000	-		
<i>Total General Revenues and Transfers</i>				<i>27,110,414</i>	<i>1,395,981</i>	<i>28,506,395</i>		
<i>Change in Net Position</i>				<i>7,435,155</i>	<i>755,647</i>	<i>8,190,802</i>		
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>				<i>76,206,821</i>	<i>29,857,136</i>	<i>106,063,957</i>		
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>				<i>\$ 83,641,976</i>	<i>\$ 30,612,783</i>	<i>\$ 114,254,759</i>		

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## STATISTICAL SECTION



## Statistical Section

This part of the City of Berea, Ohio's annual comprehensive financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the City's overall financial health.

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<b>Financial Trends</b> These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the City's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.	S-2 - S-11
<b>Revenue Capacity</b> These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the City's most significant local revenue source; the property tax and the municipal income tax.	S-12 - S-21
<b>Debt Capacity</b> These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the City's current levels of outstanding debt and the City's ability to issue additional debt in the future.	S-22 - S-29
<b>Economic and Demographic Information</b> These schedules offer economic and demographic indicators to help the reader understand how the information in the City's financial report relates to the services the City provides and the activities it performs.	S-30 - S-31
<b>Operating Information</b> These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the City's financial report relates to the service the City provides and the activities it performs.	S-32 - S-39
<b>Sources:</b> Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the annual comprehensive financial reports for the relevant year.	
<b>NOTES:</b> During 2019, the City implemented GASB 84. Prior year revenues and expenses have not been adjusted to reflect this change.	
With the implementation of GASB 75 in 2018, the calculation of OPEB expense has changed; however, government-wide expenses for 2017 and prior years were not restated to reflect this change.	
With the implementation of GASB 68 in 2015, the calculation of pension expense has changed; however, government-wide expenses for 2014 and prior years were not restated to reflect this change.	

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Net Position By Component*  
*Last Ten Years*  
*(Accrual Basis of Accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 66,926,136	\$ 61,855,208	\$ 60,572,291	\$ 53,688,110
Restricted:				
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	1,195,508	1,307,928	1,614,013	-
Street Lighting	1,486,184	1,405,954	1,111,334	962,112
Street Maintenance and Repair	938,754	810,704	654,258	628,677
Court Operations and Capital Outlay	504,711	517,698	491,498	491,017
Security Operations	489,899	486,848	442,738	485,284
Drug and Alcohol Programs	28,276	31,856	43,915	23,806
OPEB	302,889	-	-	-
Other Purposes *	678,212	751,731	691,036	506,848
Unrestricted	<u>(11,856,993)</u>	<u>(13,391,241)</u>	<u>(12,597,930)</u>	<u>(13,498,701)</u>
<i>Total Governmental Activities Net Position</i>	<u><u>\$ 60,693,576</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 53,776,686</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 53,023,153</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 43,287,153</u></u>
<b>Business Type - Activities</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 29,159,844	\$ 28,366,622	\$ 27,908,924	\$ 27,432,023
Restricted:				
Renewal and Replacement	-	-	-	-
OPEB	62,038	-	-	-
Unrestricted	<u>125,661</u>	<u>198,314</u>	<u>621,314</u>	<u>(534,044)</u>
<i>Total Business-Type Activities Net Position</i>	<u><u>\$ 29,347,543</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 28,564,936</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 28,530,238</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 26,897,979</u></u>
<b>Primary Government</b>				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 96,085,980	\$ 90,221,830	\$ 88,481,215	\$ 81,120,133
Restricted	5,686,471	5,312,719	5,048,792	3,097,744
Unrestricted	<u>(11,731,332)</u>	<u>(13,192,927)</u>	<u>(11,976,616)</u>	<u>(14,032,745)</u>
<i>Total Primary Government Net Position</i>	<u><u>\$ 90,041,119</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 82,341,622</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 81,553,391</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 70,185,132</u></u>

Restated 2020	Restated 2019	Restated 2018	Restated 2017	Restated 2016	2015
\$ 56,711,603	\$ 59,498,197	\$ 60,306,385	\$ 61,240,064	\$ 60,290,157	\$ 52,594,409
-	-	-	-	95,998	-
763,009	723,586	838,318	927,517	1,000,015	980,414
806,923	596,873	416,385	514,761	509,831	468,849
571,906	555,764	1,246,931	772,984	464,471	1,756,269
31,227	16,506	45,798	48,674	98,668	75,583
564,879	580,307	659,638	657,029	609,676	541,728
-	-	-	-	-	-
473,875	569,816	499,751	70,985	19,064	18,276
<u>(16,837,416)</u>	<u>(17,307,898)</u>	<u>(22,845,852)</u>	<u>(20,129,273)</u>	<u>(2,804,391)</u>	<u>(5,512,168)</u>
<u>\$ 43,086,006</u>	<u>\$ 45,233,151</u>	<u>\$ 41,167,354</u>	<u>\$ 44,102,741</u>	<u>\$ 60,283,489</u>	<u>\$ 53,907,179</u>
 \$ 27,536,818	 \$ 28,028,357	 \$ 27,589,952	 \$ 25,155,850	 \$ 25,111,856	 \$ 25,256,979
-	-	-	101,453	22,905	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>(1,962,106)</u>	<u>(2,518,976)</u>	<u>(1,826,341)</u>	<u>(602,320)</u>	<u>(324,507)</u>	<u>699,079</u>
<u>\$ 25,574,712</u>	<u>\$ 25,509,381</u>	<u>\$ 25,763,611</u>	<u>\$ 24,654,983</u>	<u>\$ 24,810,254</u>	<u>\$ 25,956,058</u>
 \$ 84,248,421	 \$ 87,526,554	 \$ 87,896,337	 \$ 86,395,914	 \$ 85,402,013	 \$ 77,851,388
3,211,819	3,042,852	3,706,821	3,093,403	2,820,628	6,824,938
<u>(18,799,522)</u>	<u>(19,826,874)</u>	<u>(24,672,193)</u>	<u>(20,731,593)</u>	<u>(3,128,898)</u>	<u>(4,813,089)</u>
<u>\$ 68,660,718</u>	<u>\$ 70,742,532</u>	<u>\$ 66,930,965</u>	<u>\$ 68,757,724</u>	<u>\$ 85,093,743</u>	<u>\$ 79,863,237</u>

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Changes in Net Position*  
*Last Ten Years*  
*(Accrual Basis of Accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Governmental Activities:				
Charges for Services:				
General Government	\$ 2,962,915	\$ 2,835,668	\$ 2,726,862	\$ 2,519,779
Security of Persons and Property	1,591,762	1,547,149	1,478,460	1,304,772
Public Health	-	-	-	-
Leisure Time Services	1,004,871	916,157	808,838	611,770
Community Development	32,890	29,314	33,911	32,048
Transportation	5,567	157,362	-	101,000
Subtotal - Charges for Services	<u>5,598,005</u>	<u>5,485,650</u>	<u>5,048,071</u>	<u>4,569,369</u>
Operating Grants and Contributions:				
General Government	-	850	-	-
Security of Persons and Property	347,369	304,212	155,804	136,586
Public Health	281,506	132,387	11,504	199,369
Leisure Time Services	532,042	180,498	113,988	36,272
Community Development	222,039	224,211	203,750	-
Transportation	1,044,563	1,040,869	998,208	1,067,038
Subtotal - Operating Grants and Contributions	<u>2,427,519</u>	<u>1,883,027</u>	<u>1,483,254</u>	<u>1,439,265</u>
Capital Grants and Contributions:				
Security of Persons and Property	19,058	23,679	20,345	27,008
Leisure Time Services	9,711,307	3,439,986	9,073,060	62,876
Community Development	-	-	-	-
Transportation	132,597	568,215	576,078	435,999
Subtotal - Capital Grants and Contributions	<u>9,862,962</u>	<u>4,031,880</u>	<u>9,669,483</u>	<u>525,883</u>
<i>Total Governmental Activities Program Revenues</i>	<u>17,888,486</u>	<u>11,400,557</u>	<u>16,200,808</u>	<u>6,534,517</u>
Business-Type Activities:				
Charges for Services:				
Water	2,807,658	2,121,910	2,447,250	2,542,203
Sewer	810,323	747,366	744,997	748,841
Operating Grants and Contributions				
Water	60,199	59,264	58,977	61,608
Sewer	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants and Contributions				
Water	-	414,442	273,094	76,155
Sewer	1,008,568	750,691	788,039	336,659
<i>Total Business-Type Activities Program Revenues</i>	<u>4,686,748</u>	<u>4,093,673</u>	<u>4,312,357</u>	<u>3,765,466</u>
<i>Total Primary Government Program Revenues</i>	<u>\$ 22,575,234</u>	<u>\$ 15,494,230</u>	<u>\$ 20,513,165</u>	<u>\$ 10,299,983</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Governmental Activities:				
General Government	\$ 13,331,435	\$ 12,474,089	\$ 9,652,364	\$ 8,269,997
Security of Persons and Property	10,583,978	10,821,674	9,172,216	8,917,688
Public Health	356,433	221,996	103,970	298,697
Leisure Time Services	5,957,779	5,280,807	3,922,701	2,922,322
Community Development	347,750	404,419	145,497	890,627
Public Works	1,509,778	1,457,057	1,542,014	1,428,106
Transportation	5,402,406	5,341,190	5,377,321	4,760,428
Interest and Fiscal Charges	592,451	704,948	379,829	374,366
<i>Total Governmental Activities Expenses</i>	<u>38,082,010</u>	<u>36,706,180</u>	<u>30,295,912</u>	<u>27,862,231</u>

With the implementation of GASB 84 in 2019, revenues and expenses have changed; however, government-wide expenses for 2018 and prior years were not restated to reflect this change.

