

November 2022 Village News

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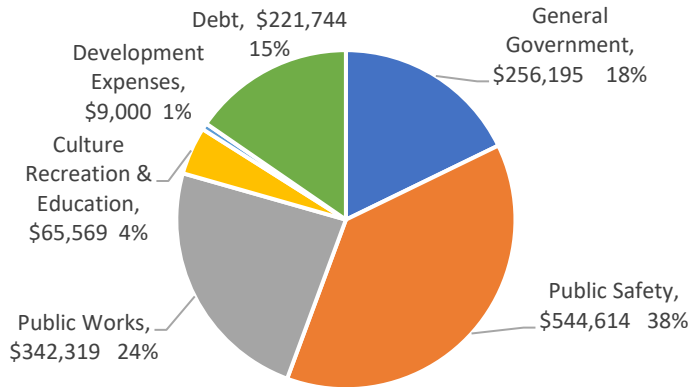
Ordinance Sec. 32-87 Winter Parking

- (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, when an ice event or snowfall of at least one inch occurs, no on-street parking will be allowed on any street in the village between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from December 1 through March 31. If snow removal is necessary between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m., the police department will require vehicles parked thereon to be moved as needed.
- (b) When an ice event or snowfall of at least one inch occurs, no on-street parking will be allowed on Hotel Street between Commercial Street (Hwy. 92) and North Rutland Avenue (Hwy. MM) between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from December 1 through March 31. If snow removal is necessary from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., the police department will require vehicles parked thereon to be moved as needed.
- (c) Section 32-82 is adopted by reference.
- (d) Any vehicle parked in violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section may be ticketed \$30 and/or towed.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brooklyn, Wisconsin, this 11th day of January, 2021.



2023 BUDGETED EXPENSES

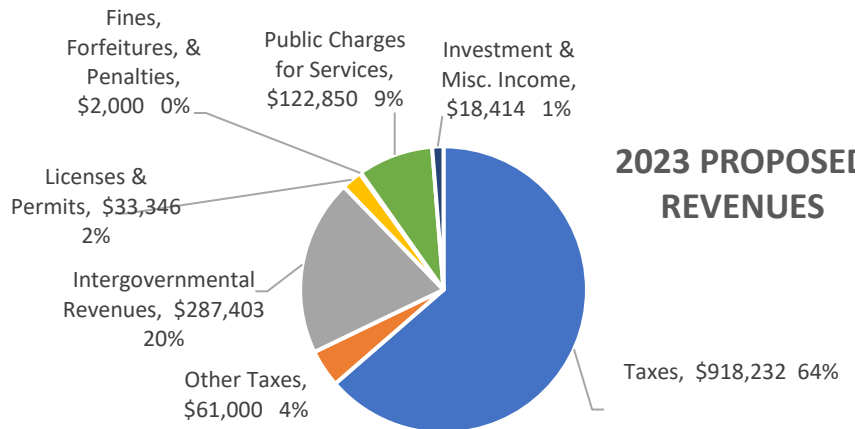


VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

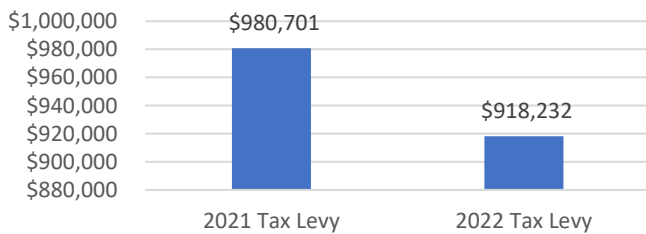
approved a 2023 total general fund budget of \$1,217,697, plus debt of \$221,744. This is an increase in general fund expenses of \$39,508 from 2022. Debt decreased \$126,160 from 2022.

Total taxes help to fund general fund expenses, cemetery expenses and debt.

2023 PROPOSED REVENUES



TAX LEVY COMPARISON

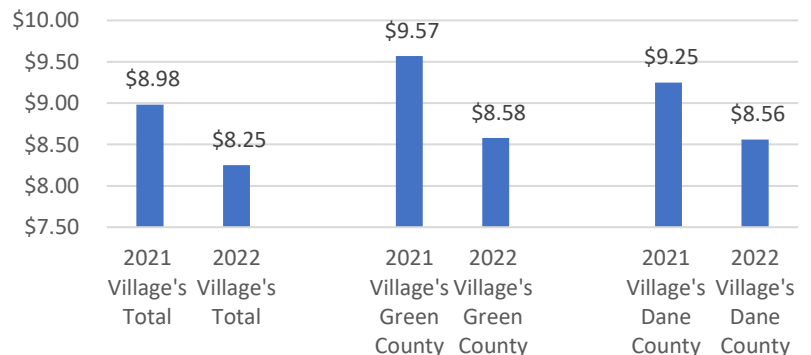


6.37% decrease

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The counties have not yet supplied their tax levy information. Once we receive that, the total Dane County and Green County mill rates will be posted on the Village website and in December's newsletter.

MILL RATE COMPARISON



(8.13% decrease)

BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING GIVEAWAY

ENTRY DEADLINE

Saturday, November 19th 2022

DELIVERY DATE

Sunday, November 20th 2022

It's that time of year again.
We want to give you a free
Thanksgiving Meal. We will
do the shopping and deliver
it to you. All you have to do is
enter to win, cook and enjoy a
festive feast with your family!

We will be giving away 2
Thanksgiving baskets each worth
\$100.00.

To sign-up for the chance to win
the only requirement we have is
that you live within the Brooklyn
Fire & EMS district.



TO SIGN-UP

EMAIL

departmentevents@brooklynfireems.org

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR EMAIL

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone Number
4. The reason why you would like to win this holiday season



The Clerk's Office & Public Works Department
will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and
Friday, November 25.



