

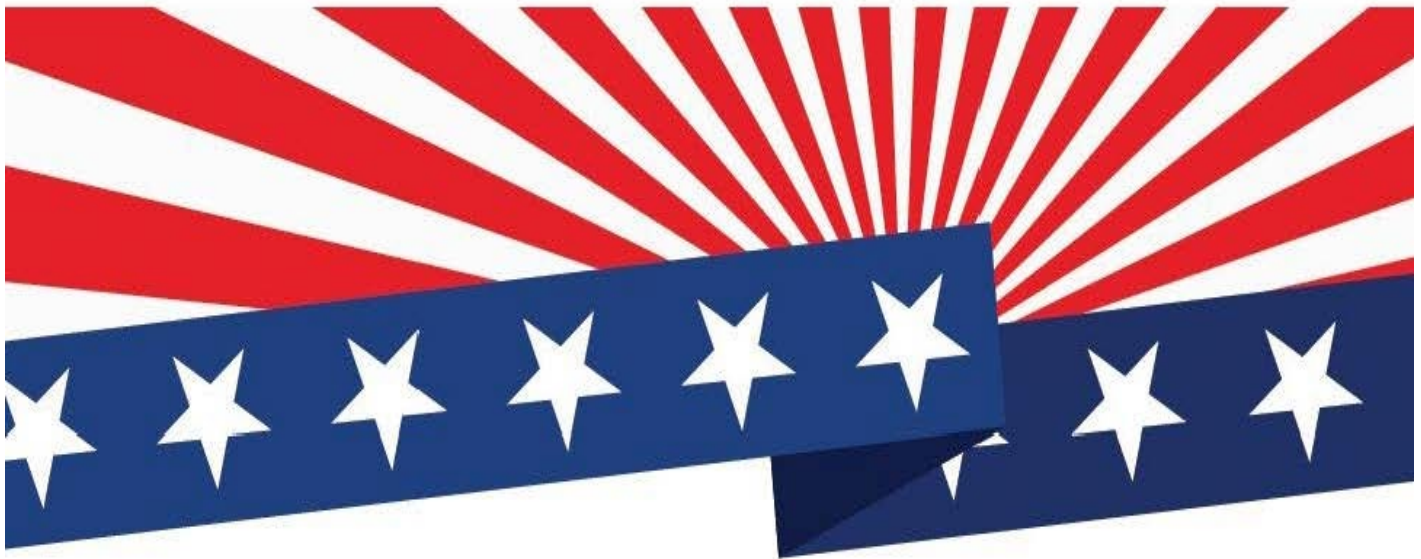
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June 2023 Village News

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Fourth of July Fireworks

July 1, 2023 - Legion Park - Brooklyn, WI

Park Opens at 7:00 pm for Parking – Fireworks after Dusk

Sponsored By (please support these organizations):



Klondike Farms



Jean
Hanson



Treasures Ltd.

Fun things to do at the event: -Mission BBQ free food, Kona Ice Truck, Balloons for the kids, Med flight Helicopter. Blackhawk Helicopter, Kid activities, Fire/Police trucks, and various other community partners and businesses will have booths.



DANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NATIONAL NIGHT

OUT 2023

BROOKLYN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

★★★★ 204 DIVISION ST. ★★★★★

BROOKLYN, WI

FREE FOOD | DEMOS | GAMES

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

August 1st, 2023
4pm-7pm

For more information please visit
<https://www.danesheriff.com/Event/> or contact Deputy Barton @
barton.zachary@danesheriff.com or (608)212-8742

"Together, we are making our communities
a better place"





NO mowing into the streets.

Per Village Ordinance Section 24-93 (c) Regulation of dumping - *Protection of street, public places, and water.* No part of the contents of or substance from any sink, privy, cesspool or drywell, nor any manure, garbage, ashes, refuse or other waste shall be thrown by any person or persons, or be allowed to run or drop upon or remain in any street or public place, nor shall the same be thrown into or allowed to fall or run into any of the water surrounding said village save through the public sewers.

Village Ordinance 24.57 – Regulations of Lawns

(a)(1) *Public nuisance declared.* The village board finds that lawns which exceed six inches in length on lots or parcels of land within the village adversely affect the public health and safety of the public in that such lawns tend to emit pollen and other discomfoting plant particles, constitute a potential fire hazard and constitute a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interferes with public convenience and adversely affects property value of other land within the village. Therefore, except with prior application and issuance of a natural lawn permit from the village, lawns shall be maintained to a height not to exceed six inches in length. Any lawn on a parcel of land which exceeds six inches in length in the absence of a natural lawn permit is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.




 year-round
Brooklyn Schedule
 weekly visits
 6:00 - 7:30 pm Thursday
 at the gazebo
 Commercial and Hotel Streets


 (608) 266-9297
 Visit www.dcls.info
 for a complete Bookmobile schedule

BROOKLYN
 SUMMER READING PROGRAM
 Dane County Library Service

Readers of all ages are invited to join.
Register starting the third week of June and complete your reading record by the last week in August.

