

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Village Hall  
740 Hillgrove Avenue  
Board Room  
Western Springs, IL 60558

July 28, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

### Present

Chair Tyrrell, Member Rudolph, Village Manager Velkme, Deputy Village Manager Biernacki, and Director Schramm

Chair Tyrrell moved to open the committee meeting, seconded by Member Rudolph. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Tyrrell and Member Rudolph. The General Government Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Tyrrell moved, seconded by Committee Member Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 30, 2021, as amended. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Member Rudolph and Chair Tyrrell. Voting nay: None.

#### 3. Security Upgrades

Director of Technology Schramm explained his request for modifications to the Village's security and processes. Given the outbreak of Ransomware going on, particularly in the local government sector, these measures are necessary. Switching from Office365 licenses to Microsoft 365 will give the Village some advanced features allowing more control over our environment. This includes mobile device management and upgrades to all our Windows licenses from professional to enterprise. Azure Active Directory Premium gives the Village much better security and control when staff or elected officials are away from the office and provides some artificial intelligence (AI) based security. The cost of the additional licensing would not require a budget amendment for 2021 but will require budgeting additional funds in 2022.

Director Schramm is also recommending replacing Malwarebytes Endpoint Protection

with Microsoft Defender for Endpoint and adding Defender for Office 365 and Defender for Endpoint Server. The price for Defender for Endpoint is almost identical to the cost of renewing our Malwarebytes subscription.

These measures coupled with additional staff training will provide the most cost-effective protection against the current threats facing the Village. The committee discussed these recommended changes and concur with Director Schramm's recommendations. Chair Tyrrell moved, seconded by Member Rudolph, to move this matter forward to the full Board on August 16, 2021, with a recommendation to approve these modifications. The motion passed on a roll call vote. Voting aye: Chair Tyrrell and Member Rudolph. Voting nay: None.

4. Other

There was no other business.

5. Schedule Next Committee Meeting

The next General Government Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

6. Adjourn

MOTION:

Chair Tyrrell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Rudolph. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deputy Clerk Elaine Haeske