Use the link listed below to donate online to Second Harvest Foodbank

<https://donation.secondharvestmadison.org/fundraiser/4221450>



A TRADITION OF SERVICE SINCE 1939

Please Help Us Fill Local Food Pantry Shelves For The Holidays

The holiday season is upon us, and we have been fundraising for our annual ThanksGIVING Back program to collect donations for local food pantries. We need your help!

Last year we raised just over **\$7,000**. That's **17,500 meals** provided for those in need. **Every \$10 raised provides 25 meals**. This year we hope to raise \$10,000!

Please consider donating to our virtual food drive for Second Harvest Foodbank.

Thank you for partnering with us and for your consideration in joining us in our fundraising efforts.

Special thanks to all of last year's contributors, including Baer Insurance, City of Fitchburg, City of Monroe City Hall, City of Monroe Senior Center, City of Sun Prairie, First American Title, Town of Dunn, Village of Arena, Village of Brooklyn, Village of McFarland, Village of Shorewood Hills, and many individuals!



How to Participate

Click here to donate online to Second Harvest Foodbank. Second Harvest works together with hundreds of local hunger-relief charities to provide the peace-of-mind people have when they know they have enough food.

Thank you to this year's partners:

- Baer Insurance
- City of Monroe City Hall
- City of Monroe Senior Center
- First American Title
- Town of Dunn
- Village of Arena
- Village of Brooklyn
- Village of McFarland
- Village of Shorewood Hills

Watch our **Facebook** page for all our holiday happenings.

Have a safe and blessed Holiday Season!

7035 Raywood Rd, Monona, WI 53713
Phone: 608.257.HAUL (4285)
FAX: 608.257.1179



ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED FOR 2023



**CONTACT THE
VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS
608-455-4201.**

**(High school students aged 16 and
over are welcome – excellent
community service hours)**

THREE TRUSTEE & PRESIDENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Three Trustee & President Positions are up for election in the spring.

Starting December 1st nomination paperwork can be circulated. If interested, please contact the clerk's office or download the paperwork from the village website www.brooklynwi.gov.

Nomination papers need to be returned to the clerk's office by 5 pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. If a primary is necessary, it will be held in February.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK

December 1st at Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Bring a dish to pass – table service and beverages are provided.
All ages welcome.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS

The Village of Brooklyn will be taking in non-perishable food items.
All items donated will be delivered directly to the Oregon Food Pantry.
To donate, drop off your items in the collection box at the Village Clerk's Office,
Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm.

Thank you for your support!



Get Fit Class Schedule

Monday - 6:00pm
PIYO

Wednesday night - 6:00pm
Yoga Slow Flow

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*Brooklyn Area Chamber Annual Santa Day*  
**Saturday, December 3**  
**11 am to 1 pm**

Brooklyn Methodist Church  
Corner of Rutland & Hwy 92

\*Bring Your Camera to  
take a photo with Santa

\*FREE Regifting center,  
Methodist Church's children's free store - shop for family members,  
with gift wrapping (Children 12 and under)

\*Requesting new/like new items to be  
donated to the regifting center. Please contact Cleo (608) 455-8595.

\*FREE craft projects.



# BROOKLYN ANNUAL TREE

## LIGHTING CEREMONY

Saturday, December 3 – 5 pm  
at Community Building

### Come join us:

5:00 pm - Doors Open

5:30 pm - Kids Movie, Cookie Decorating,  
Hot Cocoa, Popcorn

6:15 pm - Tree Lighting

6:30 pm - Free Family Movie



Hosted by Brooklyn Recreation  
[www.brooklynrecreation.org](http://www.brooklynrecreation.org)

# BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 2022





## **Brooklyn Blood Drive** **Brooklyn Fire EMS**

Meeting Room  
401 West Main

**Saturday, December 17, 2022**  
**8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: BrooklynWI

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) for more information.



**Shake up your traditions! Come give Dec 16-Jan 2 for a  
NEW long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, ltd qty!**

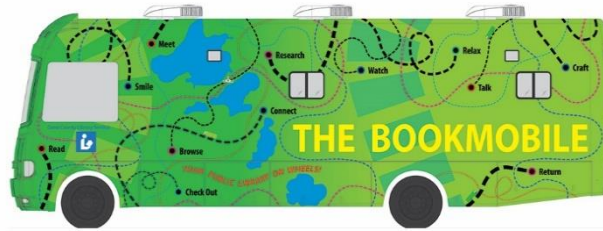


Scan to schedule  
an appointment.

**Give Something that Means Something®**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App





## Visit the Bookmobile

The Bookmobile visits Brooklyn **EVERY Thursday from 6pm – 7:30pm** at the gazebo. The Bookmobile offers a variety of newly released books, magazines, DVDs, music and audiobooks for children, teens and adults. Can't find it on the Bookmobile? Place a hold and get it within a week.

Register for a library card on the Bookmobile with an ID and proof of address. Already have a library card? You can check out anything on the Bookmobile!

We accept returns from any library, and Bookmobile items can be returned to any Dane County library.

The Bookmobile is for EVERYONE - come check us out!

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November 2022 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

The Oregon Area Senior Center is one of two senior centers in Dane County to host a state-licensed Adult Day Program. Adult Day Programs (or Adult Day Care Centers, as they are sometimes called) provide unique opportunities for older adults to broaden their horizons while their caregivers take a much-deserved break.

Participants in the Adult Day Program (ADP) are at risk for social isolation. They may no longer drive. They may or may not be living with the early stages of dementia. They may have limited opportunities to interact with other people.

