

**VILLAGE OF SISTER BAY**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2024**



# A WORD FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

*Julie Schmelzer*

To the Taxpayers, Residents & Guests of Sister Bay,

Within this report you'll find a summary of the highlights of this past year. Although somewhat lengthy we encourage you to thoroughly read the document to better understand the services being provided. I hope you feel we are using the resources wisely and you are benefiting from our services.

In 2024 the Village began construction on the new Parks Maintenance Facility off Autumn Court. The project is expected to be completed in May 2025. We also approved the design for a new Administration Building on the former Logerquist property.

We were fortunate to secure a grant of approximately \$900,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to construct the trail along Highway 57. We have to secure bids for final engineering and construction yet, and then the project can get started. We also were able to complete, with a grant from Destination Door County's Community Investment Fund, a portion of the design for the trail along Highway 42, which will include an elevated boardwalk. For this latter trail, we are currently working on the engineering, also with the use of the funds mentioned.

Additionally, we were fortunate to complete most of the work at Waterfront Park that was funded either through a grant, Municipal Reimbursement Funds, or the Destination Door County Park Fund. We were able to build an addition onto the gazebo, install stone pillars and solar lights, replace light poles, install bike racks, an air pump, and bike repair station. The copper trim on the gazebo was donated by the roofer, which saved us \$4500.

The reconstruction of Mill Road West was completed in May. The project made a big improvement to the area and addressed several drainage issues we were having in that vicinity.

We heard this past week that our population projections have changed. Originally the Department of Administration projected our population would grow until 2030 and then decline in 2040 to 990 persons. That has been revised and we show steady growth through 2050 when the population is projected to hit 1409, which would be a 23% growth rate between 2020 and 2050.

We encourage you to follow the Village Board agendas and the minutes from the various committee meetings found in those Board meeting packets. Board meetings are in-person or via Zoom, and the meetings are recorded and posted online.

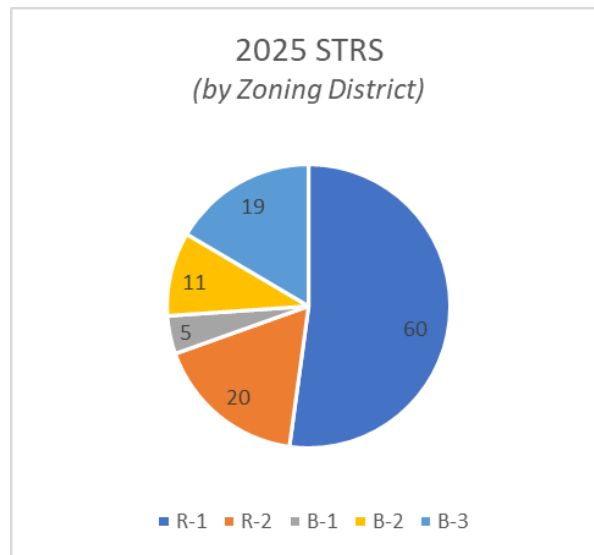
On the following pages Department Staff share their various departmental highlights with you. As always, if you have any questions about our services, please contact us.

Sincerely,  
Julie A. Schmelzer, Village Administrator

## Village Clerk's Annual Report – 2024

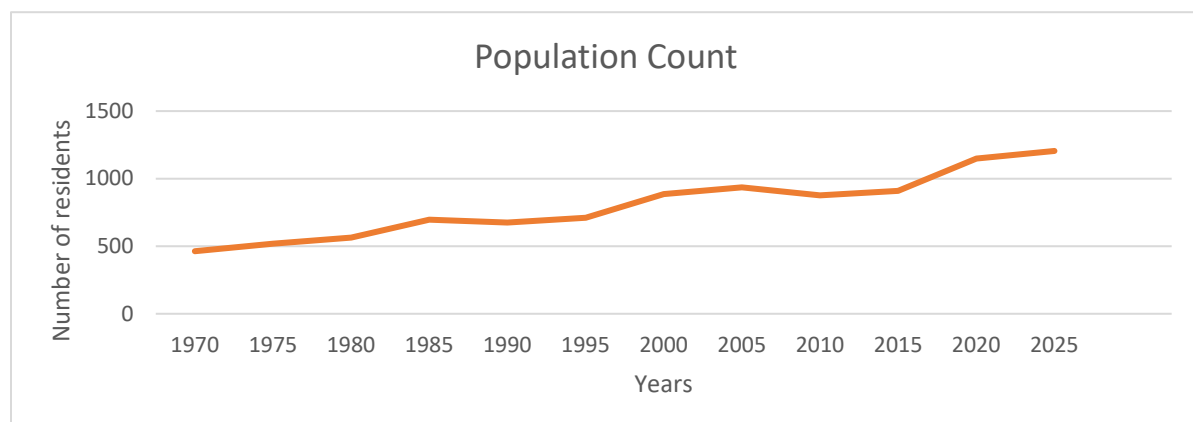
Following are statistics based on items issued or managed through the Clerk's office.

**Short-term Rentals:** The village has, on average, 115 properties licensed as short-term rentals. Several properties received limited term licenses in 2024 which expired at the end of October. A number of properties also changed hands in 2024, with several opting not to continue rental operations.



**Liquor Licenses:** The Village issues liquor, beer, and wine licenses annually. There is currently no quota on beer and wine licenses. With a change in state statutes in late 2023, the restrictions on who can hold a wine license have, in fact, lessened, and Sister Bay may see an increase in the number of wine licenses requested in the future.

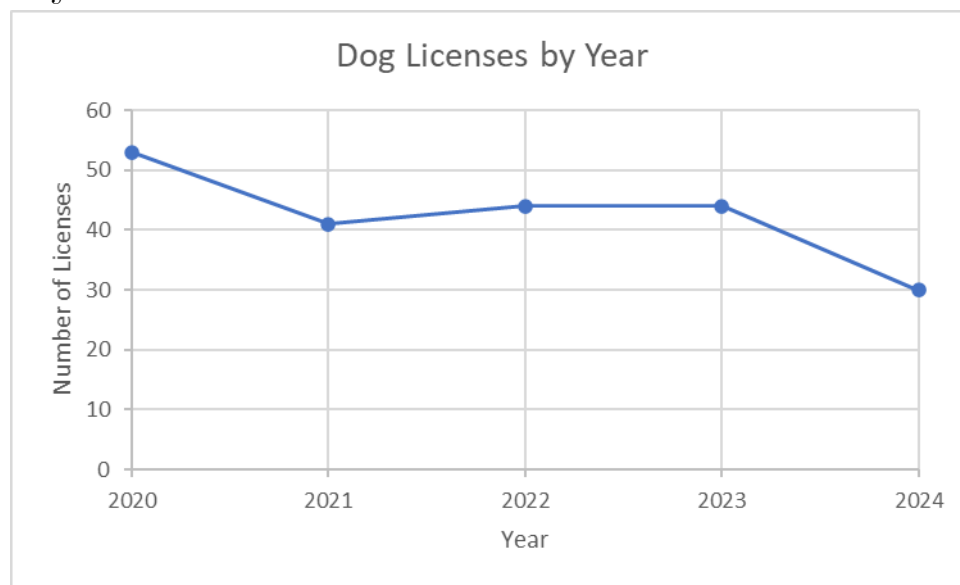
The Village has a quota of 2 "Class B" liquor licenses and 1 Reserve "Class B" license, which are all currently issued. Additional Reserve licenses can be added with each population increase of 500 people per the Department of Administration's annual population estimate. Sister Bay's current population is 1205 and it is expected that when the DOA estimate comes in August, the village will have met the number of residents needed to gain an additional Reserve "Class B" License (1225).



**Temporary Beer and Wine Licenses:** The Village issues temporary beer and wine licenses, commonly referred to as “Picnic Licenses” to eligible non-profit organizations throughout the year. Each organization has a limit of 12 beer licenses and 2 wine licenses available to them per year. Licenses in 2024 were issued to Sister Bay Advancement Association, Sister Bay Historical Society, Sister Bay Lions, Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Fire Department, Top O’ the Thumb Snowmobile Club, Friends of Gibraltar, Northern Door Pride, Villager’s Snowmobile Club and Sister Bay Baseball Club.

