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May 2023 Village News

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HYDRANT FLUSHING – May 15th through 26th

During hydrant flushing, it is possible that temporary discoloration will appear in the water due to loosened iron, sediment, or air bubbles. Residents should refrain from washing laundry or using a dishwashing machine when flushing is occurring in or near their neighborhood as the temporarily discolored water may cause staining. Also, a more pronounced chlorine taste or odor in the water may be noticed just after flushing.

When flushing is completed, it is recommended to run the cold water taps until water appears clear prior to use. This will help clear out any sediment and air bubbles that may have entered the water lines inside the home. Any increased chlorine taste and odors will dissipate after a couple of days. If water pressure seems low, check faucet screens for trapped particles.

Summer Lawn Meter(s)



Outside water meters are available at the Clerk's Office to be rented for outdoor purposes. This includes establishing a new lawn, filling a pool, or watering your garden.

Water used outdoors is not discharged into the wastewater system. Therefore, residents can rent outside meters to track their outdoor usage and receive a sewer use credit at the end of the summer season or by calling in the meter readings monthly (27th of each mo.) to the Clerk's Office at 608-455-4201 ext. 1.

Cost

The cost is as follows:

- \$ 7.50 rental fee per month
- \$ 100 security deposit

If the meter is damaged in any way, including leaving it out in freezing conditions, the security deposit will be forfeited. Meters need to be returned by September 30th.

Pursuant to the PSC, water adjustments cannot be made for temporary water meters.

Congratulations to Curt Golz on his retirement after 23 years working for the village. The Brooklyn Elementary School 4th Graders helped celebrate by planting a tree in Legion Park dedicating it to Curt for all his hard work. #ARBORDAY





MAY 14 – 20, 2023



accurateassessor.com
920-749-8098

Open Book - Thursday, May 25th from 4p – 6p
At Village Hall – 210 Commercial St.

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

Board of Review – Tuesday, June 13th from 6p – 8p
At Village Hall – 210 Commercial St.



**Get Fit Class
Schedule**

Monday - 6:00pm
PIYO

Wednesday night - 6:00pm
Yoga Slow Flow



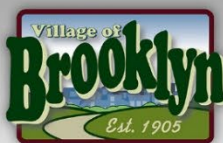
**Save the date for
our Annual
Fall Arts & Crafts Fair**
Saturday, September 2nd
9:00am - 3:00pm
Brooklyn Community Building
Still accepting Vendor/Crafter registrations

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
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HOME ABOUT US **QUEEN PROGRAM** BREAKFAST ON THE FARM DAIRY DAYS CALENDAR THE BOARD

Community Dairy Queens - Royalty & Responsibility

The Green County Ag Chest is most visible through its Community Dairy Queen Program. Each year for the past 50 years, [a new group of young women](#) are chosen by their communities to represent Green County agriculture and the dairy industry. The Green County Dairy Queen and Princess are the faces of the Ag Chest and serve as hostess for Green County events. Each Community Dairy Queen serves as hostess for their respective communities.

Each spring, young women from the eleven participating communities in Green County are invited to attend a Green County Ag Chest meeting to affirm their intention to run for Dairy Queen. Community Dairy Queens are crowned through June. Sometime in mid-June, Community Dairy Queens attend an evaluation and interview day where they are judged on their professionalism, kindness, humility, and agricultural knowledge. The Green County Dairy Queen and Princess are then announced during Dairy Days.

The Green County Ag Chest Dairy Queen Program is an iconic tradition that has been embraced by the people of Green County for more than half a century. [Past Community Dairy Queens](#) have said that their time spent as royalty was a pivotal experience in their personal growth.

"The Green County Ag Chest Dairy Queen Program is an excellent opportunity for young women to develop their professional skills through community service, philanthropy, and education."

-Paige Bittner

Green County Dairy Princess 2017-2018

Interested in becoming a 2023 - 2024 Green County Dairy Queen?