Multiple studies show that isolation has a significant negative effect on people. Sitting in front of a television for hours on end does nothing to halt mental decline. In contrast, being in a group of people who are laughing, chatting, playing games, and enjoying themselves can slow decline.

The ADP at the Oregon Area Senior Center is held three mornings each week, and focuses on providing mental, social, and physical stimulation in a safe, supportive environment. Every morning includes chair-based exercises, a snack, a large motor game (adapted as necessary to accommodate each individual's abilities), and a craft, table game, visitor, or other activity.

Recently the participants had a visit from a Lucille Ball impersonator, and another day they had a visit from one of the people who started Three Gaits Stable. Before that, there were some dogs who came for some fun and petting, as well as a local group of singers who came in to lead a sing-along.

Every day in the ADP is different, but they are all focused on fun for the participants while also helping them maintain or improve their physical, mental, and social abilities.

Because the Senior Center's Program is state-licensed, it is not a drop-off program. People must call and speak to the staff before trying the program. The first visit is free, to see if the participant enjoys it, and whether the staff thinks that ADP will be an appropriate setting for the participant.

The ADP has two staff members and a group of dedicated, well-trained volunteers who keep everything running smoothly. Participants usually stay through lunch and then return home. There may be transportation available, depending on where the participant lives.

Please call the Senior Center at 608-835-5801 with any questions you might have about ADP. The staff would be happy to discuss the program with you.

Click on link below to read the
[November 2022 Senior Center Newsletter](#)

OREGON AREA FOOD PANTRY

FEEDING OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT SINCE 1986



Eligibility Requirements

Proof of residence within OSD boundaries.

*People experiencing homelessness can use the library as their address



A **picture** ID (Driver's license, state ID, student ID, etc)



We can serve anyone experiencing food insecurity regardless of income



Yes! Anyone that lives in our school district and needs assistance can use the pantry, even if you don't live IN Oregon!

What can I expect?

Bring your ID every time you come to the pantry. Please bring proof of your address if you are new to the pantry or your address has changed. A pantry volunteer will review the information with you. Using the pantry is confidential; your information will not be shared.

The pantry is set up like a small grocery store. When you arrive, you will be given a number and when it is your turn, you will start shopping for the items you need. Please bring re-usable bags or other items to carry your groceries. When you have finished shopping, pantry volunteers can help you load them into your car. If you are not able to come inside to shop, a volunteer will shop for you. You will choose items from a grocery list and they will be selected and brought to your car.

The pantry regularly stocks frozen meat, fresh fruit/vegetables, and canned and dried goods. The pantry usually has dairy, eggs, and other frozen or refrigerated items, as well as an assortment of personal care items and cleaning supplies.

Have diet restrictions or special needs?
Let us know and we can assist you with additional options!

When is the Pantry open?

Pantry **shopping hours** are:

- 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. every TUESDAY
- 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. the FIRST Saturday of each month
- 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. the SECOND and LAST THURSDAY of each month.

*Pantry is closed all holidays.
Check our website or scan below to see a calendar

CALENDAR & MORE
INFORMATION



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Director@oregonareafoodpantry.com

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2022

The October 10, 2022, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall by Mike Brusberg. Trustees present were Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Brandon Arndt, Mike Brusberg, Janeen Podgorski and Jacob Bachim. President Mark Bruner absent. Also present were Public Works Director Leif Spilde and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments. Brusberg will chair the meeting tonight.

President's report – Brusberg said our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Jason Lewis as well as all the fire and EMS personnel for their loss. They have our deepest sympathy and condolences. He asked for a moment of silence. The board hopes Bruner's illness isn't due to the Bears struggling to find a path to victory in their 29-22 loss to the Vikings. We hope he will recover.

Olson made a motion to approve minutes of September 26, 2022. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works report – Spilde reported voluntary PFAS sampling was done of the wells. It's going to be required next year but was free this year. Both wells were non-detected. He's working with Core & Main on location of the tower for the new meter read system. The tower is here. He talked to them about meters still on order. Half haven't been received and will be at the price per contract signed last year. The meters went up to \$45 a piece for future. WQT – when they remove the crops, he will inspect and take photos. Influent screen building cover will be here tomorrow. Yearly sludge samples were taken last week. DNR changed monthly reports. It is now fixed and working properly. Worked on the ball fields. Lincoln Street Pond was pumped on September 19 and 20. Waiting for bills from Pellitteri for dumpster days. The outdoor pickleball net is up. The metal is up on the second shed. The truck will be in next month. Arndt asked if he touched base with Hawkey on whether to take down the net in the winter. Spilde will and said it's busy down there.

Clerk's report – Financials for September – total deposits of \$83,353.40 and total withdrawals of \$166,804.99, which included \$28,142.50 in debt service. There is a total in all accounts at the end of September of \$2,154,342.37. Other monthly reports were handed out. Oregon Youth Center sent a letter updating their activities for the past year. They send one every year. We give them \$1,500 per year. Board has a copy of a draft of the joint municipal fire-EMS meeting. Council on Aging report was handed out. We received our Badger Books. We won't use them in November this year but will have them in use by February. We received a yearly MSA sewer use rate survey. It's a 93-page report, but it has rate comparisons for sewer use rates across the state. Kuhlman called the security company that works with the bank. They are working on a price for us for installing a panic button. It's \$380 per year for the monitoring. Podgorski talked with two companies. It can be wired or nonwired. The wireless is a little more per month, but it would be nice if you need to move around. Both companies use third-party monitoring. It can go to 911 and a security company. One of the companies offered additional people to be called if pushed. She found Uline sells a security film for glass for \$150 a roll. It makes sure glass doesn't shatter, and you can't punch through. Kuhlman said we should still explore putting a glass partition at the counter. Kuhlman said she should have some solid numbers by next meeting from the company that works with the bank. We've heard nothing on the EDA grant yet.

