



# Village of Woodridge

## *Finance Department*

### 2023 DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Village of Woodridge extends appreciation to the employees of the Finance Department for their many contributions during 2023. This Certificate highlights only some of the accomplishments completed by the Finance Department and is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of these employees.

#### ❖ **Triple Crown Achievement for Financial Reporting**

For the third consecutive year, the Village received a special “Triple Crown” award for receiving all three awards from the Government Finance Officers Association, which consists of the “Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting” award (16th consecutive year), the “Distinguished Budget Presentation” award (10th consecutive years), and the “Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting” award (8th consecutive year).

#### ❖ **2024 Budget**

The Finance Department successfully completed the 2024 Budget. The Budget was completed with the input and support of all Village departments. The Budget includes a plan to develop and maintain a balanced budget and eliminate the structural deficit in the Village’s five-year financial forecasts through the implementation of a \$0.50 increase to the Village’s home rules sales tax.

#### ❖ **Staffing**

In January, 2023, Finance Director Nadine Alletto resigned after working at the Village for 10 years. John Harrington was hired in May 2023 as the Finance Director. In August, the Village approved a part-time Fiscal Assistant I position to better support the work load in the Finance Department. Fiscal Assistant I Natalie Flynn moved into the part time position and Richelle Sanchez joined the Village in September 2023 as the Fiscal Assistant I Accounts Payable. In November, Richelle Sanchez was promoted to Fiscal Agent II Payroll. The department is actively interviewing for a Fiscal Assistant I.

#### ❖ **Tyler Payments**

Researched and prepared for implementation of a new payment portal for Utility Billing customers, which offers more payment methods, auto-pay options, notifications and support.

#### ❖ **2022 Audit**

The Finance Department successfully completed a 2022 audit with no management comments from auditors.

#### ❖ **ACH Payment Process**

The ACH payment process to vendors was implemented by the Village in 2023. This process will decrease the Village’s exposure to potential fraud, as well as expedite payments to vendors, saving the Village and its vendors time and money.

*The Village of Woodridge hereby extends appreciation to the Finance Department for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the community.*

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Gina Cunningham, Mayor

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Albert Stonitsch, Village Administrator