

## **MUNICIPAL COURT – ANNUAL REPORT 2021**



The Municipal Court oversees non-criminal traffic and ordinance violations. The mission of the court is to provide access to justice to the people of the City of Sheboygan and the Village of Kohler in a timely and cost-effective manner. The Municipal Court accounts for the collection of forfeitures owed to the City of Sheboygan and Village of Kohler. The court is managed by Judge Natasha Torry.

In 2021, Judge Torry began performing weddings for Sheboygan area residents free of charge. This service is advertised in the Sheboygan Insider, the Sheboygan County Clerk's Office, and in literature distributed at the July 4<sup>th</sup> and Holiday parades. Judge Torry continues to partner with the Sheboygan Area School District, the Boys and Girls Club of Sheboygan County and the Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Division in an effort to address and reduce truancy. Improvements have been made to the truancy workshop which she pioneered. The truancy workshop is again scheduled to meet on a monthly basis.

Judge Torry was honored to be a featured speaker on the importance and role of the Municipal Court for the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, and the Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce. In 2021, the court faced unprecedented staffing shortages but was able to convene without interruptions to the court calendar. In an effort to improve efficiency, the court office has moved towards a paperless model in 2021. The court increased its ability to provide the option for defendants, victims, witnesses, and attorneys to appear either virtually or in person as needed.

<b>Workload Measurements</b>	<b>2017 Actual</b>	<b>2018 Actual</b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Actual</b>
Sheboygan Police Department cases	6,067	6,139	5,503	3,845	4,385
Sheboygan Building Inspection Department cases	711	503	489	373	453
Sheboygan Fire Department cases	1	4	0	1	0
Village of Kohler cases	326	294	603	808	966
Total Number of cases	7,105	6,940	6,595	5,027	5,804

<b>Collections</b>	<b>2017 Actual</b>	<b>2018 Actual</b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Actual</b>
Total Forfeitures ordered	\$1,352,116	\$1,263,291	\$1,369,504	\$1,049,096	\$1,094,223
Total Forfeitures, Fees and Reimbursements collected	\$704,183	\$922,128	\$827,257	\$752,705	\$917,621
Restitution Paid to Victims	\$18,174	\$19,982	\$15,766	\$12,232	\$15,704

<b>Permanent Staffing</b>	<b>2017 Actual</b>	<b>2018 Actual</b>	<b>2019 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Actual</b>
Municipal Court Judge	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Municipal Court Clerk	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Assistant Court Clerk	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total Staffing	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50