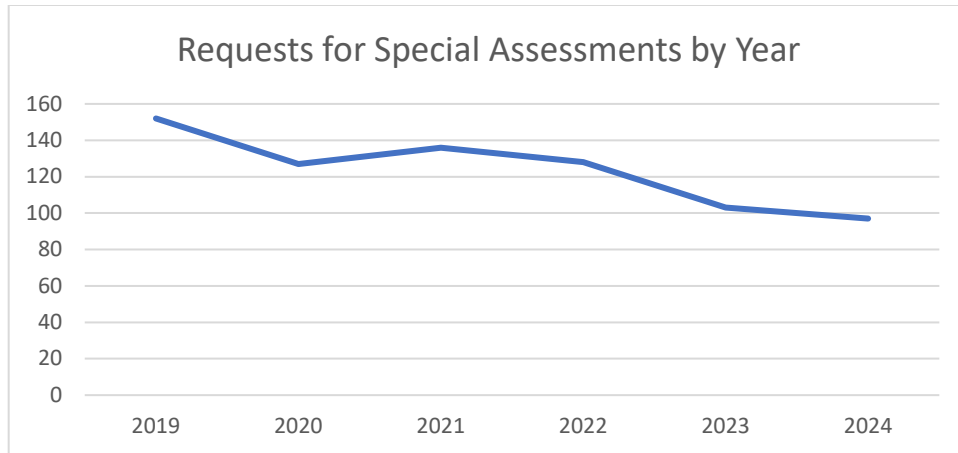
**Tobacco Licenses:** The number of businesses holding tobacco licenses in Sister Bay remains at 6, with two businesses, AIM Country Walk BP and Top Shelf Gourmet, having changed hands in 2024. Those businesses are now known as Sister Bay BP and Thyme Market, respectfully.

**Dog Licenses:** The number of dogs being licensed in Sister Bay continues to fall well below the number of dogs observed within the Village, with only 30 dogs licensed in 2024. The Village currently does not have a process for enforcement of the license requirement, which appears in Wis. Stats. §174.05.

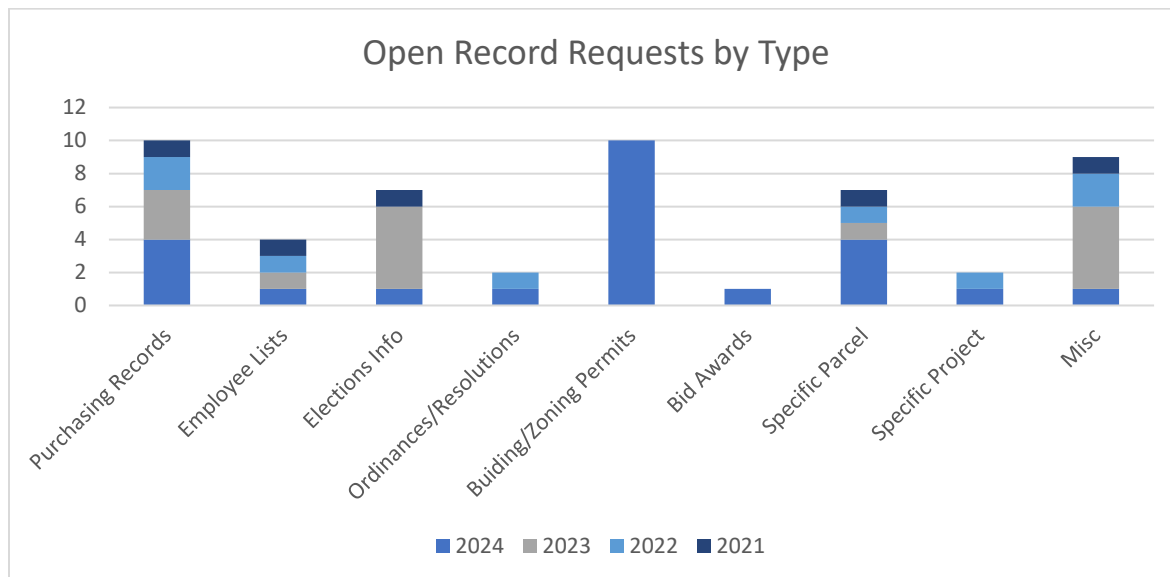


Dog Park Donations collected in 2024 equaled \$416.73.

**Special Assessment Requests:** The Clerk completed 97 requests for letters of special assessment on properties being sold or developed in 2024. This number is only reflective of real estate transactions that take place with the involvement of a title company. This number has been decreasing since 2019 as shown in the graph below.

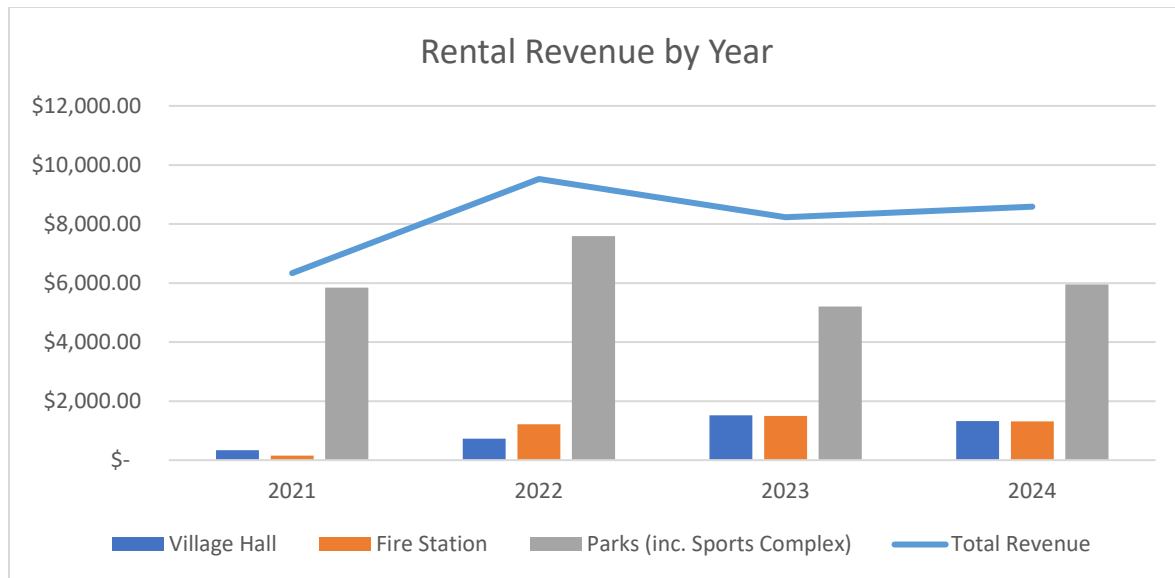


**Open Record Requests:** There has been interest recently in the type of open record requests received by office staff. The chart below identifies the most common types of requests, and the number received for the past several years for reference. A total of 24 requests were received in 2024, up from 15 in 2023, primarily due to an on-going, monthly request from one individual for building permit information.



