

210 Commercial Street - PO Box 189 – Brooklyn, WI 53521

March 2023 Village News

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102 Windy Lane
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HELP WANTED

Brooklyn Public Works Full Time PW Laborer, Water/Sewer Operator

The Village of Brooklyn is seeking a Full-Time Public Works & Utilities Laborer/Operator. Must have or be able to obtain a CDL and be able to obtain water/wastewater licenses. A complete job description and application are available at www.brooklynwi.gov or by email to spilde@brooklynwi.gov. Wage starts at \$19.00 per hour, with raises as certain requirements are met. Benefits offered include health insurance, dental, vision, life, flex savings, and State of Wisconsin retirement and deferred compensation. Vacation starts at 3 weeks (pro-rated) with buyout options at end of each year. Sick leave accumulates at 4 hours per pay period. Applicants must be available for on-call rotation at \$20/day plus overtime, including evenings, weekends and holidays. Residence within 10 miles is preferred. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2023 to the Village Hall at 210 Commercial Street, PO Box 189, Brooklyn, WI, 53521, or email above.

HELP WANTED

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN PART-TIME SEASONAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

The Village of Brooklyn is seeking a seasonal part-time Public Works employee to assist with mowing, trash pickup, brush/compost work, etc. Must have a valid driver's license. Applications are available at www.brooklynwi.gov or by email to spilde@brooklynwi.gov. Wage starts at \$12.00 per hour. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2023 to the Village Hall at 210 Commercial Street, PO Box 189, Brooklyn, WI, 53521, or email above.



Street Sweeping

Tuesday, March 28

Please remove all vehicle(s) from the street before 6 am.



Spring Dumpster Days

May 5 through May 14

Hours (Sat. hours have changed)

Monday thru Friday 2 pm to 7 pm

Saturdays Noon to 6 pm

Sundays 10 am to 2 pm

<http://clipart-library.com/img/2043605.jpg>



Spring Election – Tues., April 4th

Polls will be open from

7 am to 8 pm at the Brooklyn

Community Building (Lower Level) 102

N. Rutland Ave.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, March 23

At Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.

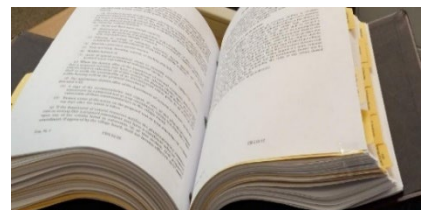
Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.

Open Book - Thurs., May 25th from 4p – 6p

(Open Books allows for residents to discuss property value with the assessor and provide reason for changing the values, if appropriate.)

Board of Review - Tues., June 13th from 6p – 8p





Get Fit Class Schedule

Monday - 6:00pm
PIYO

Wednesday night - 6:00pm
Yoga Slow Flow

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8

Sponsored by the Village of Brooklyn Recreation Committee



More Information will be posted on the Brooklyn Recreation facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI/> and the
Village of Brooklyn Website <https://brooklynwi.gov/>



Brooklyn Area Chamber of Commerce presents

GO GREEN FOR BROOKLYN BUSINESS FAIR

MAY 2, 2022 – 4:30 to 7 p.m.

@Brooklyn Community Building
(Door prizes, food, activities for kids –
more details to follow)

Honor a Veteran at the Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial

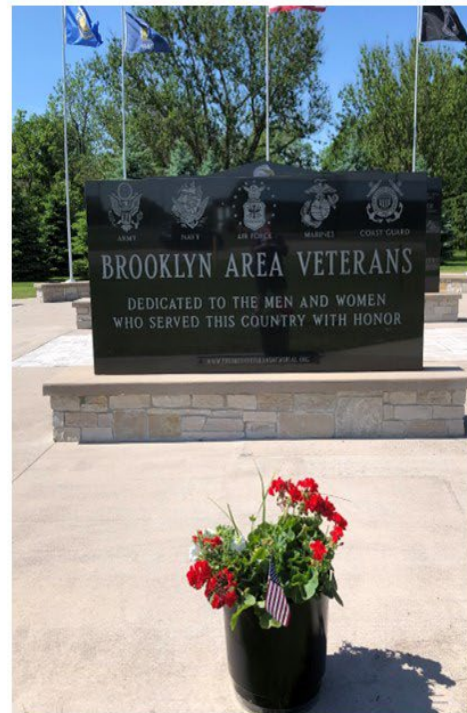
As a veteran you can have your name
engraved on the Wall. Go to the website for
details