To be eligible for the Green County Ag Chest Dairy Queen Program, all interested candidates:

MUST attend the March, April, or May Ag Chest meeting,

MUST be available for the entire duration of judging held on May 20th in Juda, and

MUST attend the 2023 Green County Dairy Breakfast on May 27th

Visit our [Documents](#) page to review the Green County Ag Chest Queen Handbook.



**Ice Cream Social
Brooklyn Methodist Church
Thursday, June 1st
4:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Serving: Barbeque, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Pies,
Assorted Desserts, Milk, Soda, Coffee & Water.**

**Brooklyn Dairy Queen Crowning
7 pm
See You There!
Handicap Accessible**

COMMUNITY POTLUCK

**Thursday, May 25
At Noon**

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.



**Memorial Day Ceremony
May 29, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial
(400 W. Main Street – Brooklyn)**

Additional Services:

11:00 a.m. – Oregon @ Oregon WWII Monument,
Janesville Street

12:30 p.m. – Fitchburg @ Schley Memorial, Gorman
Wayside (2377 S Fish Hatchery Road) or in case of
inclement weather @Fitchburg Fire Station Lacy Rd

ASPIRING LEADERS OF GREEN COUNTY

SUMMER KICK-OFF EVENT

COME HAVE A FEW DRINKS, FOOD, AND MEET
NEW FRINDS! LEARN ABOUT OTHER EVENTS
HAPPENING THIS SUMMER.
ENTER TO WIN A FREE PRIZE!

May 24th
4:00 p.m.
to
7:00 p.m.

CACTUS CO. BAR
& GRILL

1610 11TH ST, MONROE, WI 53566

Learn more about Aspiring
Leaders of Green County at
<https://bit.ly/3mqirBR>

CAN WE COUNT YOU IN?
SCAN HERE TO RSVP



May 2023 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Every year in May, the Senior Center throws a party, celebrating the anniversary of the opening of its doors in 1980. The free event is open to the public, and features food and entertainment. If you want to join us, all you need to do is RSVP at 608-835-5801.

This year's party will be held on Wednesday, May 24, starting at 1:00. There will be hors d'oeuvres and cake and music from The Dalton Gang, along with some antics by the current Senior Center staff.

This year marks 43 years since the Senior Center opened its doors to the public in a part of the former Paul's Grocery Store that was remodeled to house the Senior Center and the new library. Both services had previously been operating out of a very cramped Village Hall and were glad to move into larger quarters.

In the early 90's the library built a new building next door, and the Senior Center expanded into the space the library left behind. Now as the Senior Center marks 43 years in this building, the Village of Oregon has begun to study what a future Senior Center might look like.

In 2022, the Senior Center was responsible for providing over twelve and a half thousand meals to local older adults. That was just one year. If we had the number for all 43 years, it would be astonishing to consider.

Similarly, last year volunteers drove collectively more than the distance around the world at the equator taking seniors to appointments and delivering meals to them. Again, I wonder how many miles have been driven for the benefit of local seniors during the last 43 years. Have we made it to the moon and back? Even farther?

Much has changed in 43 years, but much has remained the same. The Center's commitment to supporting older adults and their support network has never wavered. To the best of my ability to research, there have been 75 employees of the Senior Center during those years. Many of them have been long haulers, developing skills and community relationships over many years, to the benefit of the people the Center has served.

The Senior Center is proud of what it has accomplished in the last 43 years. We hope you can come join us for our party on May 24!

Fill your car with brats and (hot) dogs at the
DRIVE-THROUGH
BRAT BASH!

Friday, May 12
11:00 AM—1:00 PM
Oregon Area Senior Center
219 Park Street, Oregon

FUND RAISER



Brat or Hot Dog with chips and bottled water are \$5.00 each. (\$4.00 without chips and water).
Please enter the parking lot through the east driveway (the one closest to the Library).

For more information, please call 608-835-5801
All profits to benefit the Oregon Area Senior Center

Oregon Area Senior Center Services

Take advantage of the many free, donation-based or reduced-cost options available!