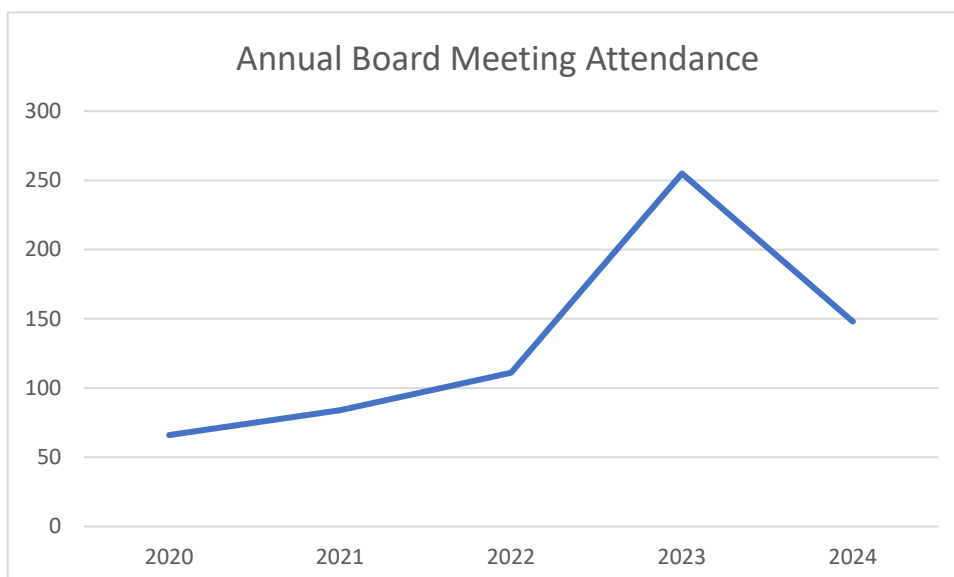
**Rental Revenues:** The Village receives some revenue for rental of various facilities. Four years of revenues are shared below for informational purposes. There are significantly fewer reservations being made for wedding ceremonies each year, but more reservations for court time to play pickleball.

**Notary Services:** Office staff performed 19 notarizations in 2024, gaining \$95 in fees for the village.



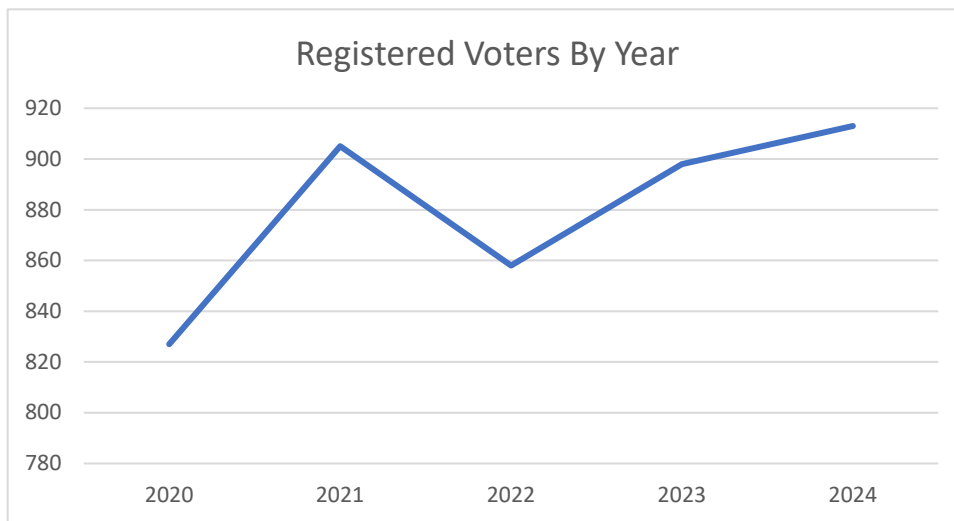
**Parking Citations:** The number of parking citations issued in 2024 has at least tripled the number of tickets written in 2023. The Clerk’s Office can only track tickets who have turned in receipts (the white copy of the citation), and of the 98 tickets known to be issued, 77 have been paid and 3 were voided by staff or the village attorney. The Village set up online payment for citations in 2024, but only 3 such citations were paid using the online payment portal (which charges a small processing fee). The fee for parking citations increased late in 2024 from \$25 to \$55 and \$2340 in fines were collected as compared to \$550 in 2023.

**Meeting Attendance:** The number of public attending regular monthly meetings of the village board rose sharply in 2023 (presumably due to STR concerns), and has since has declined. The total attendance for the 11 regular meetings held in 2024 was 148 people.



**Elections:** Elections occur at a rate of one to five per year, depending on the current political cycle. Interest in serving as a poll worker in Sister Bay is high, and there is a waiting list of individuals to fill those rolls after party-nominated officials are assigned. Voter participation is consistently about 50% during Spring Elections and has been better than 80% for the past two General Elections. In 2025, Sister Bay will begin using Badger Books, an electronic pollbook sanctioned by the Wisconsin Elections Commission. Badger Books will make voter check-in more efficient and eliminate the need for separate lines for Wards and additional staff for same-day voter registration. Poll book reconciliation will happen quickly and be less prone to errors as the Badger Books assigns voter numbers only after a signature has been provided and approved.

The actual number of registered voters in the village varies based on a number of factors, including age of the voter and interest in the current political climate.



*Compiled by Heidi Teich, Village Clerk  
January 2025*



## **PARKS & STREETS DEPARTMENT 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

*Presented by Erik Linczmaier, Director*

Dear Residents, Business and Guests of Sister Bay,

I would like to start this Annual Report off by highlighting one of the major achievements the Village of Sister has accomplished this past year, and that is the reconstruction of the west side of Mill Road. I'd like to thank the people that helped make this project a reality: The Parks, Property & Streets Committee, Trustees, Village Administrator Julie Schmelzer, former Department of Public Works Director Dan Klansky, the engineering firm of Robert E. Lee, and Vinton Construction and their subcontractors. I could not be more pleased on how this project turned out. It was a joy to oversee this project and the reaction it generated from our residents and guests of Sister Bay. I'm looking forward to the years to come and seeing how our residents and guests utilize this brand-new infrastructure.

One of the most exciting projects we have been involved in is the new maintenance facility being built off Autumn Court. This project has been planned for years and we are thankful to the Committee, Board, and public support staff having a safe and adequately sized facility for us to work from. We envision great efficiencies with one more centrally located, easily accessed, energy efficient facility.

A couple more noteworthy projects that happened throughout the year were an addition to our Waterfront Park gazebo, the joint effort between the Village of Sister Bay and Liberty Grove to repave Country Lane, the installment of six stone pillars with solar lights located throughout Waterfront Park, a five-stall bike rack with repair station, the repair of a storm drain along N Bay Shore Dr., and an electrical upgrade in Gateway Park and at Waterfront Park. Other noteworthy projects included the installation of traffic signs, painting no parking areas and touching up curb painting, brushing ditches, and trimming vegetation around stop signs.

As we turn the page on the 2024 year and look ahead to 2025 and beyond, the department is looking forward to continuing its mission in making the Village of Sister Bay a safe, enjoyable place for everyone to experience.

On the following pages I will share some of the highlights from 2024.

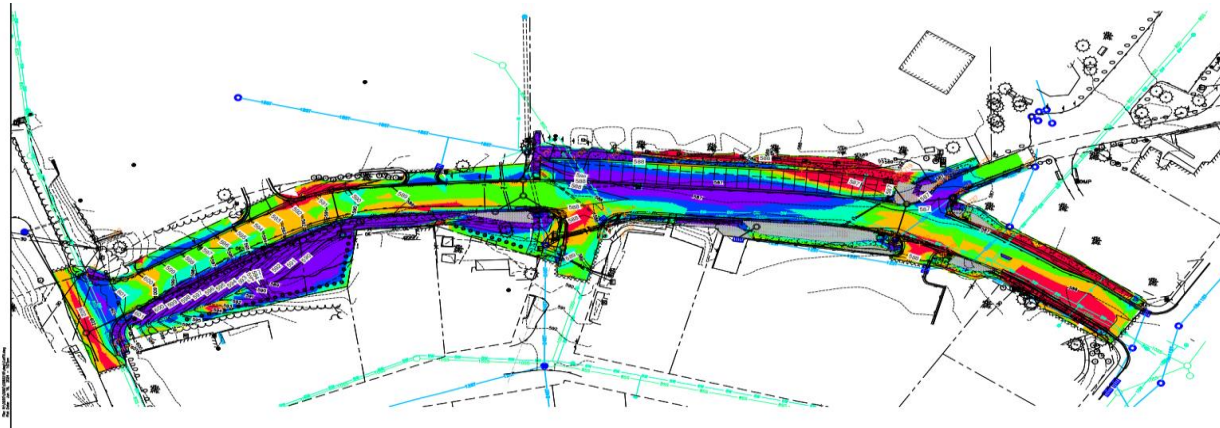
Sincerely,  
Erik Linczmaier, Director



## **West Mill Road Reconstruction**

### **Department Involvement**

- Overall represented the village to ensure the project was completed per the plans approved by the Village Board of Trustees
- Received daily brief on the progress of the project
- Removed landscaping stones along brick parking lot
- Located irrigation system; repaired irrigation system after it was damaged
- Fixed infrastructure that was accidentally damaged during construction