Purchase a paver to show your support to
the memorial. Go to the website for details

**Place your order TODAY or NLT May 1, 2023
to have it completed by Memorial Day!**

Check out our website:

<http://brooklynveteransmemorial.org>



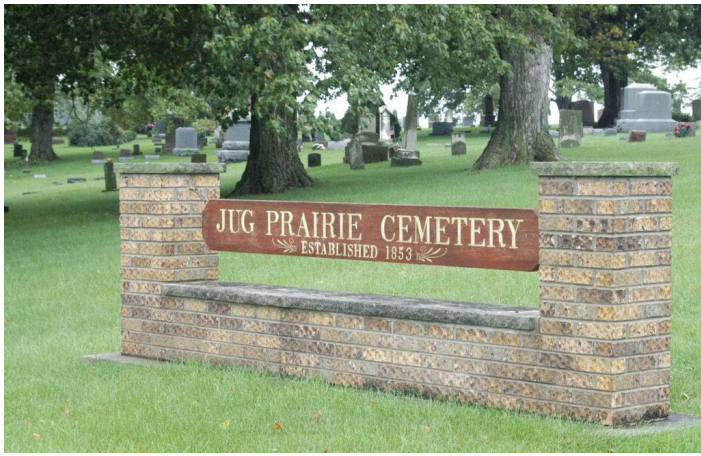


Photo by Jenean Hamilton

Jug Prairie Cemetery Association
Annual Meeting
Sat., April 1, 2023
1 pm at the Brooklyn Township Hall
400 W. Main St. Brooklyn, WI

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## March 2023 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

The Oregon Area Senior Center has two case managers (also known as outreach workers) on its staff. Many people have no idea what a case manager does. Put most simply, case managers help people.

Our two case managers work with older adults to answer questions, solve problems, improve difficult or challenging situations, and address issues or circumstances that need resolution or support. Their services are free to residents of the Villages of Oregon and Brooklyn, as well as the Towns of Oregon and Rutland.

The case managers work with a huge variety of issues. They arrange transportation for people who need rides to appointments or to the food pantry or grocery store, or to the Center for lunch or the Adult Day Program. They help people with questions about Social Security or Medicare. They assist with arranging meals for people, either in their homes or at the Center.

The Case Managers can provide assistance with housing issues. Those can range from landlord-tenant issues, to housing accessibility challenges, to considerations about a different level of care. The case managers address many types of financial issues. They can help people determine if they for public benefits—which include Food Share and Low-Income Subsidies for Medicare Part D premiums, as well as many others.

Case managers can also help provide guidance to families of a person living with dementia. Case managers provide resources that help the family move forward, putting supports in place to allow for the best possible quality of life for everyone involved.

The case management staff deals with many, many other issues as well. They answer questions about scams, about in-home care, about insurance and pension issues, and many other subjects.

One thing the case managers cannot do is talk about what they are doing with anyone other than their client, unless they have release forms signed by the client. People can call the Senior Center and receive answers to their questions without fear that anyone will ever find out. Anyone can raise a concern about someone to the case managers, making them aware of someone. However, the case managers can never update the person making the referral without a release signed by the person in question, as that would be a violation of that person's right to privacy and confidentiality.

Case management is a valuable resource for older adults and their families. You can take advantage of it by calling 608-835-5801 and asking to speak to one of the case managers.