New business – Kuhlman explained the resolutions are to be able to add the increase in fire and EMS budget costs to the levy. Once added, it will raise our levy permanently. **Brennum made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2022-10 and 2022-11, with the change of resolution form to say 11.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried.

Olson saw no issues with bills. He asked about the loan payments. Kuhlman explained the Environment Improvement Fund payment is for the interest on the Clean Water Fund loans. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Recreation Committee – Arndt reported they had a meeting last week. They talked about the Get Fit program, which includes yoga on Wednesday. They started PIYO last month. Pickleball is still outside but will come inside at the end of October. They love the new net at the park. They discussed food truck night and had some thoughts for next year. They'll be reaching out to music and vendors in January and February and adding additional trucks. Brusberg asked if the rest of recreation committee is committed to moving forward. Arndt said they like it and discuss it at meetings. Bachim said it seems to be busy and a lot of enjoyment, well received. The Halloween bash is October 29 at the community building from 5 pm to 6:30 pm, and they'll have a trunk-or-treat in the parking lot. They hope to get area businesses involved. They will have music and pizza and possibly a movie, if people stay. They'll have pumpkins, candy, pizza. If they have a movie, it will go past 6:30. Budget was on the agenda, but they didn't discuss it. They need current budget information.

Personnel committee – Brennum talked with Spilde and found out the policy for pager pay hasn't been updated since 2012. There was a lot of conversation of other communities and how to bring us to current. Currently the pay is \$10 per day on weekends with a minimum of 1 hour day, which is met with the work they have to do. The committee is recommending adopting a flat rate of \$140 per week pay with a minimum of 2 hours on call over the weekend, of overtime. Knowing all employees work two days, it would be two hours per day on Saturday and Sunday. They thought it was fair. The \$140 came from the spreadsheet from 2012 and they looked at CPI to today's market, which is about \$130 but they raised it to \$140. It would be effective immediately. They can't get rid of pagers, and they have to come in on weekends to do testing. **Olson made a motion to approve the pager pay for on-call to \$140 a week with a two-hour minimum pay per weekend day for on-call at the overtime rate and effective immediately.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Brennum said the committee next talked about other incentives and how to bring us to current times. They discussed four items: Adding a week of vacation for all employees with a new cap of six weeks. Currently the cap is five weeks, and two employees are at that. They would recommend adding 40 hours per employee per year. Each new employee started with 80 hours of vacation, and the going rate seems to be closer to three weeks. Any new employee hired going forward would start at three weeks vacation instead of two. Currently they earn 8 hours of sick time per month. The committee is suggesting doing 4 hours per paycheck instead. Committee also recommended offering a vacation buyback plan. They have up to November 1 to let the clerk's office know they want to do a buyout of vacation and get it on their paycheck. There would be tax implications. They would get a cash payout, so they don't have to roll it over. We want to have them used, but if not, they could buy them back. All those take effect January 1. Podgorski asked if start a new employee from two to three weeks, how do they gain additional time. It's 8 hours per year. Podgorski asked if they discussed any incentives to get them to use it; like use it or lose it. It would encourage someone to make sure they do. Kuhlman said currently employees can carry over 40 hours to next year and use by June 30 or paid out. **Brusberg made a motion to move forward with adjusting vacation time for village employees adding a week to all employees with a cap of six weeks; in addition, all new employees start at three weeks' vacation, and vacation buyout to be communicated to clerk's office no later than November 1; sick time adjusted to 4 hours per pay period; all effective January 1 of next year.** It would keep the carryover of 40. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

2023 Budget – Spilde had one increase in water under testing. It's usually \$1000-1500 on water quality testing. The PFAS test will be required three times from each well at \$650 each time. Once we're through the first year, we can petition the state and only be required to do the test once every three years. Otherwise, everything is about the same. Salt supply is good but prices for 2023 have doubled, so he doesn't want to cut that out of the budget. The contract ended last winter, so there are new prices. We used last year's budget up and filled with what we could. We also updated the water quality trade amount for sewer.

Brennum made a motion at 7:07 p.m. to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (all employees). Arndt seconded. Ayes – Brusberg, Arndt, Brennum, Podgorski, Bachim, Olson. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Brennum made a motion at 7:34 p.m. to reconvene to open session. Podgorski seconded. Ayes – Brusberg, Arndt, Brennum, Podgorski, Bachim, Olson. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Brusberg stated the following changes will be effective January 1. Brusberg made a motion to approve a 5% increase for all village employees. Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained.

Brusberg made a motion to provide increases beyond 5% of \$2 for Hollis, and in addition, upon completion of forthcoming certification another \$2 per hour increase with a title change. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg made a motion to provide a 50-cent hourly rate increase for Olson, and in addition upon certification of treasurer, a further \$1 increase in hourly rate. Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained.

Brusberg made a motion to provide a \$2 increase for Kuhlman. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg made motion to provide a \$2 increase for Spilde. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg thanked everyone for the discussion. Increases are due to quality work of employees and keeping up with economic times. They are deserving and earned increases.