Loan Closet

- Medical equipment for short term loan **regardless of user age**



Adult Day Program

- State-licensed program three mornings per week offers mental, physical and social stimulation in a safe, supportive environment
- Offers respite for care partners
- Variety of funding options available

Meals

- Nutritious lunches available Monday through Friday
- Meals are served at the Senior Center except Thursdays, when lunches are at Ziggy's BBQ and Ice Cream Parlor on South Main Street
- The cost for a meal is a donation for those 60 and over
- Meals are delivered to qualifying homebound individuals by volunteers
- Meals are no-added salt, and can accommodate low salt, no concentrated sweets, pureed and mechanical soft diets



Case Management

- Two staff provide free case management services for older adults (including people 50 and over who are on Medicaid)
- Case Managers work on a variety of issues including housing, financial issues, home chore, home health, Medicare, and Part D Planfinders

Transportation in Dane County

- RSVP volunteers take ambulatory seniors to appointments
- Van service door-to-door is available for meals, food pantry, grocery shopping, and some errands
- Van service door-to-door is available in some areas for the Adult Day Program



Exercise and Wellness

- Class fees range from \$3.00 to \$6.00 per class
- Classes are taught by physical therapists or certified instructors
- **No age limits for exercise classes**
- Currently offered classes include:
 - * Zumba Gold
 - * Gentle Yoga
 - * StrongWomen
 - * Parkinson's Exercise
 - * Balance Class
 - * Fire Up Your Fitness (Silver Sneakers)
- Weekly blood pressure checks at no cost
- Monthly Diabetic Support Group
- Monthly Veterans Group
- Monthly Memory Café
- Reflexology
- Footcare twice monthly



Health and Wellness Education

- Classes frequently offered include:
 - * Stepping On - Falls Prevention Class
 - * Mind Over Matter Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder - Incontinence program for women
- On-going wellness education ranging from one-time presentations to on-going series
- AARP Smart Driver and CarFit Programs



Recreation

- Large variety of entertainment and social programs
- Numerous volunteer opportunities
- Weekly card and game groups, including Euchre, Bridge, Dominoes, Pool, and Mahjonn
- Monthly craft groups
- Creative Writing Groups & Book Clubs
- Recently-released movies shown twice monthly
- **No age limits on social or recreational groups**



Monthly Newsletters

- Paper copies available at the Senior Center, several Oregon businesses, or by subscription
- Electronic copies available by email or on the Village of Oregon/Senior Center Website

Oregon Area
Senior Center

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Call with
Questions!

219 Park Street
Oregon, WI 53575
608-835-5801



BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS



WEBSITE

www.brooklynfireems.org

FACEBOOK

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Brooklyn WI Fire and EMS

2022

2022 was a busy year here at Brooklyn Fire & EMS. 2022 was our first full year as one combined department for the members of Fire and EMS. Change is never easy, but our members have done an amazing job adjusting. Several members have taken classes and attended additional trainings to advance their knowledge to be better equipped to serve you, all while still responding to the 305 emergency calls that we had in 2022. We were fortunate to have 10 new members join our team in 2022!

CARD PARTY

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH 2023

Food will be served from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Euchre will start at 6:30 p.m.

Enclosed are two, \$5.00 tickets for entry to the party. Join your friends and neighbors for a fun evening of euchre with sandwiches, beverages, treats and prizes! This is one of our main fund-raising events of the year. All contributions are greatly appreciated. The Brooklyn Fire & EMS Association is 501(c)3 compliant. Proceeds from fund raising events have been used for training materials and expenses, meals for personnel during emergency situations, and to support and grow public education programs for Fire and EMS in our community. In 2022 Brooklyn Fire and EMS purchased updated CPR training manikins that provide real time feedback to ensure that high quality CPR is being performed. We were also able to purchase new battery powered tools and portable lighting for our newest fire engine in the fleet. This year the Brooklyn Fire & EMS Association is planning to purchase new dress uniforms for our members. These uniforms would be a much-needed improvement to what we have currently. They would be used for special occasions, and events related to the Fire and EMS department and the community.

FLEX STAFFING

We are excited to announce that we have successfully advanced the scope of practice of our emergency medical service. What does this mean for you? Many of our members are certified at the AEMT, or Advanced EMT level, which certifies them to administer a higher level of care than before. When we are appropriately staffed with a credentialed AEMT, our service will now be able to provide Advanced EMT level patient care and interventions. This is the highest level of service that has ever been offered in Brooklyn.