With the implementation of GASB 75 in 2018, the calculation of OPEB expense has changed; however, government-wide expenses for 2017 and prior years were not restated to reflect this change.

With the implementation of GASB 68 in 2015, the calculation of pension expense has changed; however, government-wide expenses for 2014 and prior years were not restated to reflect this change.

2020		2019		2018		2017		Restated 2016		2015	
\$ 2,231,148	\$ 3,276,562	\$ 3,714,419	\$ 2,927,888	\$ 2,907,910	\$ 2,884,065						
1,175,545	1,213,185	1,148,978	1,194,563	1,169,955	1,136,291						
-	-	-	-	-	4,203						
313,118	823,413	772,094	566,981	691,324	700,292						
37,251	42,596	73,551	29,295	37,322	41,245						
255,281	30,000	109,894	455,406	392,551	246,661						
<u>4,012,343</u>	<u>5,385,756</u>	<u>5,818,936</u>	<u>5,174,133</u>	<u>5,199,062</u>	<u>5,012,757</u>						
68,745	-	27,000	94,102	138,625	10,000						
895,336	130,471	118,718	305,754	137,757	89,870						
419,924	9,285	9,609	13,518	31,443	15,708						
176,603	10,000	-	5,156	2,206	4,500						
-	-	-	-	4,000	4,861						
<u>948,734</u>	<u>1,004,689</u>	<u>684,304</u>	<u>905,236</u>	<u>826,739</u>	<u>791,526</u>						
<u>2,509,342</u>	<u>1,154,445</u>	<u>839,631</u>	<u>1,323,766</u>	<u>1,140,770</u>	<u>916,465</u>						
120,966	56,518	655,243	-	-	-						
713,052	-	1,050,000	124,474	7,374,955	1,191,998						
-	-	191,948	100,000	158,233	-						
<u>457,097</u>	<u>1,040,605</u>	<u>1,296,861</u>	<u>2,972,276</u>	<u>734,723</u>	<u>345,893</u>						
<u>1,291,115</u>	<u>1,097,123</u>	<u>3,194,052</u>	<u>3,196,750</u>	<u>8,267,911</u>	<u>1,537,891</u>						
<u>7,812,800</u>	<u>7,637,324</u>	<u>9,852,619</u>	<u>9,694,649</u>	<u>14,607,743</u>	<u>7,467,113</u>						
2,700,808	2,662,207	2,536,461	2,835,081	2,741,241	2,507,159						
752,247	847,301	668,593	766,578	775,627	791,863						
6,001	144,225	63,182	75,449	74,695	75,620						
35,019	-	-	-	-	-						
-	470,804	652,508	338,134	254,996	7,343						
<u>399,048</u>	<u>741,593</u>	<u>1,804,830</u>	<u>345,401</u>	<u>354,777</u>	<u>5,278</u>						
<u>3,893,123</u>	<u>4,866,130</u>	<u>5,725,574</u>	<u>4,360,643</u>	<u>4,201,336</u>	<u>3,387,263</u>						
<u>\$ 11,705,923</u>	<u>\$ 12,503,454</u>	<u>\$ 15,578,193</u>	<u>\$ 14,055,292</u>	<u>\$ 18,809,079</u>	<u>\$ 10,854,376</u>						
\$ 10,965,105	\$ 11,044,960	\$ 9,747,695	\$ 9,846,448	\$ 8,331,714	\$ 7,664,155						
9,342,118	279,373	9,650,672	8,841,071	8,565,299	7,359,179						
387,208	98,426	97,319	117,192	118,279	151,785						
4,034,089	4,896,558	4,649,331	4,521,353	3,340,337	2,919,372						
396,234	525,712	393,983	554,587	388,886	353,620						
1,484,294	1,290,056	1,248,969	1,272,715	1,266,920	1,247,527						
4,802,649	4,361,420	5,308,281	4,001,193	3,649,374	3,420,711						
597,622	779,809	736,910	627,337	648,626	582,951						
<u>32,009,319</u>	<u>23,276,314</u>	<u>31,833,160</u>	<u>29,781,896</u>	<u>26,309,435</u>	<u>23,699,300</u>						

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**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Changes in Net Position*  
*Last Ten Years*  
*(Accrual Basis of Accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Business-Type Activities</b>				
Water	\$ 3,366,508	\$ 3,749,229	\$ 2,828,962	\$ 2,406,016
Sewer	1,933,614	1,558,927	1,240,495	1,125,335
<i>Total Business-Type Activities Expenses</i>	<u>5,300,122</u>	<u>5,308,156</u>	<u>4,069,457</u>	<u>3,531,351</u>
<b>Total Primary Government Program Expenses</b>	<u>43,382,132</u>	<u>42,014,336</u>	<u>34,365,369</u>	<u>31,393,582</u>
<b>Net (Expense)/Revenue</b>				
Governmental Activities	(20,193,524)	(25,305,623)	(14,095,104)	(21,327,714)
Business-Type Activities	(613,374)	(1,214,483)	242,900	234,115
<i>Total Primary Government Net Expense</i>	<u>(20,806,898)</u>	<u>(26,520,106)</u>	<u>(13,852,204)</u>	<u>(21,093,599)</u>
<b>General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position</b>				
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Taxes:				
Property and Other Local Taxes Levied For:				
General Purposes	\$ 2,121,711	\$ 2,061,508	\$ 1,917,421	\$ 1,901,870
Other Purposes *	2,924,007	2,843,795	2,656,496	2,580,570
Municipal Income Taxes levied for:				
General Purposes	20,304,207	19,618,278	18,084,206	16,072,370
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to				
Specific Programs	1,318,366	1,231,771	1,264,542	1,077,249
Other Taxes	223,707	200,525	228,448	224,259
Investment Income	676,827	593,705	15,051	(7,712)
Miscellaneous	428,589	264,574	594,940	270,255
Unrestricted Donations	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(887,000)	(755,000)	(930,000)	(590,000)
Extraordinary Item	-	-	-	-
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>27,110,414</u>	<u>26,059,156</u>	<u>23,831,104</u>	<u>21,528,861</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities</b>				
Property Taxes levied for:				
Water Improvements	502,986	494,181	459,359	499,152
Transfers	887,000	755,000	930,000	590,000
Miscellaneous	5,995	-	-	-
<i>Total Business-Type Activities</i>	<u>1,395,981</u>	<u>1,249,181</u>	<u>1,389,359</u>	<u>1,089,152</u>
<b>Total Primary Government General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position</b>	<u>28,506,395</u>	<u>27,308,337</u>	<u>25,220,463</u>	<u>22,618,013</u>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>				
Governmental Activities	6,916,890	753,533	9,736,000	201,147
Business-Type Activities	782,607	34,698	1,632,259	1,323,267
<i>Total Primary Government Change in Net Position</i>	<u>\$ 7,699,497</u>	<u>\$ 788,231</u>	<u>\$ 11,368,259</u>	<u>\$ 1,524,414</u>

\* Includes Police and Fire Pension and Debt Service

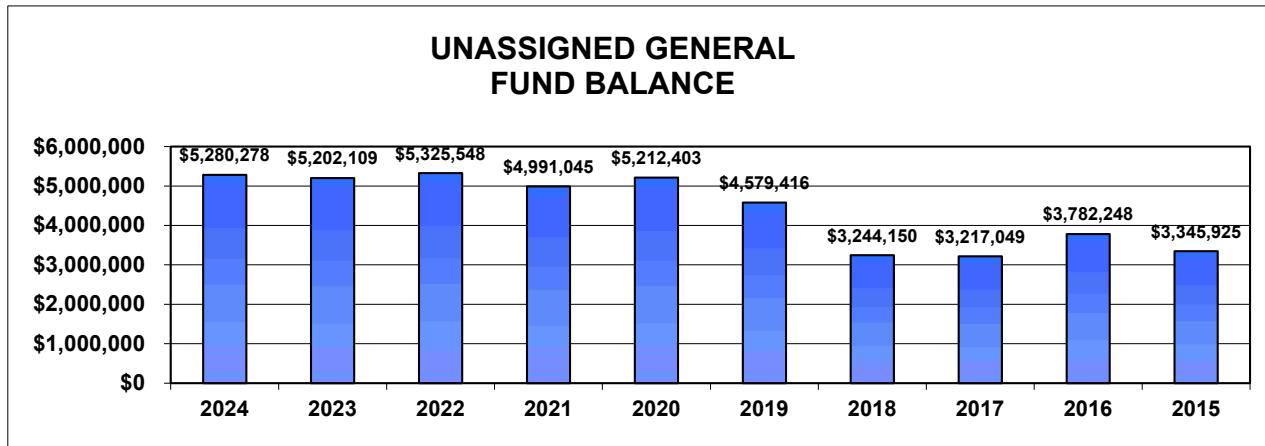
2020		2019		2018		2017		Restated 2016		2015	
\$ 3,293,656	\$ 1,411,702	\$ 4,380,281	\$ 1,298,255	\$ 4,260,794	\$ 1,421,578	\$ 3,577,909	\$ 1,077,872	\$ 4,875,037	\$ 1,053,185	\$ 3,976,228	\$ 954,252
4,705,358		5,678,536		5,682,372		4,655,781		5,928,222		4,930,480	
36,714,677		28,954,850		37,515,532		34,437,677		32,237,657		28,629,780	
(24,196,519)	(812,235)	(15,638,990)	(812,406)	(21,980,541)	43,202	(20,087,247)	(295,138)	(11,701,692)	(1,726,886)	(16,232,187)	(1,543,217)
(25,008,754)		(16,451,396)		(21,937,339)		(20,382,385)		(13,428,578)		(17,775,404)	

