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April 2023 Village News

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Spring Dumpster Days

(at Public Works - South on Hwy 104 at village limits)

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

ITEMS THAT **WILL NOT** BE ACCEPTED:

- ROOFING SHINGLES
- CONCRETE OR STONE
- GRASS/WEEDS/BRUSH/LEAVES
- FLUORESCENT BULBS & FIXTURES
- RECYCLABLES (CARDBOARD OR BOXES) PLASTICS/GLASS/TIN CANS/BOTTLES
- 55 GALLON BARRELS/DRUMS
- PAINT
- ELECTRONICS/COMPUTERS/TV'S
- HAZARDOUS/INFECTIOUS MATERIALS OR THEIR CONTAINERS
- ** OIL, BATTERIES, TIRES, APPLIANCES

** NOTE: Oil & batteries can be brought in and placed in a separate area. No Freon or hazardous containing appliances (refrigerators, ac units, etc.) microwaves or dehumidifiers. Other appliances can be placed in the recycling dumpster. If questions, contact Public Works at 608-455-1842.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, April 27

At Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.



accurateassessor.com

920-749-8098

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

(Open Book allows residents to discuss their property value with the assessor)

Board of Review – Tuesday, June 13th from 6p – 8p

BE SURE TO JOIN US
FOR FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY:

MAY 16TH, JUNE 20TH, JULY 18TH,
AUGUST 15TH & SEPTEMBER 19TH
5PM-8PM

BROOKLYN LEGION PARK



Brooklyn Recreation Committee
is part of The Village of Brooklyn
PO Box 189, 210 Commercial Street,
Brooklyn, WI 53521

www.brooklynwi.gov
www.brooklynrecreation.org
[www.Facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI](https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI)
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Get Fit Class Schedule

Monday - 6:00pm
PIYO

Wednesday night - 6:00pm
Yoga Slow Flow




Save the date for
our Annual
Fall Arts & Crafts Fair
Saturday, September 2nd
9:00am - 3:00pm
Brooklyn Community Building
Still accepting Vendor/Crafter registrations



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 prize - \$200 gift certificate to Overture Center donated by Kathleen Conklin, Body Conscious, LLC; food, activities for kids)

www.brooklynareachamberofcommerce.org Facebook: [BrooklynACoC](https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynACoC)



BROOKLYN-OREGON
AMERICAN LEGION
3RD ANNUAL
CRAFT & VENDOR
FAIR

When

SATURDAY
MAY 13TH

Time

10:00 AM-
3 PM

Where

OREGON TOWN HALL
1138 UNION ROAD

Food

FREE HOT
DOG LUNCH

Raffles

50/50 AND
BUCKET RAFFLES

For more information contact
Rhonda Post Commander @ 608-205-7551

Honor a Veteran at the Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial

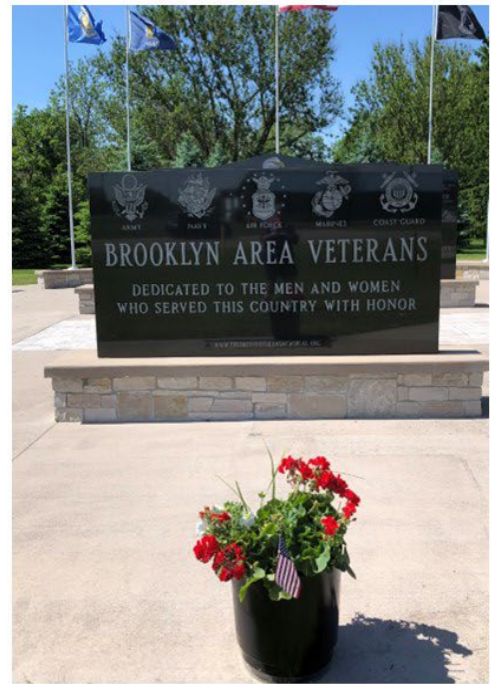
As a veteran you can have your name engraved on the Wall. Go to the website for details

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>



April 2023 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Spring is on the way and with it comes one of the Senior Center's most popular fund raisers. The Senior Center has been welcoming spring with a Brat Bash on the second Friday in May for a number of years, and we would love for you to join us!

On Friday, May 12, from 11:00-1:00 the Senior Center parking lot will host a drive through event in which people can purchase brats and hot dogs. A full meal (which includes a brat or dog, chips and water) will cost \$5.00. You can get a brat or dog without the chips and water for \$4.00.

The meat is purchased from UW Provisions, and is top quality in size and flavor, and has been finished on the grill to give it that flavor people look forward to once the weather warms up in Wisconsin.


The Brat Bash is sponsored by the Oregon Area Council on Aging, which is a non-profit corporation that supports the Senior Center. All profits from the event are used for the benefit of the Senior Center, and to support its mission.

The money raised at the Brat Bash is used to fund such things as: the license that has to be purchased each year in order to show movies; the paper that the Newsletter is printed on; the entertainment that is scheduled at the Senior Center; the tuning of the pianos; the creamer that goes in the coffee; furniture for the Center; and much more. Over the years the Council has invested in computers, and when the staff had to work remotely due to COVID, the Council purchased cell phones for the case managers so they could continue to stay in touch with clients.

Council on Aging funds are used to provide a free meal to veterans on Veterans' Day each year. They are used to help people through the Seniors Helping Seniors Fund. The Senior Center's entertainment budget is provided by the Council on Aging each year.

