

RAVENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT WORK SESSION OF JULY 13, 2022

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in Special Session at the Ravenna Township Trustee’s Meeting Room, 6145 Spring Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on July 13, 2022 for the purpose of holding a work session for the Fire Department. Trustee Chairman Vince Coia called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Vince Coia, Jim DiPaola, and Hank Gibson; Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman; Fire Chief Mark Kozak, Captain James Collins, Lieutenant Keith Gemberling and Lieutenant Matt Frawley.

Opening Remarks:

Fire Chief – Mark announced to the group that he would be resigning as Fire Chief by the end of the year, but will be staying with the township in some capacity to assist with special projects such as grants.

Trustee Gibson – Hank remarked that the Fire Department has performed exceedingly well under Chief Kozak’s tenure and the trustees want these successes to carry on into the future. Mark will be instrumental in choosing the leadership in the Fire Department to succeed him.

Other Discussion:

The following topics were discussed in more detail:

- Call volume and statistics
- Staffing: challenges and issues; full time/part time model; admin. assistant role.
- Fire Chief position: full time vs. part time
- Budget – forecast
- Fire District – exploration of options

The next work session was set for August 16, 2022 starting at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Vince Coia, seconded by Jim DiPaola to adjourn the hearing at 6:39 p.m. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. DiPaola, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

TRUSTEE

FISCAL OFFICER

TRUSTEE