

Village of Sand Lake

November 2021



Presidents Report

This past month I have been working on pulling information for the planning commission. Going into what we have done in the past and reviewing what is on file, minutes, etc. This will help our planning commission work forward and into the future for Sand Lake. After sitting through the past two meetings, I see the future of the Village is bright and I'm excited to see the direction it's going in.

The Jr eagles had a Veterans Day Tribute on November 6th, placing a new wreath at the Memorial in Sand Lake. We must honor those who have served and teach our children the value of freedom.

Thank you to the Sand Lake Chamber of Commerce for hosting the basketball court fundraiser. They were able to raise \$3,596 on top of the \$775.63 already raised. The basketball court is in need of improvements. I would love to see a new basketball court for the community. A big Thank you to Grand Rapids Fusion players for attending and playing a pick-up game on our existing court. It was a joy to see the excitement in the kids faces and the community support.

Sidewalk ordinance question. The Village will be clearing sidewalks as usual. ❄️

Our current ordinance states that you are responsible for clearing your sidewalk of snow and ice. Failure to do so would result in a debt to the Village.

The Village has cleared the sidewalks for years.

It was motioned and passed at the September 20, 2021 regular meeting to amend the sidewalk ordinance section 1.2.11 Sidewalk to be cleared & 1.2.12 Failure to clear.

In discussion it was stated we have the equipment and will be clearing sidewalks for the residents. Amending the ordinance will result in the Village being responsible for the sidewalk clearing as done in previous years. We will then have an updated ordinance and not be in violation.

Thank you

Mollie Doerr

Village President

As always, the DPW continues to be busy with day-to-day functions and non-ordinary tasks. Water samples, discharging of waste water, flushing of hydrants, and the maintaining of the Village equipment and properties are just a few of the day-to-day functions we continue to perform.

We will continue to use KCRC for our salt and blade needs this winter. We are glad that they are so helpful to the Village of Sand Lake.

On the inclement days this fall, we have been taking time to clean and organize the shop at the municipal complex. Gallons of old paint, broken curb boxes components, old rusted tire chains, and old parts for equipment we no longer have are just a few things we have been cleaning out. The DPW office is also looking much cleaner and organized these days.

On the 19th of October, we attended a class in GR dealing with disinfection and corrosion of piping systems. We're always wanting to learn new information so as to better maintain and run Village's infrastructure.

Lastly, it was fun helping with the Sand Lake Elementary Halloween Parade.

As we move into toward the winter season, we want to remind you that although our job is to clear the snow from the streets, it is difficult to perfectly clear all snow and ice from roadways.

Drive safe and enjoy your upcoming Holidays.

Fire Department:

Community service:

The Sand Lake Methodist Church provided breakfast. The church has provided the fire department breakfast for several years. The department would like to thank the church members for providing food and encouragement to our members.

Clerk's Report

Another month squaring things away in the office. Getting the Planning Commission going has been exciting and refreshing. I have had meetings with now a total of 4 wen designers. It was interesting to hear different peoples take on what makes a successful website and how that aligns with the Village.

I would like to note that part of the ARPA money came in, to refresh your memory this is the money the federal government put aside for townships, cities, and villages. We are currently looking into the different ways the village would benefit most from this money.

Treasures Report

This month has been very busy with collection of Utility bills, still having daily server problems. Which causes issues with slow processing, Journalizing and posting payments. Can't wait for our new server, which will stream line name/address changes with Utility billing. Once we get our new server and link is established with Assessing, working on some sort of audit report to ensure that we are billing all real property.

Morgan & Associates

It is not going as fast as hoped. I do have everything figured out through August 2020. I do need to go back to the couple months and enter items that were not entered and reconcile. I have been keeping a list so that will go quick. The majority of the other accounts are caught up on the reconciliations through 2020, It's the Savings account that needs the most work.

Reminders

Office hours are Mon-Tues 9:00am – 3:00pm. Later availability by appointment.

Past due utility billing notices have been sent out.