Youth Summer Reading Program. Children 15 and under, may set their own reading goals (*suggested goal: ten books or ten hours*). The Summer Reading Program allows children to earn a small prize and a fun coupon book from local vendors.

Adult Summer Reading Program. Complete a slip for each book read- novel, cookbook, poetry, magazine, travel- they all count! Each slip enters you in our WEEKLY prize drawing. June 12-August 12.

SUMMER READING
 Stop by the bookmobile for
Crafts and Fun
 on the following Thursdays
 between 6:00 - 7:30 pm
 June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13,
 July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10

Green County CLEAN SWEEP

Program to dispose of Agricultural and Household Hazardous Chemicals

2023 One Day Program!

Program Open One Day Only!

Friday, June 16, 2023
8:00am-2:00pm

Collection Site:
Green County Landfill
W2002 County SS
Brodhead, WI 53520

Guidelines:

- **Agricultural Products**-Farmers can dispose of up to 100 pounds for free.
- **Household Products**- Homeowners will be able to dispose of up to 100 pounds for free.
- A testing fee may be charged for unknown chemicals if amounts are greater than 5 gallons or 50 pounds.
- Participants will need to sign in when bringing in products. No pre-registering is needed
- All items should be properly identified.
- Proof of Green County residency is required.
- We reserve the right to reject any item that does not meet the intent of the program. Materials will only be accepted by authorized personnel on Friday, June 16, 2023. Funding for this program is limited and the program will be suspended when the annual allocated funds are depleted.
- Businesses may dispose of hazardous materials for a fee through Veolia Environmental Services.
- All Green County residents will be able to dispose of materials at the landfill on this day only. Questions may be directed to the Green County Landfill at 608-897-8605.

Examples of Items Accepted

- Home Products
- Insecticides
- Old Fertilizer
- Weed & Feed Products
- Mercury
- Oil Based, Marine, Tractor, Auto or Lead Paint
- Herbicides
- Fungicides
- Wood Preservatives
- Low Pressure Pesticide Gas Cylinders
- Cadmium & Lithium Batteries
- Small LP Gas Tanks

Examples of Items Not Accepted

- Explosives—Firearms or Ammunition
- Radioactive Material
- High Pressure Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Freon 11 and 12
- Biological, Infectious or Medical Waste
- Latex Paint
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Waste Motor Oil, Antifreeze



For additional information, please check the Green County Clean Sweep webpage at <http://green.extension.wisc.edu/>
Or call the Green County Landfill at 608-897-8605.

WRITE ONE LESS CHECK EACH MONTH!



Pay your water bill automatically on the 25th of each month.

Contact Vicki at 455-4201 ext. 1 for more information.



Clerk's office
& Public Works Dept.
will be CLOSED on
Tuesday, July 4th.



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

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BE SURE TO JOIN US  
FOR FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY:  
MAY 16TH, JUNE 20TH, JULY 18TH,  
AUGUST 15TH & SEPTEMBER 19TH  
5PM-8PM  
BROOKLYN LEGION PARK





**REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM**  
**<https://brooklynrecreation.org/summeryouthrecreation/>**



## 2023 Summer Youth Recreation Program Information

The 2023 Summer Recreation Program is a 5-week program that runs Monday through Thursday. Children who live in Brooklyn are welcome to spend time in this program for a safe place to have fun, socialize and learn a little during the summer months. Activities include t-ball, arts & crafts, snacks and even a few fun field trips. We look forward to another great summer and meeting all of the children interested in the program.

Once your child has signed in for the day, they will not be able to leave the program unless they are picked up by a parent/guardian or the Recreation Coordinator has been notified.

A drink and snack will be provided daily. We would be grateful if each family would send a snack on the first day of attendance - enough for 40 children. (graham crackers, pretzels, cookies, fruit snacks).