## **WaterFront Park Gazebo Addition**

### **Department Involvement**

- Worked with contractor on preliminary design
- Removed shingles and repaired damaged to original roof
- Unloaded building materials from delivery truck
- Located irrigation for foundation and sidewalk; repaired irrigation system after it was damaged
- Landscaped around structure after completion
- Overall management of the project and various contractors to ensure success



### **Stone Pillar Waterfront Park Department Involvement**

- Located placement for pillars
- Landscaped around infrastructure after completion
- Installed solar lights



### **Bike Racks/Repair Station Waterfront Park Department Involvement**

- Called in locate
- Removed pre-existing sod
- Bored Sono-tube holes for concrete footing
- Built a containment structure out of treated 5x5 treated lumber to hole in gravel
- Picked up and delivered gravel to location
- Laid out and spread gravel for bike rack
- Installed racks and repair station to concrete infrastructure



### **Country Lane Repaving Department Involvement**

- Mapped out the per-existing yellow striped center lines for the new road
- Changed speed limit signs from 45mph to 35mph
- Installed additional curve ahead signs for roadway
- Coordinated with Northeast Asphalt to repair new roadway after it sustained damaged from a semi-truck accident



### **Gateway Park Electrical Upgrade Department Involvement**

- Called in locate
- Gathered building materials
- Laid out conduit and pulled wiring through conduit
- Wired electrical outlets





### **Light Pole Upgrade Waterfront Park Department Involvement**

- Village purchased used light poles from Piggly Wiggly; gathered lights from the Piggly Wiggly
- Disassembled light poles
- Cleaned and sanded them down; repainted them
- Poles installed by electrician



### **Storm Sewer Grate Repair Department Involvement**

- Coordinated with DOT, Vinton Construction and Warning Lights to make the necessary repairs





## **Sister Bay Parks & Streets Department Mission Statement**

Sister Bays Parks & Streets Department mission for year 2024, and every year, is to provide a safe environment with a high level of services to our residents and guests. The department prides itself on making sure if you live in Sister Bay, own a business, or are visiting Sister Bay, or simply pass through the village, or enter one of our facilities, that it will be clean and well maintained. We also take great pride in our work and enjoy serving this great community.

My staff and I would like to thank the public for the overwhelming compliments that we received on how clean our facilities were maintained throughout this last year. We are looking forward to 2025 and providing the same level of high services to you all.



## Sister Bay Parks & Streets Department Vision

Our vision for 2024 was to keep building on efficiency and productivity throughout the year. The department has worked hard as a team to make sure that schedules, supplies, and equipment are being utilized to their full potential. We hope to continue that in 2025.

Efficiency Example: If you were to walk into one of our many utility closets you will find a toolbox. Inside that toolbox, staff now has everything they need to fix and repair that building's toilet and urinal infrastructure. Staff no longer need to waste time running back to the shop to find the right tools or parts to make a repair. To most, this seems minor, but to staff, finally having a tool kit makes a big difference – it saves time and money.



## **Sister Bay's Parks & Streets Department Values**

The department values a high level of workmanship, teamwork, and respect to each other, our residents, and our guests. We value helping each other succeed throughout the year. Value is also not lost in assisting our residents and guests in any way that we can, to provide the greatest experience possible.

## **The Parks and Streets Department Accomplished Goals for 2024**

### **Director Goals:**

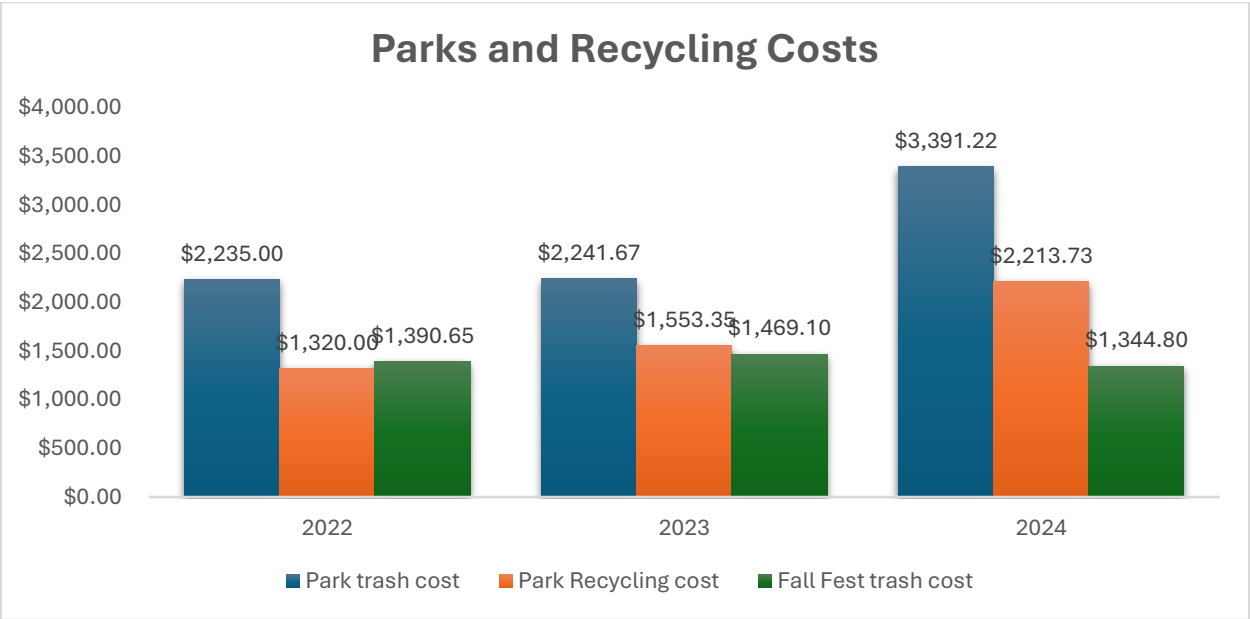
As Director of the Parks and Streets Department my goal for the 2024 year was to work with staff in communicating things out in the field that need attention. I have directed staff to take note of things that were wrong and to either take the time to correct the problem right away or to let me know about it, so that time could be scheduled to fix the issues. Staff responded well to this goal, staying vigilant as they worked to complete their day-to-day routines. As Director, I also looked to fine tune the department's efficiency; I was vigilant in staying one step ahead of staff in setting up the next project, or by keeping commonly used items stocked at the shop, or at any of our other locations throughout the village, so we could reduce travel time and staff down time. I have been pleased with the efficiency and effectiveness this department has demonstrated in accomplishing tasks throughout the year. I also continued to add to and fine tune the department's many standard operating procedures (SOP). This has been helpful in allowing me to take more of an administrative role without the standards of the product diminishing. Staff now can refer to an SOP and know exactly how to perform that given task.

### **Staff Goals:**

- Working safely and effectively
- Slowing down and not rushing to get to the next task. Making what you are working on the best it can be.
- Staying vigilant when out in the field. Take note of what you see and communicate any issues that need to be addressed.
- Continue to gain experience with Village equipment as it pertains to operating and servicing.
- Have fun while you're working!