2023 Budget - Kuhlman explained she highlighted changes on the budget in yellow. Most are due to known increases; for example, shared revenue. State highway aids came in today, with a \$2,000 increase not shown on the budgets. Our levy increased in the general fund this year, but our debt levy decreased significantly. So overall the total levy decreased, which hopefully will lead to a smaller mill rate. Garbage and recycling were increased on both revenue and expense sides due to new houses being built. She did not add anything into a computer outlay account. We increased village hall utilities and expenses, the financial audit and assessment are contracted rates. We have not heard from the bank yet on their plans. The merge happens in February. She will have to change the amount in the revenue from lease payments. Dane County Sheriff's Office sent updated figures for next year for a full-time and 16 hours of overtime deputies. We need an additional \$50,000 to get a second full-time officer. We haven't been using all of the overtime we contracted, because Dane County doesn't have deputies all the time to fill the overtime. Brusberg asked about the school resource officer here at the elementary school. Kuhlman said the school resource officer doesn't have law enforcement abilities here in the Village of Brooklyn, because he doesn't have authority. They can talk to the students. She spoke with the school district superintendent, but they don't have the funds available. She asked Brusberg to check at the meeting at the school district. Fire and EMS budgets increased this year. Brusberg asked if there is a cushion anywhere. Kuhlman said she hasn't looked at that option yet. Brusberg asked to come up with a few accounts that might be able to be changed. Debt has gone down. Bachim said knowing what a new vehicle would cost, he would like to know the price of the sheriff's office providing their own vehicle, and maybe use our fuel card. Kuhlman said she has been talking with Deputy Grumke. Our vehicle is five years this next year, and with vehicle purchases being a few years out, he's checking with the county if we could order a new vehicle through them. We should discuss whether we want to order a new squad. Olson asked if we would get state pricing. Deputy Grumke is checking on ordering through Dane County. Bachim asked if they would supply a squad from the sheriff's office. Kuhlman knows it's an option, and she will contact Captain Tetzlaff.

Brusberg asked if there is anything we can do at Commons to hold the builders accountable. Kuhlman is working with the building inspector. Bachim said permits are usually a year on building. Kuhlman will speak with Groenier and others about the street being finished. Discussion on inspection.

Brennum made a motion at 7:57 p.m. to adjourn. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes October 24, 2022

The October 24, 2022, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Mike Brusberg, Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Brandon Arndt, Janeen Podgorski and Jacob Bachim. Also present were Public Works Director Leif Spilde and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments.

President's report – Bruner would like to extend his personal gratitude to the first responders who dealt with the issues in Oregon this week. He's glad they made it home to spend time with their families. In absence of the president, he would recommend we not allow anyone else to do a president's report so we don't have comments that age poorly.

Brennum made a motion to approve minutes of October 10, 2022. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works Report – Spilde reported the purchase of the new truck was approved for \$38,000 for the purchase of the ¾ ton truck. He went to submit paperwork, and the state usually doesn't do a price increase mid-year, but they did, and the new price is now \$57,989, which includes our discount, the plow and accessories. The 8-foot snowplow was a \$4,000 jump. For 2023 you can't get a Chevy or Dodge; those bids are closed. For a Ford, we have to purchase from November 3 -11 through the state price. He called dealerships, and they aren't interested because the state price is better than what they can provide. He spoke to Kayser and Evansville. The truck we're replacing has 10,000 miles on it. A year ago we put the 3-year trade in place, and he thinks we'll still get a good price. Bruner asked what kind of price for the 250. Spilde said if we trade in a year, it will have 12,000 miles with the plow. Bruner and Bachim can't see we'll get less than \$40,000. We should do well. The ½ ton truck is in and will be picked up on Wednesday. For the Ford to buy it off the lot it would be about \$90,000. Bruner asked why we went to the 7.3. Spilde said we need power for pulling the sewer machine and the plow. Further discussion. The current truck has 50,000 miles, so we should get a good gauge on what we'll get for it used. Spilde will take it to Wisconsin Surplus. **Brennum made a motion to proceed with the purchase with the updated price of \$57,989 for the F250.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Dumpster Days – Spilde reported we had less tonnage than in the past years. There was less of a metal credit and more of an increase in price. He thanked Dan Olson for running it. When he took over, the tonnages changed and he's really helped.

Hotel Street – Bruner stated at the Finance Committee they discussed options for Hotel Street. Brusberg said this is how things were based on at the time. The total is about \$661,555.52. Some examples of adjustments would be lighting poles changed to 3 instead of 10, and it also included the parking lot. Another example of things that can be adjusted is the stamped colored concrete sidewalk. That might not be needed. Another piece are planter trees and tree grates, which was about \$49,000. So there might be options to work through to help reduce. In addition, there's likely the ability to drive the figure down in totality, with infrastructure taking place on TID 2 with water/sewer/other roads, if we could bid out both at the same time, maybe there are discounts we could see. The increment from TID 1 is roughly \$50,000 each year from increment. TID 1 shuts down in April of 2023 where we have to have dollars committed, but the TID stays open through 2028. So we would five years of additional increment. We've had some loans run off and more in 2023, so borrowing capacity will increase again, but will be changed by TID 2. There may be grants also. There's a path to actually go and get this done. It's expensive.

Spilde stated the quote is a bare bones estimate. Water and sewer could be taken out of project, but he wouldn't recommend that, but that's one option. If we go forward with water and sewer, we need to survey, do some grades on the water and sewer to make sure we can make this work. The parking with the bank, a lot of that is not included in the price because we don't know what we can and can't do, and that will change what we do. Brusberg said they talked about that with the bank drive thru. Spilde spoke with Core Main and they said a lot of municipalities are

