



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Motion to Approve an Updated Organizational Chart for the Finance Department

Overview

The Reinventing Government Committee of the Village Board met on February 11, 2019 to review the recommendation to consolidate two vacant positions in the Finance Department into one position. The Committee supported the staff's recommendation being submitted to the Village Board for approval.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the Motion.

Fiscal Impact

This recommendation is expected to result in potential estimated annual savings to the Finance operating budget salary and benefit expenditures of \$54,000.

Background

The current SEIU Collective Bargaining Unit has three classifications for account clerks, Account Clerk I (Grade 2), Account Clerk II (Grade 3), and Account Clerk III (Grade 6). In the Finance Department there are two (2) Account Clerk II FTE positions and one (1) Account Clerk III FTE positions (FTE is defined as a full time equivalent). There are currently two (2) vacancies among these three (3) positions. When vacancies occur, staff uses this opportunity to evaluate efficiencies and staffing levels.

Historically, the Finance Department has had two Account Clerk II positions which performed water billing and accounts payable duties and one Account Clerk III (this job title was previously Records Coordinator however in the most recent SEIU collective bargaining agreement the title was updated and approved by the Village Board via the new CBA). All three positions are in the Service Employees International Union Local 73 (SEIU). The Account Clerk III position was left vacant in December when the incumbent accepted a private sector position. Effective February 1, 2019, one of the employees in an Account Clerk II positions retired and the second employee in the Account Clerk II position, after a competitive recruitment process, was promoted to the vacant Account Clerk III position. This has resulted in both Account II positions vacant.

With both vacancies at the Account Clerk II level happening concurrently the current delivery of customer service, both externally and internally, has been assessed to identify areas for efficiency and improvement. The conclusion of this review is a recommendation that the job duties could be performed by 2 FTES, if both were classified at the Account Clerk III level which improves cross training with a broader range of duties and required skills and thus allow the Village

to provide more effective, efficient customer service. Both Account Clerk III positions would back each other up on all duties and tasks and plan time off to ensure staffing of all functions at all times. These redundancies would ensure that the previous customer frustrations experienced through gaps in services when the Account Clerk III was on lunch or on vacation would be minimized.

Functions of the Account Clerk III position would include utility billing, front line customer service, meeting room reservations, specials events, records retention, real estate transfer tax transactions, accounts payable processing and accounts receivable processing, and various other clerical duties. Previously these functions had been split between the Account Clerk II, who performed utility billing, accounts payable processing and accounts receivable processing, and the Account Clerk III who performed the balance of the duties. Both positions provided frontline customer service.

Under the existing structure in the Finance Department, both Account Clerk II positions are budgeted in the Water & Sewer Fund. Eliminating one of these positions would save this Fund approximately \$54,000 consisting of base salary of \$36,000 (beginning/new hire Grade 3 step) plus estimated benefits (assuming family health coverage) of \$31,000 for a total cost of \$67,000 less an estimated \$13,000 in higher cost offsets which entail upgrading the second Account Clerk II (Grade 3) position to an Account Clerk III (Grade 6). The net savings from the recommended restructuring is therefore estimated at \$67,000 savings less \$13,000 offsets, or \$54,000.

Alternatives

Make no change to the current Finance Department organizational chart and hire for the two vacant Account Clerk II positions.

Previous Board Action

The Reinventing Government Committee of the Village Board met on February 11, 2019 to review the recommendation to consolidate two vacant positions in the Finance Department into one position. The Committee supported the staff's recommendation being submitted to the Village Board for approval.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A

Performance Management (MAP) Alignment

N/A.