We hope to see you in the parking lot on May 12. The Brat Bash is a win-win—the purchasers enjoy a delicious lunch, while the profits from the lunch support the Senior Center in the upcoming year.

Celebrate ARBOR DAY – Friday, April 28th



SHARE YOUR
Yes! **TO #ARBORDAY**

Make your Yes go even further. From April 23-28 a tree will be planted for each Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook post with #ArborDay, up to 100,000 trees.

TWITTER FACEBOOK INSTAGRAM

www.arborday.org/celebrate/

Check out this interactive book about the history of arbor day from the arbor day foundation.

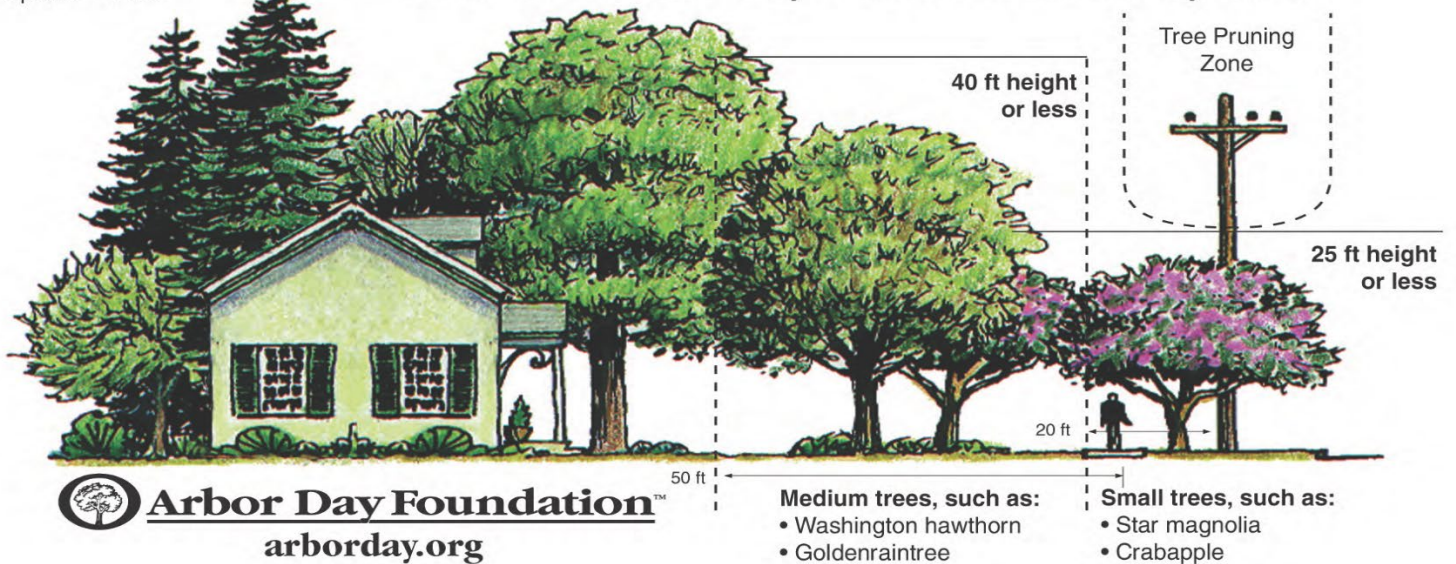
<https://www.arborday.org/celebrate/history.cfm>

Tall trees, such as:

- Maple • Oak
- Spruce • Pine

Plant the right tree in the right place

Plant taller trees away from overhead utility lines



Over the next few pages, we've included some Arbor Day Activities. Also, check out the websites below for more information and activities.

Sponsored by: **IBM**

Created by: **NATURE EXPLORE**
A Collaborative Project of
Arbor Day Foundation and
Dimensions Educational Research Foundation

Nature Action Collaborative for Children
WORLD FORUM FOUNDATION



worldforumfoundation.org/nature



You and a Tree

(part one)

First, explore your yard, take a walk, or visit a park. Try these activities with favorite trees you find. Let's explore the tree's parts.

Roots are like the tree's feet. They keep the tree sturdy and hold it to the ground (just like your feet keep you sturdy). Roots also help the tree soak up water.

Can you put your own **feet** near the tree's roots?➔



Branches are like the tree's arms.



Can you put your own **arms** near the tree's branches?➔

Bark is like the tree's skin. It keeps the tree protected and covered all over (just like your skin protects you).

Feel your **skin**.



Now feel the tree's bark.



What is the difference? (Describe how each one feels.)





You and a Tree

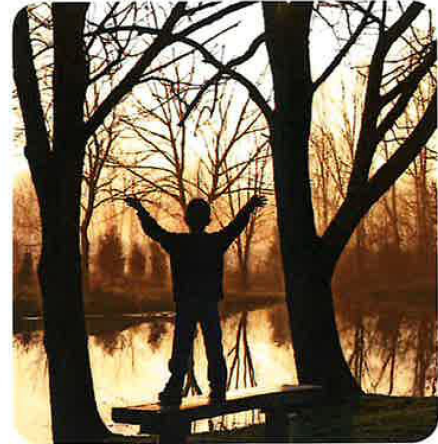
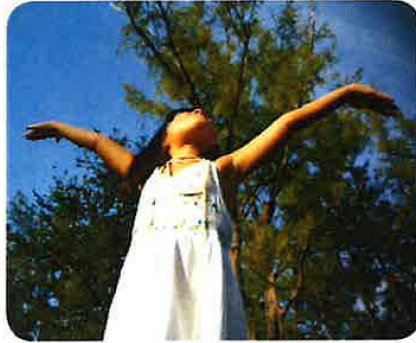
(part two)

Can you make your **body** into the shape of a **tree**?

