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New Deputy Village Clerk Named

August 30, 2005 – Oak Park Village Clerk Sandra Sokol today announced the hiring of Karen Morris Muriello as Deputy Village Clerk, a post left vacant by the retirement of Kathy Cannon.

A 27-year resident of the Village Ms. Muriello has equal years of professional experience in marketing, communications and technology. Ms. Muriello achieved managerial and executive levels of responsibility in several Chicago area corporations. Specifically, she was Director of Web Services for HALO Branded Solutions, a consultant with Xpedior Inc. (formerly Metamor Technologies), and Vice President Marketing for Labrynth Technologies.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Communication from Northwestern University in Evanston and a Master of Arts degree in the same field from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. She is a published author, a public speaker and has served on the boards of several local non-profit organizations.

“Ms. Muriello was selected from a large number of applicants because her skill set was a complement to our office, as well as her vast knowledge of our community, her integrity, and her love of and loyalty to the Village of Oak Park,” Village Clerk Sokol said.

The Oak Park Village Clerk is authorized to appoint the Deputy Clerk who assumes the responsibilities of the Village Clerk in the Clerk’s absence. The Oak Park Village Clerk’s Office is the keeper of hundreds of thousands of records – both paper and electronic – and continues the tradition of safeguarding and archiving board meeting minutes dating back to Oak Park’s incorporation in 1902.

The Municipal Clerk is one of the oldest offices in recorded history and is represented in cultures around the globe. Historically the Municipal Clerk acts as a balance between the two arms of local government – policy making and services delivery – permitting the people their right of oversight through access to records.

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