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HAZ WASTE & ELECTRONICS



DANE COUNTY
Department of
Waste & Renewables



ITEMS WE ACCEPT

- Acids/bases
- Adhesives
- Aerosol cans
- Architectural coatings
- Artist's paints & media
- Automotive products (cleaners, fuels, lubes, batteries)
- Batteries-rechargeable
- Camp fuels/sterno
- Cell phones & accessories
- Cleaners
- Computers & peripherals (monitors, speakers, mice, keyboards, etc.)
- Corrosives
- Deck stains, cleaners, brighteners
- Driveway sealer, solvent based
- Electronics (TVs, VCRs, stereos, etc.)
- Flammable liquids
- Fuels & additives
- Fire extinguishers
- Gasoline and gas/oil mixes
- Gun cleaning products
- Lawn & garden chemicals
- Light ballasts (PCB containing)
- Lubrications
- Mercury & mercury containing devices (thermometers, thermostats)
- Microwave ovens
- Mothballs
- Nail polish/remover
- Oxidizers
- Paint & paint related materials
- Photographic chemicals
- Poisons
- Pool & spa chemicals
- Propane cylinders (1 lb empty / partial / full)
- Road flares
- Sealers
- Solvents
- Unknowns (<5 gallons)
- Wood finishes



NOT ACCEPTED

- Aerial flares
- Ammunition
- Appliances other than microwaves
- Asbestos (call landfill for permit)
- Cement/concrete
- Compact fluorescent lamps
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Controlled Substances
- Cooking oil
- Dried latex paint
- Empty containers
- Explosives/fireworks
- Fluorescent lamps
- Garbage
- Ink & toner cartridges
- Lead paint chips
- Medical sharps
- Medication (prescription or OTC)
- Non-rechargeable batteries
- Oil filters
- Propane cylinders > 1 lb.
- Recyclables (cans, bottles, etc.)
- Smoke/CO detectors

CLEAN SWEEP

TO LEARN MORE

Kevin Belida
Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Coordinator
608.838.3212 | Belida.Kevin@countyofdane.com

LOCATION

Dane County Landfill
7102 US Hwy 12
Madison, WI 53718

HOURS

7 am - 2:45 pm M-F
8 am - 10:45 am Sat



landfill.countyofdane.com/services/clean-sweep



608.838.3212

PREPARING FOR YOUR CLEAN SWEEP VISIT



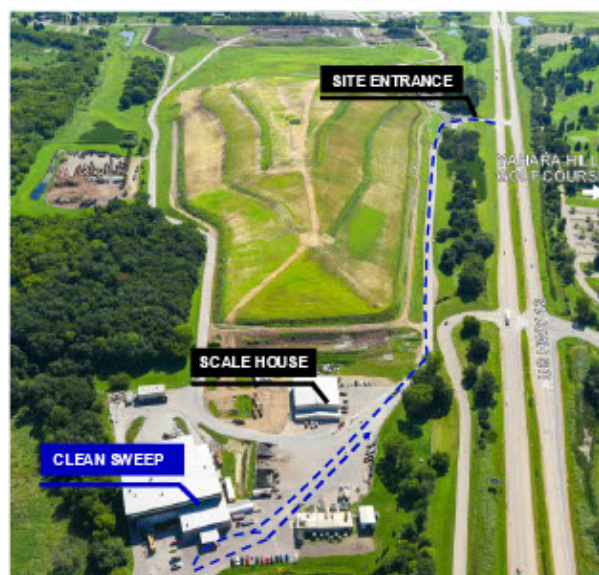
- Package material in boxes or rigid totes to keep products upright and prevent spillage during transportation and unloading. Keep all materials in their original containers. If the container is damaged, place it in an individual plastic bag.
- **DO NOT** mix materials or co-mingle your waste in plastic bags.
- Remove all batteries from electronics and turn in separately.
- Transport gasoline or other fuels in an approved container (no larger than 6 gallons). Clean Sweep staff will empty the fuel and return your container, time permitting. Unsafe or damaged fuel containers will not be returned.
- Businesses (VSQGs) & Farms must schedule an appointment in advance by using our [online registration form](#) or by calling 608.838.3212.

