



**Ravenna City Council  
Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2026**

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

Council present: Council President Rob Kairis, Amy Michael, Paul Moskun, Matt Harper, Tyler Marovich, Tim Calfee, Carmen Laudato, Christina West

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Chief, Jason Smallfield; Service Director, Tim Contant; City Engineer; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Larry Silenius, Cliff Soudil, Barbara Niemiller, Joseph Osborne, Peter Martin, Brian Breiday

**Utility Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairperson, Paul Moskun.**

**The first item was an electric aggregation program with Charlestown and Shalersville Townships.**

Mr. Moskun explained that the first item was participation in the electric aggregation program with Charlestown and Shalersville, proposed to begin June 1, 2026 and expressed support for expanding the program.

Mr. Kairis noted that while an expanding aggregation could increase bargaining power, there are legal requirements for opt-out aggregation programs. He explained that participating communities must receive voter approval. Although Mr. Cimino indicated Charlestown and Shalersville had previously approved aggregation, Mr. Kairis questioned whether a vote from over 20 years ago would still qualify, especially since they are not currently in an opt-out program. He stated clarification was needed but did not object to moving the item forward pending confirmation.

Mr. Marovich agreed, recalling the voter-approval requirements and resident notifications involved in establishing an aggregation program. Despite potential procedural steps, he supported advancing the discussion.

Ms. Laudato voiced general opposition to aggregation programs but agreed that if proceeding, adding more participants could reduce costs for residents.

- The item was moved forward.

**The second item was Water and Wastewater Capital Project Support contracts.**

Mr. Moskun explained that the next item was capital project support contracts for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants with Fontus Blue. He stated the company has provided high-quality service for years and proposed a three-year agreement.

Mr. Calfee clarified that the service includes a software package used to monitor plant operations and recommend solutions, and that this is a continuation rather than a new service. Mayor Seman added that the consultant is also on call for the City when needed.

- The item was moved forward.

**The third item was the replacement of a sludge pump at the Water Plant.**

Mr. Moskun introduced the replacement of the sludge pump at the Water Treatment Plant. He explained that the existing pump dates back to the plant's construction around 1982 and has exceeded its expected lifespan.

Mr. Marovich commended Ms. Wilsons thorough presentation supporting the replacement.

- The item was moved forward.

**The fourth item was the replacement of MCC Electrical Equipment at the Water Plant.**

Mr. Moskun emphasized that the equipment is original and replacing it would prevent future failures, and rectify any safety issues.

Mr. Marovich highlighted the safety benefits, including reducing arcing risks.

- The item was moved forward.

Mr. Marovich raised a constituent concern from Mr. Bramlett regarding municipal service line warranty programs similar to one offered in Akron. He explained that Akron provides residents access to low-cost insurance coverage for water and sanitary lines, significantly cheaper than private alternatives. Mr. Marovich suggested the City explore a similar aggregation-style program to help residents avoid costly repair bills. Council members expressed interest in researching available vendors and evaluating feasibility.

**There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clerk of Council**

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**Paul Moskun, Chairperson  
Utility Committee**