Pretend your **feet** are the tree's **roots**,

your **stomach** is the tree's **trunk**,

and your **arms** are the tree's **branches**.



Can you move your **body** like a tree in the **wind**?

Can you shake your **arms** like tree branches in the **rain**?



Can you **draw** a picture of your tree and all its **parts**?

Will you draw with pencil, chalk, or your finger in the dirt?





More Resources About Trees

Web Sites:

www.arborday.org
(Arbor Day Foundation)

www.natureexplore.org
(Nature Explore Families' Club)
Adventure Activity 1: Get to Know a Tree
Adventure Activity 3: Your Very Own Story

www.plt.org
(Project Learning Tree)

www.treesff.org
(Trees for the Future)

www.unep.org/billiontreecampaign
(UNEP Billion Tree Campaign)



FUN FACTS ABOUT TREES!

Help children think about the many gifts trees provide for people, such as food, medicine, clothing, or furniture. Here are some great examples...

Coconut Trees

Coconut trees are palms that grow up to 30 metres high. Known as the 'tree of life' because of their huge variety of uses, they grow throughout the tropics. In many parts of the world people use their leaves to make clothing, mats, baskets and roofs. Their fruits provide food, drink, oil, and medicine, and their wood helps build houses and boats.

(Source: www.plantcultures.org)



Coconut Tree

Banana Trees

Did you know that in many parts of the world, the leaf from a banana plant is used like a plate? In West Africa, for example, banana plant leaves are used to hold the batter for steamed bean or grain cakes.



Banana Leaf





JOIN US FOR FREE
**STORM SPOTTER
TRAINING**

Monday, April 17th, 2023

1:00-3:00pm

Monroe Fire Station #1
601 W. 17th St, Monroe, WI

Come Learn About:

- Severe Weather & Weather Safety
- How to be severe weather aware
- Severe Weather Watches and Warnings
- How you can help the National Weather Service as a Trained Spotter

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No pre-registration
required.



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STORM SPOTTER TRAINING

Monday, April 17th, 2023
6:00-8:00pm
New Glarus Fire Station
218 4th Ave, New Glarus, WI

Come Learn About:

- Severe Weather & Weather Safety
- How to be severe weather aware
- Severe Weather Watches and Warnings
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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023

The March 13, 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, Dale Arndt, Andy Meyer, Jenny Lupien, Briana Frank (via Zoom) from Tree Health Management, Deputy Merrick Grumke, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Bruner opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. to discuss updates to the 2023 comprehensive plan. There were no comments in person or in writing. **Olson made a motion to close the public hearing.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried. **The public hearing was closed at 6:31 p.m.**

Public Comments – Jason Marshall – he heard the comment at the last meeting that if we do for one, we have to do for all; we set a precedent. Absolutely, if there is another tree growing through another building, the village should do something about it. It has damaged one building. How long before it damages multiple buildings. Second thing, he heard money numerous times. If a tree is taken down by the village, the cost goes back to the property owner, or is that not true. He assumes it goes back to the property owner and back on his taxes. The specialist discussed nothing with the root system of the tree. Obviously, it only has brace roots on three sides. If it's on the fourth side, that means there's no basement left to that building. It's very weak on that side, if there's no brace roots. He thinks the board should have a second, third opinion. He's torn, what's good, what's bad. The board threw out one, and he understands the conflict of interest. On page 4, it says this is a moderate overall risk, and something should be done to maintain the tree and get rid of some of the deadwood. They had three new holes put in the siding during the ice falling out of that tree. There was a three to four-hour period where you couldn't walk on the sidewalk because of the ice falling out of the tree. That tree is way too big for where it is. If it was growing next to anybody's property, they would be complaining too. The insurance won't do anything about basement damage to the building on our property. If the board feels this is a civil matter, make that decision and move on. Let's address the building issue then. That's cut and dried in his book. There's no inspector that will say it's solid. They tried to help take down the tree, and they got shot down. It's totally wrecked one building. If the board says the side of the building is fine, say it. He doesn't think anyone will. If there is a tree growing into the side of any commercial building, it should be addressed. The arborist says it needs to be maintained. We can send the owner a letter and see where it goes. If the board doesn't want to tackle the tree problem, who's responsible if they do take the tree down and if there is any building damage. If they take the tree down, the side of the building will fall down. The tree is holding that building up. He's not afraid to say it, and he thinks everyone else should open their eyes. What happens if that wall does fall out. His gas lines run up the side of the building, explosions happen. Everyone is worried about money. At what point does it maybe cost someone their life.

Dale Arndt – he agrees with a lot of what Marshall said, but on the other side he feels it's a situation that should be handled by the two owners of the property. He feels a building inspector should look at the building. He doesn't think the village should get involved with money issues with the tree. He's been involved in a tree dispute. He ended up paying for it even though it was on the property line. With the roots growing into the building, that tree is holding Douglas's building up. He thinks the building inspector should look at it. He suggested calling Diggers Hotline to get the gas located. He doesn't know how old that gas line is. That might be something that should be addressed with Alliant Energy; is this a hazard with roots on the gas line. As a taxpayer and former board member, he thinks the next step is a building inspector, really, and that's why we have them. Just address it that way. There were no additional written comments.

