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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**General Government / IT Committee**  
**Remote Participation**  
**June 14, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.**

The General Government / IT Committee meeting was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 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**

Village Manager Joe La Margo made a motion, seconded by Niles Resident Jeff David, to approve the Meeting Minutes of the General Government / I.T. Committee Meeting held on May 10, 2022. 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. Presentation and Authorization of a Contractual Agreement with Rory Group, LLC for Lobbying Services in Connection with Cook County Funding in the Amount of \$48,000**

Deputy Village Manager Kathy Thake advised Cook County has received an influx of federal funding which is available for local government entities for a variety of projects. In keeping with the Strategic Plan pillars, including infrastructure planning/funding and financial stability, realigning the Villages effort to focus on county lobbying will bring greater benefit to the Village overall by further reducing the burden on residents. Terry Teale and Luci Anderson of The Rory Group were available to answer question. The Rory Group is an experienced firm who specializes in our region and will provided unique perspective and

assistance in obtaining this funding. Village Staff recommends the approval of the agreement for Committee Approval to go before the Board of Trustees at the June 28, 2022 Board Meeting. Chair Craig Niedermaier made a motion, seconded by Village Manager Joe La Margo to approve the Contractual Agreement with Rory Group, LLC for Lobbying Services in Connection with Cook County Funding in the Amount of \$48,000 go before the Board of Trustees at the next 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 MOTION CARRIED.**

**b. Update on Office 365 Migration Project**

Rehman Ali, IT Director provided an update on the Office 365 migration. IT Director Ali reminded the Committee that this migration is part of the Capital Improvement Plan for IT. 224 email boxes have been migrated to Office 365 (O365) / Microsoft 365 (M365) and modernized how the Village manages, administers and provides office productivity software to the Village of Niles workforce. There are another 140 email addresses and inboxes to still be updated mainly in the Police Department. By migrating to O365/M365, the Village staff will have access to the Microsoft suite of products through Microsoft Government Cloud services resulting in increased productivity and efficacy. O365 will enable all Village staff to have the same version of Microsoft apps and automatic updates at the same time. With OneDrive, the staff can access their files from any location with the greatest ease. In addition, data backup, security, and recovery are managed by Microsoft.

**Public Comment**

*Mitchell Johnson, Communications Coordinator, provided a brief update on the Village of Niles' Annual Report, and advised that the Report will be mailed out this summer in place of the "Focus on Niles." The Annual Report will feature information on infrastructure projects, plans, events and information on Village finances to increase transparency to the public. Mitchell Johnson advised the website redesign was also in process and will reflect current trends in web design. The timeline for the website redesign will be coming soon.*

*David Sutherland, Niles Resident questioned the Committee on the amount of IT Budget that is being used for the Police Department on the Automated License Plate Readers, or (ALPRs). IT Director Ali, Village Manager La Margo, and Chair Niedermaier responded to Mr. Sutherland advising this was not from the IT Budget, but would follow up with more details per his inquiry.*

**Next Meeting**

July 12, 2022

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Chair Craig Niedermaier, seconded by IT Director Rehman; all concurred and the meeting adjourned at 09:40 a.m.

Margaret Keating - General Government / IT Committee Secretary