



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Rhonda Sallee Ramos to Act as an Administrative Law Judge for the Village of Oak Park for a One-Year Period and Authorizing Its Execution

Overview

The Village annually hires administrative law judges under contract for the Village's Administrative Adjudication. The judges conduct hearings for alleged violations of Village ordinances.

Recommendation

Approve the resolution

Fiscal Impact

The hourly fee for the administrative law judge is \$84.00. This rate is consistent with the rates in many other suburban communities whose hourly rates range from \$65.00 to \$125.00. The fiscal year 2022 budget is \$145,000 for the administrative law judges and the bailiff.

Background

The adjudication law judges as a group will hear in excess of 6,000 cases in 2022. The adjudication law judges currently all meet State law requirements for their positions. Administrative law judges have served the Village for more than a decade.

Last year, the Adjudication Department provided training on implicit bias and restorative justice for the judges. In addition, as licensed attorneys, they have completed implicit bias training as mandated by the Illinois Supreme Court.

Alternatives

N/A

Previous Board Action

Annually, the Village hires new or renews existing contracts for administrative law judges.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A