Take action on complaint regarding 110 Hotel Street – Bruner introduced Briana Frank from Tree Health Management to give a little more clarity about her assessment of the tree. **Briana Frank** – She has extensive experience in evaluating tree risk and doing tree risk assessments. This assignment is to assess the structural components of the tree. She's not here to comment on the building, but she will comment on the health of the

tree. She started at the top of the tree and discussed her report. The canopy is upright, meaning a vertical structure in nature. The species profile of a Siberian elm is to have small branch structures break out of the crown. That pushes it into a moderate risk rating for the deadwood in that tree. Deadwood is mitigatable in that when you prune and maintain them, you simply don't have the same risk. Urban forestry is about maintaining trees for safety. This should be on a cycle of 3-4 years of maintaining and pruning deadwood. That's where you get the six-inch pieces that can fall off the canopy. The tree is healthy and has good growing points and a nice upright structure. She did note on the north side of the tree there is a well-attached branch, but it extends into the street. That is a second canopy defect and lists the tree as a moderate risk. A professional arborist would mitigate that risk by taking a percentage of weight off of that branch. She then moved on to the trunk. There's a massive burl on the east side, and whenever there's a burl to that extent is when she investigates for wounding. A burl is a reaction wound, which is wood growing in response to a wound underneath. Even though it's a big burl, it doesn't take up more than 30% of that entire circumference of the tree, and the tree canopy is not affected. So when a massive wound is inside of the trunk, you see symptoms of that, and she didn't see any of those symptoms. Visually it's an improbable break. The root flare is healthy. You have massive buttress roots. They're pushing over the building, but they're not impacting the tree itself, and that was her job. Ultimately you can't see the root system. You can only assess the signs that the root system is robust, and we have those massive buttress roots around the tree. There's a really great taper around the base of the tree, which means the tree hasn't been buried. She expects those roots systems reach out to the alleyway and to the street and to the buildings. There have been questions as far as how aggressive you can expect the root system to be in the future and can we expect it to penetrate walls and foundation, and she's not a structural engineer, but it depends on what the foundation is made of, and two, because the tree is mature, it is slowing down in growth. It has been there for a long time, and it's not growing at the same rate as when it was smaller. Most of its structural roots are intact and will continue to grow root system and will continue to grow fine roots. To what extent that will be for the owners on both sides, she can't say. There's a lot of factors that go into that. That's a good discussion to have with a structural engineer. B. Arndt asked how old the tree is. Frank said it's at the 80-90 year mark. They are very fast growing trees and put on a lot of girth. They don't plant them anymore, because they push out native species. Their industry does not condemn trees during assessments because of their species. They consider the profile. They know where certain species tend to break and fail, but they don't get condemned because of what it is. Marshall asked if that has a root base on three sides and the fourth side is wide open ground, does that affect the durability of that tree. If it is growing into the basement of that building and open space, does that do anything? Frank said trees adapt to their sites as they move along. There are two different types of root systems -- a structural root and fine root. The structural root systems put out roots according to physics on the tree. On the windward side of the tree, it's going to grow extra rooting systems, and on the leeward side of the tree, it's going to grow a root system in response to those. It's also growing in response to the buildings. When we get into rooting problems, it's when we have construction changes. For instance, if something changed in one of the buildings or had to sever a portion of the way the tree has been adapting to the site over time, that would be a big problem. The answer is it is not affecting the stability of the tree, in the sense that the tree has been adapting for that its whole life. If there are changes made, then yes. If there are any changes she doesn't know about like root severing during gas install or water line install, that would change the assessment, and that's why there are limitations in her assessment. This is a visual assessment of that tree. If you want her to do that type of analysis, that's a whole different level of assessment.

Brusberg asked her to walk through how the **risk rating** was developed, specifically for this tree and then the three different pieces – 110 Hotel, 112 Hotel and pedestrian traffic. Frank said the first thing is to decide what targets you're assessing for. All risk ratings are according to both the tree failing and the consequences of that tree failing for both buildings and the pedestrian traffic. There's an occupancy rate, and that is the rate of time that any particular target is within the drop zone of that tree. When something is a very low or nonexistent occupancy rate, then they tend not to consider it a target. For instance, moving traffic, could that be considered a target, it could. But the most important part of what comes out of there is people. Occupancy rates for vehicles are usually accompanied by a time study. So a limitation there is that it is the arborist's assumption that occupancy is low for a pedestrian. So the chances of a tree part hitting a person during failure is one in 3 million. It's a rare occurrence. When looking at how often it actually happens versus the attention it gets, it's actually a low occupancy rate, versus