PRICING GUIDE

	Dane County Households & Farms	Businesses/ VSQGs**	Out of County Households and Farms
Hazardous Waste (per trip)	\$15.00*	Varies- By Appointment Only	\$75.00
Television or Computer Monitor (each)	\$15.00	N/A	N/A
Microwave Oven (each)	\$10.00	N/A	N/A

* We reserve the right to impose additional fees for large quantities of materials or loads from multiple households. Ag-related waste from farms subsidized 100%.

** Final costs for businesses/Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs) will depend on materials and weights. Visit our website or call to learn more.



Clean Sweep visitors and customers do not need to use the landfill scale to weigh in and may drive past the line of traffic at the scale house to Clean Sweep's drop off area.

Updated: December 2022

WHO WE SERVE



Residential Households



Businesses classified as Very Small Quantity Generators*



Agribusiness & Farms*

* Must schedule an appointment using our [online registration](#) form or by calling below.

REDUCING YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

OUR PRODUCT EXCHANGE ROOM

After source reduction, we advocate for reuse of materials whenever possible. At Clean Sweep we accept products that are still useable and redistribute them in our Product Exchange Room. Common items that can be picked up for free include: paints, solvents, cleaners, lawn and garden products, and automotive products.

LATEX PAINT

Latex paint is a non-hazardous material and although we accept it in our Clean Sweep Program, we recommend solidifying and disposing of in your trash bin. Reduce your latex paint waste by using [online paint calculators](#) for your projects.



landfill.countyofdane.com/services/clean-sweep



608.838.3212

2022 Consumer Confidence Report Data

BROOKLYN WATERWORKS, PWS ID: 12300750

Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Leif Spilde at (608) 455-1842.

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality

The Village of Brooklyn Board meets on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month at the Village Hall 210 Commercial Street.

Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
1	Groundwater	616	Active
2	Groundwater	670	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, Leif Spilde at (608) 455-1842.

Educational Information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAL	Health Advisory Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2022)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ARSENIC (ppb)		10	n/a	0	0 - 0	7/7/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.008	0.006 - 0.008	7/7/2020	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.1	0.1 - 0.1	7/7/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)		100		9.8000	2.0000 - 9.8000	7/7/2020	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)		10	10	0.06	0.00 - 0.06		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	2.90	2.60 - 2.90	7/7/2020	No	n/a
THALLIUM TOTAL (ppb)		2	0.5	0.2	0.0 - 0.2	7/7/2020	No	Leaching from ore-processing sites; Discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2022)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.4200	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	8/3/2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	1.40	0 of 10 results were	8/3/2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2022)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
				above the action level.			

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2022)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)		15	0	2.0	1.8 - 2.0	7/7/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	0.9	0.0 - 0.9	7/7/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a)		n/a	n/a	2.4	2.2 - 2.4	7/7/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l)		30	0	0.7	0.6 - 0.7	7/14/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Additional Health Information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Brooklyn Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023

The February 13, 2023, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Mike Brusberg, Dan Olson, Jacob Bachim, Brandon Arndt, and Sean Brennum. Janeen Podgorski was absent. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments.

Arndt made a motion to approve minutes from January 23. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg made a motion to approve minutes from January 30. Arndt seconded. Motion carried. Brennum abstained.

President's report – Bruner thanked Brennum for his service to the board and wished him the best in his future endeavors. He thought last night's game was one of the best Superbowls he's seen. Congratulations to State Bank of Cross Plains and Monona Bank on the successful completion of the merger.

