

**NORTH RIDGEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
MARCH 5, 2018**

To Order:

Chairman Martin DeVries called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers at North Ridgeville City Hall, 7307 Avon Belden Road.

Attendance:

In attendance were Committee members Dennis Boose, Bruce Abens and Chairman Martin DeVries.

Also in attendance were Safety-Service Director Jeff Armbruster, Councilman Bob Chapek, Assistant Clerk of Council Tara Peet, Clerk of Council Nancy Linden, Councilman Gregg Westover, Councilwoman Michelle Hung, Law Director Brian Moriarty, Mayor David Gillock, Auditor Jeff Wilcheck, Fire Chief John Reese and President Kevin Corcoran.

Minutes:

Chairman DeVries asked for any additions or corrections to the February 5, 2018 meeting minutes. No discussion was offered. The minutes stand approved as submitted.

T 4-2018:

Chairman DeVries turned the meeting over to Auditor Jeff Wilcheck for a recap.

Auditor Wilcheck stated the Ordinance was to create a fund to set dollars aside for a new ambulance every three years or so. On average, ambulances have a ten year lifespan. The average cost of an ambulance is approximately \$250,000. Auditor Wilcheck stated if the City decided to rescind the Ordinance establishing the fund in the future, the leftover dollars go back to the operating fund. Auditor Wilcheck stated the main purpose in establishing the fund, which is permitted by Ohio Revised Code, is so the dollars are not used up for operations.

Chairman DeVries asked how often the City is buying an ambulance.

Fire Chief Reese distributed a document showing the purchases of the past few ambulances (**see attached**). Chief Reese stated he has four ambulances of which three run every day and are staffed. The fourth ambulance is in the event one of the three is out of service. Fire Chief Reese stated typically they are purchased every three years. He further added the City does not want to run one over twelve years. Purchasing ambulances every four years would mean the ambulances would be sixteen years old. Chief Reese stated they last ordered one in 2017 and it should arrive in the next month.

Councilman Boose asked what the Ambulance Fund could be used for.

Auditor Wilcheck stated it also pays for three other firefighter/paramedics. He added the revenue comes from ambulance run billings.

Councilman Boose stated he was trying to make certain that the dollars aren't set aside for an ambulance and then tied up when the City may need the dollars for operations. Councilman Boose asked if the City has accumulated too much money in the replacement fund, does the City have to wait ten years to transfer it back or could it be transferred at any point in time.

Auditor Wilcheck stated the Ordinance would need to be rescinded and then the money would be put back in the operating fund.

Mayor Gillock stated the fund cannot be in existence past ten years per Ohio Revised Code. The fund can be dissolved at any point in time within ten years.

Auditor Wilcheck stated there are no levy dollars involved and it is funded solely by ambulance billings.

Moved by DeVries and seconded by Boose to recommend City Council adopt T 4-2018 as submitted.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried, 3-0.

Chairman DeVries adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

These minutes were approved on _____.

Tara L. Peet, MMC
Assistant Clerk of Council



G. David Gillock
Mayor

CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

7090 Avon Belden Road
North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039



John C. Reese
Fire Chief

CURRENT AMBULANCE INVENTORY

Medic 28	2004 International McCoy Miller	\$138,528.08	137,263 miles
Medic 25	2009 GMC Braun	\$178,374.00	131,005 miles
Medic 27	2011 Ford 650 Braun	\$211,421.00	87,945 miles
Medic 26	2015 Ford 550 McCoy Miller	\$182,563.00	51,861 miles
Medic 28 <i>(Ordered)</i>	2018 Ford 550 Braun	\$218,690.00	N/A