the buildings that are at a constant occupancy rate. So first she goes through and writes down what the defects are that have a likelihood of failure, and that's on page 3. She put in deadwood throughout the tree because it is very easily mitigated by pruning. She considered all of that as one defect. She wrote down targets and likelihood of failure. Deadwood is probable and that comes down to the species profile of Siberian elm. Yes, if you don't prune that tree, it's likely to fail. That's a probable likelihood of failure. Then it asks us to determine not only the likelihood of failure but likelihood of impact. If the tree is out in the woods and fails and doesn't hit anything, they're not considering that a risk. Here the likelihood of impact for both buildings is high because if deadwood breaks out of that tree, it will hit those buildings. It's low for humans. It's very unlikely according to statistics that humans are going to get hit by a falling branch. What are the consequences of that happening, given the size of that deadwood in that tree. When they consider consequences, they assume it's going to fail. If a massive piece of deadwood is in that crown, then the consequences would be significant if it hit the buildings. There's not. It's all smaller deadwood. So she assumes the consequences of that are a financial ding and minor. The consequences for hitting a pedestrian every single time is always going to be severe. We're taking this from a matrix to come up with risk rating. So how likely is it to fail in the first place, how likely to fail and hit something, and then what are the consequences of it hitting something. She also did the same thing with the overextended branch on the north side of the tree. All the other branches are upright and unlikely to fail. That tree gets a lot of wind. There's no protective value. This tree has been growing all by itself, so it has the upright structure more likely to take wind load. Not deadwood, the live tissue. Deadwood is likely to break out if there's high wind load. Live tissue is not. If we walk through the likelihood of failure, it's a very well attached branch, very little chance it fails, but it is possible. If that branch breaks, the likelihood of it hitting 110 Hotel is high, very little of it would strike 112 Hotel, and it's a low possibility it's hitting a pedestrian. Consequences for that, if that is to fail, it is a significant damage, expense to the buildings. It's a severe consequence if hits a human. That's how they consider their moderate/low rating. The trunk, the burl on the east side, given how the tree is functioning and small percentage of total circumference that it encompasses, that part failing and having a total tree failure is improbable. If it were to fail, the likelihood of impact to 110 Hotel is very high, the likelihood of impact to 112 is medium, and a human impact is low. So the consequences are significant, significant, and severe if it hits a human. That's how they walk through how to talk about risk.

The reason the industry standards train arborists to speak with this language is so that every arborist that talks to you at a meeting like this should be using the same language, because it's confusing to have different arborists on site that share different opinions, especially if speaking a different language. This puts them all on the same page. Then regarding mitigating, whenever assessing, they are responsibly giving recommendations to lower the risk that they have assessed the tree at. If you're pruning the deadwood regularly, it turns into a low risk. The same with the branch and then the trunk, it's a low risk. She did put in the report to have somebody inspecting yearly. As far as moving into the building, that's the hardest thing for you, and that is not what she was hired for. This is the assessment of how this tree is doing. The tree is going to push the building over. You can see the building is not having that much affect on the tree, but the tree is going to grow and that condition will get worse. B. Arndt thanked her for explaining. Frank said it's nice to have several opinions. Bruner thanked her for making herself available. Frank said to let her know if she can be of further assistance.

Bachim thinks the tree is a civil matter, but the building should be inspected by a structural engineer. A building inspector is not an engineer. B. Arndt said referring back to Railroad Street, are we going to need to have a warrant. Bruner said yes. Bachim said he thinks that's where we have to go. He's afraid if the tree comes down, the safety of removing the tree and anyone going by and the gas line, it's dangerous for anyone nearby. It will damage 112 Hotel, if it falls that way. It's the building before the tree. The tree is a civil matter. Bruner said he's comfortable that the tree is structurally sound, but the damage to the buildings as it keeps growing is definitely a question. B. Arndt said if we're going to set a precedence, it's to take care of your stuff. Olson suggested having the building inspector start and go through the proper channels. B. Arndt asked if there's a yearly inspection on commercial buildings. Bachim said for the inspections that they get for fire, but a fire inspector is not a trained engineer. They're looking at fire codes. B. Arndt asked if the fire department deems it not fire safe, do they refer to the building inspector. Bachim said then it goes through the same path. Brusberg agrees the tree is a civil

matter, but we should have the building inspected. He suggested calling Diggers Hotline to show where the gas lines are for piece of mind. Marshall said the gas line runs up the west side of the building. If we have people check stuff, Alliant should look into the power lines. Brusberg reminded everyone they should maintain their stuff. It's still your tree, your problem, but structurally maintain your building and maintain your residence. B. Arndt said after inspection if we deem the property a nuisance or hazardous, then do we step in and the owner has to pay and take down. Bachim said yes, if things will go that far, the owner will have to pay and it can go onto the tax roll. We have to do what's right for the village. **Bachim made a motion that the tree is a civil matter.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. **Bachim made a motion that the village should step in and start the process of a building inspection on 110 Hotel Street for structural integrity.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman is contacting Alliant to look at power on the building. Marshall mentioned to also talk to them about the pole in front, it's leaning.

Main Street Music event application – Andy Meyer – Kuhlman said she contacted all the neighbors. B. Arndt asked after 7 p.m. what will the venue look like. Meyer said just like a regular night, bands inside and 11 p.m. done. **Olson made a motion to approve the special event permit for Main Street Music and Event Venue for Andy Meyer for May 20 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried. **Podgorski made a motion to make a change to the alcohol license at Main Street Music for May 20, 2023.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. **Bachim made a motion to allow amplified music May 20, 2023 from hours of 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Meyer asked about music in the beer garden in the summer. It would not be crazy loud during the day. Bruner told him to put in an application for an amplified music permit and make it run all summer.

Brusberg made a motion to approve minutes of February 27. Podgorski seconded. Motion carried. **Brusberg made a motion to approve minutes of March 6.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

President's report – nothing.

