



**Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
August 10th, 2020**

The public meeting was held via Zoom and live streamed via YouTube. A video recording of the meeting can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Q8jGZfJLfY>

Council present via Zoom: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West, and Matt Harper.

Also attending the meeting via Zoom: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Acting Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first discussion item was necessary increase to vehicle maintenance.

Acting Chief Chapple stated that last month \$6,500 was needed to repair the braking system for frontline engine #2313. He stated that their line item is now in the red, including encumbrances. The Fire Dept. has another \$1,400 for ECU which is the computer system for the anti-lock braking. Chief Chapple stated that in order to keep the truck going, along with his additional fleet, he needs to increase the line item for vehicle maintenance by \$15,000. He stated that he is already \$5,000 in the hole from the brakes that were done, which would give him \$10,000 for the remainder of the year. He stated that he has talked to the Finance Director about the request.

Mr. Moskun asked if that would be plenty for anything that might be unexpected. Chief Chapple stated that he talked to Ryan Hall, who does the vehicle maintenance, and he feels that the \$15,000 request should keep things comfortable where they are at now.

Ms. Michael asked if it will affect their budget for next year and Chief Chapple stated that in May the vehicle maintenance line was reduce by \$12,000-\$15,000 with the intention that it was safe to reduce the budget since a new truck was being purchased. The current budget is \$22,000 which is down from \$35,000-\$37,000. He stated that the budget of \$22,000 for next year should be fine.

Chief Chapple stated that the new truck has been ordered and is still scheduled to be received July of 2021.

- The item was moved forward

The second item was necessary additional repairs to Fire Station roof.

Acting Chief Chapple explained that the Fire Station has a metal pitched roof that drains down to a flat roof that is approximately 4ft. x 12ft. He explained that a new liner and drain were replaced where the water was catching which was \$3,000. He stated that a week later the roof started leaking again. He called the company back in and they came out to do a flow test where they

found that there was a seam that is separated on the roof, which is over 50 years old. Chief Chapple stated that the company offered to come back out, open the seam, put a non-permeable tape down, put the seam back together, and then coat and seal it for \$1,500. They said that the fix would last for about 1-2 years. Chief Chapple inquired about the cost of having the metal decking replaced and is waiting to hear back from the company, adding that his estimate is probably \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Ms. Michael was more in favor of the \$1,500 roof repair due to the large amount of money that the Fire Department has been having to spend.

Chief Chapple explained that there has been structural damage inside the building due to the water damage and said that the longer not addressing the problem is put off, the more structural damage will be done to the building.

When asked about new decking, Mr. Finney stated that replacing the decking would fix the problem.

- The item was moved forward

Mr. Finney stated that a few years ago a new safety building was discussed for Police and Fire. He stated that he knew now is not the time, but that something like this takes years to plan and it is something that the City should be planning.

Chief Chapple stated that Mr. Finney brought up a valid point because the Fire Department does not have separate facilities for a female employee. That includes separate sleeping or shower areas to accommodate them. He said that it has not taken away from hiring any, there have just been no applicants in the past, but there is currently one on their list.

Ms. Michael thanked Mr. Finney and stated that it would be a good project to get started again. Mr. Finney stated that his point was that it is not going to happen overnight and that to start the project there must be money earmarked to get it started.

The third item was necessary purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus.

Acting Chief Chapple stated that the breathing air systems for structural firefighting will be obsolete as of May 2021. Chief Cleveland put \$100,000 in Capital Improvements, but Chief Chapple is requesting an additional \$70,000. Chief Chapple stated that each air pack costs an average of \$8,000 and the Fire Dept. needs 20 packs. Ms. Michael asked if there were any grants available and Chief Chapple stated that they have all been awarded already for the year but there may be some next year to help with turnout gear that they will need to purchase.

- The item was moved forward

The fourth item was to discuss all-purpose vehicles within city limits.

Chief Wallis provided a report for Council regarding the calls that the Police Dept. received regarding all-purpose vehicles. Ms. Michael inquired about a citation and Chief Wallis stated it was for a person that had been warned twice before, who was on a minibike in the area of Murray and New Milford, and for not having a license.

Mr. Harper stated that he received a complaint from a resident who had contacted the Police Dept. about a very loud four-wheeler that goes up and down the road quite often. Complaints have been made but it seems the individual continues to ride and may be the individual that is wanting a track in their backyard. He is unsure if a letter should be sent out since the individual has been pinpointed. Chief Wallis requested for Mr. Harper to forward the information and he will contact them.

Ms. Michael stated that it all goes back to the ordinances and how to tighten things up. Mr. Finney concurred that there are current ordinances that should stop the person from riding on the main roads.

Ms. Michael questioned what the individual's rights were regarding riding on their own property and how it would affect the quality of life for their neighbors, such as noise and dust. Mr. Finney stated that the Police Dept. has a decibel reader to respond to a noise issue and as far as he knows there is no code against riding on personal property.

Ms. Michael asked the Committee if they felt that the issue should have another ordinance written to be more specific to ATV's on personal property. Mr. Kairis stated that it is an issue worthy of consideration and has felt that it is a safety issue. Mr. Harper agreed that it would be worth investigating it more as a safety and nuisance issue. Ms. Michael stated that she is going to get in touch with the Building Dept., Police Dept., and the Law Director to go over what the City currently has and what the City could possibly do for a new ordinance.

The Mayor stated that there will be something coming before Committee of the Whole that was not prepared for the Committee meeting. The School Resource Officer needs to be approved and the City does not have a figure for the daily rate.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Amy Michael, Chairperson
Public Health and Safety Committee**