\$ 1,820,231	\$ 2,471,933	\$ 1,775,765	\$ 2,385,938	\$ 1,619,709	\$ 2,180,142	\$ 1,601,003	\$ 2,154,612	\$ 1,582,799	\$ 2,133,441	\$ 1,723,505	\$ 2,101,086
15,485,414		13,810,887		14,039,940		12,904,124		13,048,547		11,813,246	
1,012,000	277,843	984,079	259,625	799,109	295,898	829,061	250,729	833,594	307,904	988,566	336,730
176,621	1,155,402	502,171	702,151	37,474	264,660	66,491	203,802	206,755	96,362	101,924	51,988
-	(520,000)	-	(91,000)	-	(605,000)	-	785,000	-	(131,400)	(1,160,000)	-
-		-		-		-		-			
21,879,444		20,329,616		18,631,932		18,204,822		18,078,002		15,957,045	

484,084	520,000	467,176	91,000	456,895	605,000	453,634	590,000	449,682	131,400	450,379	1,160,000
43,412		-		3,531		-		-		-	
1,047,496		558,176		1,065,426		1,043,634		581,082		1,610,379	
22,926,940		20,887,792		19,697,358		19,248,456		18,659,084		17,567,424	
(2,317,075)	235,261	4,690,626	(254,230)	(3,348,609)	1,108,628	(1,882,425)	748,496	6,376,310	(1,145,804)	(275,142)	67,162
\$ (2,081,814)		\$ 4,436,396		\$ (2,239,981)		\$ (1,133,929)		\$ 5,230,506		\$ (207,980)	

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
**Fund Balances, Governmental Funds**  
**Last Ten Years**  
**(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)**

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>General Fund</b>				
Nonspendable	\$ 54,546	\$ 56,007	\$ 60,063	\$ 57,232
Committed	1,955,160	1,812,760	1,893,409	1,663,786
Assigned	336,729	455,627	91,870	35,112
Unassigned	<u>5,280,278</u>	<u>5,202,109</u>	<u>5,325,548</u>	<u>4,991,045</u>
Total General Fund	<u>7,626,713</u>	<u>7,526,503</u>	<u>7,370,890</u>	<u>6,747,175</u>
<b>All Other Governmental Funds</b>				
Nonspendable	351,258	255,176	164,964	129,579
Restricted	3,639,604	3,670,738	3,683,401	2,019,384
Committed	3,481,174	1,891,726	1,696,918	2,470,839
Unassigned	<u>(52,038)</u>	-	<u>(9,759)</u>	<u>(4,357,829)</u>
Total All Other Governmental Funds	<u>7,419,998</u>	<u>5,817,640</u>	<u>5,535,524</u>	<u>261,973</u>
<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b><u>\$ 15,046,711</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 13,344,143</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,906,414</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,009,148</u></b>



2020	2019	Restated 2018	2017	Restated 2016	2015
\$ 53,476	\$ 51,432	\$ 57,180	\$ 61,395	\$ 63,365	\$ 70,707
1,525,231	1,211,984	1,629,589	1,299,960	1,341,207	989,402
52,690	196,788	58,246	134,385	104,751	122,676
<u>5,212,403</u>	<u>4,579,416</u>	<u>3,244,150</u>	<u>3,217,049</u>	<u>3,782,248</u>	<u>3,345,925</u>
<u>6,843,800</u>	<u>6,039,620</u>	<u>4,989,165</u>	<u>4,712,789</u>	<u>5,291,571</u>	<u>4,528,710</u>
216,295	120,520	139,272	154,335	191,624	152,760
2,118,888	1,962,142	2,509,159	2,031,231	1,747,703	5,817,924
3,150,944	1,676,947	2,302,698	3,685,650	2,806,089	9,776,259
(4,209,720)	(4,331,012)	(4,250,640)	(3,956,306)	(4,093,608)	-
<u>1,276,407</u>	<u>(571,403)</u>	<u>700,489</u>	<u>1,914,910</u>	<u>651,808</u>	<u>15,746,943</u>
<u>\$ 8,120,207</u>	<u>\$ 5,468,217</u>	<u>\$ 5,689,654</u>	<u>\$ 6,627,699</u>	<u>\$ 5,943,379</u>	<u>\$ 20,275,653</u>

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds*  
*Last Ten Years*  
*(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property and Other Taxes	\$ 5,309,265	\$ 5,211,806	\$ 5,025,498	\$ 4,521,987
Municipal Income Taxes	19,953,107	19,433,906	18,054,215	16,487,783
Special Assessments	864,676	857,209	742,506	744,882
Charges for Services	1,752,051	1,568,589	1,406,117	1,178,538
Licenses and Permits	351,380	378,620	390,470	379,349
Fines and Forfeitures	2,590,661	2,540,128	2,295,255	2,149,956
Intergovernmental	3,721,791	3,660,602	3,416,165	2,922,935
Interest	689,669	604,327	17,315	(3,141)
Contributions and Donations	425,417	71,321	134,219	81,847
Other	516,628	335,678	712,393	387,355
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<i>36,174,645</i>	<i>34,662,186</i>	<i>32,194,153</i>	<i>28,851,491</i>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General Government	12,406,975	11,293,472	10,433,909	10,593,343
Security of Persons and Property	9,411,637	9,158,094	8,663,383	8,000,208
Public Health	356,433	221,996	103,970	298,697
Leisure Time Services	2,472,190	2,464,116	2,260,161	1,921,285
Community Development	360,637	389,378	320,381	333,236
Public Works	1,495,254	1,453,044	1,529,297	1,414,194
Transportation	1,154,877	1,305,654	1,166,416	1,385,318
Capital Outlay	3,616,820	4,753,351	4,125,602	3,173,848
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	1,935,437	9,230,747	8,614,826	9,047,825
Interest and Fiscal Charges	651,364	791,625	375,373	555,824
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<i>33,861,624</i>	<i>41,061,477</i>	<i>37,593,318</i>	<i>36,723,778</i>
<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	<i>2,313,021</i>	<i>(6,399,291)</i>	<i>(5,399,165)</i>	<i>(7,872,287)</i>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	19,477	48,875	23,051	1,485
Inception of Direct Financing Agreement	-	-	-	14,511
Issuance of General Obligation Bonds	-	7,330,000	-	-
Issuance of Refunding Bonds	-	-	2,790,000	-
Issuance of Revenue Bonds	-	-	4,935,000	-
Premium on Debt Issuance	-	-	-	75,232
Payment to Refunding Bond Escrow Agent	-	-	(2,781,620)	-
Issuance of Notes	-	-	7,260,000	7,260,000
Inception of Lease	257,070	-	-	-
Issuance of Loans	-	213,145	-	-
Transfers In	5,225,000	5,270,000	4,176,000	3,585,000
Transfers Out	(6,112,000)	(6,025,000)	(5,106,000)	(4,175,000)
<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<i>(610,453)</i>	<i>6,837,020</i>	<i>11,296,431</i>	<i>6,761,228</i>
Extraordinary Item	-	-	-	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	<i>\$ 1,702,568</i>	<i>\$ 437,729</i>	<i>\$ 5,897,266</i>	<i>\$ (1,111,059)</i>
Debt Service as a Percentage of Noncapital Expenditures	57%	29%	35%	27%

With the implementation of GASB 84 in 2019, revenues and expenditures have changed; however, revenues and expenditures for 2018 and prior years were not restated to reflect this change.