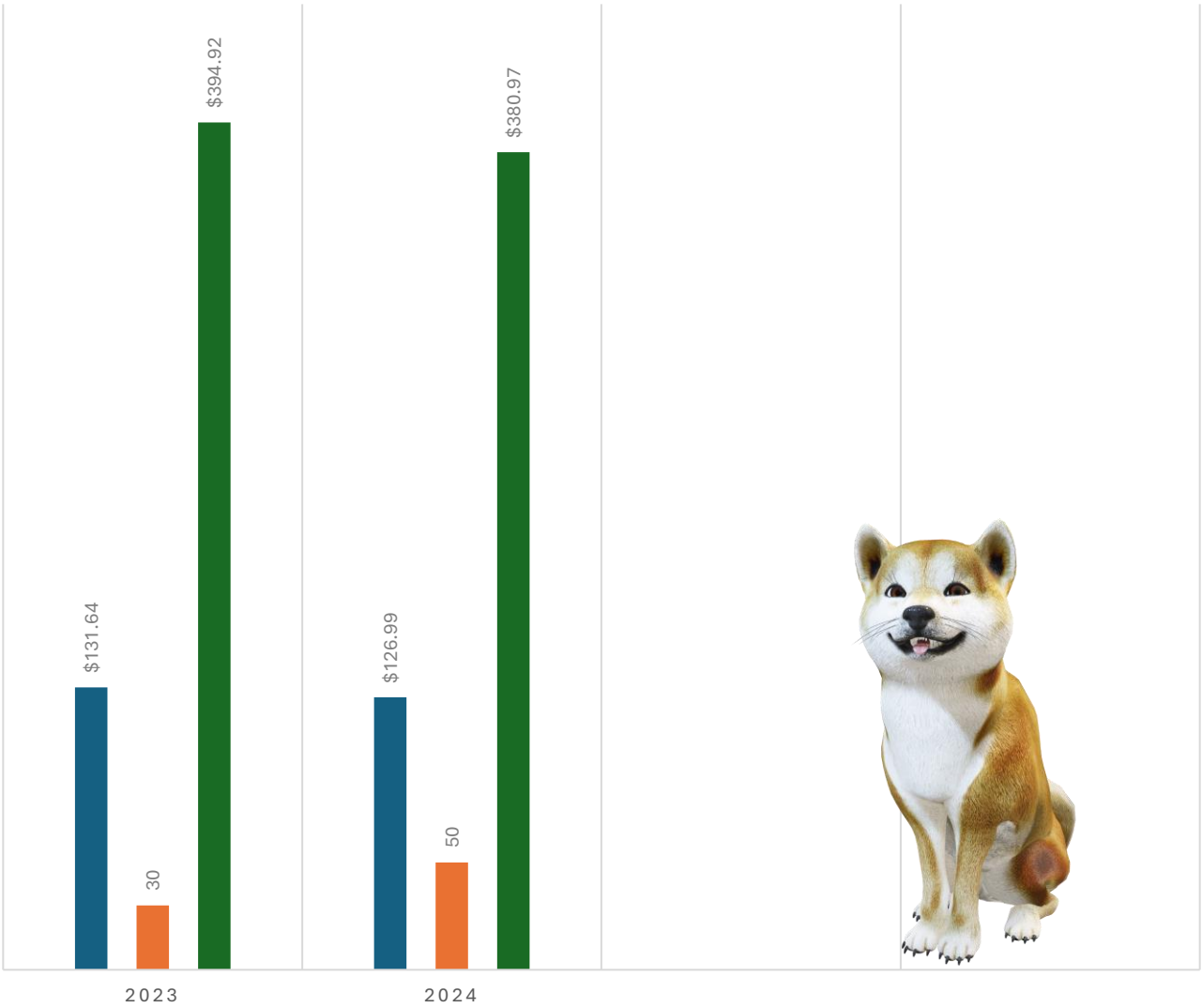


# Parks and Streets Informational Stats Section



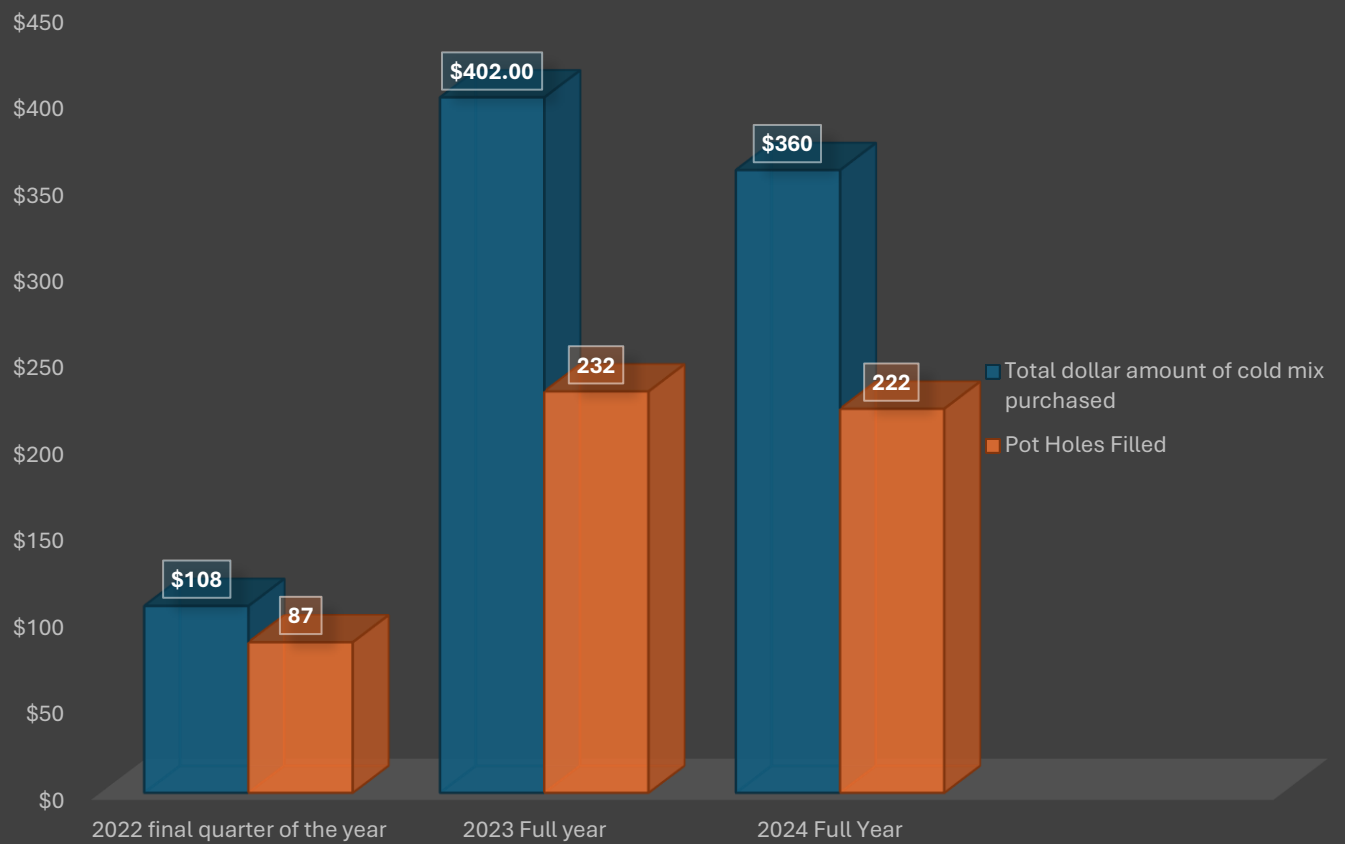
# DOGGY WASTE BAGS

■ Cost per case   ■ Rolls per case   ■ Total spent on cases



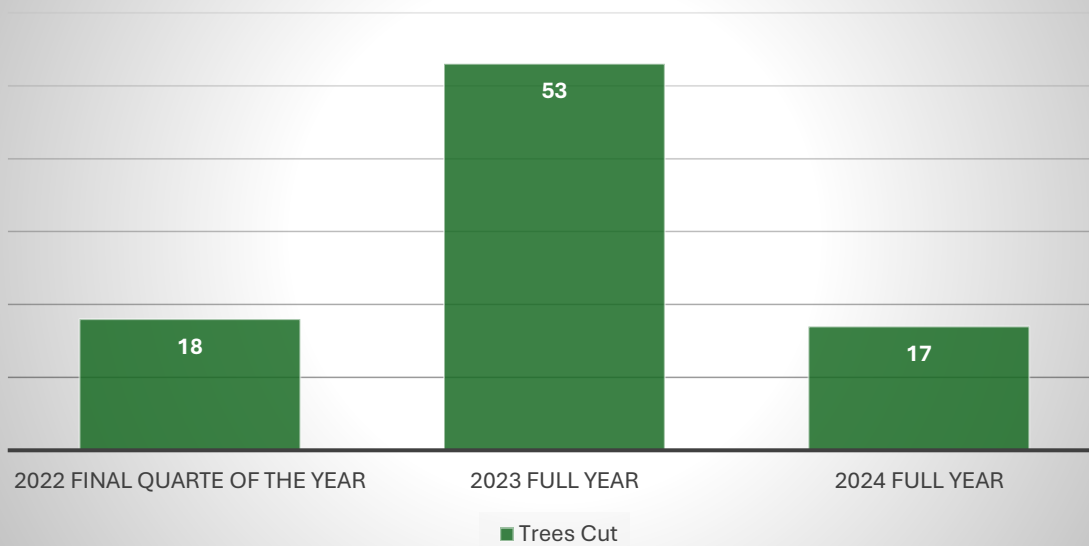


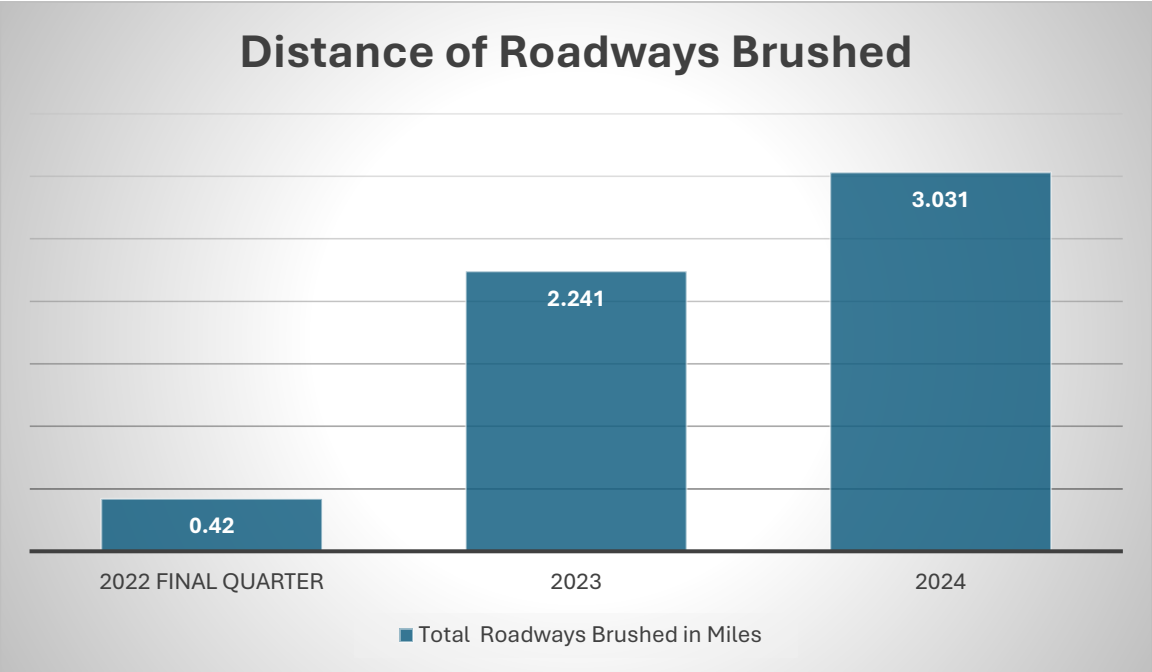
## POT HOLES





## Trees Cut Down Along Roadways







# Sister Bay Utilities Annual Report

## 2024

Village of Sister Bay  
Door County, Wisconsin  
January 2025

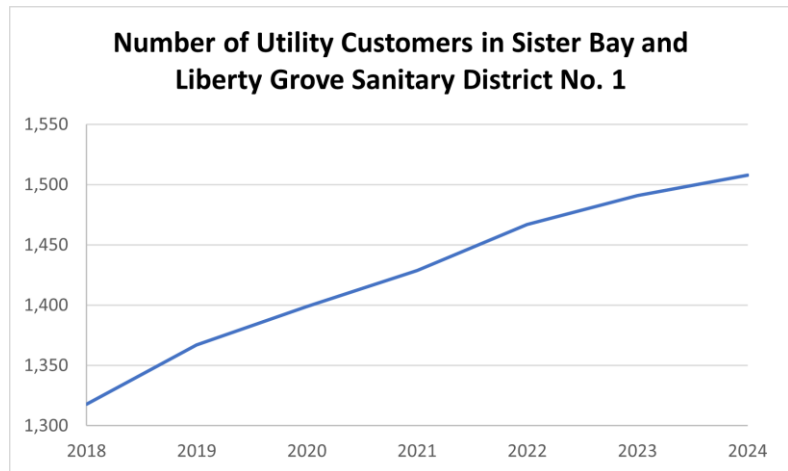
### Overview

Sister Bay, Wisconsin is a rapidly growing and expanding community in the Door County Peninsula. This can be seen in many areas of the Utilities Department from water, wastewater and hauled waste flows, as well as service installations and number of customers. This report will go through updates that have been made in the wastewater treatment plant, sanitary sewer collection system and water distribution system, trend changes in the wastewater and water flows as well as the increase in utility customers over the last seven years, and some operational changes that have been implemented.

