

**Ravenna City Council Public Health and Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2018**

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:57 P.M. by Andrew Kluge, Chairman. Present were: Amy Michael, Bruce Ribelin, Matt Harper, Paul Moskun, Rob Kairis and Scott Rainone. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kim Cecora; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Police Chief Jeff Wallis and Fire Chief Geoff Cleveland.

Mr. Kluge said the first item on the agenda is the ambulance lease.

Mr. Kluge stated that this is a five year lease.

Mr. Cecora stated that this lease is set up for the 2019 budget. Stated that they need to get things moving now. Acknowledged what Chief Cleveland has done on this. It is a new ambulance, but it is our box on a new cab and chassis. The Chief was able to save the city almost \$45-50,000.00 by doing this. Stated that the lease came in at \$140,891.00 vs \$185,000.00 - \$190,000.00 for a new squad. Stated that he would like to get the lease documents in order and signed off on this year. The money will be escrowed. Looking at delivery at the end of 2018 with the first payment due in 2019. Further stated that the city has dealt with Key Government Finance for multiple things. This is a non-appropriating lease. Asking for a special council meeting on October 22, 2018, to pass the note ordinance and would like to add an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into this lease agreement.

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

Mr. Kluge said the next item on the agenda is building repairs at the fire station .

Mr. Kluge stated that this to appropriate up to \$20,000.00.

Chief Cleveland stated that the fire station was built in 1976. At that time there was a fire escape placed on the side of the building. That fire escape has not be serviced in forty-two years. Stated that he has found a contractor to make the repairs.

Mr. Cecora stated the money will come out of the capital improvements fund 65-74.

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

Mr. Kluge said the next item on the agenda is the Ohio BWC grant.

Mr. Kluge stated that this grant does have a match.

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Chief Cleveland stated that the BWC has two grants; one is for firefighter safety. Specific to certain items, one item that they are interested in is the washer, extractor, that removes carcinogens and blood borne pathogens from their gear. With this extractor, they would be able to wash four set of gear at a time. It is also to purchase a cleaning solution system that automatically is put into the machine. Stated that BWC will supply up to \$15,000.00 at a 3 to 1 match. Stated there is another grant, Safety Intervention Grant through the BWC that provides up to \$40,000.00, again that is at a 3 to 1 match. With that grant they would like to purchase and install a vehicle exhaust system so that when the trucks back into the station or turned on this will get the exhaust out of the building. Both items are grant eligible. Both items help reduce the exposure that they have to carcinogens. The exhaust system costs \$63,000.00. Again, this would have the 3 to 1 match.

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

Mr. Kluge said the next item on the agenda is the AFG grant.

Chief Cleveland said he had one vendor who will assist him in writing these grants. The City would pay for one year, and if you do not get the award, they will write them for the next year. If you do get an award, they would want to be paid, approximately \$3,000.00. With just the BWC grant and the AFG grant, it is worth \$680,000.00. The City would have to provide a 5% match. Asking that \$1,000.00 be appropriated for the applications to pay a contractor to write the grants.

Mr. Cecora stated that there would need to be an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the grant writer.

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

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Andrew Kluge, Chairman
Public Health and Safety Committee**