New business -- Olson reviewed bills and found no issues. Brusberg also reviewed. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the changes in the comprehensive plan. Bachim seconded. Motion carried. **Arndt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 105-9, Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – In February the total deposits were \$225,697.05, which included \$134,803.92 of final taxes. Total withdrawals for the month were \$526,194.02, which included debt services of \$40,025.98 and February tax settlement to the counties and school districts of \$295,307.19. So we ended the month with \$2,550,184.10 in all accounts. We're still waiting on 208 Railroad. The election is April 4. Tomorrow current absentee ballots will be sent in mail and next week starts in person absentee voting. Highway 14 project between Highway 92 and Evansville will start in 2026. There was a Zoom meeting that Spilde and she attended. They talked about what they're going to do. They will have a meeting in Evansville open to the public. They will shut down from 92 to Evansville, and rerouting through the village. Bruner thought traffic will be open during construction. Olson said they will probably have some of it open as they work their way down. The meeting is scheduled for March 23 at Creekside in Evansville. Remainder of TID 1 agreements will be signed before the end of the month. Kuhlman asked board about clerk and deputy clerk attending three different conferences. **Olson made a motion to approve the clerk attending the Wisconsin Government Finance Officers Association conference April 20-21 in Elkhart Lake.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried. **Bachim made a motion to have clerk and deputy clerk attend the Municipal Treasurers Association of Wisconsin conference April 26 and 28 in Elkhart Lake and reasonable expenses.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained. **Podgorski made a motion for clerk to attend the virtual UW-Green Bay Treasurer Completion Institute July 17-21.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried. Arndt asked if clerk's office will be closed April 26-28. Kuhlman said yes.

Bruner made a motion to postpone open trustee position until the next meeting. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Bachim made motion at 7:32 p.m. to convene into closed session. Arndt seconded. Ayes – Arndt, Brusberg, Bruner, Olson, Bachim and Podgorski. Noes – none.

Bachim made a motion at 8:09 p.m. to reconvene into open session. Podgorski seconded. Ayes – Arndt, Brusberg, Bruner, Olson, Bachim and Podgorski. Noes - none.

Brusberg made a motion to approve the items discussed in closed session pertaining to the legal action. Arndt seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg made motion to move forward with what was discussed in closed session regarding the Business Park. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Bachim made a motion at 8:11 p.m. to adjourn. Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2023**

The March 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, and Jacob Bachim. Trustee Brandon Arndt arrived late, and Trustee Janeen Podgorski was absent. Also present were Sue McCallum, Mike Gehrman, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments – Brusberg thanked Jake Bachim and Brandon Arndt for their service for the last two years and all the things they’ve done for the community at the board level and committees and Bachim with the fire department. It’s been a pleasure getting to know and work with them. Bruner thanked Bachim and Arndt.

Council on Aging – McCallum gave the board written reports from the Council on Aging and joint municipal meetings and a sheet with overall budgets for other senior centers. Town of Oregon representative had contacted multiple other centers, but it wasn’t an official documentation at the last meeting, and at the prior meeting Town of Rutland asked for a budget gross cost comparison. Phil Van Campen, who was on Oregon Village Board, said when they developed the contract and tried to figure out how to bill, they started using populations, but the towns felt they were overpaying so then it changed to use and monies allocated went down. Someone had asked about going with population, if that would reduce the budget. Oregon Village treasurer’s office ran figures and Town of Oregon would go up another 20%. So it doesn’t look like that will come into play. The monies we as the Village pay currently pays for our use. One other thing the Village of Oregon pointed out that is unique is that the Village of Oregon pays all of the administrative costs. That’s how it was decided a long time ago. If you look at overall budgets, look at the detail because not all municipalities get the same services. They don’t think our budget is out of line with the many, many services they offer. They are concerned about getting another contract so that they have certainty when looking at budgeting and going forward. They will meet again April 27. Brickner and others wanted to know how to handle new people being elected on all boards and how to bring them up to speed. Would the board want her to explain to the board where funds come from and what projects they support. Town of Oregon brought up a memorandum of understanding, because they don’t think the town would join a contract. No one commented on that. Brusberg asked about when budget is determined. McCallum said June and July. Bruner asked if Rachel Brickner is available, he’d invite her to the meeting on May 22. McCallum said they’re proposing a

3% increase, applying current formula. Current contract expires 2023. McCallum will let her know that Kuhlman will contact her. They're also talking about a joint meeting with all the boards and new people. Brickner will meet in April with town boards at their annual meetings. Would like to have contract figured out in September going forward. It seems like everyone is in the same budget problems. Olson asked if they could have a letter that explains for the new members, to read at their leisure. McCallum said Kuhlman can provide that because Brickner gives a yearly report every year and she can forward those to the new people. McCallum said the pancake breakfast made \$140 on after sales, which is people buying the things left over. Otherwise it took in \$1,721 and bake sale took in \$625. McCallum will be serving on Oregon High School Award Committee from the Senior Center. She will also start in April on the reaccreditation committee. They will be meeting once a month for a year. It's done every five years. The window cling was handed out last meeting. People don't understand what the Senior Center is, so that's why they did the cling. No questions from the board. The Board thanked McCallum for the report.

Bruner would like to move unfinished business up in the agenda. For the open trustee position, Bruner nominated Mike Gehrman. Gehrman has been a member of Planning and Zoning for quite some time, and he's very knowledgeable. Bruner thinks he will be great for the board. This will fill Brennum's seat, to finish out for the next year. **Bachim made a motion to have Mike Gehrman be the fill-in trustee.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Bruner said he should stop in the clerk's office to be sworn in. His first meeting will be April 10. The board thanked Gehrman.

Olson made a motion to approve minutes of March 13, 2023. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

President's report – will all due respect to neighboring municipalities, he would like to thank the board, because he doesn't believe we need to have a decorum protocol. He thinks they treat each other with respect and other municipalities with respect.