Olson looked over the invoices and didn't see anything. Bruner didn't either. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Bachim made a motion to approve Spilde attending the WRWA conference April 5 to 7 in the amount of \$210 for the conference, and reasonable expenses. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg made a motion to approve Strand Amendment 3 to the BBC Phase 2. Arndt seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – Senior Center updates were presented to the board. McCallum wasn't able to attend this meeting. They had another workshop on the agreement. There are some newsletters and window clings, if anyone is interested. Financial reports for January were handed out. Total deposits of \$1,220,515.03, which included the second set of taxes totalling \$1,111,840.72. Total withdrawals of \$1,488,650.20, which included January tax settlement to the counties, Madison College and Oregon School district in the amount of \$1,235,717.22. We ended January with a total of \$2,850,681.07. Board received end of year reports for our attorney, Strand and Roth, and received the overtime schedule and December 31, 2022 outlay account balances. Election is next Tuesday, February primary. We will be using the Badger Books. We had training for the workers last week. They are not hooked up to the internet. Audit is this Thursday and Friday, and report will be ready in April or May. Workers comp audit was done last week and no problems. Election trainings were held, and we have upcoming trainings for deputy clerk and clerk. Ehlers conference is this week for Olson, and on the 28th both will be attending the District meeting for the clerk's association. Next week Olson is doing a 2-1/2 day webinar from the UW Green Bay. Newsletter sheet went out last week Friday. We met with O&A in the Business Park. They want to start building right away. We talked about their plans. We are working on financing options. We had to reschedule the Latitude meeting due to the weather. Brusberg asked when O&A wants to do the land sale. Kuhlman said as soon as possible. Kuhlman is trying to work on a developer's agreement.

Personnel Committee – Brennum reported they had a meeting with Deputy Grumke. It went well. They broadly went over how things were going and they gave him feedback. They talked about ordinances that might need updating. It was a good quality meeting. He continues to patrol the entire village so we have visibility. Employee manual changes were discussed. The manual includes the on-call policy. **Arndt made a motion to approve the PW on-call policy.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. **Olson made a motion to approve the employee manual changes.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried. The committee discussed the Public Works hiring process, and suggested moving the timeline of publishing in the paper to tomorrow. The CDL requirement was discussed. Green County offers a course, and we would pay for it, but there's a payback schedule if the person doesn't stay over three years. Kuhlman said she and Spilde added additional items in the job ad to include more of the benefits. **Olson made a motion to approve the public works hiring process, job description, ad, wages and CDL requirement.**

Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Recreation Committee – Arndt reported on the meeting held earlier. Pickleball is going very well. PIYO on Mondays has about 6 people. Yoga on Wednesday is about 8 consistently for that. They are tabling movie night for the rest of the year. They haven't had the volume. They will discuss later in the year. Ballet will start next month on March 15 and have two separate classes on Tuesday nights. Food Truck Nights will be May through September. Easter Egg Hunt will be April 8, Saturday. They will put eggs out at all 3 parks, similar to last year. Bruner asked if we had a problem with a few kids taking some extras. Arndt said there were a few, but mostly parents were good at taking the limit of 10. Summer youth rec is trying to find a new program director. Dane County is in charge of Brooklyn Night Out and Deputy Grumke wants to meet with the committee. Fall Arts & Crafts is in September on Labor Day weekend. They've added a new member who is also with the Oregon Optimist Club.

Brennum made a motion at 6:48 p.m. to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Bachim seconded. Ayes – Brusberg, Arndt, Brennum, Bachim, Olson and Bruner. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Bachim made a motion at 6:59 p.m. to convene into open session. Arndt seconded. Ayes – Brusberg, Arndt, Brennum, Bachim, Olson and Bruner. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Arndt made a motion to approve the items discussed in closed session. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Brennum made a motion at 7:01 p.m. to adjourn. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes February 27, 2023

The February 27, 2023, 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, Jacob Bachim, Brandon Arndt, and Janeen Podgorski. Also present were Stacey Hardy, Jason Marshall, Tim Madigan, Jerry Elmer, Lynda Dybala, Sean Brennum, Andy Meyer, Sgt. Matz, Public Works Director Leif Spilde, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – Jerry Elmer – former owner of Anchor Club. It's been three years ago they lost power and everybody else had power. There was a branch rubbing on the power line from the tree. They lost power for a day. The power company came and took care of it. **Sean Brennum** – he would like the board to take into consideration the letter from the lawyer stating this should be a civil matter between two residents. He thinks staying out is the best. **Tim Madigan** – he's lived here since 2008 and he supports Andy and Jason. He's in favor of getting the businesses going, getting the city known, getting more houses built, let's keep it going. It doesn't hurt to have more. Also thanks to Spilde and Public Works. He's a happy citizen. He's sorry to hear about the tree. Whatever happens, happens. No written comments.