MONETARY DONATIONS

We would appreciate donations by check be issued to the Brooklyn Fire & EMS Association.

Checks can be mailed to Brooklyn Fire & EMS P.O. Box 250 Brooklyn, WI 53521.

GRANT

In 2022 we were awarded an EMS flex grant from the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services. This grant will be applied towards the purchase of a new ambulance. To keep up with regulations our ambulance is due to be replaced in 2024. The amount

that we were awarded from this grant was \$89,005. This is the largest grant that we have ever received.

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

If you have any questions regarding any events or fundraisers that we are having we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at:

departmentevents@brooklynfireems.org

CONTROLLED BURN REGISTRY

If you plan to do any outdoor burning, you can easily register your information on our website. We encourage you to refer to the DNR website for any outside fire threats or burning bans prior to your controlled burn. For more questions regarding burning ordinances in your area please check our website for each of the five municipalities in our fire district.

BROOKLYN S.A.F.E. (Brooklyn Support of Fire and EMS)

Are you looking for a way to help us out without becoming a firefighter or EMT? This may be the opportunity for you. Brooklyn S.A.F.E. is made up of firefighter and EMT spouses and other community members like you! We are looking for people with different skill sets and experiences that would like to volunteer some of their time. Do you know how to write grants? Can you hold seminars on health and nutrition? Are you a physical fitness coach? Are you a cleaner? Are you a painter? Do you have any other talents that you would be willing to share? We would love for you to join our group!

For more information, email us at departmentevents@brooklynfireems.org

HELPFUL HINTS

Do you know the importance of your house number? Not only is it for you to get your mail but also for use to find you when you have an emergency. Many house numbers are not able to be seen or are missing altogether. Please take the time to ensure that your address in the event of an emergency.

***We appreciate your continued
support of our emergency responders!***

**OPERATIONS CHIEF Mason Barber EMS DIVISION CHIEF Justin Wicik
FIRE DIVISION CHIEF Leif Spilde**



EMS WEEK

Where Emergency Care Begins

May 21-27, 2023

AND THE MEMBERS OF BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS
BE THE ONE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE – JOIN US TODAY

Please see our website for an application to join at www.brooklynfireems.org

We are neighbors helping neighbors to keep our community safe. Join today and learn new life-long skills as an Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Responder, or a Firefighter. Brooklyn Fire and EMS Protection District pays for your classes to become a Firefighter, EMT and EMR.

We are in need of people during the daytime hours, evening hours and weekend hours. We are always looking for new members who are motivated in helping their community.

If interested in becoming a volunteer please fill out this form and send it to:

Brooklyn Fire & EMS
401 W. Main St.
P.O. Box 250
Brooklyn, WI 53521

I am interested in becoming a: Firefighter – Emergency Medical Technician - Emergency Medical Responder
NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:
E-MAIL:

Thank you for your interest. We will contact you soon!

SENIOR CITIZENS

In past years we have received a list of senior citizens that live in our area. The Oregon Senior Center is not able to provide these names to us. We want to update our records so that we are able to provide additional services to people in need. Some of the services we offer to senior citizens include checking and changing batteries in their smoke detectors, and assistance with file of life information and contact forms. If you or someone you know is a senior citizen and feel you/they could benefit from these services, please fill out the bottom portion of this form and mail it back to us.

Brooklyn Fire & EMS
401 W. Main St.
P.O. Box 250
Brooklyn, WI 53521

SENIOR CITIZEN NAME:
ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:
E-MAIL:



Be a Volunteer

94% of people who volunteered in the last twelve months say volunteering improves their mood. Source: www.unitedhealthgroup.com/SR

78% of people who volunteered in the last 12 months say that volunteering lowers their stress levels. Source: www.unitedhealthgroup.com/SR



Helping Hands of Brooklyn

Building community by helping people.

