

# Village of Sand Lake

March 2025



## President Report

After our budget committee meetings last month, I have been finalizing our budget for the next fiscal year. Our council will review and accept it at this month's meeting. Last year's budget was aimed at putting funds in capital outlay for future projects and our Fire Truck fund for our upcoming purchase in 2029. I am very happy to report that funds were allocated across all departments. Our budget for this fiscal year is aimed at covering operating costs, projects to be done this year, and capital outlay for future purchases. At a special meeting this past month, the council approved the engineer costs to be covered by the Village so we can utilize the entire amount from the state to repair E Lake St. This will extend the project through the curves. The project will start after this year's Fourth of July celebration. It has been a long time coming, and I am so excited for the Village to have this enormous improvement to our infrastructure. In the meantime, we understand the condition of E Lake St, and our DPW will continue filling potholes with cold patch as we wait for this project to begin.

The council and I will continue working with our engineer to maintain and improve our infrastructure in planning projects with a Capital improvement plan; my goal is to have this solidified this fiscal year.

The council will finalize fire contracts at this meeting. Myself and the surrounding township supervisors we contract with will continue to have quarterly meetings to stay on top of the fire department's upcoming needs, including the new fire truck that will be purchased in 2029.

The departments and I have planned the tasks for the Spring and are excited for warmer weather.

If you want to help our community, please volunteer at the annual cemetery clean-up **on April 26, 8 a.m.** to noon.

Open positions have been filled here at the Village, and I am so excited to have the help and knowledge to continue to bring the Village forward.

Thank you  
Mollie Doerr

### Life in the DPW

As I write this today, this warm weather sure feels like spring is right around the corner. With the warmer weather we were able to put two more sets of steel circle wheels on two of our towers in the Waste Water Treatment Facility. With the addition of these wheels, it has made our job much more efficient in getting rid of water. We also have been very busy keeping up with patching pot holes, rehabbing all of our park picnic tables with new paint, and general maintenance in our shop. As we look ahead, we in the DPW will be painting all lines downtown and in our Village parking lots. As spring is almost here, we want to remind you that if you have leaves or any kind of yard debris that you would like picked up, please put it in a lawn and leaf bag. You can get these from most hardware or big box stores. We also have them available at the Village office for purchase. As far as road projects are concerned, we are very excited that our project on East Lake St will begin this summer! As always, get out and enjoy the improving weather, walking the Village and enjoying our park.

## Reminders:

Cemetery Clean – up April 26, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Trash pickup is Thursday mornings.

Next regular meeting April 21, 2025

## Zoning Reminder:

### 1.4 Property Appearance.

All lots within the Village limits except those zoned R-F shall be kept free from debris and litter, and ground cover shall be mowed periodically to maintain a neat appearance. If upon inspection of two members of the Village Council the lot is determined to be in need of improvement, a letter will be sent to the property owner stating such. If the owner does not take substantial action within 10 days of the date postmarked on the letter, the appropriate action will be taken by the Village to improve the appearance. The owner of the parcel thus improved will be billed for the work at the actual cost to the Village. If this amount is not paid within 30 days, it will be added to the tax bill. A violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fine shall be not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the first offense and not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for subsequent offenses, in the discretion of the court, and in addition to all other costs, damages, and expenses provided by law. For purposes of this section, "subsequent offense" means a violation of this ordinance committed with respect to a separate incident by the same person within 12 months of a previous violation of the ordinance for which said person admitted responsibility or was adjudicated to be responsible. Each day that such violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.