The board discussed the complaint regarding 110 Hotel Street. Bruner said all board members had the opportunity to read the reports. Arndt asked if an action has to come from this meeting tonight. Bruner said there

are two options – we look into ordering the tree to come down or we step out of this and leave it as a civil matter between the two landowners. Bachim asked if the attorney has anything more to say on this. Attorney Rusch said it's up to the board. If you want to take it down, there will be an expense. But at the end of the day, it's the board's decision. One report said low risk and one said it could fall or cause some damage. There are two different reports saying different things. It's up to the board. It's not his place to advise whether the village should or shouldn't. It's either take down and go through legal process or let it be and allow them to resolve it themselves. It's whether the village sees this as something that holds a high enough risk for them to take action. Podgorski asked what happens if we decided that's something we want to do; will it be a large cost to the village. If we make a determination, what are the costs to the village, legal risks? Rusch said the legal risk is the Village could lose and court finds that the tree should stay up and it isn't a nuisance under Wisconsin Statutes. There could be exposure for other lawsuits. Podgorski asked if we want to spend the money. Olson said we'd be setting a precedence. If we do it for one, we have to do it for all. Bruner said the precedent was set with the emerald ash borer. The PW committee and PW director put together a plan to systematically remove the ash trees. We had a response from a resident stating they didn't want their tree taken down. We said no, because it's not on our property. For what the village owns, if it's a risk to the village, we're taking it down. We have to look at how much a risk this tree is to the residents of the village. If it's a risk, we look into the options. If not a risk, we refer to a civil matter. That's where we are right now. Rusch said the board wouldn't need to refer to a civil matter. That would be up to the owners. That's not something the board would have to make a motion on. Bruner said the board needs to make a decision to move forward with taking action or no action on village's part. Bachim said if we do and the village takes down the tree and the building is damaged as the tree comes down, how much is on the village versus village taking down the tree. Bruner said any arborist would have insurance. Bachim said still the ball keeps rolling; if there ends up being damage to one or the other or both as the tree comes down, where would we stand as a village. We are the customer of the tree service to take that down, how much falls on us. Bruner said realistically it shouldn't, but he doesn't know how the courts would see that. Brusberg is torn because when he put up a fence in their yard, they needed to work with neighbors about trees over the lot line. They talked to the neighbors, discussed cutting down trees, and it was a civil neighborly thing determined. This has quickly escalated to a point that's really inappropriate at this time. What happened last Tuesday is inappropriate. There should be a path that can be resolved. Brusberg asked how they can say a high impact and moderate to low risk rating, without having her here to ask those questions, he's not a tree expert. He doesn't want to have anything happen to either building, nor anything escalate. Podgorski said in reading through it's hard to make a determination. Brusberg asked if there is any way to have a mediator to work it out. Can we figure out what the cause of Douglas's concerns are with the tree, financial impact, his opinion it's his tree, we don't have answers to those. We're lacking data points to make a decision as a result. He doesn't want to put the village into the courts over this. It's an unacceptable use of the village's money. If that's where we're at, he thinks it's a civil dispute. Olson thinks it's a civil dispute between the two parties and not the village. Looking at the paperwork, the tree being moderate to low risk and a healthy tree, and the other one we shouldn't be using because he's bid the tree. He thinks it's a civil matter. Arndt said we all agree the tree should come down and it's been too long and wasn't taken care of outside of board level. He doesn't know if we have enough data points with the person who has the tree and the report contraindicating saying it's a moderate and low risk and consequences significant. Looking at the ordinances, would we be able to order him to remove the tree, and give him a time limit and back bill him. That ordinance is for the village to order the property owner to take care of it. If we did order it for him, he feels like Mr. Douglas should be paying for it and not the village. Rusch said that's the core problem. You can order it but the only way is taking him to court and making him do it. You can pass a motion that he has to take down the tree in 30 days or else, and the or else is taking him to court. It would be taking him to court and going through due process and a hearing. Brusberg asked how it works with the mitigation options, and deferred maintenance on the tree regardless of whether it stays or comes down. Rusch said you can order him to do it within 30 days or the village does it. Arndt asked about reviewing it annually. Rusch said unless the board follows through, the recommendation is the recommendation. If any action is taken at all, there is some legal aspect because you have to enforce it. Brusberg asked the attorney if he's aware of other instances in other communities of a proctor mediation that removes the village from being involved. Rusch said no, the village would have to order the mediation. He doesn't have that instance. The board can recommend them to do it, but he's not sure the village