Public Works Report – Olson presented the sealcoating bids. There's a new coating we're going to try and that's why we're only doing the community building and public works shop. They sent out for bids and received two. The Public Works Committee is recommending DnS Asphalt for \$6,780 for sealcoating for the two jobs. Brusberg asked what the difference is in the new coating. Olson said it is more of a spray. Bruner added it's like we used to with a slurry. Olson there's potential of doing it on the street, so they want to try it on parking lots first to see if we can get rid of using the granite and pea gravel. **Bachim made a motion to accept DnS bid for sealcoating.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Olson stated we have a bid from Water Well Solutions with different step options for the well #1 inspection and improvement costs. There is a possible high cost of \$70,000 to \$100,000, because we don't know what to expect when they pull the pipes. Brusberg asked the likely scenario. Olson said last time we had to replace pipe. Bruner said they pull the pipes and televise the shaft. Bachim said there's probably a good chance to prepare for the worst. Kuhlman said we have over \$300,000 in water cash fund. Bruner added it is inspected on a 10-year cycle. Olson said the worst case scenario is \$75,000 to \$100,000, but it may be middle of road or extreme. Olson said early September is when we will schedule the work. **Bachim made a motion to approve Water Well Solutions estimate to not exceed \$108,000.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Olson said we have two applicants for the Public Works full-time employee. We did background checks on both. Bachim and Olson volunteered to do interviews next Monday April 3 in the afternoon.

Public Works/Utilities/EM report - WET test was done February 27 to March 3 and we passed. Wastewater treatment plant permit is due April 4, and Spilde is in discussion with DNR to extend because the permit wasn't available until a week ago, and there's a lot on the permit to be discussed with the DNR. Dane County Emergency Management has municipal liaisons now. Salted twice and plowed four times in February. Employees went to court for Disch versus the Village. West Main Street light power issue was a wiring issue. US Highway 14

resurfacing detour will be Highway 92 to 104. Seasonal employee ad is out and had one applicant. They fixed the North Rutland stormwater inlet. Brusberg asked whether the student who helped last year is available again. Olson said that was through the state.

Clerk's report – Election is next Tuesday at the community building. Absentee voting is continuing this week. Spilde went to the Green County Government Days. They talked about the ATV ordinance changes in Green County. They changed the hours and want lighting on the ATV. We've incorporated the state statutes, which includes the lighting, but we don't have anything with hours in our ordinance. We asked Kathy Pennington, County board supervisor, if it would affect us. She didn't think it would, but it allows the Green County Sheriff's Department to enforce throughout the county. Reflective signage is another requirement in the ordinances, but that's regulated by the state, so we'll have to wait and see. The other issue brought up was the Green County matching funds. Every year we put in \$2,000 and they match and it can be used for street projects. They're talking about the matching funds only being used for tree work. We are waiting to see if that happens, because we have \$19,000 built up and we will try to use that up before the end of the year. Bruner informed the board that he approved the attorney to settle the Pixsy matter for \$750 with a full release. Kuhlman said 208 Railroad Street has a default judgment hearing on April 18. If granted, the owner has 45 days to appeal. The state started a Bounceback grants a few years ago, and we had three businesses take advantage of the grant. Farm 42, Brooklyn Barn and Art Bohemian were awarded \$10,000 each. We put in our ITA and PERF to DNR for going through the Clean Water Fund loan process, and we are on the list if we want to go ahead with a project next year. This would be if we wanted to go ahead with the Hotel Street project. We received our ISO rating today. We are rated as a three out of 10, with one being the best. We've been at three for awhile. The letter explained how they score and why we received that rating.

Bruner added he was at the carpenter's legislative conference last week, and he met Senator Mark Spreitzer. He didn't have a chance to meet with Jenna Jacobson, but he will try to reach out and put together a Saturday morning meet for coffee with them to talk about money that's sitting in surplus that we'd like to see shared with municipalities and other concerns.

Olson reviewed bills. He can't approve voucher 13707 for Vicki Olson for mileage. **Brusberg made a motion to approve bills as presented including voucher 13707.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained.

Fourth of July – Justin Brooks reached out to Bruner with a proposal for fireworks. All the pricing is locked in but doesn't know if insurance will go up. If it does, it won't be too much extra. The price he gave for the show is \$6,004.80. He is once again donating back \$1000, and they will add in the extra shells. We don't have to take action on this yet, but we need to work out a date. Bruner said we have money in the account. We also received a \$100 donation. Board discussed possible dates and money available. Kuhlman said we received donations of \$7,100 last year and spent \$6,000. Discussion on donations. Brusberg said last year we were going to have a committee to get donations, is that the same as this year. Bachim would like to keep it going to help fund for next year. Discussion ended with a possible date of July 1, Saturday.

Brusberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04 for the 2023 Arbor Day Proclamation. Bachim seconded. Motion carried. Arndt arrived at 7:21 p.m. Bruner explained Resolution 2023-05 is for a controlled burn at Brooklyn Elementary. Kuhlman said they try to do it every four years but missed a few years because of COVID. They burn a part of the prairie behind the school as an educational day for the kids. **Bachim made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05 for Brooklyn Fire Department for educational purposes of burning at the Brooklyn Elementary School prairie.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Bruner said Dr. Bergstrom, the superintendent of Oregon School District, sent him an email. They are concerned with lack of police coverage and concerned that the school district does not supply an Oregon officer to be an SRO at Brooklyn Elementary, so they are interested in looking into sharing the cost of a deputy in order for BKE to have an SRO. We'd have to negotiate with the school district, but it could give us a second full-time deputy. Brusberg