Helping hands of Brooklyn is a volunteer group whose goal is to lend a hand to residents in need by matching them with residents who want to help. From lending a hand clearing a winter sidewalk, providing a ride to an appointment, or helping connect to resources. This group is working to bring the community together by helping people. If you would like to volunteer to be a **Helping Hand** or if you are a resident who needs a **Helping Hand**. Please find us on Facebook at Helping Hands of Brooklyn, or contact Janeen Podgorski at jpodgorski@brooklynwi.gov

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023

The April 10, 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, Michael Gehrmann, Brandon Arndt and Janeen Podgorski. Also present were Tara Bast from Johnson Block, Public Works Director Leif Spilde, Deputy Merrick Grumke and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

Audit Presentation – Tara Bast from Johnson Block presented the audit. Audit is in final draft form. She went through the summary report. If everything is okay, they will issue a clean opinion. There were no material misstatements. Governmentwide financial statements are done on a full accrual basis for the enterprise funds. Fund financial statements are on a modified accrual basis. General Fund is the main operating fund, TIF 2 and debt service fund are major funds, and there are some other minor funds. There are notes to the financial statements listing standard requirements and note disclosures to provide details for the financial statement, required supplementary information, budget to actual schedules and required schedules for WRS and life insurance, detailed budget to actual schedules and outstanding debt repayment schedules. Other reports that are handled by the auditors include the Form C, water utility PSC annual report, and TIF annual reports. In the required audit communications there was nothing too specific, nothing unusual for a municipality this size. She recommended considering looking at a simplified rate case for the water utility. It is an option, and this year it is an eight percent increase.

The condensed report is attached and can be found on the village website. Page 1 is a condensed look at the general fund and other assets which consist mostly of the advance from TIF 2. There's a detail of the general fund balance – nonspendable, assigned and unassigned funds. The TIF makes up the most of the nonspendable. As the TIF repays the general fund, that number will decrease. At the end of the year anything above 30% is shown as assigned fund balance. The village has a policy to maintain an unassigned fund balance of 30%. It also shows a budget to actual fund balance.

Page 2 looks at the other funds and ending fund balances. There's a detailed listing of what makes up the fund balance categories. \$202,000 is the portion that, based on fund balance policy, is set aside for future capital. Pages 3 and 4 look at water and sewer utilities. Page 3 is an income statement or operating statement. It shows water reporting income as well as sewer utility. The bottom looks at cash flows. Operating statement doesn't reflect cash outflow for debt service but cash flow does. Page 4 is financial information in charts. The next few pages are historical data for the general fund and debt service fund. It shows a five-year trend. Public Safety expenses and public works and debt service fluctuates. Page 6 is the same data in a pie chart.

Pages 7 and 8 are the same charts but for general fund revenues. Largest source of revenue is taxes and governmental revenues -- state, DOT, etc. Over the last two years tax revenue is over 50% of the annual budget. There are a few municipalities that rely on state shared revenue, but it's mostly taxes. When financed mostly by tax levy, most revenue is front loaded, receiving funds in the beginning and spending throughout the year. If a municipality relies on state shared revenue, that comes later in the year.

Page 9 looks at general obligation debt versus allowable capacity. Municipalities can borrow up to 5% of equalized value. Our limit is \$7,456,245 and we have outstanding general obligation debt of \$3,940,797, so we have 40% of borrowing capacity available. Page 10 is a pie chart of where taxes go each year.

She asked if anyone had specific questions. Gehrmann asked what should the debt limit or level of debt be; does 47% seem about right. Bast said it seems reasonable. It's based on future capital needs and whether you know you'll need to borrow significantly in the future. It does not include revenue debt. Any revenue bonds financed by user fees do not count in general obligation debt. Gehrmann said debt service is the second biggest expense we

have. Bast said there were no increases in GO debt. It includes the 2021 GO bonds borrowing in 2019, and you can also levy for a portion of that on the tax levy. Brusberg said she referenced subscription based software. Bast said GAFR implemented a new lease standard specific to reporting long term leases. This is the same concept but specific to software. If there are any software agreements extending over a period of time, there's an accounting standard to recognize that over the period of time. A lot of the standards have to cover largest to smallest, so a lot are specific to large municipalities and organizations. Creditors and banks want to know what long-term obligations are out there. Bruner asked if, in her work, she saw any red flags. Bast said a financial audit is not designed to find issues or problems, but to make sure financial statements are appropriately presented under all the standards. But if they were to come across something, it's their duty to bring it up. Kuhlman added we will be working with Johnson Block on the TID 1 audit that's required. The board thanked Bast.