buying pipe themselves, to take out of general contractor's pricing, and another reason is if you order water main, it's ductile iron and it's 52-70 weeks to get it. That would be another option. Bruner asked why we have not switched to copper. Spilde ductile iron is the water main and can't use copper, it would crush. The other option is plastic. It's not fun to fix plastic. Strand has done the pipe like he just mentioned, order it in advance. The first step if we want to keep water and sewer in this picture, it would be about \$4,500 from Strand to do preliminary survey. PW would mark everything. The original water system isn't GIS. It's transferred from maps from the '40s. There are maps, but it's not close to accurate. The big thing is if the flow of the sewer will go to one of the two manholes. They will shoot grades, which will tell us what we can and can't do. If sewer isn't an option, there's no point in doing water. Water for the buildings facing Commercial are fed from the back, but when 92 was redone, we have new stubs in the front. The other two houses are the main issues. Brusberg said there's some contingency on this estimate. Kuhlman said the estimate price is low. Also, if we changed sewer and water, we will have to change things for the property owners. Spilde said he talked to Strand about who pays for what. Usually the village only pays for the water to the curb box, but this is a special project. For this building, we would have to hire a plumber to run from the front to the back or change a meter. There's an expense added. Do we make the property owners pay or do we pay, but then we're setting a precedence. The other question he asked about is curb/gutter and sidewalk is usually special assessed to property owners. So you should have a public hearing and see what the residents want. Brusberg asked if we left any TID unspent. Kuhlman said we spent \$150,000 but we will get more next year. Brusberg asked when we would have to pay Strand. Kuhlman said before the end of the year, but it would be under the TID, which will be paid with what's there or next year. To do this and get it bid by next April will be a push, because Strand is working on TID 2 at the same time. It will be hard to get it all done together, and with the TID you need to have a loan out by April or a contract in place. Spilde asked what if we buy the pipe ahead of time but don't bid the project. Bruner said you'd have the pipe for future projects. Spilde thinks that's the way current times will force us to go. If we had our own pipe, that could change things. Bruner said to consider, he doesn't like telling residents about special assessment, but will increase the value of their property. Is that something that we want to spread out to all taxpayers instead of just those directly affected. Brennum likes the idea of a public hearing would be good to discuss it. Brusberg said getting the assessment from Strand is best and go from there. Bruner we could do shared costs. Discussion on timeline moving forward. The sewer/water could affect the two houses on the north side. Spilde would recommend to have Strand get all the information together before a public meeting. Discussion on setting up a public hearing. Bruner suggested December 12. Kuhlman suggested not doing it as part of the TID. Realistically, the TID is making \$50,000/year. It might not increase that much more. If you're talking \$500,000, the TID will never be able to pay that back in five years, and the village will be paying it anyway. Brusberg asked where the increment goes. Bruner said it will be split between the taxing jurisdictions. Kuhlman said you're talking about one to two years, because if the TID doesn't owe money, we need to close the TID early. At this point, it's pushing it to do it right, especially if Strand is doing TID 2 at the same time. Spilde asked if we could do engineering only out of the TID. Kuhlman said we could. Brusberg said at that point, we could have a public hearing with all the information. Spilde said if you have a shovel ready project for a downtown revitalization, you could maybe get some grants. Brusberg said worst case scenario, if we don't get the grants, our borrowing capacity could be better. He said if we can get engineering costs out of it, that would be good. Kuhlman said yes, we would keep it open another year, and if you pre-order pipes also. Spilde asked if we should just take it to PW Committee and they can make a recommendation to the board. He will get Strand working on this and go to Public Works Committee with what they find. Bruner agreed. Brusberg asked when will be the appropriate time to hold the hearing. Brennum said with the new plan, we can wait until the beginning of next year. We're not in a hurry with this plan now, so we can wait until after the 1st of the year. **Brusberg made a motion to move forward with the engineering assessment to be more informed with what we can do with TID 1, up to \$5,000.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. There will not be a joint Public Works Committee/Finance Committee meeting.

Green County matching funds – Bruner said it shows seal coat on Hotel Street. Spilde said that should be blacktop or overlay. It was added when we were talking about Hotel Street. Spilde this is to Green County matching funds to see what we're possibly doing next year. Union Road and Holt Road will be nice to do when the townships do it. Spilde said it should be worded reconstruct Hotel Street with blacktop. **Brennum made a motion to pass resolution 2022-12 with the change of reconstruct Hotel Street using blacktop.** Podogorski seconded.

Trick or Treat Ordinance – Bruner asked if they want to add something about if it falls on a weekend, it will be an earlier time. Olson didn't think that was necessary. Brennum asked about adding something about bringing back to the board for any circumstances like that or COVID. Bruner doesn't want to put exceptions in the ordinance. Olson said it can be amended. Bruner said the board can make a special exception at any time. Kuhlman said that was done during COVID with the parks. **Brennum made a motion to pass Ordinance 22-2, Trick or Treat Ordinance.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Olson reviewed the bills. The mileage reimbursement for Kuhlman wasn't on the check register but in the invoices. It was about \$236. That check needs to be added to the register. Brooklyn EMS we paid two cents over. Kuhlman will double check that invoice. Kuhlman said the mileage check wasn't on the register because it was added later and didn't pick up the future date. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented with the addition of the milage reimbursement for Kuhlman of \$236.** Brennum seconded. Kuhlman also mentioned we were reimbursed from MTA for one night hotel stay and one-way mileage for being president of the association. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – The election is November 8. In-person absentee voting starts tomorrow. We are doing Tuesday and Wednesday all day this week and next week Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration is only in person now. 208 Railroad report was distributed to the board, and the attorney is doing the raze order now. Bruner said it's painfully obvious the house isn't repairable. He asked if this was discussed at board level before. Olson said not a lot, but there was discussion to possibly take action. It is something that should have been dealt with before. Kuhlman said the board did try to help him in the past with donated shingles. Brusberg asked if we will be able to connect him with services. Kuhlman contacted Green County Human Services but hasn't heard back. It's possible Green County did reach out to the resident. Bruner asked about contacting the Humane Society for the cats. Kuhlman is not sure of the timeline for the raze order, but she will keep the board informed. We received the statement of assessment, and we are at the 74% mark. She called the assessor and asked if we will have to move up our revaluation from 2025, when it was originally discussed. They said yes, but we should be okay until 2024. We will probably receive a letter from the state next year, so we're looking at a revaluation in 2024. Kuhlman has been discussing with Deputy Grumke about a truancy ordinance for the school. She found one that he is reviewing. We would need a local ordinance to do something. The building inspector is following Brooklyn Commons houses closely to make sure they do what they need to, including fixing the erosion control again. They discussed sidewalk issues. We will have several that will get occupancy in the winter, and they might not be able to the sidewalks done. So we will have to come up with a way to make sure they get it done. Olson said if they're doing the apron up to the sidewalk, they can do the sidewalk on either side. He's seen it done in December. Brusberg asked if there's value to have the principal come in to the board meetings maybe semi-annually. Kuhlman said maybe one on one. Bruner reached out to the principal in the past and can make a point to meet with her a couple times a year to update. He talked with superintendent to discuss getting all representatives together to discuss concerns.

