

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 10, 2019
Presidents Chamber
6:15 p.m.

Present

Chair Tyrrell, Member Chen, President Gallagher, Manager Velkme, Director Baer, Attorney Jurusik

Electronic Attendance at Meeting: None.

Chair Tyrrell called the General Government Committee meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Agenda Items

1. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Tyrrell moved, seconded by Committee Member Chen, to approve the minutes of April 29, 2019 as read.

3. Engineering Services Analysis Proposal

In January, the Municipal Services and Community Development departments provided a set of recommendations to the Public Works and Water Committee regarding all existing engineering services utilized by the Village. One of the outcomes of the report was a recommendation to conduct an organizational study of engineering services in the Village. Manager Velkme presented a proposal from Dr. Greg Kuhn of the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University. The study aims to determine the optimal level of resources required to provide acceptable/desirable engineering services to the Village and its residents. The cost of the study is not to exceed \$16,300. The committee discussed the need for this study and concurred with Manager Velkme's recommendation to engage Dr. Kuhn for this study. Chair Tyrrell will report to the Board this evening the committee's recommendation to move forward with this study.

4. Professional Services Agreement

Metro Strategies has assisted the Village of Western Springs with coordinating transportation funding and management. They have been instrumental in securing funding for a number of capital improvement projects for the Village and with navigating the complexities of grant requirements. In addition, Metro Strategies has

assisted with preparing transportation and capital information for legislative meetings in Washington D.C. and Springfield. Given the number of complex projects and additional funding that the Village is seeking, Manager Velkme recommended to retain the services of Metro Strategies at a rate of \$2,500 per month. After discussion, the committee concurred and the recommendation to the Board will be to approve this agreement through President Gallagher's term which is thru May 2021. Chair Tyrrell will report to the Board on the committee's recommendation in the Board workshop meeting scheduled for later this evening.

5. Resolution – 100th Anniversary of Illinois Being the First State to Ratify the 19th Amendment

This resolution was presented to the committee with a recommendation from Manager Velkme to adopt said resolution which acknowledges Illinois being the first state to ratify the 19th amendment and declares this day, June 10, 2019, as a day to celebrate women's right to vote and the important role Illinois played in achieving that right in the United States. Chair Tyrrell will present the resolution to the Board for reading this evening and ratification on June 24, 2019 on omnibus.

6. 2020 Refuse and Recycling Program Review

Director Baer provided the committee with a review of the Village's 2020 refuse and recycling program. After much study and a competitive bidding process, the Village approved an agreement with Lakeshore Recycling Systems for this service effective January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2024. Village staff has been working with Lakeshore to develop a brochure to provide to all Village residents. A communication plan is also under development to share the new program with residents and to inform residents of the process of enrollment with Lakeshore. All residents will subscribe to service with Lakeshore and select the refuse and recycling container size which meets their needs. At the June 8, 2019 Western Springs Business Association Gathering on the Green event, Lakeshore provided the three (3) container sizes for residents to see. Residents were very interested in the new program and much positive feedback was received on moving to this program in 2020.

7. Other

Manager Velkme updated the committee on a proposal Village President Gallagher and Manager Velkme received from Image Media for a billboard to be placed in the vicinity of the Public Works Garage. The proposal contains payment of \$50,000 per year for a total of \$1 million over 20 years to place this billboard. Image Media states the billboard would be covered by foliage. Manager Velkme noted that with the Tollway expansion project, all trees in that area are to be clear cut. Manager Velkme does not recommend moving forward with this proposal. After discussion, the committee declined to move this proposal forward with both Chair Tyrrell and Member Chen voting "nay".

8. Schedule Next Committee Meeting

The next General Government Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 1, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.

9. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Chair Tyrrell moved, seconded by Member Chen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Haeske".

Deputy Village Clerk Elaine Haeske