Brusberg made a motion to approve the minutes of March 27. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

President's report – Bruner received a letter from Arbor Day Foundation that congratulated the Village for 2022 Tree City USA. Press release was included. He thanked Arndt and Bachim for their time on the board, their efforts and perspective. He welcomed Mike Gehrman and David Berland and Chris Groenier to the board. He's looking forward to working with all of them. We have openings on several committees; a lot for citizens and some trustees. We'll be talking more at the next meeting. If you would like a copy, Kuhlman will get it to you, and it shows vacancies and changes needed. If there are any changes anybody would like to make, let him know.

Public Works/Utilities – Spilde would like to echo the president's statements. It was great working with Bachim and Arndt. Water department – the radio read system for meters, the antenna is installed and things are physically in place. We received about a 1/3 of our meters. They are installing them. Bruner asked how many more need to be replaced. Spilde said about a quarter of the system yet. Meters are on a 20-year cycle, so he doesn't want to do all in one year, because then all will have to be installed at the same year. Brusberg asked if they will be more efficient than before. Spilde said when they remove a water meter, they test it. All are tested that have come out of houses, and they've never found one that runs fast. He's seen less than five that have limed up and slow down. Technology is better and meters are accurate.

The State of Wisconsin, federal government and DNR also make them do other inspections. They have to do cross connection inspections, lead inspections, where they can legally enter the house. By 2024 every municipality in the state has to have a survey done of all the water lines, the type of material on the downside and upside flow of the meters. They have good records already, so a lot is updating information they have. Brusberg asked if it would be more efficient to get the readings. Spilde said not yet. When we did the tower, he made the decision we wouldn't upgrade the handheld and we're having issues now. In the future, the clerks can read the meters. They still use the handheld right now. We're waiting on the software and an internet line up to the water tower. Bruner asked if there is any conflict with the other antennas. Spilde said no. Spilde said they have to do a lead inspection, but in his 30 years of water main breaks, etc., he's never physically seen lead in the village. It doesn't show up on any tests. The water system was installed in the late '40s, early '50s, so everything went to copper.

They've done the yearly water samples. PFAS samples were done last fall and last week. In the fall there was no detection. If new samples show no detection, we shouldn't have to test anymore. Right now the permit says we have to sample quarterly, and sample testing is \$3,000 each time. Hopefully we won't have to do that quarterly. He met with DNR at the conference and expressed sampling concerns. Our sampling costs will be \$10,000 plus this year, and last year was only a couple hundred dollars, so why can't we spread that out. If we get the variants in the PFAS, we might still be required yearly.

Sewer – he's working on the permit application. The five-year permit was due April 4. We weren't able to go online to submit the application. We didn't gain access until February 22 and it was due April 4. There was a bunch of sampling required, and the timeline to get them done was impossible to do by the deadline. He talked to our engineer and we were missing five samples, so we couldn't submit. Samples are in now, and we're waiting for the

results. It's documented as to what happened. He has yearly totals for salting and plowing. Average plowing is 31. We plowed or salted 40 times, which is the third highest in his years.

