## From the Office of the Town Clerk Dolores Harasyko, Town Clerk Pauline Bakunis, Assistant Town Clerk

This is going to be a very busy election year. Nomination papers are available from our office for the local town election. If you want to run for an elected office there are three ways to accomplish this. The first is to take out nomination papers. This guarantees that your name will appear on the ballot as long as you have 25 certified signatures. When you take your papers around for signatures make sure that the person signing is a registered voter of Sandisfield, that their address includes the house number and name of the road, no route numbers or p. o. boxes. The signature must be legible, if it is a creative signature please have the signatory print their name next to the signature. Second, you can be nominated at the Caucus, and lastly you can do a write in campaign.

There will be early voting for the presidential primary starting Feb. 24 through Feb. 28, 2020. Early voting will take place in the Clerks office on the following dates: Feb. 24 from 8-4, Feb. 25 from 8-2 and 6-8, Feb. 26 from 8-4, Feb. 27 from 8-2 and 6-8, Feb. 28 from 8-4. There will be early voting available for the Presidential and State Election in November, schedule still to be determined. There will also be absentee ballot's available.

The Annual Town Election is on Monday, May 18, 2020 from 10:00 am to 8:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall on Silverbrook Rd. Absentee ballots will be available three weeks prior to the election. There are three reasons to vote absentee;

- 1. absence from the town during normal polling hours
- 2. physical disability preventing you from going to the polling place
- 3. religious belief

In order to vote absentee you will need to fill out an absentee ballot application. You can request one in writing, online or by calling the Town Clerks office at 258-4711 ext. 2. Once you fill out the application you can request that the ballot be mailed to you or you can vote in person in the Clerks office. If you wish you can fill out one absentee ballot for the entire year. We will automatically send you your ballots for all the primaries and elections. This works out well especially for students away from home.