					Restated	
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$	4,458,650	\$ 4,396,511	\$ 4,042,641	\$ 4,035,283	\$ 4,029,967	\$ 4,108,059
14,922,547	14,350,327	13,857,990	13,169,693	12,964,761	11,522,435	
718,762	665,452	664,686	672,143	697,250	690,267	
841,230	1,333,506	1,255,271	1,211,063	1,170,989	1,090,799	
387,853	551,847	660,432	425,217	469,101	501,837	
1,942,014	2,695,457	3,072,449	2,891,810	2,771,839	2,561,010	
3,980,767	2,930,422	4,723,726	4,983,408	2,821,548	2,383,109	
182,055	504,253	42,009	77,112	222,633	115,730	
40,751	20,307	9,843	891,834	55,275	28,411	
1,257,942	803,849	370,120	325,119	185,120	175,675	
<b>28,732,571</b>	<b>28,251,931</b>	<b>28,699,167</b>	<b>28,682,682</b>	<b>25,388,483</b>	<b>23,177,332</b>	
8,640,104	8,117,671	8,092,820	7,848,082	7,098,947	7,218,501	
7,682,239	7,938,766	7,622,174	7,150,207	7,169,095	6,873,297	
387,208	98,426	97,319	117,192	118,279	151,785	
2,176,172	2,682,186	2,562,905	2,246,657	2,182,361	2,138,513	
310,215	360,376	367,898	470,334	365,529	372,423	
1,468,633	1,273,974	1,229,101	1,247,725	1,238,247	1,217,697	
913,231	903,695	1,041,911	966,075	707,046	902,569	
2,602,393	5,027,011	6,758,246	7,583,352	15,329,450	4,687,901	
9,269,636	9,479,513	9,677,601	8,114,869	12,136,653	8,488,251	
794,872	871,233	855,135	722,211	766,722	613,929	
<b>34,244,703</b>	<b>36,752,851</b>	<b>38,305,110</b>	<b>36,466,704</b>	<b>47,112,329</b>	<b>32,664,866</b>	
<b>(5,512,132)</b>	<b>(8,500,920)</b>	<b>(9,605,943)</b>	<b>(7,784,022)</b>	<b>(21,723,846)</b>	<b>(9,487,534)</b>	
1,882	24,714	16,552	63,142	13,240	-	
255,446	-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	2,875,000	6,748,000	
1,860,000	-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	-	
106,551	124,537	107,790	111,472	107,690	373,578	
(1,819,639)	-	-	-	(2,775,000)	-	
7,760,000	8,035,000	8,550,900	8,200,900	6,642,500	10,795,500	
-	-	167,680	52,168	657,954	-	
519,882	186,232	272,654	630,660	1,588	-	
3,839,000	4,041,800	3,839,000	3,704,824	3,594,800	3,426,000	
(4,359,000)	(4,132,800)	(4,444,000)	(4,294,824)	(3,726,200)	(4,586,000)	
<b>8,164,122</b>	<b>8,279,483</b>	<b>8,510,576</b>	<b>8,468,342</b>	<b>7,391,572</b>	<b>16,757,078</b>	
<b>\$ 2,651,990</b>	<b>\$ (221,437)</b>	<b>\$ (1,095,367)</b>	<b>\$ 684,320</b>	<b>\$ (14,332,274)</b>	<b>\$ 7,269,544</b>	

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**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Property Tax Rates - Direct and Overlapping Governments*  
*(Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation)*  
*Last Ten Years*

Collection <u>Year</u>	City of Berea					Berea School <u>District</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Water Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>	
2024	7.95	3.00	1.40	4.45	16.80	81.90
2023	7.95	3.00	1.40	4.45	16.80	81.90
2022	7.95	3.00	1.40	4.45	16.80	81.90
2021	7.95	3.00	1.40	4.45	16.80	81.90
2020	7.95	3.00	1.40	4.45	16.80	81.90
2019	7.95	3.00	1.40	4.45	16.80	82.10
2018	7.95	3.00	1.40	4.45	16.80	82.20
2017	7.95	3.00	1.40	4.45	16.80	82.20
2016	7.95	3.00	1.40	4.45	16.80	82.20
2015	7.95	3.00	1.40	4.45	16.80	78.00

Source: Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer

Notes: The rates presented for a particular calendar year are the rates that, when applied to the assessed values presented in the Assessed Value Table, generated the property tax revenue billed in that year. The City's basic property tax rate may be increased only by a majority vote of the City's residents.

Charter millage is consistently applied to all types of property.

The real property tax rates for the voted levies of the overlapping taxing districts are reduced so that inflationary increases in value do not generate additional revenue.

Overlapping rates are those of local and county governments that apply to property owners within the City.

(1) Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, Cuyahoga Community College District, Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority, Cuyahoga County Library and Cuyahoga County Services.

<u>Olmsted Falls School District</u>	<u>Polaris JVSD</u>	<u>Cuyahoga Co &amp; Special Taxing Districts (1)</u>
106.90	3.09	26.13
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106.90	3.09	26.13
99.70	3.09	24.33
100.00	3.09	23.93
100.00	3.09	23.93
100.40	3.09	23.43
102.20	2.40	23.43

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Assessed Valuation and Estimated Actual Values of Taxable Property*  
*Last Ten Years*

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Collection Year	Real Property			Tangible Personal Property		
			Estimated Actual Value	Public Utility		Estimated Actual Value
	Assessed Value			Assessed Value		
2024	\$ 476,899,010	\$ 1,362,568,600	\$ 17,460,280	\$ 19,841,227		
2023	479,570,390	1,370,201,114	15,978,810	18,157,739		
2022	468,370,070	1,338,200,200	15,390,630	17,489,352		
2021	411,862,290	1,176,749,400	14,460,260	16,432,114		
2020	409,493,080	1,169,980,229	12,915,300	14,676,477		
2019	393,733,580	1,124,953,086	11,832,970	13,446,557		
2018	368,945,630	1,054,130,371	10,757,950	12,224,943		
2017	361,784,080	1,033,668,800	9,572,450	10,877,784		
2016	360,410,630	1,029,744,657	8,980,160	10,204,727		
2015	370,843,110	1,059,551,743	8,714,150	9,902,443		

Real property is reappraised every six years with a State mandated update of the current market value in the third year following each reappraisal.

The assessed value of real property (including public utility real property) is 35 percent of estimated true value. The assessed value of public utility personal property ranges from 25 percent of true value for railroad property to 88 percent for electric transmission and distribution property.

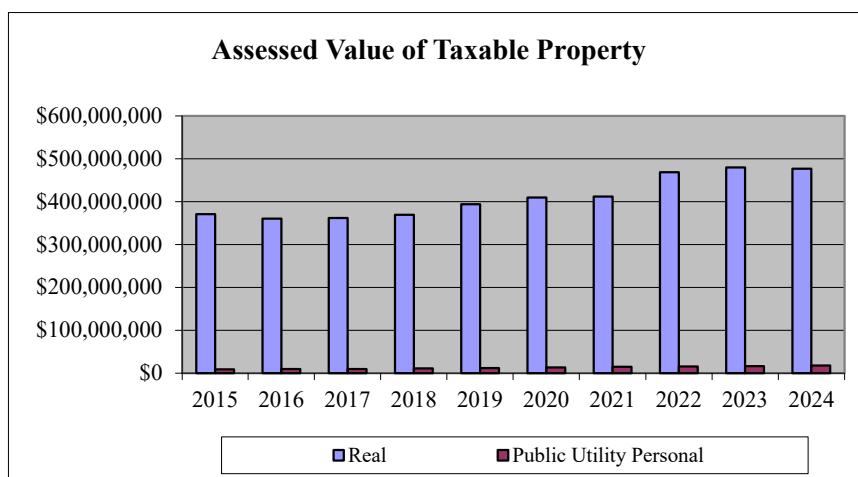
The tangible personal property values associated with each year are the values that, when multiplied by the applicable rates, generated the property tax revenue billed in that year. For real property, the amounts generated by multiplying the assessed values by the applicable rates would be reduced by the 10%, 2 1/2% and homestead exemptions before being billed.

Source:      Ohio Department of Taxation  
                   (1) Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer

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Assessed Value	Total			Total Direct Tax Rate (1)
	Estimated Actual Value	Ratio		
\$ 494,359,290	\$ 1,382,409,827	35.76		16.80
495,549,200	1,388,358,853	35.69		16.80
483,760,700	1,355,689,552	35.68		16.80
426,322,550	1,193,181,514	35.73		16.80
422,408,380	1,184,656,706	35.66		16.80
405,566,550	1,138,399,643	35.63		16.80
379,703,580	1,066,355,314	35.61		16.80
371,356,530	1,044,546,584	35.55		16.80
369,390,790	1,039,949,384	35.52		16.80
379,557,260	1,069,454,186	35.49		16.80



**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Property Tax Levies and Collections*  
*Last Ten Years*

Collection Year	Total Tax Levy	Current Tax Collections (1)	Percent of Current Tax Collections to Tax Levy	Delinquent Tax Collections	Total Tax Collections	Percentage of Total Tax Collections to Tax Levy (2)	Accumulated Outstanding Delinquent Taxes	Percentage of Delinquent Taxes to Total Tax Levy
2024	\$ 6,250,811	\$ 6,102,608	97.63%	\$ 154,037	\$ 6,256,645	100.09%	\$ 243,666	3.90%
2023	6,212,313	6,004,800	96.66	190,481	6,195,281	99.73	279,742	4.50
2022	6,138,348	5,759,085	93.82	189,591	5,948,676	96.91	408,041	6.65
2021	5,518,865	5,237,249	94.90	124,139	5,361,388	97.15	653,203	11.84
2020	5,414,097	5,122,899	94.62	138,131	5,261,030	97.17	414,496	7.66
2019	5,189,600	5,048,301	97.28	135,581	5,183,882	99.89	291,880	5.62
2018	4,852,805	4,697,807	96.81	103,289	4,801,096	98.93	241,169	4.97
2017	4,823,222	4,702,417	97.50	115,653	4,818,070	99.89	260,740	5.41
2016	4,776,087	4,606,276	96.44	140,313	4,746,589	99.38	267,600	5.60
2015	4,904,908	4,650,168	94.81	166,405	4,816,573	98.20	274,176	5.59

Source: Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer

(1) State reimbursement of rollback and homestead exemptions are included.

(2) The County information does not provide the applicable year when a delinquency is collected. Thus the "total collections" represent the total collections for the year instead of total collections of a particular tax year. As a result "total collection as a percent of a total levy" can exceed 100% in any particular year. The City is currently working with the County to obtain delinquent taxes by collection year. The County maintains all of this information, thus the City is reliant on the County to develop the accounting procedures and system capabilities to provide this information.

