



Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2021

The public meeting was held in person and live streamed via YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yxWHeh7xBA&t=3476s>

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Acting Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius; Cliff Soudil; Tom Halay and Diane Smith

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

The first item was the 2021 Bullet Proof Vest Grant.

The item was to accept the 2021 Bullet Proof Vest grant in the sum of \$2,985. It is an annual grant that helps the Police Department replace vests every five years.

- The item was moved forward

The second item was authorization to apply for the FEMA Safer Grant.

Acting Chief Chapple explained the FEMA Safer Grant to Council and stated that the grant helps to offset the cost of three additional firefighters. The grant would pay 100% of the three salaries the first year, 70% the second year and 30% the third year. The grant then states that the new hires need to be employed with the City for three additional years. It was estimated that the cost for the City would be approximately \$1 million dollars over six years. There was concern over the additional cost and the increased amount of calls that the Fire Department receives compared to past numbers. The Fire Department is staffed with 6 firefighters per shift and a 4-person minimum. The Finance Director will look into the cost further.

- The item was moved forward

The third item was authorization to apply for a joint grant with Portage County.

The item was to apply for new MARCS radios for the Fire Department. Acting Chief Chapple stated that if the grant is awarded the Fire Department can donate their still functioning MARCS radios to the Police Department.

- The item was moved forward

The fourth item was to change title and usage of CI appropriation.

The item was to re-designate \$40,000 from Fund 553 of the refurbishment of 2319.

- The item was moved forward

Management Update

The new fire truck has just been transferred from South Dakota to southern Ohio. It has been delayed by two weeks and should be back in time for Christmas.
Mayor Seman stated that the school would like to hire another School Resource Officer again. The Police Department is in the process of testing for patrol officers.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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