

# **2026 Village Council Goals and Objectives – Dandalides Input**

## **Goal 1: Promote Sound and Prudent Financial Management**

### **Objective 1.X: Establish a revised process for budget development for the coming fiscal year**

- Council to provide administration with a target for the budget as a first step in the process. As a minimum, this target would be no more than the previous year's approved budget for spending but would ideally be an identified percent reduction from the previous year. This would enable an offset to the expected increases in water/sewer rates in the coming year.
- Eliminate redundancy with the DDA (snowplowing, streetlights, rubbish, summer maintenance, legal services, etc.)
- Eliminate redundancy between Village Office, Police, DDA (office space, office equipment, clerical help, etc.)
- Investigate ideas to generate village revenue and/or reduce costs to offset residents' burden of the CIP (paid parking, cemetery fee structure that at least covers expenses, lifeguards at Green's Park, employee benefits, for example)

### **Objective 1.X Investigate combining the Village and Township into a single municipality**

- What are the legalities involved?
- What are the pros/cons for both the Village and Township?
- What would be the process?

**Objective 1.X Investigate the imbalance between water usage (purchased) and sewer discharge (estimated to be over 50% more sewer disposal than water purchased). Determine and execute steps to remediate.**

**Objective 1.X Update/standardize village staff contracts. Perform legal review of staff contracts to bring them up to date, standardize them, ensure they are competitive, and make them finite in duration. Contracts currently have no end date making them infinite in timing. They should be reviewed and renegotiated at some predetermined frequency.**

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### **Goal 2: Promote Management of Capital Assets and Infrastructure**

**Objective 2.X: Perform analysis of the CIP to determine appropriate use of the 75/25% village infrastructure funding.**

- Review the CIP and categorize those initiatives that are within the “DDA district”
- Balance those CIP initiatives with the projected annual revenue generated by the 75/25% agreement, prioritizing annually to best match revenue and spending within the “district”.

**Objective 2.X: Investigate alternative funding strategies for the CIP.**

- Bond funding vs. special assessment for pump stations, water mains, streets, sidewalks?
- Would we be better off combining the street improvements into a single project from a funding standpoint and fund with a village-wide special assessment or even a tax millage?
- Is there any benefit to combining the large projects in the CIP (sewer pump stations, water mains, streets, sidewalks, for example) into a single tax millage providing residents with a single obligation that’s finite in duration?
- Is there a strategy that doesn’t “nickel and dime” residents incrementally each year making it difficult to plan and/or budget?

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### **Goal 4: Promote a Positive Community Image**

#### **Objective 4.X: Promote Positive, Collaborative Working Relationships with both the DDA and the Township**

- Focus on common objectives
- Determine who is best positioned to lead or be responsible for each objective
- Ensure adequate funding is available for the entity (Village, Township, or DDA) responsible for the objective. Examples might include police services including ordinance enforcement, snowplowing, maintenance and electricity for streetlights, assessing, permitting.