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Principal Taxpayers - Real Estate Tax*  
*2024 and 2015*

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Taxpayer	2024	
	Real Property Assessed Valuation (1)	Percentage Of Real Assessed Valuation
Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.	\$ 8,097,170	1.70%
Tower in the Park LTD	7,386,160	1.55%
City of Berea	7,026,600	1.47%
Columbia Gas	5,023,040	1.05%
Stone Ridge Apartments	4,534,050	0.95%
Clover Communities Berea LLC	3,896,030	0.82%
Artistocrat Berea Properties LLC	2,930,340	0.61%
American Transmission System	2,841,510	0.60%
680 North LLC	1,874,640	0.39%
Ram Real Estate	1,705,900	0.36%
 Total	 \$ 45,315,440	 9.50%
 Total Assessed Valuation	 \$ 476,899,010	
 2015		
Taxpayer	2015	
	Real Property Assessed Valuation (1)	Percentage Of Real Assessed Valuation
Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.	\$ 6,162,890	1.66%
Tower in the Park LTD	3,832,190	1.03%
West Valley Plaza	2,516,310	0.68%
OHI Asset II LLC	2,375,840	0.64%
Columbia Gas	1,798,380	0.48%
Echo Berea Associates, LLC	1,714,600	0.46%
Berea Properties Company	1,687,670	0.46%
680 North LLC	1,658,020	0.45%
Newest Asset Ownership LLC	1,601,110	0.43%
Berea Square CO., LLC	1,480,400	0.40%
 Total	 \$ 24,827,410	 6.69%
 Total Assessed Valuation	 \$ 370,843,110	

Source: County Fiscal Officer

(1) The amounts presented represent the assessed values upon which 2024 and 2015 collections were based.

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Principal Taxpayers - Municipal Tax*  
*2024 and 2015*

Taxpayer	<i>2024</i>	
	Tax	Percentage of Tax Collected
Cleveland Browns Football	\$ 7,196,949	35.50%
Baldwin Wallace College	975,851	4.81%
Berea City School District	505,145	2.49%
Voss Industries	305,456	1.51%
City of Berea	287,287	1.42%
Ohio Guidestone	222,609	1.10%
Ohio Turnpike Commission	206,223	1.02%
Group Management Inc	201,934	1.00%
Estabrook Corporation	150,934	0.74%
OHNH EMP LLC	147,171	0.73%
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 10,199,559</u></b>	<b>50.32%</b>
<b>Total Tax Collected</b>		<b><u>\$ 20,272,495</u></b>
<i>2015</i>		
Taxpayer	Tax	Percentage of Tax Collected
Cleveland Browns Football	\$ 2,499,719	21.08%
Baldwin Wallace College	864,444	7.29%
Berea City School District	466,347	3.93%
OHNH EMP LLC	217,488	1.83%
City of Berea	210,012	1.77%
Guidestone	194,249	1.64%
Ohio Turnpike Commission	153,283	1.29%
Standby Screw Machine Products	141,684	1.20%
Polyone Corp	115,924	0.98%
Eaton Aeroquip LLC	103,525	0.87%
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,966,675</u></b>	<b>41.88%</b>
<b>Total Tax Collected</b>		<b><u>\$ 11,855,447</u></b>

Source: Regional Income Tax Agency

**City of Berea, Ohio**

**Principal Employers**

*2024 and 2015*

Employer	2024	
	Number of Employees	Percentage of Total City Employment
Baldwin Wallace College	2,401	17.04%
Cleveland Browns Football	695	4.93%
Berea City School District	580	4.12%
Group Management Service LLC	437	3.10%
OHNH EMP LLC	388	2.75%
Ohio Guidestone	327	2.32%
City of Berea	302	2.14%
Voss Industries	292	2.07%
AJ Aristocrat Berea OPCO LLC	262	1.86%
Ohio Turnpike	164	1.16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,848</b>	<b>41.49%</b>
Total Employment within the City	<u>14,088</u>	(1)
2015		
Employer	2015	
	Number of Employees	Percentage of Total City Employment
Baldwin Wallace College	3,155	30.29%
OHNH EMP LLC	685	6.58%
Berea City School District	637	6.12%
Cleveland Browns Football	565	5.42%
Guidestone	560	5.38%
City of Berea	293	2.81%
Standby Screw Machine Products	183	1.76%
Ohio Turnpike Commission	110	1.06%
Eaton Aeroquip LLC	109	1.05%
Polyone Corp	100	0.96%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,397</b>	<b>61.43%</b>
Total Employment within the City	<u>10,415</u>	

Source: Regional Income Tax Agency

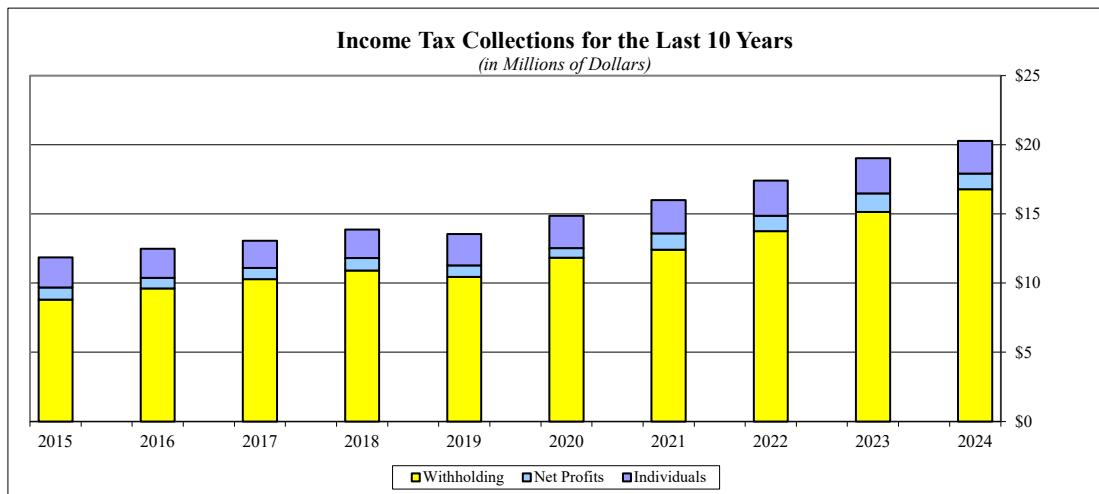
(1) Total employment within the City represents 2022. 2024 was not available.

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
**Income Tax Revenue Base and Collections**  
**Last Ten Years**

Tax Year	Tax Rate	Total Tax Collected	Taxes from Withholding	Percentage of Taxes from Withholding	Taxes From Net Profits	Percentage of Taxes from Net Profits
2024	2.00%	\$ 20,272,495	\$ 16,795,314	82.85%	\$ 1,127,037	5.56%
2023	2.00	19,040,392	15,135,798	79.49	1,349,193	7.09
2022	2.00	17,420,612	13,767,126	79.03	1,108,658	6.36
2021	2.00	15,999,073	12,418,600	77.62	1,174,965	7.34
2020	2.00	15,113,053	11,846,054	78.38	693,878	4.59
2019	2.00	13,549,844	10,453,851	77.15	835,998	6.17
2018	2.00	13,861,048	10,916,826	78.76	885,405	6.39
2017	2.00	13,066,877	10,288,504	78.74	798,743	6.11
2016	2.00	12,484,319	9,610,022	76.98	770,752	6.17
2015	2.00	11,855,447	8,802,385	74.25	875,618	7.39

Note: The City is prohibited by statute from presenting information regarding individual taxpayers

Source: Regional Income Tax Agency



Taxes From Individuals	Percentage of Taxes from Individuals
\$ 2,350,144	11.59%
2,555,401	13.42
2,544,828	14.61
2,405,509	15.04
2,321,246	15.36
2,259,995	16.68
2,058,817	14.85
1,971,799	15.09
2,103,545	16.85
2,177,444	18.36

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Ratio of Outstanding Debt to*  
*Total Personal Income and Debt Per Capita*  
*Last Ten Years*

Year	Governmental Activities							
	General Obligation Debt	Revenue Bonds	Direct Financing	Notes Payable	Leases Payable	Loan Payable	OPWC	
2024	\$ 14,198,238	\$ 4,175,000	\$ 82,643	\$ -	\$ 257,070	\$ -	\$ 2,297,160	
2023	15,505,562	4,555,000	171,068	-	-	-	2,464,937	
2022	9,517,886	4,935,000	260,183	7,260,000	-	-	2,419,569	
2021	10,548,690	-	353,743	7,260,000	-	80,000	2,587,346	
2020	11,565,422	-	429,836	7,760,000	-	120,000	2,911,401	
2019	12,479,800	-	350,695	8,035,000	-	160,000	2,462,046	
2018	13,353,062	-	521,740	8,295,000	-	200,000	2,396,798	
2017	14,581,324	-	500,034	8,200,900	-	200,000	2,247,697	
2016	15,799,586	-	618,176	6,642,500	-	-	1,922,038	
2015	16,850,848	-	66,600	10,795,500	-	-	2,025,628	

Source: City Financial Records

Note: Details regarding the City's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to financial statements.

(1) See the schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data.