### Utility Customers

The Village and Liberty Grove Sanitary District No. 1 is still experiencing rapid growth, with numerous developments of apartment complexes, condos and housing developments being constructed throughout the village. In total, seventeen meters were added to new developments in 2024.

Year	# Of Customers
2018	1,318
2019	1,367
2020	1,399
2021	1,429
2022	1,467
2023	1,491
2024	1,508



**Figure 1.0** - From 2018 to 2024 Sister Bay and the Liberty Grove Sanitary District No. 1 has added 190 new utility customers with 17 new customers added in 2024.

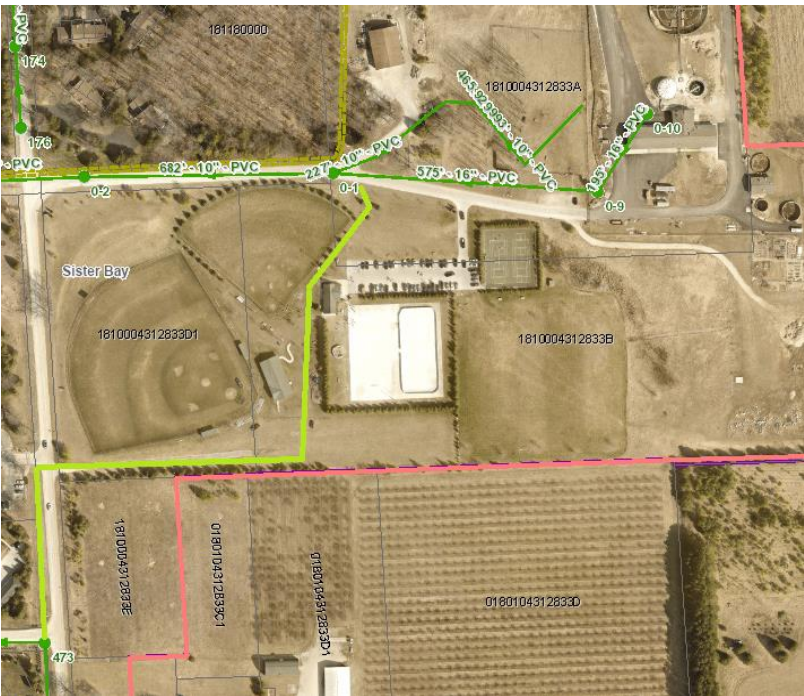
**Figure 1.0**

### Utility Extension Projects

The Utilities Department was involved in planning an extension to the sanitary sewer collection system to provide sanitary sewer service to the new Parks Maintenance Facility and Sports Complex. This addition to the village sanitary sewer collection system will take place in 2025, and the new assets that will be added to the sanitary collection system are itemized below, as well as pictures illustrating the collection system that will be installed for the Parks Maintenance Facility.

