



**Ravenna City Council**  
**Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**August 14, 2023**

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

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Cliff Soudil, Larry Silenius, Diane Smith, John Sferra

**The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.**

**The item was to apply for and accept the Ohio Ambulance Transportation Program grant.**

Ms. Michael stated the Fire Department has applied for the grant and that it has been awarded.

Chief Chapple explained that the grant is through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through the State and that the deadline was that morning. He stated that the grant is for \$20,000 and that the Fire Department was notified that they were awarded the grant five days after they applied. Chief Chapple stated that the money will go toward personnel who had worked during the pandemic from January 2020 to April 2023. He said that the department has 20 personnel and that funds will be pro-rated based on time served.

Ms. Michael stated that there are no matching funds required and that the Finance Department will write checks instead of using direct deposit to disperse the funds.

- The item was moved forward.

**Management Update**

Ms. Michael stated that the Ravenna Police Department was successful in busting a drug house near the elementary school, and that she is excited to get drugs off the street and to clean up areas near the school.

Ms. Michael informed Council that they have been invited to walk in the Balloon A-Fair parade while walking with the letters to make the word "COUNCIL".

Mayor Seman stated that the Balloon A-Fair is in an upswing but that he is concerned about the sale of Sunbeau Valley Farm, and how it may impact the Balloon A-Fair.

Mayor Seman explained that the Fire Department has been working on addressing their ISO rating and is working on a quarterly plan of action to improve their ISO rating.

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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