Clerk's office security measures – We received a bid from Convergent, which is who does the bank's security. It's \$1,300 for set up and about \$380 per year. It is a wireless system, and totally separate system from the bank's. If the bank left, we will have to decide if we're going to use their system. There's an option if we want to wait and take over the system from the bank. It's a conversation we will have to have anyway if the bank moves out. Discussion on the costs. Brennum asked why wait. We're banking on it not happening again. The whole purpose of this is to have it in case it does happen again. Kuhlman also mentioned she contacted a couple glass places today and is waiting for quotes. Discussion on getting shatterproof glass or putting a film on it. Brusberg asked how many people come a day. Kuhlman said it can vary from zero to 15 or so, depending on if bills are due, taxes are due, election, etc. Brusberg asked about locking the building and ringing the doorbell, how that worked. Kuhlman said in her opinion that is a worse situation, because then it puts you face to face with the person when you have to go to the door. Discussion of having a camera and a remote buzz in. Kuhlman said that's not worth it right now with the bank in the building. Bruner asked if we should wait until board meeting on November 14th until we hear from bank. Brusberg is okay but doesn't want to wait too long after that. Brennum we still wouldn't be tied into the bank's system if they don't leave until next year. Bruner if we find they're leaving, we can take steps to set up a much more elaborate system. Brennum base system is \$1,200 to install and purchase, so that's not unreasonable. Discussion. **Brennum made a motion to move forward with the Convergent security system for the clerk's office.** Bachim

seconded. Bruner would like to find out specifically what the wireless graphic touchscreen keypad is and is it necessary. **Bruner made an amendment to approve the purchase with Convergent up to \$1,264 with the caveat if the touchscreen keypad is not necessary, we eliminate it and reduce the cost by \$213.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried.

TID 1 Developer Agreement – Kuhlman stated we received a draft from the attorney late on Friday. She has read through it, and there are numerous items that need to be changed. Should we update it or send back to the attorney? Bruner suggested sending to PZ. Kuhlman said we've told the businesses, they're getting it, and it will be another month before that meeting. Olson said to go through it and talk with the attorney about the changes. Kuhlman will go through and redline the document before sending it back. Bruner asked to put on the agenda for the 14th. Olson would postpone the development agreement until the proper changes have been made to the agreement.

Dane County Sheriff's department budget – Kuhlman will postpone to the next meeting. She spoke with Captain Tetzlaff about getting some quotes. There is a 9% increase for the deputies, so we are waiting for those figures. She's also working on pricing for using their vehicle. If we want to do it in 2024, they order a squad for us and it will take a while to get it, and then they put in all new equipment and charge it back to us. Olson asked if they're supplying the car and the car needs maintenance, do they fix it at no charge. Kuhlman doesn't know. Captain Tetzlaff can come to a meeting, if the board wants, in either November or December. Olson suggested the December meeting. Kuhlman said we have a small cushion in the budget under miscellaneous expense that will be used for the increase.

Finance Meeting – Brusberg said they met on October 17. All parties have been contacted about TID 1 grants. All grateful. Meyer provided invoices for work already done. McCann provided contracts. Marshall accepted but nothing further. Brooklyn Motoren Werke was happy and looking at what they're doing and the timing. Talked about TID 2. No new news on the grant. Kuhlman contacted rep Friday but hasn't heard back. Brusberg said they talked about Hotel Street, which was discussed earlier. They talked about the 2023 budget recommendations. There was \$5,000 in fireworks and we can make that zero and have it fully fundraised. There will also be a \$700 deduction in truck repairs from \$5,000 to \$4,300. If we continue on the truck replacement program, we shouldn't need that additional. The November 14 hearing notice went out to the newspaper. Kuhlman also mentioned that our probable mill rate will be approximately 8, and it was 9 last year. The total levy went down about 6 percent. Debt service went down.

Multi-Media Committee – Podgorski mentioned the committee met and revised the media matrix and added some more consistencies through all the different media, like disclaimers. They talked about policy for our media and guidelines for moving forward with use of media and how board members should behave with the social media. We went through a draft and will have one for the board at the next meeting. Bruner asked if they would have jurisdiction over the LED sign. Podgorski said yes. The one-sheeter newsletter, we're looking at a title for highlights of what's happening. She would like to get from everyone by November board meeting something for public services, capital improvements like parks, and growth/development in business park, downtown, residential growth. If you have ideas, please add. Podgorski will send an email to remind everyone to think about what to put on it. Short and to the point of things we've accomplished or planning to do. Kuhlman talked with the Post Office, if we keep to one page, we can fold it, and he is going to see if we can get our permit on it, which will be less.