Business-Type Activities											
General Obligation Debt	Direct Financing	Loan Payable	Notes Payable	Leases Payable	OWDA and OPWC	Total Primary Government	Total Personal Income	Percentage of Personal Income(1)	Per Capita(1)		
\$ 80,000	\$ 3,887	\$ 126,119	\$ -	\$ 394,473	\$ 8,939,062	\$ 30,553,652	\$ 655,765,980	4.66%	\$ 1,705		
85,000	7,666	145,523	-	477,550	9,710,831	33,123,137	553,192,702	5.99%	1,773		
90,000	11,341	164,927	-	-	10,267,187	34,926,093	553,192,702	6.31%	1,870		
95,000	14,915	184,331	-	-	10,730,753	31,854,778	531,759,330	5.99%	1,718		
100,000	18,390	203,735	-	-	11,373,184	34,481,968	538,727,112	6.40%	1,835		
105,000	25,641	213,437	-	-	11,656,140	35,487,759	533,594,466	6.65%	1,907		
110,000	40,326	232,840	-	-	12,165,927	37,315,693	462,718,855	8.06%	1,954		
115,000	26,342	252,244	600,000	-	12,667,753	39,391,294	462,718,855	8.51%	2,063		
120,000	-	271,648	-	-	12,283,126	37,657,074	462,718,855	8.14%	1,972		
122,000	32,233	291,052	-	-	11,287,518	41,471,379	462,718,855	8.96%	2,172		

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Pledged Revenue Coverage*  
*Water and Sewer OPWC and OWDA Loans*  
*Last Ten Years*

Year	Charges for Services	Direct Operating Expenses (1)	Net Revenues Available	Debt Service		
				Principal	Interest	Coverage
2024	\$ 3,623,976	\$ 2,120,123	\$ 1,503,853	\$ 882,362	\$ 147,795	68.50%
2023	2,869,276	1,999,949	869,327	815,817	263,717	124.18%
2022	3,192,247	905,883	2,286,364	844,540	312,320	50.60%
2021	3,291,044	669,486	2,621,558	812,361	263,715	41.05%
2020	3,496,467	2,108,374	1,388,093	730,706	409,368	82.13%
2019	3,509,508	3,271,946	237,562	745,290	342,503	(227.98%)
2018	3,208,585	3,467,823	(259,238)	741,700	376,932	(210.78%)
2017	3,601,659	1,821,441	1,780,218	661,511	356,774	57.20%
2016	3,516,868	3,410,888	105,980	593,298	354,339	(894.17%)
2015	3,299,022	1,491,418	1,807,604	543,327	391,262	51.70%

Source: City Financial Records

(1) Direct operating expenses do not include depreciation and amortization expense.

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Ratio of Net General Bonded Debt to  
 Assessed Value and Net Bonded Debt Per Capita  
 Last Ten Years*

Year	(1) Population	Assessed Valuation(2)	Gross Bonded Debt(3)	Debt Service Monies Available	Net Bonded Debt	Ratio of Net Bonded Debt to Assessed Valuation	Net Bonded Debt Per Capita
2024	17,922	\$ 494,359,290	\$ 14,278,238	\$ 1,195,508	\$ 13,082,730	2.65%	\$ 729.98
2023	18,682	495,549,200	15,590,562	1,307,928	14,282,634	2.88	764.51
2022	18,682	483,760,700	16,867,886	1,614,013	15,253,873	3.15	816.50
2021	18,545	426,322,550	17,903,690	-	17,903,690	4.20	965.42
2020	18,788	422,408,380	19,425,422	-	19,425,422	4.60	1,033.93
2019	18,609	405,566,550	20,619,800	-	20,619,800	5.08	1,108.06
2018	19,093	379,703,580	22,013,962	-	22,013,962	5.80	1,152.99
2017	19,093	371,356,530	22,897,224	-	22,897,224	6.03	1,199.25
2016	19,093	369,390,790	22,562,086	-	22,562,086	6.08	1,181.69
2015	19,093	379,557,260	27,768,348	2,878,542	24,889,806	6.56	1,303.61

(1) Source: U.S. Bureau of Census

(2) Source: Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer

(3) Includes all general obligation bonded debt and bond anticipation notes and premiums.

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**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Computation of Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt*  
*December 31, 2024*

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Jurisdiction	Governmental Activities Debt Outstanding	Percentage Applicable to City (1)	Amount Applicable to City
<b>Direct</b>			
City of Berea	\$ 21,010,111	100.00%	\$ 21,010,111
<i>Total Direct Debt</i>	<u>21,010,111</u>		<u>21,010,111</u>
<b>Overlapping</b>			
Berea City School District	104,315,000	27.34%	28,519,721
Olmsted Falls School District	26,227,661	4.55%	1,193,359
Polaris Career Center	590,000	8.09%	47,731
Cuyahoga Community College	177,515,000	1.40%	2,485,210
Cuyahoga County	216,475,000	1.40%	3,030,650
<i>Total Overlapping Debt</i>	<u>525,122,661</u>		<u>35,276,671</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 546,132,772</u>		<u>\$ 56,286,782</u>

Source: Ohio Municipal Advisory Council  
 City Financial Records

(1) Percentages were determined by dividing each overlapping subdivision's assessed valuation within the City by its total assessed valuation.

**City of Berea, Ohio**

*Legal Debt Margin*

*Last Ten Years*

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assessed Property Value	\$ 494,359,290	\$ 495,549,200	\$ 483,760,700	\$ 426,322,550
Overall Legal Debt Limit (10 ½ % of Assessed Valuation)	51,907,725	52,032,666	50,794,874	44,763,868
Debt Outstanding:				
General Obligation Bonds and Notes	14,278,238	15,590,562	16,867,886	17,903,690
Total Gross Indebtedness	14,278,238	15,590,562	16,867,886	17,903,690
Less:				
General Obligation Bonds and Notes	-	-	-	-
Amount Available in Debt Service Fund	(1,195,508)	(1,307,928)	(1,614,013)	-
Total Net Debt Applicable to Debt Limit	13,082,730	14,282,634	15,253,873	17,903,690
Legal Debt Margin Within 10 ½ % Limitations	\$ 38,824,995	\$ 37,750,032	\$ 35,541,001	\$ 26,860,178
Legal Debt Margin as a Percentage of the Debt Limit	74.80%	72.55%	69.97%	60.00%
Unvoted Debt Limitation (5 ½ % of Assessed Valuation)	27,189,761	27,255,206	26,606,839	23,447,740
Total Gross Indebtedness	14,278,238	15,590,562	16,867,886	17,903,690
Less:				
General Obligation Bonds and Notes	-	-	-	-
Amount Available in Debt Service Fund	(1,195,508)	(1,307,928)	(1,614,013)	-
Net Debt Within 5 ½ % Limitations	13,082,730	14,282,634	15,253,873	17,903,690
Unvoted Legal Debt Margin Within 5 ½ % Limitations	\$ 14,107,031	\$ 12,972,572	\$ 11,352,966	\$ 5,544,050
Unvoted legal Debt Margin as a Percentage of the Unvoted Debt Limitation	51.88%	47.60%	42.67%	23.64%

Source: City Financial Records

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$ 422,408,380	\$ 405,566,550	\$ 379,703,580	\$ 371,356,530	\$ 369,390,790	\$ 379,557,260
44,352,880	42,584,488	39,868,876	38,992,436	38,786,033	39,853,512
19,425,422	20,619,800	22,013,962	22,897,224	22,562,086	27,768,348
19,425,422	20,619,800	22,013,962	22,897,224	22,562,086	27,768,348
-	-	-	-	-	(7,000,000)
-	-	-	-	-	(2,878,542)
19,425,422	20,619,800	22,013,962	22,897,224	22,562,086	17,889,806
\$ 24,927,458	\$ 21,964,688	\$ 17,854,914	\$ 16,095,212	\$ 16,223,947	\$ 21,963,706
56.20%	51.58%	44.78%	41.28%	41.83%	55.11%
23,232,461	22,306,160	20,883,697	20,424,609	20,316,493	20,875,649
19,425,422	20,619,800	22,013,962	22,897,224	22,562,086	27,768,348
-	-	-	-	-	(7,000,000)
-	-	-	-	-	(2,878,542)
19,425,422	20,619,800	22,013,962	22,897,224	22,562,086	17,889,806
\$ 3,807,039	\$ 1,686,360	\$ (1,130,265)	\$ (2,472,615)	\$ (2,245,593)	\$ 2,985,843
16.39%	7.56%	-5.41%	-12.11%	-11.05%	14.30%

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Demographic and Economic Statistics*  
*Last Ten Years*

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Year	Population (1)	Total Personal Income (5)	Personal Income Per Capita (1)	Median Household Income (1)	Median Age (1)
2024	17,922	\$ 655,765,980	\$ 36,590	\$ 71,896	36.1
2023	18,682	553,192,702	29,611	60,417	36.1
2022	18,682	553,192,702	29,611	60,417	36.1
2021	18,545	531,759,330	28,674	60,292	36.1
2020	18,788	538,727,112	28,674	59,511	37.4
2019	18,609	533,594,466	28,674	59,229	37.1
2018	19,093	462,718,855	24,235	50,278	37.1
2017	19,093	462,718,855	24,235	50,278	37.1
2016	19,093	462,718,855	24,235	50,278	37.1
2015	19,093	462,718,855	24,235	50,278	37.1

The unemployment rate for the City is not available, but is considered to be similar to the County rate.

