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MEETING MINUTES
General Government / IT Committee
Niles Village Hall | EOC/ Room 218
March 14, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

The General Government / IT Committee meeting was held in-person in the EOC/ Room 218 at Niles Village Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chairman Niedermaier.

Members Present:

Chairman Craig Niedermaier
Village Manager Joe La Margo
I.T. Director Rehman Ali
Niles Resident Jeff David

Approval of Minutes

Chair Craig Niedermaier made a motion, seconded by Village Manager Joe La Margo, to approve the Meeting Minutes of the General Government / I.T. Committee Meeting held on February 14, 2023.

On voice vote, the roll call was:

YEAS	4 Niedermaier, La Margo, Ali, David
NAYS	0
ABSENT	0
ABSTAIN	0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

New Business

a. Committee approval of IMRF Benefit Protection Leave and Proposed Resolution

HR Director Donna Dunn presented IMRF Benefit Protection Leave and Proposed Resolution. The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) is the mandatory pension program for non-sworn Village employees that work over 1,000 hours per year. Among its many benefits, IMRF offers Benefit Protection Leave to its members to help combat the loss of service credit resulting from an authorized unpaid leave. Members who qualify and are approved for Benefit Protection Leave may receive service credit for up to a maximum of 12 months over their entire career, provided they pay the IMRF member contributions plus applicable interest, and providing the governing body adopts an authorizing Resolution.

Benefit Protection Leave is only for periods that the member is on unpaid leave and will be unpaid for an entire month.

According to IMRF, employers are not required to grant Benefit Protection Leave, except for leaves requested by employees on FMLA in certain circumstances. Therefore, the Village has the opportunity to create criteria to fairly and consistently review and approve Benefit Protection Leave requests from eligible staff members.

Recently, the Human Resources Department received a request for IMRF Benefit Protection Leave from an employee returning from an unpaid FMLA-approved leave. Upon review of the request, as well as applicable IMRF bylaws and Village requirements under FMLA, Village staff believes the request should be granted and requests that the Board pass the required Resolution.

Chair Craig Niedermaier made a motion, seconded by Village Manager Joe La Margo, to recommend Approval of the IMRF Benefit Protection Leave and Proposed Resolution at the March 28, 2023 Village Board Meeting. On voice vote, the roll call was:

YEAS 4 Niedermaier, La Margo, Ali, David
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED TO GO BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

b. Committee Approval of the Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages, Article II. License, Sec. 6-34 Classification And Fees, Sec. 6-38 Number, And Appendix D Fee Schedule To The Niles Code Of Ordinances

Patrick Byrne Assistant Liquor Commissioner presented the Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages, Article II. License, Sec. 6-34 Classification and Fees, Sec. 6-38 Number, and Appendix D Fee Schedule to the Niles Code of Ordinances. The movie theatre at Golf Glen Mart Plaza was recently purchased, renovated and reopened. The new owners inquired, before purchasing, about the ability to serve alcohol, as is the trend at other movie theatre complexes. In the same mall, an indoor golf simulator facility is about to open, and they, too, have inquired about alcohol service.

Most of the liquor license categories in the Code of Ordinances require full-service kitchens and food service. These new entertainment facilities are more about recreation than dining. As the Village continues to welcome new businesses, this liquor license classification will allow for similar facilities to open with alcohol service, without the need for a full-service kitchen. On voice vote, the roll call was:

YEAS 4 Niedermaier, La Margo, Ali, David
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the APPROVAL WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

c. Demonstration on See Click Fix with consultant from CivicPlus

IT Director Rehman Ali introduced Elliot Olson, Implementation Consultant with CivicPlus to provide an update on See Click Fix software. The Committee is interested moving forward with the software and implementing for the public use in phases. The Committee will be continuing the exploration of “See, Click, Fix” at the next General Government / IT Meeting.

Public Comment

Next Meeting

April 11, 2023

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Chair Craig Niedermaier, seconded by Village of Niles Resident David; all concurred and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.