Asset	Number Proposed
Manhole	5
Sanitary Sewer Main	1,507 Linear Feet
Sanitary Sewer Lateral	3
Water Service Lateral	1
Main Valve	1

**Picture 1.0** - GIS photograph showing the proposed route of the sanitary sewer collection main that will be added to the collection system to provide sanitary sewer service to the Parks Maintenance Facility and the Sports Complex.



**Picture 1.0**

*Water System Maintenance and Repairs*

In 2024 we performed annual maintenance and repaired many aspects of the water distribution system. Annually, operators flush all the hydrants and operate all the main valves in the village and Liberty Grove Utility District No. 1 to ensure proper operation and to identify any potential problems. In January a large leak was located in a residence near Little Sister Road with an estimated water loss of 275,000 gallons. The leak was repaired, and we noticed a significant drop in water usage instantly. There were two other water service leaks located in the village which were also promptly repaired. One in February with an estimated water loss of 60,000 and one in October, due to a contractor damaging a water service line, with an estimated water loss of 3,000 gallons. Two new check valves were installed on the booster pumps that transport water from the standpipe to the water tower. The original check valves were discovered to be leaking allowing backflow between the two structures.

*Public Water System Sanitary Survey*

In October, the Village of Sister Bay Public Water System completed a DNR sanitary survey. The purpose of a sanitary survey is to evaluate the Village’s source, facilities, equipment, operation, maintenance, and management as they relate to providing safe drinking water. The sanitary survey is also an opportunity to update the Department’s records, provide technical assistance, and identify potential risks that may adversely affect drinking water quality. During the sanitary survey, no significant deficiencies or non-significant deficiencies were identified.

*Bacteriological Laboratory Certification*

The laboratory gained certification through the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to analyze drinking water for bacteriological contamination in 2022. With this new certification, we started testing our own well water for bacteriological contaminants as well as allowing



private well owners and other public water systems needing bacteriological analysis to drop off samples for testing with the cost of \$30.00 per sample. In 2024, we tested 50 public water system samples, 32 private well owner samples and 48 Sister Bay public water system samples for bacteriological contamination.



**Picture 1.1** – Hydrant on Maple Drive that was hit and was reported by a pedestrian walking by who noticed the damage.



**Picture 1.2** – The new check valves that were installed on the booster pumps at Well #2.



**Picture 1.3** – Hydrant 254 was classified as a flushing only hydrant, not for fire flow due to low residual pressure while performing fire flow tests.



**Picture 1.4** – The chlorine pump at Well #3 was brought up to DNR code requirements and received after-the-fact water system facilities plan and specification review and approval.



**Picture 1.5** – The 4-mesh vent screen that was installed on the Jungwirth Court water tower to meet DNR code requirements.

### Well Water and Influent Flows

Even with many new residents coming to the Village, the distribution systems water consumption dropped significantly in 2024, with a drastic drop in usage of 12.9 million gallons from 2023 to 2024. The influent flow experienced a slight increase of 0.1 million gallons from 2022 to 2023.

Year	Water Flow (MG)
2018	71.1
2019	84.8
2020	80.5
2021	78.3
2022	89.6
2023	87.2
2024	74.3

**Figure 1.1** – In 2024 we had a significant decrease of water flow. The water flow and influent flow totals are very close, meaning little water was lost.

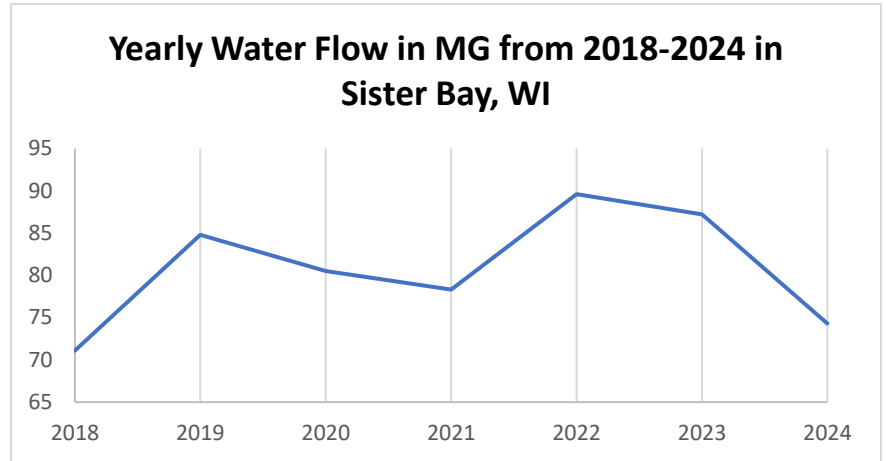


Figure 1.1

Year	Water Flow (MG)
2018	74.6
2019	75.8
2020	69.0
2021	69.2
2022	74.5
2023	70.6
2024	70.7

**Figure 1.2** – In 2024 we had an increase of only 0.1 MG of influent that was treated at the wastewater plant. This graph, along with the yearly water flow show a steady trend of water and sewer usage for 2024.