Clerk's report – Financials were handed out. We had \$97,886.84 in deposits in March, and \$283.64 was personal property taxes. We had total withdrawals of \$202,453.39, and that included \$78,142.58 in debt service. We ended March with \$2,445,617.55 in all accounts. O&A is close to giving an offer. They were just finalizing some things. We are meeting with All Color tomorrow and will go over their list of questions. We received pickleball donations of \$788. Pat Hawkey puts out a donation box for a few weeks, and the players donate. That money goes to new nets, ball, and paddles. Elections went smoothly. We had a 52% turnout. It was steady all day. Kuhlman had to pick up an absentee ballot from the Janesville Post Office. We received all the new computers at the clerks office and public works. There were a few issues that needed to be fixed at public works. We also installed a backup system for all computers that will back up all the computers to the cloud. It's about \$300 annually. It might work on the SCADA computer, and we are exploring that. Spilde said in utilities cyber security is a big deal, and DNR will be doing yearly checks. They have to make sure it's federally secured before putting SCADA on it. The DNR recycling report is due by the end of the month. It was a new program, and they were having some issues. Kuhlman had completed ours and the next was notified we might have to redo it. It's not opened up yet. ARPA report is due by the end of the month. Expenditure restraint report for the extra shared revenue has been filed. Local Government 101 from the League is available as a one-day program. League of Municipalities Insurance Company yearly conference is May 18-19. It's free for one member for the conference and room. The deputy clerk doesn't want to go this year. Unless one of the board members wants to attend, the clerk will attend. **Brusberg made a motion for Kuhlman to attend LWMMI from May 18 to 19.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. The office will be closed on Thursday for training.

Olson and Brusberg reviewed bills. Kuhlman explained that the Alliant bill came in today and is due before the next board meeting, and asked it be added tonight. **Olson made a motion to approve bills as presented with the addition of the Alliant bill for \$1274.02.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman explained that the quote from CGC for soiling borings is replacing the previous quote that was approved by the board last year. They did not do the soil borings last year, because we changed the location of the road. This new quote is for the new locations after the change in road location. It is actually a little less than the previous quote. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the quote from CGC for the soil borings test.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried.

Fireworks – Bruner talked with Brooks and he is available July 1. He's looking for motion to approve for the evening of July 1. Brusberg is fine with the date but would like to discuss having a committee to try and fundraise. Bruner would like to create a committee to reach out to businesses and other entities. We have this year's fireworks covered, but we are fundraising to replenish money for next year. Brusberg said the \$5,000 was a budget rollover in case we can't get funds raised, and so there's comfort for signing the contract. But he would prefer the village funds not be used every year. Brusberg made a motion to move forward with signing the contract to use Justin Brooks for the fireworks with the expectation the cost is covered 100% through fundraising donations. Olson seconded. Bruner asked if we don't come up with the funds, then the contract is null and void. We can't sign the contract and not have the funds. Brusberg said we will have to revisit at the board if we're not seeing traction in fundraising. Discussion on funding. Olson withdrew his second. Brusberg withdrew his motion. **Brusberg made a motion to sign a contract with Justin Brooks for fireworks on July 1.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried. Bachim abstained. **Brusberg made a motion that we establish a fireworks subcommittee with the goal of fundraising to cover the costs of the fireworks so no village funds need to be used.** Bruner asked to call it an ad hoc committee. Brusberg agreed. Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

Bachim made a motion at 7:30 p.m. to go into closed session. Olson seconded. Ayes – Arndt, Brusberg, Gehrmann, Bruner, Olson, Bachim, Podgorski. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Bachim made a motion at 8:07 p.m. to reconvene into open session. Arndt seconded. Ayes – Arndt, Brusberg, Gehrman, Bruner, Olson, Bachim, Podgorski. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to hire Abby Hollis as our seasonal public works employee at a rate of \$12/hour. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to hire Joe Reilly as full time public works employees at a rate of \$19 per hour starting wage with a \$1 increase due to having his CDL after 90-day probationary period. Bachim seconded. Motion carried. Bruner abstained.

Bachim made a motion at 8:10 p.m. to adjourn. Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Garbage Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p	2	3
4	5 PIYO 6p	6 **Tires, Oil & Batteries	7 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p	8 Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p	9	10
11	12 Village Board Mtg 630p PIYO 6p	13 Brush Pick-up Board of Review – Village Hall 6-8p	14 Garbage Yoga 6p	15 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	16	17
18	19 PIYO 6p	20 Food Trucks _ Legion Park 5-8p	21 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p	22 Community Lunch – Methodist Church Noon Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	23	24
25	26 Village Board Mtg 630p PIYO 6p	27	28 Garbage Yoga 6p	29 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	30	
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				