Planning and Zoning Commission – Bruner said they had a preliminary proposal for adding more storage units on Main Street. They wanted to introduce it. The Commission talked about 106-108 Hotel. Olson said they talked about moving that to a board level decision for actions being taken. Bruner said they went through five more chapters of comprehensive plan. That should be close to being completed. It will go to the board level and public hearing approval.

OSD Leaders Breakfast – Brusberg attended the meeting. Referendum information was sent to homes. The school listed the school year, the amount to be gained through referendum and the projected tax impact. That amount will build over years. It's not a single year, it incrementally grows. The \$5.4 million has \$3 million added to it and then \$2.9 million added. So, when you look at the projected tax impact for \$100,000 tax value, it will be roughly \$263 increase by the year 3 and that continues on indefinitely. The expectation is that if the state begins to figure out their school funding and provides more per pupil funding, and there's less of a need for these operational dollars, they will peel that back. It still takes a school board action to do that. Separately by 2030 their thought is they will have another referendum for another facility referendum. In terms of how they determine the \$11.4 million impact, there are various positions that have fallen behind market. They specifically talked about paras from that extent, and they used to have really attractive starting salaries for teachers. There are different levels based on years of service and certifications. A lot of the teacher pay has fallen behind and they're struggling with retention. When they modeled out these increases, because they didn't take a cpi increase the last few years, the intent is market adjustments for some roles plus a 5.9% increase for all positions. For the following year the \$3 million considers a 5% increase for all staff; and after that for the \$2.98 million is 5% increase for all staff. The CPI for the last two years was 5.93% in aggregate so that's their support for that. He asked about the school resource officer and was that considered in Brooklyn, because there's not coverage because right now, they're leveraging our sheriff's deputy or reaching out to Dane County when there is an occurrence. There is nothing assumed in referendum for school resource officer for Brooklyn. The meeting was sparsely attended. The Town of Oregon had a rep, the Town of Rutland had a rep, Fitchburg and Village of Oregon had reps there. As far as village board or trustees, it was him, Town of Oregon and Town of Rutland.

School issues/sheriff's department – Brusberg said it's likely needed for someone within this board or two to have a discussion with the superintendent to share the amount of time our sheriff's deputy spends at the district and see what they can do to help. When we shifted to this type of coverage model, he doesn't know that it was with the thought we'd be dedicating our Dane County deputies to be fairly dedicated over there versus just general across the village. The school is a big asset for this community, and he doesn't want to diminish that, but how do we work together. Bruner said that's the topic of the meeting with Dr. Bergstrom reached out to him to talk about. They'll talk about police coverage, when we have coverage. It will be between her, Bruner, the principal, Green County rep and Dane County rep to get together and work out the details. She's trying to get all schedules together, and Deputy Grumke. Brusberg said they've had pretty frequent occurrences lately. Bruner said she reached out to him a month ago or longer, around October 3.

Olson said they need to consider getting a resource officer. It's okay for us to be there, but to be down at the school all the time is hard on the rest of the village. Brusberg said Grumke has been good with a few of the students. There have had multiple incidents of a behavioral manner.

2023 budget – Kuhlman said the budget can't be approved until after the public hearing. She has received information from General Code on a quote for changing ordinance companies from Municode, because they are changing their pricing.

Bachim made a motion at 8:17 p.m. to adjourn. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

Collection Calendar

Wednesdays

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

RECYCLING *Information – All recyclables should be placed in your recycling cart*

EXPANDED *Paper* RECYCLING

- Cardboard (empty)
- Catalogs, magazines & phone books
- Cereal & cracker boxes (empty)
- Computer & office paper
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Holiday gift wrapping paper (no foils)
- Newspapers
- Paper cups (no plastic lids or straws)
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper grocery bags
- Paper milk and juice cartons or boxes
- Pizza boxes (no food or grease)
- Shredded paper (place in clear or transparent plastic bag and tie shut; a full bag should be the size of a basketball)

RECYCLABLE *Plastic & Glass*

- All plastic bottles (no motor oils or gasoline)
- Plastic containers/cups #1-7
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, blue, brown or green translucent glass)

RECYCLABLE *Metal*

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum cans & aluminum pie plates
- Metal pots & pans
- Small metal appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.) – nothing larger than a basketball
- Small metal plumbing fixtures, faucets, valves
- Tin & steel cans

NON-RECYCLABLE *Items:*

- Batteries
- Brake rotors / drums
- Construction waste
- Electronics
- Frozen food or microwave dinner plates
- Glassware & ceramics
- Metal items heavier than 10 pounds
- Mirrors & windows
- Motor oil & gasoline containers
- Plastic film, wrap & Styrofoam
- Propane tanks
- Recyclable containers containing liquids or food
- Misc.: Carpet, clothing, diapers, fishing line, food, hoses, ropes & shoes

RECYCLING *Tips*

- Containers containing food or liquids, construction waste or electronics CANNOT be placed in the recycling cart.
- Should you choose to bag recyclables you place into the cart, please use clear or transparent bags and leave open – do not tie or seal. Clear bags can be purchased at most grocery and hardware stores.
- Do not flatten or crush plastic or metal items. Do not place smaller items inside larger containers. All items should be loose and empty. Remove all food waste, plastic, Styrofoam & packing peanuts.
- Flatten cardboard boxes and cereal boxes to make room in the recycling cart. The lid on your cart should shut.
- Your recycling cart will not be picked up if it contains trash, yard waste or prohibited items, or if overloaded.
- Check out www.pellitteri.com for more than twenty 1-minute recycling tip videos and a 7-minute video showing what happens to your recyclables. Call (608) 257-4285 if you have any remaining questions.
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December

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4 Brooklyn Fire & EMS Holiday Light Parade	5 PIYO 6-7pm	6 *Tires, Oil & Battery Pick up	7 Yoga 6-7pm	8 Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p	9	10
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