has the authority to order mediation. Bachim asked since we have reports given to the board and something happens to this tree and the village doesn't order to take it down, but now something happens, does the village have liability. Let's say the tree falls and something happens naturally, do we have any risk legally now that we have those reports. Rush, if it's not on village property, no. Marshall asked if the board doesn't move through, the side of the building that the tree is in, are we going to look at that with the power lines and gas lines. If the tree doesn't come down, is that something the board will look into, the safety issue, or is that going to stay tabled forever. Bruner said he can't give a time line but definitely will be readdressed in the future. Arndt doesn't know if we have enough data to make a motion tonight. Brusberg is struggling with the risk rating, to say something can be significant impact but a moderate to low risk. He feels like we need her here to ask questions and get more reference points. He still feels it's a civil matter. Bruner said we can make that motion and still bring her in for information. **Podgorski made a motion to postpone the determination on 110 Hotel Street until we can meet with the arborist at the March 13 meeting.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried. Bachim opposed. Marshall said the board should remember how bad it got last week and thinks the board should make a decision.

Arndt made a motion to approve minutes of February 13. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

President's report – He thanked everyone for being here tonight. Nothing to do with the timing, but he was asked by Deana Zenter, Town of Rutland chair, to let everyone know they're holding active shooter training March 1. The public is invited, and it's conducted by the Dane County Sheriff's Office.

Public Works/Utility Report – Spilde has three policies presented. Public Works Committee reviewed them at their last meeting. All three are revised to meet new codes issued in 2023. **Arndt made a motion to approve the cross connection policy made by Public Works.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried. **Olson made a motion to approve the hydrant flushing policy.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried. **Bachim made a motion to update the water meter policy.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried.

Water update – Stacey Court fire as far as water system goes, they flowed 30,000 gallons of water, the system worked flawlessly, the fire was put out fairly fast so they didn't need a large volume of water. It was nice to know it worked when tested under emergency situation. Bruner said on behalf of the home owners he'd like to express his thanks to the fire department and public works for the efforts they put in. Spilde said Public Works was also present that night and had a person with the toolcat sanding and salting the whole night. **WWTP**– screen building that was ordered last year is now installed and in place. All lab calibration was done in January. **Streets** – grapple bucket ordered last summer under ARPA funds arrived on the 31st. New mower arrived on the 6th. Spring dumpster days will be May 5-14. Saturday there will be a time change. It will start at noon and go until 6 that night, because the gentleman who runs the dumpsters has a conflict with work. W. Main Street three streetlights are out and have been ordered to be replaced.

New business – Kuhlman would like to add the Sloan bill for the new mower. Olson reviewed the bills. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented with the addition of the Sloan bill for \$2,490.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried.

Bachim made a motion to approve Sean Brennum's resignation. Podgorski seconded. Motion carried. Bruner thanked Sean for all he's done, and if he ever decides he wants to come back or serve on a committee, the door is always open. Bruner said we do need to appoint someone. If anyone has any recommendations, please bring to his attention and they can make the motion at a later date. Podgorski had one person contact her who was interested in joining the board. She will forward the information.

