

**RAVENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2016**

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The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Special Session at the Ravenna Township Administration Office, 6115 Spring Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on October 25, 2016. Trustee Vince Coia called the meeting to order at 6:27 P.M. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Vince Coia, Hank Gibson, Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman, Fire Chief Mark Kozak, and Zoning Inspector Jim DiPaola. Trustee Pat Artz was absent.

*The purpose of the meeting is a work session to discuss the fire department operations, status of equipment, and budgetary issues.*

Mark took everyone on a tour of the fire station and discussed space needs. Of note was the men's locker room with only a single stall shower for all male firefighters to use. Lack of additional showers is problematic when returning from an incident where protocol calls for the firefighter to immediately shower to reduce exposure to hazardous materials. Additionally, men's lockers are undersized for the materials that are necessary to store.

Renovation and repair costs on trucks #2418 and #2414 were discussed and the merits of trading them in on a single truck which would perform the functions of both of the old trucks. The used truck in Pennsylvania that may fit the bill will be inspected next week.

Capital and budget projections were discussed next. Currently there is not enough money in the fire dept. funds to provide for capital purchases. With an increasingly aging fleet we won't have enough money to purchase replacement vehicles when needed. There was discussion of placing an EMS levy on the ballot next spring. The levy is needed both for operating costs as well as providing for a capital allocation. If there is no levy, the fire dept. will be in a deficit position just from operations in the near future. Chief Kozak and Fiscal Officer Pittman have spent a considerable amount of time putting together projections and forecasting and have determined that, barring any unforeseen circumstances, a 2 mil levy should be requested.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Hank Gibson to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm.  
R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

ATTEST:

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CHAIRMAN

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TRUSTEE

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