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MEETING MINUTES
General Government / IT Committee
Remote Participation
January 11, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

The General Government / IT Committee meeting was held virtually on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairman Niedermaier.

Members Present:

Chairman Craig Niedermaier
I.T. Director Rehman Ali
Resident Jeff David

Approval of Minutes

Trustee and Chair Craig Niedermaier made a motion, seconded by Niles Resident Jeff David, to approve the Meeting Minutes of the General Government / I.T. Committee Meeting held on November 2, 2021; on voice vote all concurred.

New Business

- a. Continuation of the Electrical Aggregation Program for the Electrical Supply of the Village's Water Pumping Stations and Street Lighting and to Authorize the Village Manager to Be a Signatory on the Contractual Agreement**

Deputy Village Manager Kathy Thake advised Village Manager Joe LaMargo entered an agreement with AEP Energy for the electrical supply of the Village's water pumping stations and street lights on Nov. 8, 2021. This agreement allows the Village to lock in a fixed rate for electrical supply lower than the variable rate offered by ComEd. The contract with our current electric supplier, Direct Energy ended on December 1, 2021. The Village's power broker, NIMEC, recommended at least a 24 month term contract with AEP Energy. If all terms remain favorable, staff recommends contract approval at that time.

The only ComEd bills that the Village receives are for revenue generating facilities. Those include the Fitness Center, water pumps (Touhy Ave.) and streetlights. To ensure cost containment, the Village puts the water pumping and streetlight accounts on an electrical aggregation program. The Fitness Center shares a meter with the other Human Service departments, so that facility receives some credits from ComEd and cannot be put on an electrical aggregation program. The Village has conducted this practice since 2015. The

Village also worked with the same broker, Synergy, since 2015. In an effort to stay competitive and get the best service, the Village went out to RFP in September 2021 for aggregation brokerage services. The winning consultant was NIMEC. There is no cost to the Village for this service. The broker receives compensation from the energy supplier. As in the past, the aggregation contracts are signed by the Village Manager and will be ratified by the Board of Trustees at the next Board meeting in January. This broker works with the Village to ensure the lowest possible energy costs for these accounts in the 2022 contracts or renewal.

Trustee Niedermaier moved for Committee Approval to recommend motion to pass the continuation of the electrical aggregation program for the electrical supply of the village's water pumping stations and street lighting to the Board of Trustees, seconded by IT Director Rehman Ali. On voice vote, the roll call was:

YEAS 3 Niedermaier, Ali, David
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1 LaMargo
ABSTAIN 0

There being 3 affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

b. Committee Approval & Recommendation for Village Board Approval: Health Insurance Plans Offered by the Village to Employees

HR Director Donna Dunn advised the General Government/ IT Committee has already reviewed the changes for Health Insurance Plans Offered by the Village, and is seeking a consensus to move forward with the reductions in health coverage plans for Village Employees. Currently the Village offers an HMO and PPO consumer driven plans. The Village will begin only offering the Consumer Driven HMO Plan for new hires, and are in negotiations with the Village unions regarding incorporating this change. Current employees enrolled in the PPO Plan, may stay with their chosen plan.

Trustee Niedermaier moved for Committee Approval to recommend the Health Insurance Plans Offered by the Village to Employees to the Board of Trustees, seconded Niles Resident Jeff David. On voice vote, the roll call was:

YEAS 3 Niedermaier, Ali, David
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1 LaMargo
ABSTAIN 0

There being 3 affirmative votes, the MOTION CARRIED.

c. IT Network and Infrastructure Assessment – RFQ Presentation

IT Director Rehman Ali advised, as a result of the IT organizational assessment back in August, it was determined that the next step will be to look at an assessment of our infrastructure and network. To do that we work on developing a Request for Quotes (RFQ) to look at network platforms, information, and security of the IT department.

This assessment will identify weaknesses and gaps that were alluded to in our prior assessment. This assessment will be more technical and infrastructure assessment, unlike the one done this summer.

The IT Department hopes to have the vendor selection completed by January 26, at which time IT Director Ali will present again to the Committee.

Next Meeting

February 8, 2022

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Resident Jeff David, seconded by IT Director Rehman; all concurred and the meeting adjourned at 09:18 a.m.

Margaret Keating
General Government / IT Committee Secretary