

**Ravenna City Council Public Health and Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2019**

The Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Andrew Kluge, Chairman. Present were: Amy Michael, Bruce Ribelin, Scott Rainone, Matt Harper and Joe Bica. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Clifford Soudil of 434 Woodland Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Deena Tannert of 784 East Main Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Greg Francis of 558 Coolman Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio; Louis Dudek of 704 East Main Street, Ravenna, Ohio.

Mr. Kluge said the first item on the agenda is the State of Ohio Attorney General collection contract.

Mr. Cecora said there are questions on the contract that need to be answered : is interest going to be charged on the amounts due; what will be the life span of the debt, beyond 15 years and either AG does it and consents to a third party collection agency. If they don't like the results there, then they'll then forward it to a collection attorney. They need to know the three variables to get the contract finalized.

Mr. Kluge asked if the 2.5% came from another community.

Mr. Cecora said he hasn't spoken with any other communities about this portion of the contract. Chief Cleveland acknowledged that he had not spoken to anyone either.

Mr. Kluge said that he would like to move this to the Committee of the Whole so they can get some guidance from Mr. Cecora and Chief Cleveland on the questions. He doesn't have a problem with stopping the debt at 15 years, if that's what is recommended and what other communities are doing.

Mr. Cecora said that is just the ballpark given from the AG's office. The bigger is question is if the AG doesn't collect it, it can go to an agency. Do they want to litigate it?

Mr. Kluge responded in the negative.

Mr. Ribelin said the nice thing about this is, if they're unhappy about how it's being handled, they just have to give a 45 day notice.

It was decided by those present that the issue would be sent to Committee of the Whole for further determination.

Mr. Kluge said the next item on the agenda is to discuss the EMS rates.

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There being no questions or comments, it was decided by those present that the issue would be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

Mr. Cecora said that before they talk about contracts with the other entities with which they do business, he thought they could talk about where they are going with the rates. He called Life Force Management to see where they are. The rates haven't been changed since 2013. They sent a sample of the comps on file. He wanted them to look at this and come back and talk a little bit more.

Mr. Kluge said that the basic life service and the advanced life service are all within the rates provided by the other communities. It's the non-transport that is a little bit low.

Chief Cleveland said he's not sure how well insurance covers non-transport calls. If they go up on it, essentially, they will be going up on a bill being sent to the residents. Obviously they have some room to increase the non-transport fees. Those are usually public assists, someone might need help getting up off the floor. More than likely that cost would be passed on directly to the individual because he's not sure how well insurance is covering it.

Mr. Kluge said that they are still testing the individuals even though they are not being transported, they are taking vitals, etc.

It was decided by those present that the issue would be forwarded to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Andrew Kluge, Chairman
Public Health and Safety Committee