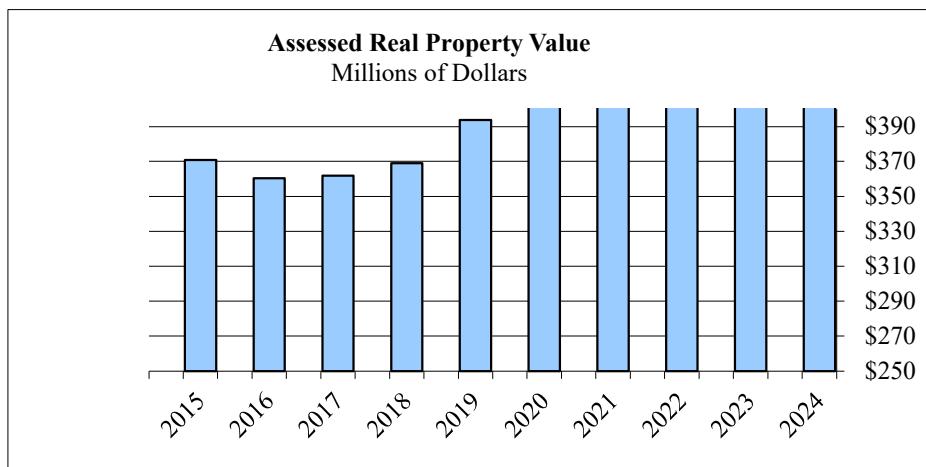
(1) Source: U. S. Census

(2) Source: Ohio Department of Education

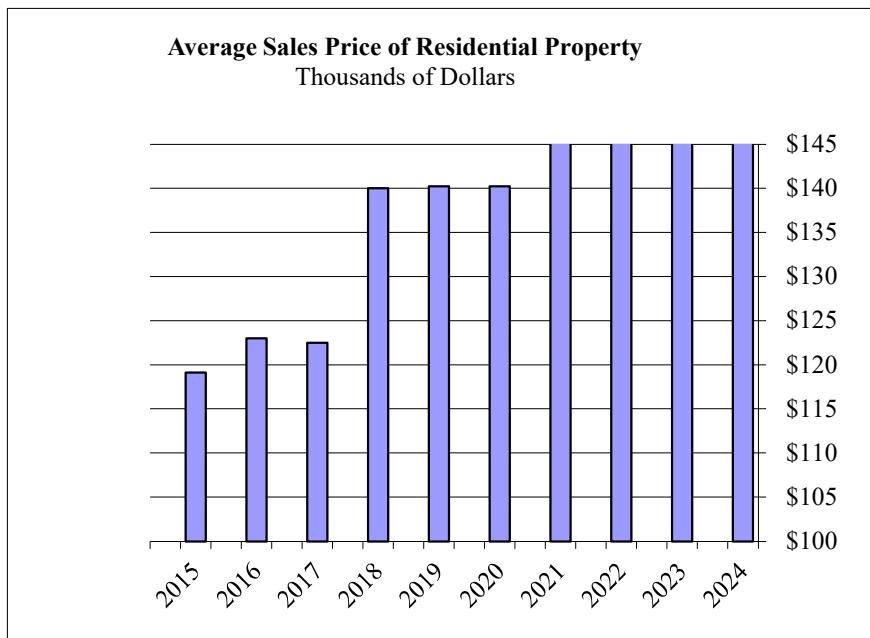
(3) Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

(4) Source: Cuyahoga County Auditor

(5) Computation of per capita personal income multiplied by population



Educational Attainment: Bachelor's Degree or Higher (1)	School Enrollment (2)	Cuyahoga County Unemployment Rate (3)	Average Sales Price of Residential Property (4)	Total Assessed Real Property Value (4)
3,350	5,330	3.4%	\$ 211,800	\$ 476,899,010
3,350	5,330	4.1%	191,900	479,570,390
3,350	5,330	4.1%	180,300	468,370,070
3,350	5,366	4.1%	180,300	411,862,290
3,350	6,114	6.8%	140,200	409,493,080
3,350	6,114	3.6%	140,200	393,733,580
3,350	6,198	4.0%	140,000	368,945,630
3,350	6,379	4.9%	122,500	361,784,080
3,350	6,537	5.3%	123,000	360,416,630
3,350	6,736	4.0%	119,100	370,843,110



**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Full-Time Equivalent City Government Employees by Function/Program*  
*Last Ten Years*

Function/Program	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
General Government					
Council	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Finance	4.5	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.0
Law	4.5	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.5
Administration	22.0	22.0	22.0	17.0	20.0
Engineer	3.0	1.5	1.5	2.5	3.0
Court	28.0	25.0	25.0	29.0	31.0
Public Building	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.0
Security of Persons and Property					
Police	32.0	35.0	32.0	33.0	31.0
Police - Auxiliary	5.0	6.0	4.5	3.5	4.0
Police - Dispatchers/Office	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.0
Police - Animal Wardens	1	-	-	-	-
Police - School guards/Parking Control	9.0	5.0	5.0	4.5	1.0
Fire	24.0	24.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
Leisure Time Services					
Recreation - Admin	6.0	19.5	19.5	15.0	14.0
Recreation - Programs	7.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	10.5
Recreation - Pools	25.0	23.0	23.0	10.5	13.0
Jitney	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0
Transportation					
Service	31.0	32.0	26.5	33.5	28.0
Basic Utility Services					
Water	11.0	13.0	16.0	13.5	15.0
Totals:	<b>225.0</b>	<b>232.5</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>215.5</b>	<b>217.0</b>

**Source:** City Payroll Department W2 Audit Listing

**Method:** Using 1.0 for each full-time employee and 0.50 for each part-time and seasonal employee at year end.

2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
4.5	4.5	5.0	4.5	4.5
4.5	4.5	4.0	4.0	3.5
17.5	20.5	13.5	19.0	10.5
3.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.5
32.5	33.0	31.0	30.0	28.0
3.5	3.0	4.5	2.5	2.0
30.0	32.5	32.0	31.0	28.0
4.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.5
2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	4.0
0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
1.0	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.5
24.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
15.0	15.0	15.5	16.0	15.5
17.5	15.0	14.0	14.0	13.5
25.5	27.5	25.0	23.0	24.5
4.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	3.0
37.5	39.5	36.0	30.0	33.0
15.0	13.5	17.5	13.5	12.5
<b>247.5</b>	<b>251.0</b>	<b>240.5</b>	<b>231.0</b>	<b>219.5</b>

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Operating Indicators by Function/Program*  
*Last Ten Years*

Function/Program	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>General Government</b>				
<i>Council and Clerk(1)</i>				
Number of Ordinances Passed	40	38	47	64
Number of Resolutions Passed	17	20	23	17
<i>Finance Department(2)</i>				
Number of checks/ vouchers issued	3,048	3,138	3,194	3,078
Amount of checks written (Accounts Payable - in thousands)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,943	\$ 17,984
General Fund Interest earnings (cash basis)	\$ 568,558	\$ 175,266	\$ 175,266	\$ 64,453
Number of Journal Entries issued	573	443	443	452
Number of Budget Adjustments issued	4	2	3	5
Agency Ratings - Moody's Financial Services	AA2	AA2	AA2	AA2
General Fund Receipts (cash basis in thousands)	\$ 20,321,293	\$ 19,165,121	\$ 17,814,279	\$ 16,268
General Fund Expenditures (cash basis in thousands)	\$ 20,270,582	\$ 18,974,061	\$ 17,534,421	\$ 16,168
General Fund Cash Balances (in thousands)	\$ 3,213	\$ 3,162	\$ 2,971	\$ 2,691
<i>Municipal Court(3)</i>				
Total Civil/Small claims cases filed	2,492	3,118	2,646	2,100
Number of Berea civil/small claims cases	307	637	548	412
Total Criminal cases filed	1,556	1,674	2,596	1,689
Number of Berea felony cases	40	51	62	59
Number of Berea misdemeanor cases	257	280	300	239
<i>Civil Service(4)</i>				
Number of police entry tests administered	-	1	1	1
Number of fire entry tests administered	-	1	-	-
Number of police promotional tests administered	-	-	-	-
Number of fire promotional tests administered	-	-	-	-
Number of hires of Police Officers from certified lists	-	1	1	2
Number of hires of Fire/Medics from certified lists	-	-	-	-
Number of promotions from police certified lists	-	-	-	-
Number of promotions from fire certified lists	-	-	-	-
<b>Security of Persons &amp; Property</b>				
<i>Police(5)</i>				
Total Calls for Services	14,386	14,955	14,637	15,604
Number of traffic citations issued	1,585	1,767	1,669	1,445
Number of parking citations issued	2,014	2,150	2,394	2,256
Number of criminal arrests	876	916	1,042	813
Animal Warden service calls responded to per annual report	175	205	191	198
Police Dept. Auxiliary hours worked	85	121	74	49
DUI Arrests	234	232	261	221
Motor Vehicle Accidents	43	51	61	63
<i>Fire(6)</i>				
EMS Calls	2,570	2,398	2,499	2,486
Ambulance Billing Collections (net)	\$ 679,552	\$ 591,436	\$ 557,690	\$ 526,108
Fire Calls	39	41	33	73
Fires with Loss	18	16	15	22
Fires with Losses exceeding \$10K	17	9	11	4
Fire Losses \$	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 261,000
Fire Safety Inspections	325	299	637	255