asked whether that person would be on site or in the village limits. Bruner said it would be something we would negotiate, but it's unreasonable to ask them to be there all day every day during the school day, but as long as they're in the village and seconds away, it's worth looking into. Olson and Bachim agreed. We'll have to look at the costs and see what's in the budget and ask them to make up the shortfall. Bruner said if they want to start in September, we could talk about contributing to cost of overtime officers. Olson said we can't guarantee officers with the overtime. Brusberg said we should look at what it costs for two full time versus what we have now and they fill in the void. We could take down a portion of the overtime, but not all of it. The village is already paying taxes to the school district for an SRO, and the school has made the decision that they're not coming to Brooklyn. The community shouldn't get double charged. Discussion. Brusberg said they should fill the void, and if it allows coverage 80 hours a week, it's a win for everyone. Kuhlman said there's an \$88,000 difference between what we pay now and two full time deputies. Brusberg said if they do cost share, that resource should stay in Brooklyn. Bruner said we will try to meet with Dr. Bergstrom early next month and discuss with her what they're looking for and what we're looking for. Olson said to make sure they're aware of possible increases for cost of living and we also made the decision on the squad.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Bruner said they had two property owners come with preliminary plans for building. PZ told them they're interested in pursuing but need to see a more definite plans before approving. One is on N. Rutland and then the two lots north of Canterling Café. Olson said it would be two fourplexes on two lots north of the cafe. The two units closer to N. Rutland would have a front entryway to the street and main entry on the rear. The other one on N Rutland is a long deep lot with the house in front with garage behind it, and they're looking to add onto the house to make it a duplex. Olson said they have to come up with elevation and stormwater and a list of things before they do anything about it. They want to see a more detailed plan. Bruner said they looked at the fee schedule. Kuhlman said in red are the new fees recommended by planning and zoning. From he water impact fees and on were recommendations by the clerk's office. The water impact fees, we had reached the highest amount in the table, so we took out the table. The sewer and water rates were changed in the last year and had not been updated. The new refuse schedule was added. The last few pages are forfeiture fees. We updated the ordinance chapters. Brusberg asked what's causing the increase in building permit fees. Bruner said it starts with what they're using the building for and then there's a square footage charged. Brusberg asked if they're comparable with other communities. Bachim said there's a lot of difference in communities. Kuhlman added Roth raised prices as well. **Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 of the Village Board Village of Brooklyn for resolution for ordinance Schedule C amendments.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Recreation Committee – Arndt was unable to attend the meeting earlier tonight, so no updates. Kuhlman mentioned the Easter Egg hunt is on April 8.

Fire/EMS - Brusberg said they met last Wednesday. They haven't had a meeting since December. Fire car one is back in service and getting lots of use. The cost was \$5,600 with warranty and a used engine. It's used for a lot of the trainings, but also calls recently where available. Flex EMT staffing certification was received. It's a high level and allows them to do advanced interactions. It was put in motion on a call last week. Everyone is extremely proud. With that, they are probably going to have to adjust some paid on call rates, so they will likely to increase that from \$3 to \$5 if on call. If on premises, \$15 to \$18. The dollars came through from ARPA and they received the flex grant for the ambulance. They added two more employees to WRS, so have a total of five receiving that benefit. It's made it a bit more attractive for people filling hours and shifts, and two to three others are getting closer. They've started to talk about things proactively to do in advance of summer season regarding out of service hours. They were at 62.5 hours out of service last month. Discussion about different options. They were going to talk to officers and members and get their perspective. They made a decision regarding district cell phones. They have dropped one for now. They wondered if they need to put one in car one. The potential is to go from four to two. There was a lot of discussion on retirement benefits, but they postponed decision to get more information. There are multiple programs – WRS, the CD and the SAP program. The secretary was going to look more into this.

Bachim made a motion at 7:45 p.m. to go into closed session. Arndt seconded. Ayes – Arndt, Brusberg, Bruner, Olson and Bachim. Noes – none. **Bachim made a motion at 8:14 p.m. to convene back into open session.** Arndt seconded. Ayes – Arndt, Brusberg, Bruner, Olson and Bachim. Noes – none. **Bachim made a motion on new rates for the land sales in the Business Park.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Arndt made a motion at 8:15 p.m. to adjourn. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 **Tires, Oil & Battery Pick-up Brooklyn Area Chamber Business Fair 430-7p	3 Garbage Yoga 6p	4 Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p	5 Dumpster Days 2-7p	6 Dumpster Days Noon- 6p
7 Dumpster Days 10a-2p	8 Dumpster Days 2-7p Village Board Mtg 630p PIYO 6p	9 Brush Pick-up Ballet 5-630p Dumpster Days 2-7p	10 Garbage & Recycling Dumpster Days 2-7p Yoga 6p	11 Dumpster Days 2-7p Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p	12 Dumpster Days 2-7p	13 Dumpster Days Noon- 6p
14 Dumpster Days 10a-2p	15 PIYO 6p	16 Ballet 5-630p Food Trucks – Legion Park 5-8p	17 Garbage Yoga 6p	18 Bookmobile-Gazebo 6-730p	19	20
21	22 PIYO 6p Village Board Mtg 630p	23 Ballet 5-630p	24 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p	25 Open Book 4p-6p Bookmobile-Gazebo 6-730p	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Clerk’s Office & Public Works Dept Closed	30	31 Garbage Yoga 6p			
Exercise Classes held at Brooklyn Community Bldg	Pickleball - Sun 10a- Noon and Mon-Wed & Fri 8a-5p Thurs. 8a-9p	**\$5.00/Tire Contact Clerk’s Office 608-455- 4201				