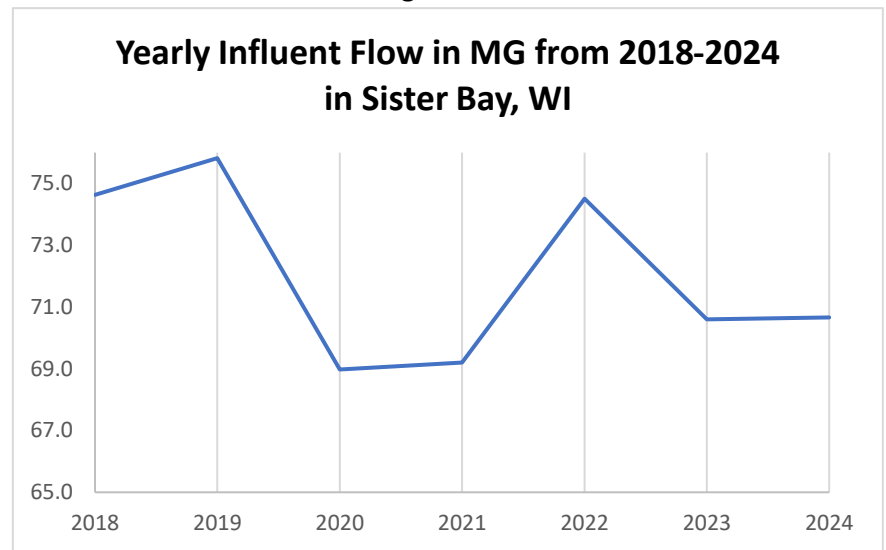


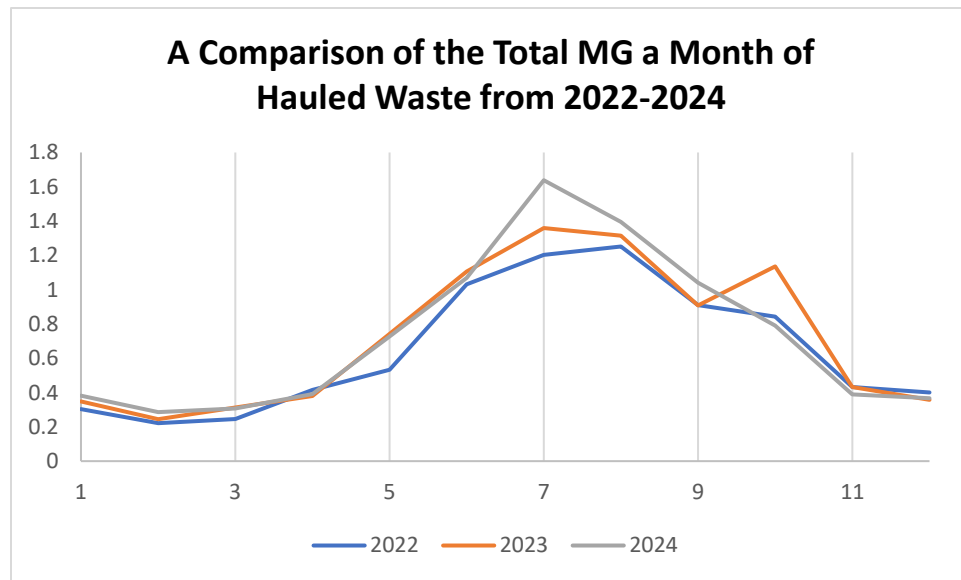
Figure 1.2

### Hauled Waste

The wastewater treatment plant experienced a significant increase in hauled waste flows in 2023. Almost a million gallons more of holding tank and septic tanks wastes were brought to be treated at the wastewater plant in 2023 than in 2022.

Month	Hauled Waste (MG) 2022	Hauled Waste (MG) 2023	Hauled Waste (MG) 2024
January	0.3043	0.3477	0.3812
February	0.2214	0.2447	0.2858
March	0.2450	0.3121	0.3069
April	0.4153	0.3795	0.3909
May	0.533	0.7416	0.7262
June	1.0321	1.1065	1.0677
July	1.2022	1.3593	1.6382
August	1.2517	1.3155	1.3959
September	0.9093	0.9083	1.0410
October	0.8418	1.1348	0.7901
November	0.4329	0.4329	0.3884
December	0.4004	0.357	0.3669
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.8</b>

**Figure 1.3** – A month to month comparison of hauled waste flows from 2022-2024. There was an increase of 0.2 MG of hauled waste flow in 2024.



**Figure 1.3**

### *Wastewater Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements*

The wastewater treatment plant and sanitary collection system underwent many improvements in 2024. Multiple pieces of equipment were repaired or replaced in 2024 including a new concentrated sludge pump, repair on one of the aeration drives, new pumps installed in Mill Road Lift Station and Waters End Lift Station, a new check valve was installed on the main lift pump #1, a new pretreatment blower filter was installed, and a new generator was installed at the Little Sister Lift Station.



**Picture 1.6** – Disc aerator drive that was leaking oil and was repaired.



**Picture 1.7** – New check valve that was installed on the main lift station pump #1.



**Picture 1.8** – New pretreatment blower intake filter and diffuser was installed.



**Picture 1.9** – Hauler overflow that occurred at the WWTP and was reported to the DNR. Notice was sent to the Peninsula Pulse for public notification as well as posted on the village website.



**Picture 1.10** – New concentrated sludge pump that was installed by Crane Engineering.



**Picture 1.11** – New Little Sister Lift Station generator that was installed by Crane Engineering.



### *Personnel Achievements*

In 2024, the Utilities Department had outstanding personnel achievements. Tim Nelson continued his education and gained certification in the solids separation subclass and laboratory subclass for his wastewater operator certification. Tim also received the Grade 1 experience level for his municipal waterworks certification through his time working in the Utilities Department. David Blok received his wastewater operator certification as well as the sanitary sewer collection system subclass certification. Bob Lang, a Utilities Department employee since 1999 officially retired in September. Bob was an outstanding employee, dedicated to providing safe drinking water and sanitary sewer services for the Village of Sister Bay residents, businesses and visitors throughout his employment. The retirement of Bob had a huge impact on the Utilities Department as his experience and knowledge of the system was unmatched.



**Picture 1.12** – Retired operator Bob Lang with his retirement cake. The Village of Sister Bay Utilities Department would like to thank Bob for 25 years of employment.

### *Conclusion*

Many improvements were made to the Utilities Department in 2024, and many challenges were faced. These are some of the biggest improvements that have been made. The Utilities Department has advanced significantly in the year. All the operators have been gaining more knowledge and experience daily and growing more and more comfortable performing very specialized tasks on important and dangerous equipment. Every day the operators are being trained and learning about something new or something that has never been encountered here before and hopefully we can continue that trend of improving our process and learning from it.

# Sister Bay Marina

## Annual Report 2024

### Highlights

Once again, the Marina had a very busy and successful season. Multiple projects were completed in the 5-year plan to rehab and update the piers. 2024 was the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the plan. An assistant manager was hired and in place for the 2024 season.

### Projects

2024 projects completed include rehabbing 8 finger piers on D dock and 14 finger piers on C dock. This entails removing the finger pier from the main dock with a crane and placing it on land, or directly to a flat bed trailer for transport to a large shop area. When finished the finger piers are returned and placed back in the water in spring.

The Marina boat house museum project continues to move forward. In 2024 the Marina Committee approved the concept of remodeling the boat house for use as a maritime museum with the wooden boat the “Shadow” as the primary attraction, with the Sister Bay Historical Society coordinating. The project is expected to move forward in 2025.

### Personnel

The marina employed a mix of 15 full-time and part-time personnel. It is the largest number of employees in a village owned operation during May through October each year. Sam Jordan was hired as the full time Assistant Marina Manager and assumed his duties in April 2024. David Lienau, Marina Manager, completed his 3-year Marina Manager Certification program and will be awarded his certification at the Association of Marina Industries national conference in January 2025.

Our employees include High School, College, and Retiree aged individuals. Each is trained in safe operations and boat handling within the Marina, customer service, use of Marina software, maintenance, and emergency procedures.

### Customer Service

During 2024, the marina accommodated over 85,000 customer interactions. This includes seasonal, transient, and commercial operations. On average, in office customer visits were 115 daily in the peak season. In addition to the commercial operations, there are 100 seasonal tenants. Transient slips in the Marina have 21420 “slip days” per season available for daily rental. We had 95% occupancy rate and accommodated 35,568 individuals during overnight stays throughout the season.

### **Continued Initiatives**

The Marina continues to work with the University of Oshkosh on a Bay of Green bay water level study using an instrument that measures the surface of the water via the internet 24/7. They hope to be able to predict on a proactive basis short term and long-term water levels. This could be particularly useful when predicting **lake seiches**, which have been costly and damaging to our marina in the past. They have placed these sensors throughout the bay of green bay to compile data.

The Marina also has a SeaBin placed in the marina during the season. The SeaBin skims the surface of the water and collects micro plastics and other small items found in the water. Periodically, the bin is emptied, and contents are collected for further study.

The Marina became a certified Clean Marina in 2023. This is an ongoing process, and we continue to improve and maintain our policies and procedures to maintain our certification as a Clean Marina.

### **Economic Impact**

Annually the marina, working with the Association of Marine Industries and the University of Florida, perform an economic impact assessment. The results are informative and point out areas where the marina supports the community. Sister Bay Marina in the last year of study had \$996,000 dollars of revenue. The study shows we directly impact up to 29 jobs in the area as well as \$195,290 in state and local taxes, \$270,410 in federal taxes, and \$3,760,375 in direct and indirect dollars to the businesses, hotels, and restaurants in Sister Bay.

### **Tidbits**

The Marina generates more revenue when it is closed than when it is open. During December, January, February, and March over 90% of the annual revenue is booked and collected by the Marina.

We watch the ice from the office during the winter season and it is amazing how much the ice moves and changes on an hourly basis. We are watching the ice because we have 26 “ice eaters” the protect the docks and piers from ice damage.

We are looking forward to another great season in 2025!