



Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023

The public meeting was held in person in City Council Chambers.

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Economic Development Director, Dennis West; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor, Chris Knapp, Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil, John McFarland and Diane Smith

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:53 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first item was a Stryker Sales agreement for the new Lucas device and heart monitor.

Ms. Michael stated that the cost would be approximately \$3,000 for 5 years. The service agreement would be to include the new Lucas device and heart monitor that the Fire Department received as a result of a recent donation.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was a rail safety resolution.

Ms. Michael read the title of the proposed rail safety resolution from the State of Ohio and stated that it is to show support of railroad safety within the City of Ravenna. She stated that the resolution is especially meaningful since there was recently a train derailment in Ravenna Township.

- The item was moved forward.

The third item was a \$200.00 donation from Edward C. Seigerst.

Ms. Michael stated that the item is a donation to the Police Department from a gentleman who lives in town and that the City of Ravenna appreciates it.

- The item was moved forward.

The fourth item was amending codified ordinance section 1060.99 Penalty.

Ms. Michael stated that the item is to amend the penalty for section 1060.10 and that the current penalty is too extreme for the violation. She addressed the discussion that took place at the November 14th, 2022, Public Health and Safety meeting and explained that the intent of

amending section 1060.10 was to help the administration enforce the trash can locations. Ms. Michael read the minutes from the meeting and stated that she would like to change the proposed \$250 fine and remove the jail time penalty to something more reasonable, and that locations of trashcan placement can be at the discretion of the Service Director.

Mr. Kairis stated that he had come up with some recommendations for violation penalties which included a notice of 3 violations without fines, and then upon the fourth violation a fine of up to \$250 is given along with possible jail time. Mr. Calfee received clarification that section 1060.13 was still to be given the full violation penalty as stated in section 1060.99 (b), and that a section (c) would be added to address the penalty for section 1060.10.

Ms. Dubinsky recommended that violations of section 1060.10 could be punished under the same umbrella as nuisance abatements.

Ms. Michael stated that she would like the penalty of jail time to be removed.

Ms. Dubinsky stated that violations of section 1060.10 would have to be implemented across the board.

Ms. Michael stated that she would like to communicate the new amendment of trashcan placement to the community via the water bills and does not want to make the matter of amending the penalty too complex.

Mr. Harper stated that the section needs to be enforceable with a fine and that he is okay with taking out the penalty of jail time.

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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