

Ravenna City Council Public Health and Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:53 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael. Present were: Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Christina West, Tim Calfee, Cheryl Wood and Andrew Kluge. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; Water Treatment Plant Supervisor, Tim Stephens; Finance Director-elect, Brian Huff; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Clifford Soudil of 464 Woodlawn Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio and Mark Hairston of 828 Mechanic Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio.

Ms. Michael said the first item on the agenda is the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The grant is for up to \$300,000.00, requiring a 5% match up to \$15,000.00. This is applied for on a yearly basis. She asked if this is a grant where they paid a consultant to apply for in the past.

Chief Cleveland responded in the positive stating they need to appropriate money to pay the consultant to write the grant last grant cycle but our base information, that is part of the SAM.gov was not correct. That was probably the reason they haven't gotten any awards in the past. They decided not to attempt to go for the grant last year until the information was straightened out.

Ms. Michael asked if this is grant would require help to write.

Chief Cleveland said he was leaning toward doing it in-house. The money that was appropriated has been carried over but he's still trying to feel out the grant writer.

Ms. Michael asked if they would be able to use any of the information provided by the grant writer the last time. Didn't they say that if the grant was not awarded, they would get to try again at no cost.

Chief Cleveland said the grant writer would only get paid if the grant is not awarded or it was discounted or something like it. They never gave applied for it. It was more or less an exchange of knowledge, how to proceed, etc. In essence all that they really do is write the narrative. All of the base information has to be supplied by the department. They weren't used at all the last time. They asked Council to appropriate the money but they didn't really use them at all. He thinks the cost was around \$2,000.00. He's considering a number of options as to what to ask for mostly an air filtration system so when the vehicles back into or pull out of the bay, they can catch the exhaust and expel it rather than have it circulating around the bay which is a carcinogen as well as fitness health testing and fitness equipment. He's also researching a few other things. The figure of \$300,000.00 is more or less a place holder. He wouldn't go beyond that but 5% is the match for this size of a community.

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.

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Ms. Michael said the next item on the agenda is the EMS grant.

Chief Cleveland said the EMS grant is a State of Ohio grant distributed yearly. They apply every year and have been successful every year. It might come to \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00 or so that would be put toward some supplies. There are no matching funds required. The guidance was changed. This year may just be non-expendable supplies. Next year it might be expendable supplies. It fluctuates but is usually awarded every year. It's the distribution of seatbelt funds. When fines are collected for seatbelt violations, they are redistributed through the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

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.

A motion was made at 6:07 PM a motion was made by Mr. Calfee to go into Executive Session to consider employment of personnel. The motion was seconded by Ms. West. **Vote: All Ayes.**

At 6:32 PM a motion was made to adjourn Executive Session by Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Michael. **Vote: All Ayes.**

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Amy Michael, Chairperson
Public Health and Safety Committee