

# Village of Sand Lake

December 2021



## Presidents Report

The past month we have worked diligently on the day-to-day tasks in the office. We are patiently waiting on high-speed internet to be installed; we then can have the new server installed and hopefully have no more issues running our programs in the office.

I have also worked on the donation policy this past month. This donation policy was reviewed and adopted at December's meeting. I find this policy to be important to record all donations and the guidelines that go with donating to the Village of Sand Lake.

I received an email from Kent County regarding the Kent County Community Action (KCCA). Kent County Action received \$1.7 million For the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) to provide direct payment assistance for drinking water and wastewater utilities. This program was designed to help households retain water service help mitigate the spread of Covid-19 and to reimburse water utility providers. Effective December 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023, KCCA will operate the LIHWAP program for those households who are eligible at 150% of poverty or below. The maximum reimbursement per fiscal year is \$650.00 which includes any fees needed for reconnection. All reimbursements payments made must guarantee service for at least 90 days after receipt of payment. Qualified applicants must submit a water/wastewater bill that shows that they are in jeopardy of being disconnected or have already been disconnected. The council voted to opt into this program for the residents.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you

Mollie Doerr

## Life in the Department of Public Works

It's been a busy fall season with leaf pickup, brush pick up, prepping for snow and snow plowing. Thanks to those who raked their leaves into the narrow rows along the roadway as this made it much easier and more efficient for us to vacuum them up. As the outside jobs are winding down, we now transition to inside jobs including maintenance, cleaning, and continuing to organize. As the weather allows, we will continue to do brush pick up brush, so if you have a pile on your property, be assured we will get to it when we can. We continue to investigate the possibility of metering homes along with the businesses which are already metered. In way of a reminder please do not flush "disposable" wipes into the sewer system. We have spent about \$6-7,000 to have a contractor clean out lift stations.

Thank you to so many of you who have offered such support for this DPW. Merry Christmas to you all and we hope you are able to have a great holiday season.

# Fire Department:

## Community service:

Helped the Chamber of Commerce with the bleacher project.

## Updates:

The new 800mhz fire pagers were programmed along with the radios updated. Waiting for the word to make the switch on the pagers.

Jason Bergman and I continue to work on the new software on fire reporting. Had another zoom training on December 15th for the new software program.

The SCBA Compressor completed annual inspection and air test with no major issues.

We ended up with a record number of calls for the year with 117 runs over last year.

Ed Holtzlander

Fire Chief



## Reminders:

The Village offices are open Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm