

Village of Sand Lake

January 2025



Presidents Report

Winterfest cancellation 2025:

It has been brought to my attention that there may be questions and/or concerns about why Winterfest was canceled this year.

I want to clarify and clear the air on this matter.

The Village has always supported events the Sand Lake Chamber of Commerce put on and helped wherever needed.

At the council's January regular meeting in 2024, the Winterfest of 2024 update was approved, contingent on finding a solution to the tent being staked into the road. See Below,

January 2024 meeting:

Update on Winterfest 2024: Motion was by Wright to approve the Update on Winterfest 2024 with the agreement that the Chamber will pay and have the stake holes put in this spring, Camilleri seconded. All yes, motion carried.

Unfortunately, this has not been done in the past year.

The village streets administrator and council spoke at that January meeting about the importance of maintaining this road, which was brand new and included in the road project

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Hello again from cold and snowy Sand Lake. We have been busy with a lot of what we call "nuisance" snows. These are events where we may get an inch or two of snow, just enough to plow or salt. But that is a part of DPW life. Our aim is to keep the roads as clear as possible. Having said that, it is winter and sometimes it may take longer to clear the roads completely so please, always drive with caution.

We are also in the process of repairing picnic tables from the park. It has been some time since they were rehabilitated so that is one of the projects we are doing. We have also purchased new steel barrels for trash receptacles in the park. We will be painting them and installing new lids on them when they are placed in the park.

Once again, we want to say "Thank you" to you for abiding by the street parking ordinance. It makes it so much easier for us to quickly remove snow from parking areas and roadways when we don't have parked vehicles to contend with. If for some reason you or someone you know has a vehicle that has been towed because it was parked illegally, we always use McKay's Towing. A call to them will help in recovering the impounded vehicle.

Well, the days are getting longer, the sun is getting a little higher in the sky (although it's cold out), so Spring is not too far away. Keep thinking positively! It does the heart good.

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The tent used for the 2024 Winterfest put 28 holes in the brand-new road installed that year.

This decision was made because we must maintain the roads installed and have a plan for regular maintenance. Any possible moisture in roads (especially in Michigan) can cause potholes, rutting, and other damage.

The council has worked diligently to plan to repair the village roads.

We must protect the taxpayer's investment in roads. They are extremely expensive to maintain and repair, and the costs ultimately fall on the taxpayers.

I have hope we can find a resolution to this matter in the near future.

Thank you

Mollie Doerr

Reminders:

Trash pickup is Thursday mornings.

Next regular meeting February 17th.

Village Hall Special Meeting - Infrastructure update

- E Lake St/Roads- Discuss the scope of work, i.e., milling, graveling, reshaping, storm work, curbing at intersections, and making sidewalk approaches ADA-compliant. They will do their best to accommodate the restaurants and church/daycare. The official detour is Northland south to 18 miles east to Meyers Lake and then north to Sand Lake Rd.

Future Plans: Chip seal 1st Street, then Maple Street, etc. Stress criticality of chip sealing. 4th Street is a future project that needs milling, reshaping, and storm system improvements.

- Meter project: This has been put on hold as the bids for the installation came in almost three times as high as the grant we received. We still need to do this, as it is essential to track our water consumption. Looking for other funding options for this project.

- Water Tower/Maintenance – The maintenance has begun. The tower was emptied in late fall, and a chemical wash was performed. The tower was also prepped for a new mixer in the bowl. Purpose of the mixer: mix the different water layers that form in the bowl, giving an even better prospect of quality on tap.

- Work at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, i.e., steel wheels, automatic flushers, and end guns with GPS.

- Discussed Silversmith GPS – Benefits

- Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.

