



**Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
January 11th, 2021**

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=Q3PUOIFhh-4&t=90s>

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; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; 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 5:40 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first discussion item was to apply for the 2020 FEMA assistance firefighters grant.

Ms. Michael stated that grant money requests are maxed out at \$70,000 and that there is a 5% match. The Fire Dept. is looking to purchase 20 sets of turnout gear.

Mr. Moskun inquired about the cost of each turnout gear set and Ms. Michael stated that they are approximately \$2,500 a set.

- The item was moved forward

The second item was to apply for the 2021 SFM Fire Department equipment grant.

Ms. Michael stated that the Fire Dept. would like to use the grant money toward turnout gear, such as helmets, boots and gloves. There is a cap of \$15,000 and there is no match needed.

- The item was for discussion

Mayor Seman stated that the grant deadline is January 31st, 2021, which is before the regular Council meeting, and that he encouraged the Fire Dept. to apply for and send in the grant.

Mr. Kairis addressed the topic of grant application approval by Council, stating that many times grants can be last minute, and that Council can always choose to vote down a grant that has been applied for. Council discussed whether department heads should be allowed to apply for grants prior to Council approval so that grant approvals do not need to be rushed.

Ms. Wood stated that most grants need the Mayors signature and that it acts as a contract, especially if a grant match is required.

Council discussed the topic and expressed that there are too many variables with grants to allow department heads to apply for any grant without Council consideration.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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