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
50	67	50	45	66	70	
13	26	22	16	34	15	
2,982	3,478	3,526	3,405	3,445	3,316	
\$ 17,761	\$ 17,104	\$ 17,155	\$ 17,475	\$ 23,116	\$ 16,619	
\$ 110,377	\$ 187,955	\$ 216,569	\$ 143,802	\$ 193,312	\$ 129,245	
420	462	474	525	515	417	
5	3	3	7	8	6	
AA2	AA2	AA2	AA2	AA2	AA2	
\$ 15,504	\$ 14,505	\$ 14,516	\$ 13,400	\$ 13,158	\$ 12,808	
\$ 15,191	\$ 14,398	\$ 14,256	\$ 13,523	\$ 13,121	\$ 12,665	
\$ 2,590	\$ 2,276	\$ 2,170	\$ 1,910	\$ 1,981	\$ 1,996	
2,135	3,085	2,629	2,578	2,030	2,762	
235	539	506	502	399	566	
1,552	1,745	2,074	1,880	2,145	2,364	
47	71	69	66	53	38	
220	352	456	472	401	387	
1	-	1	-	1	-	
1	-	-	-	-	-	
2	1	-	-	-	-	
4	-	-	-	-	-	
2	1	3	3	2	4	
-	-	-	-	-	1	
-	-	-	-	-	1	
-	1	-	-	-	1	
14,045	16,764	16,791	17,228	18,144	16,219	
578	1,556	1,636	1,734	1,598	989	
1,340	1,397	2,137	1,806	2,519	1,135	
829	1,343	1,637	1,470	1,374	750	
-	71	137	126	222	664	
			1,948	2,102	2,096	
29	82	119	176	137	65	
194	312	265	293	276	231	
42	80	74	60	89	106	
2,259	2,320	2,170	2,226	2,742	1,919	
\$ 476,434	\$ 470,410	\$ 445,712	\$ 417,486	\$ 453,662	\$ 410,456	
580	663	600	616	615	617	
7	10	25	19	10	11	
3	2	4	7	7	6	
\$ 400,000	\$ 525,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 351,500	
194	387	411	389	244	180	

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**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Operating Indicators by Function/Program*  
*Last Ten Years*

Function/Program	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Leisure Time Services</b>				
<b>Recreation(2)</b>				
Outdoor swimming pool receipts	\$ 113,263	\$ 113,263	\$ 104,722	\$ 83,272
Membership receipts	\$ 205,746	\$ 205,746	\$ 177,157	\$ 178,010
Program fees	\$ 219,744	\$ 219,744	\$ 185,665	\$ 135,510
(Includes indoor and outdoor rec programs)				
<b>Building Department(7)</b>				
Construction Permits Issued	1,443	1,472	1,502	1,487
Estimated Value of Construction	\$ 28,349,261	\$ 39,269,545	\$ 33,061,944	\$ 35,057,775
Amount of Revenue generated from permits	\$ 238,914	\$ 266,107	\$ 271,708	\$ 269,971
Number of contract registrations issued	842	995	858	172
Amount of Revenue generated from contract registrations	\$ 80,700	\$ 83,200	\$ 79,750	\$ 78,925
Number of rental inspections performed*	-	-	-	-
Number of point of sale inspections	63	63	63	63
<b>Engineer Contracted Services(8)</b>				
Dollar amount of Construction overseen by Engineer	\$ 3,780,702	\$ -	\$ 2,297,695	\$ 1,053,856
<b>Transportation(8,10)</b>				
Street Improvements - asphalt overlay (linear feet)	3,783	11,540	10,074	13,402
Street Repair (Curbs, aprons, berms, asphalt) (hours)	4,468	5,388	15,960	5,160
Municipal Signs (hours)	1,254	2,538	1,976	1,304
Paint Striping (hours)	254	360	384	440
Street Cleaning (hours)	878	856	736	552
Snow & Ice Removal regular hours	712	712	1,544	448
Snow & Ice Removal overtime hours	432	432	1,436	729
Sewer Crew (hours)	2,976	2,976	2,816	3,816
Leaf collection (hours)	1,760	1,872	1,694	1,814
Number of Trees Planted per year	103	26	60	-
Tons of snow melting salt purchased (Nov-Mar)	1,641	1,302	1,401	885
Cost of salt purchased	\$ 93,781	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,999
<b>Water Department(9)</b>				
Average Water Rate per 1000 gallons of water used	\$ 4.09	\$ 4.09	\$ 4.09	\$ 4.09
<b>Wastewater Department(9)</b>				
Average Wastewater Rates per 1000 gallons of water used	\$ 11.98	\$ 11.98	\$ 11.98	\$ 11.98
Average daily flow (Millions of gallons per day)	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80
<b>1</b> <b>Source:</b> City of Berea Council				
<b>2</b> <b>Source:</b> City of Berea Finance Department				
<b>3</b> <b>Source:</b> Berea Municipal Court				
<b>4</b> <b>Source:</b> City of Berea Law Department				
<b>5</b> <b>Source:</b> Berea Police Department				
<b>6</b> <b>Source:</b> Berea Fire Department				
<b>7</b> <b>Source:</b> City of Berea Building Department				
*2008 includes reinspections of single & multifamily homes				
<b>8</b> <b>Source:</b> City of Berea Service Department				
<b>9</b> <b>Source:</b> City of Berea Water Department				
Based on Regular Residential Minimum Consumption				
<b>10</b> <b>Source:</b> City of Berea Payroll Department				

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$ -	\$ 115,488	\$ 103,402	\$ 112,627	\$ 108,372	\$ 97,645
\$ 114,595	\$ 206,663	\$ 187,600	\$ 184,641	\$ 163,084	\$ 171,594
\$ 115,207	\$ 207,314	\$ 254,162	\$ 241,764	\$ 237,832	\$ 228,339
1,397	1,529	1,667	1,335	1,453	1,439
\$ 43,080,947	\$ 49,333,707	\$ 87,363,903	\$ 22,673,883	\$ 27,238,831	\$ 19,280,049
\$ 276,837	\$ 417,357	\$ 524,372	\$ 324,689	\$ 361,469	\$ 386,808
879	447	613	390	574	579
\$ 75,625	\$ 90,875	\$ 61,875	\$ 80,625	\$ 67,500	\$ 70,750
63	63	414	414	382	254
\$ 2,709,044	\$ 2,709,044	\$ 5,171,216	\$ 4,734,175	\$ 4,237,877	\$ 3,433,017
6,520	15,787	10,510	10,510	10,510	10,510
10,570	10,297	16,862	16,907	14,245	14,778
3,075	2,507	2,945	2,028	2,524	2,656
64	16	381	243	198	561
228	398	602	694	710	838
1,714	5,960	2,925	2,275	1,429	2,452
1,116	1,186	1,206	782	624	544
7,323	4,978	4,771	4,824	4,737	5,647
1,813	1,342	1,991	2,025	1,907	2,000
83	86	181	48	55	-
885	1,484	1,498	3,733	3,014	3,048
\$ 174,259	\$ 121,946	\$ 101,079	\$ 40,056	\$ 125,742	\$ 155,555
\$ 4.09	\$ 4.09	\$ 4.09	\$ 4.09	\$ 4.09	\$ 4.09
\$ 11.98	\$ 11.98	\$ 11.98	\$ 11.28	\$ 10.65	\$ 9.57
1.80	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.90	2.00

**City of Berea, Ohio**  
*Capital Assets Statistics by Function/Program*  
*Last Ten Years*

Function/Program	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>General Government</b>				
Number of Buildings	4	4	4	4
Square footage of Buildings:				
City Hall/Municipal Court	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900
Water Plant	19,100	19,100	19,100	19,100
Service Garage	25,400	25,400	25,400	25,400
Recreation Center	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000
Administrative Vehicles	8	8	8	8
Inspection Vehicles	4	4	4	4
Municipal Court Vehicles	1	1	1	1
<b>Police</b>				
Stations	1	1	1	1
Square footage of station	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700
Vehicles	28	28	28	28
<b>Fire</b>				
Stations	1	1	1	1
Square footage of station	7,900	7,900	7,900	7,900
Vehicles:				
Aerial Tower	1	1	1	1
Pumpers	2	2	2	2
Rescue Ambulances	2	2	2	2
Utility	1	1	1	1
Staff vehicles	2	2	2	2
<b>Recreation</b>				
Number of Parks	5	5	5	5
Number of Pools	2	2	2	2
Number of Racquetball Courts	1	1	1	1
Number of Basketball Courts	3	3	3	3
Number of Baseball Diamonds	4	4	4	4
Number of Soccer Fields	3	3	3	3
Number of Playground Areas	6	6	6	6
Number of Vehicles	5	5	5	5
<b>Other Public Works</b>				
Streets (miles)	73.4	73.4	73.4	73.4
Service Vehicles	40	40	40	40
<b>Wastewater</b>				
Sanitary Sewers (miles)	75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5
Storm Sewers (miles)	90.5	90.5	90.5	90.5
Vehicles	2	2	2	2
<b>Water Department</b>				
Water Lines (miles)	84.0	84.0	84.0	84.0
Vehicles	8	8	8	8

Source: City of Berea Service Department

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
4	4	4	4	4	4
20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	17,000
19,100	19,100	19,100	19,100	19,100	19,100
25,400	25,400	25,400	25,400	25,400	25,400
33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000
8	8	8	8	8	10
4	4	4	4	4	4
1	1	1	1	1	1
1 9,700 28	1 9,700 28	1 9,700 28	1 9,700 28	1 9,700 28	1 9,700 28
1 7,900	1 7,900	1 7,900	1 7,900	1 7,900	1 7,900
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2
5	5	5	5	5	5
2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1
3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4
3	3	3	3	3	3
6	6	6	6	6	6
5	5	5	5	5	4
73.4 40	73.4 40	73.4 40	73.4 40	73.4 40	73.4 35
75.5 90.5 2	75.5 90.5 2	75.5 90.5 2	75.5 90.5 2	75.5 90.5 2	75.5 90.5 2
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