

**Ravenna City Council Public Health and Safety Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2019**

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Andrew Kluge, Chairman. Present were: Amy Michael, Bruce Ribelin, Scott Rainone, Paul Moskun, Matt Harper, Rob Kairis and Joe Bica. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; Director of Public Service, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Police Chief Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Clifford Soudil of 434 Woodland Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Dick Bilotto of 333 North Prospect Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Tim Calfee of 910 Murray Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio and ; Greg Francis of 558 Coolman Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio.

Mr. Kluge said the first item on the agenda is the OBWC Grant.

Chief Cleveland said the Fire Department has been awarded a grant of approximately \$13,230.00 which will go toward the purchase and installation of a washer/extractor machine used to clean the turnout gear. There is a matching requirement of \$2,646.00. This is needed equipment and will minimize the exposure to cancer causing agents.

There being no questions or comments, it was decided by those present that the issue would be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

Mr. Kluge asked for a MARCS radio update from Chief Cleveland.

Chief Cleveland said the radios have been ordered. They are in the process of updating the radios from the turnpike. The township is going to jump first into MARCS and they will be able to get rid of all the kinks before the city gets into it. They found out the city of Akron can program the turnpike radios so they are looking into that before moving forward with another contract.

Mr. Cecora said Chief Wallis approached him regarding five mobile units. The money was appropriated in the General Fund based on safety money exclusively for MARCS radios. Chief Cleveland's appropriation is sitting out there and was well less than the budgeted amount. The question for this body is Chief Wallis will need additional mobile devices for the Police Department. Do they want to use the monies that has already been appropriated or do they wish to take it out of the Capital Improvement Fund. His recommendation, for continuity, would be to leave it where it was but he didn't know if there was a desire to use money outside of that safety money since this is kind of a Phase II for the Police Department.

It was the consensus of those present that the money would come from that which is already appropriated.

Mr. Kluge said he would like to discuss the AG billing issue that was held up from last year. He received a call from Brad Ryczek about this and there were some emails sent this morning with a lot of information about it.

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Ms. Michael said that it sounded like it would save the City money if they did go along with a contract with the State of Ohio Attorney General's office. Mr. Ryczek said that the other communities are happy with it.

Mr. Kluge said that is one point and he thinks the other would be that the Chief and the firefighters want this. He doesn't think that was clear the first time around. After speaking with them, he thinks they should move forward.

The clerk noted the legislation is still pending and can be put on the agenda May 6.

There being no questions or comments, it was decided by those present that the issue would be put back on the Regular Council agenda May 6.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of Council

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Andrew Kluge, Chairman  
Public Health and Safety Committee