



Ravenna City Council
Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2025

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

Council present: Council President Rob Kairis, Amy Michael, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Christina West, Matt Harper

Also attending the meeting: Police Chief, Jake Smallfield; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Finance Director, Tami Lorence; Controller, Brian Huff; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil, Cynthia Miller, Barbara Niemiller

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairperson, Amy Michael.

The first item was a donation of 48 cases of Gatorade to the Fire Department.

Ms. Michael said that the discussion on ambulance billing would be postponed until the following month. The committee reviewed a donation of 48 cases of Gatorade to the Fire Department from an anonymous donor. Ms. Michael expressed gratitude for the generous contribution, emphasizing that the department appreciated the gesture.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was the 2025-2026 agreement for the School Resource Officer (SRO).

Ms. Michael explained that the next item discussed was the 2025–2026 School Resource Officer (SRO) agreement. She clarified that the contract covers one officer, not two, and asked if there were any changes from the previous year. It was confirmed that the only change was a slight increase in cost. The position remains essential, and the City maintains a good working relationship with the school where Officer Lincoln currently serves as the SRO.

Discussion followed about the potential for a second officer. It was noted that a grant application had been submitted, with responses expected later in June. Ms. West and Ms. Michael both emphasized the clear need for additional SRO support, especially in the middle and elementary schools.

Mr. Soudil raised concerns about Ravenna Township's previous involvement and lack of recent participation.

Ms. Michael explained that the Township uses the Sheriff's Department, while the City uses its Police Department, and the issue hasn't been revisited yet.

Mr. Calfee clarified the agreement's funding: the school district and city currently split the cost 50/50, though past arrangements have varied. He recommended continuing to review each contract individually to ensure improvements where possible.

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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