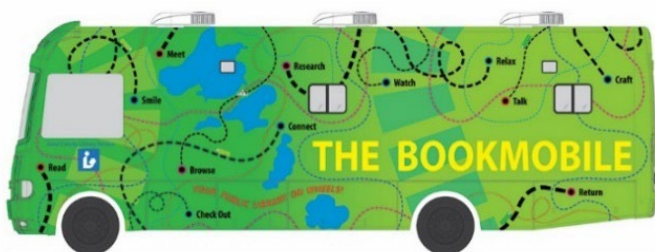
Clerk's report - Worker's comp audit was completed and it resulted in a returned premium of \$545. Full audit was completed on February 16 and 17. February 16 they worked remotely due to the weather and were in our office on the 17th. The report will be done mid-April, so they will come either the second April meeting or first meeting in May. We have to do an audit on TID 1 due to the expense period ending in April. It is mandatory to have the audit

done, and Johnson Block will get us a quote. Kuhlman thanked all the election inspectors, public works, Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell, our Attorney Noah Rusch and Wisconsin Elections Commission for all their help last week in getting everything done. The transition to the new location went smoothly. We had a plan, and it worked well. We had approximately 256 voters. The turnout was 26% in Green County and 28% in Dane County. No complaints from voters in moving the location. We extended the time for an hour and a half. We had about 12-15 voters who came in after 8 a.m. Badger Books were used. They worked well and everyone seemed to like them. 208 Railroad Street today was the deadline for him to file a response to summons and complaint. We haven't received anything yet. Rusch said he had 20 days to respond. We outlined the complaint to the court. As of today, they have not received anything. He might not get notification for a few days. Next step is to file for a default judgment against him for not answering. Tax collection is completed. We received 74.25% of the Green County and 74.94% of the Dane County taxes. We've settled with counties, school district and tech school. We received a \$100 donation for fireworks from a family. Ballet signup has started and first date is March 14. We have paid off another loan for the generator and part of TID 2 land from 2013. Business Park update - Strand has come up with a new design which will cut the project costs down to about \$2.5 million. We will discuss with All Color on Wednesday. The village can afford \$1.5 million for the project and the rest will have to come from the businesses either in a per acre price or a development agreement where costs are paid down the road. Our attorney gave us some options including special assessments or do an assessment that would be more like a tax so they can get tax benefit. O&A has interest to move ahead. Discussion on borrowing capacity.

Kuhlman explained manual updates were made at the last meeting, but Deputy Clerk Olson found additional references to the police department, which should be taken out of the manual. **Arndt made a motion to approve the corrections to the employee manual as presented.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Arndt made a motion at 7:15 p.m. to adjourn. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer



The Dane County Library Service Bookmobile - Thursday evening stops (6-7:30p) at the gazebo at Hotel and Commercial Streets. Library users are encouraged to place holds for items they would like or to use the library's Browse Bundle service:

<https://www.dcls.info/browsebundles> to have library

staff select titles for you. There will be no fines for overdue materials, but we are happy to arrange pickups of returns as well.

Contact Dane County Library Service with questions at 608-266-9297 or bookmobile.dcl@gmail.com.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Exercise Classes held at Brooklyn Community Bldg	**\$5.00/Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455-4201	Pickleball Sun 10a-Noon Mon-Wed & Fri 8a-5p Thurs. 8a-9p				1
2	3	4 Spring Election – Community Bldg 7a-8p **Tires, Oil & Battery Pick-up	5 Garbage	6 Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p	7	8 Easter Egg Hunt - Save The Date –More Info. Coming Soon
9	10 Village Board Mtg 630p	11 Ballet 5-630p	12 Garbage & Recycling	13 Bookmobile-Gazebo 6-730p	14	15
16	17	18 Ballet 5-630p	19 Garbage	20 Bookmobile-Gazebo 6-730p	21	22
23	24 Village Board Mtg 630p	25 Ballet 5-630p	26 Garbage & Recycling Clerk's Office Closed in Afternoon	27 Clerk's Office Closed Bookmobile-Gazebo 6-730p	28 Clerk's Office Closed	29
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