

IGFOA Governmental Budgeting - The Basics and Beyond

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Matt Bubness, Director, Baker Tilly US, LLP

Matt Bubness is a director with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors (BTMA), joining the practice in 2021. Matt brings nearly 20 years of experience serving and working for a number of entities across the public sector. At BTMA, Matt specializes in budgeting/strategic planning, financial analysis, and organizational/process improvements. Most recently, Matt worked for the Government Finance Officers Association leading national efforts to improve budget and strategic planning and supporting a number of consulting and research projects. Previously, Matt worked for Chicago Public Schools, serving as operations and finance director for all special education programming and also in various roles in the budget department. Matt has prior experience in the municipal bond field as well, working as a municipal advisor and ratings analyst.

Raymond Munch, Deputy Finance Director, City of Naperville

Raymond Munch is currently the Deputy Finance Director for the City of Naperville. In this role, he oversees the budget, payroll, and accounting functions for the City. Raymond began working at the City of Naperville in 2020 as the Budget Manager and was promoted to Deputy Director in December 2022. Prior to Naperville, he worked in various capacities for the City of DeKalb, most notably as the Assistant City Manager overseeing Finance, HR, and IT functions. Raymond has more than 20 years of municipal government experience, which includes 14 years in municipal law enforcement. During that time, he served as an elected pension board trustee for the Village of Glen Ellyn Police Pension Fund.

Raymond holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University. He has been a member of IGFOA and GFOA since 2019. In the community, Raymond serves on the Board of Directors for Naperville Little League Baseball.

Molly Talkington, Finance Director, City of Rolling Meadows

Molly Talkington is currently the Finance Director for the City of Rolling Meadows, serving in that role since May 2022 and bringing 20 years of experience to the City. Prior to joining the City, she was the Finance Principal/Comptroller for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, an agency that focuses on regional transportation planning. She has held positions throughout the State, such as the Finance Director for the Village of East Dundee and the City of DeKalb, the Budget Officer for the City of Champaign, and the Budget Analyst in the City of Naperville.

Molly has a Master in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University and a Bachelor of Science in History from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She served as the Downstate Chapter President for the Illinois Government Finance Officers' Association (IGFOA). As a member of IGFOA and the Government Finance Officers' Association, she leads and moderates training sessions for other government professionals and continues to volunteer in other capacities for both organizations. As a resident of Pingree Grove, Molly brings her pension knowledge to the Police Pension Board as an appointed Trustee.

Julie Zolghadr, Retired Budget Division Manager, City of Springfield

Julie Zolghadr has been a member of the budget staff for the City of Springfield since 1989 and served as the budget division manager from 1995 until her retirement in May 2023. The budget division oversees the activities of 12 city agencies with a total annual budget of approximately \$396M across 40 funds. The division also reviews all spending documents, personnel transactions, pending legislation, and provides key support to the City's labor relations function through analyzing collective bargaining economic requests.

Julie is a regular presenter for the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, Illinois Municipal League, Illinois Municipal Clerks Association, Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association, and the Illinois Association of County Board Members. Most recently, she served as a presenter for the June 2022 Austin Texas national GFOA convention where she spoke on the looming issue of what happens after ARPA. She is an advocate of making budget information not only accessible to the public but also easily understandable to all citizen stakeholders.