

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
May 20, 2019

The May 20, 2019 Ravenna City Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Pro Tem, Scott Rainone. The following Council members were present: Andrew Kluge, Bruce Ribelin, Paul Moskun, Robert Kairis and Matt Harper. Also attending the meeting were: Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; Director of Public Service, Kay Dubinsky; Tim Calfee of 910 Murray Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio and Greg Francis of 558 Coolman Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio.

President Pro Tem, Rainone said the first item on the agenda is the approval of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 22, 2019. There being no corrections, additions or changes to the minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Ribelin moved to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion as seconded by Mr. Harper. **Voice Vote: All Ayes.**

President Pro Tem, Rainone said Item No. 2 is a request to appropriate funds from the RLF (Home) for the Wilds at Harvest Rose Project.

Mr. Ribelin said the is a \$200,000.00 loan to NDS. This money is to be paid back with interest. It's low interest but will be paid back over a period of time. That's the beauty of the RLF. If you don't take a hit, it replenishes itself many times.

There being no further discussion, it was decided by those present that legislation would be prepared.

President Pro Tem Rainone said that Item No. 3 is a request to appropriate \$22,000.00 from the water fund to replace the loading dock door at the raw water building at the Water Treatment Plant.

Ms. Moskun said this door has been at the plant since the plant has been in existence. The present door opens outward. The new one will be a roll-up door. This doesn't just replace the door. It will be the door frame and the header that will be sealed. This goes back approximately 40 years and this will be done in a better way.

There being no further discussion, it was decided by those present that legislation would be prepared.

President Pro Tem Rainone said Item No. 4 is a request to appropriate \$3,980.00 from the storm fund to pay the non-budgeted amount owed to the Portage Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mr. Moskun said this is to fulfill the city's obligation for the five year contract. The city hasn't been billed the past several years and the Portage Soil and Water Conservation has chosen to bill the City for the entire contract amount now. This covers the shortfall of what hasn't been budgeted for this contract.

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Mr. Kairis said income group homes have raised an issue. He thought there was an email from the Law Director indicating this may not have been an adequate change.

Mayor Seman said they have been having discussions on this as late as this afternoon. The clerk was asked to do a callout to communities with this problem. Montgomery, Ohio went through a court case with this same kind of thing. Their clerk sent what was written up after the court case. The State of Ohio sets the standards for group homes but generally they are speaking about mentally handicapped and foster. They address other types of group homes differently. They honestly need more time to look at this.

Mr. Kairis said that in addition to that, there was an email from Mr. Cimino to Bob Finney suggesting that simple change may be problematic anyway. He doesn't know why they would want to go forward with it.

Mayor Seman said he thinks they may want to keep this in committee for more discussion because more information is being collected at this time.

budget. That is for the County increase. He has not budgeted that additional increase. They'd

President Pro Tem Rainone said Item No. 6 is the approval of the March, 2019 accounting transactions and April, 2019 accounting transactions.

Mr. Cecora noted there were no transactions for those two months. No legislation is required.

At 7:12 P.M. a motion was made by Mr. Kairis to go into Executive Session regarding the purchase of real property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kluge. **Vote: All Ayes.**

A motion was made at 7:22 P.M. by Mr. Moskun to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kluge. **Vote: All Ayes.**

There being no further business before the Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

ATTEST:

Council Clerk

Council President