

**Ravenna City Council Public Health and Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2018**

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:08 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, Kim Cecora; City Police Chief Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoff Cleveland; Parks & Recreation Director Judy Watkins and Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, OH.

Mr. Kluge said the first item on the agenda is the application of the MARCs radio grant by the Fire Department.

Chief Cleveland said this grant is through the Ohio State Fire Marshall distributing funds to whomever applies for them and scores high enough. This is for up to \$50,000.00 with no matching funds required. This would cover a little more than half of what is needed by the Fire Department to convert to MARCs.

Chief Cleveland went on to say that the State Fire Marshall had gone around earlier in the process to different communities trying to encourage whole counties to go together to apply. There has been some kick back at the State level though and they've been encouraged to apply individually. The deadline for the grant application is December 14 and the application has already been submitted. He can always withdraw it if necessary.

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 said the next item on the agenda is the agreement with the State Attorney General's office.

Mr. Cecora said he called a couple universities and asked about it and they didn't know what he was talking about. He tried to move up the chain of command to ask the right person the questions. He'll continue to move in that direction to see if he can get better information.

Mayor Seman said the Police Department had a very successful Shop with a Cop program this past weekend.

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Chief Wallis said there was a communication issue and they didn't have Santa Clause at the breakfast. But it went well with the families. They went to Walmart. There were close to 100 kids; some didn't show up. They raised money and get presents for a family. This was a single mom with five kids and one child is very sick and the mom had to quit her job. It was an easy thing for the Police Department to do to help them out. It was a good event. If anyone is interested in participating next year, let him know. They will be hosting a food drive at Walmart from 9:00-1:00 Saturday, December 15.

Mr. Ribelin said these are great humanitarian things to do but it is also great PR for the Police Department and the City. Their efforts are appreciated.

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