### Dates & Time:

5 week session - Mondays-Thursdays  
July 10th-August 10th 2023(1-4pm)

### Age Range

5 -12 years old

(We require that children have attended kindergarten to join. Please contact us with questions about this)

### Cost of Program:

\$40 Per Child

(\$20 for each additional child in your family.  
Field trips are an extra cost)

**\* In order to be guaranteed a t-shirt for your child(ren) we MUST have registration in by the Friday before Summer Youth Recreation session starts.**



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

[www.brooklynwi.gov](http://www.brooklynwi.gov)  
[www.brooklynrecreation.org](http://www.brooklynrecreation.org)  
[www.facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI](https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI)  
[www.twitter.com/BrooklynRecWI](https://www.twitter.com/BrooklynRecWI)



GREEN ▶ COUNTY ▶ WI  
**GCDC**  
DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION

# JOIN US COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

## DATE

THURSDAY JULY 27



## TIME

7:30 - 9:30 AM  
COME ANYTIME!



## LOCATION

CANTERING CAFE IN BROOKLYN

Join GCDC & the Brooklyn Chamber to enjoy a homemade scone & coffee at the Canterring Cafe. Find out how we can all work together to support growth in your community.

***Bring Your Ideas & Questions. We  
look forward to meeting you!***

*Help us plan - let us know you plan to  
make it. Contact us at:*

**[greencountydevelopment.com](http://greencountydevelopment.com)**

608.328.9452

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COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, June 22

At Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.

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## **June 2023 News from Your Senior Center**

By Rachel Brickner

Summer is a great time to take advantage of some of the offerings at the Senior Center. Our annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, July 6, from 5:00—7:00 at the Senior Center. In addition to ice cream and all sorts of toppings, dinner (hot dogs or bar-b-cue) is available for purchase as well. The ice cream social will feature the music of Heather and Dave. This is an indoor event that will proceed regardless of the weather.

If you enjoy summery music, join us in welcoming the MAUI Ukulele Players on Wednesday July 19, at 10:45 in the morning. This free program will have everyone dreaming of the tropics and tapping their toes.

If educational programming is what you are looking for, Gunderson Funeral and Cremation Care employees will be presenting a program about pre-planning your funeral on Wednesday, June 21 at 1:00. Agrace staff will be here on Wednesday, June 28, at 1:00 to present a program called: Grief 101: Grief Basics and Words that Comfort.

Curious about how your blood pressure is behaving? Every Friday morning between 9:30 and 10:30 there are retired medical professionals who volunteer at the Center to check people's blood pressures. This is a free, drop-in service.

If someone you know can no longer enjoy some of the events of summer because it is too difficult to walk that much or that far, the Senior Center's medical equipment loan closet can come to the rescue. The Senior Center has wheelchairs, canes, walkers and other equipment that can help make a trip to the zoo or the County Fair (or a lot of other places) more feasible. Loan closet equipment is meant for short-term loan and is not restricted by the age of the user.

The Senior Center has many more options for people than those listed above. Exercise classes, book clubs, card and craft groups, a donation-based meal program, an Adult Day Program, case managers to help sort through challenges—they can all be found at the Center. If you haven't been here in a while, stop in! We would love to see you!



# 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 Mahjongg
- 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





**Did you know that over half of women age 50 and older experience issues with bladder or bowel control at some time in their lives?**

**Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder** is a workshop designed to give women the tools they need to take control of their bladder and bowel symptoms.

The workshop consists of three 2-hour sessions that meet every other week. It provides information and group activities along with simple exercises and dietary changes to practice at home. Even if you don't have leakage symptoms now, it's never too early or too late to think about your bladder and bowel health!

### **What will I learn in the workshop?**

- ◆ Information about bladder and bowel control
- ◆ At-home techniques and exercises to help prevent or improve symptoms
- ◆ Tools to help you set goals and mark your progress

**Researched and proven to reduce bladder and bowel leakage!**

**Wednesdays  
August 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>  
12:30pm-2:30pm (CST)  
Community Building  
Located in Brooklyn, WI**

Spots are limited. Pre-registration is necessary.  
No living-in county requirements.



For more information or to register, please call the Green County ADRC at

**608-328-9499.**



# Be a Volunteer

94% of people who volunteered in the last twelve months say volunteering improves their mood. Source: [www.unitedhealthgroup.com/SR](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 24, 2023**

The April 24, 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, David Berland, Michael Gehrman, Chris Groenier and Janeen Podgorski. Trustee Olson was not present. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

**Brusberg made a motion to approve minutes of April 10.** Gehrman seconded. Motion carried.

**President's report** – Bruner welcomed the new trustees. He anticipates they will bring a lot to the board, and he's looking forward to working with them.

**Public Works** – Kuhlman stated the Committee met last week. They went through the retiring and hiring process. Curt Golz is retiring May 1 after 23 years with the village, and his replacement was hired and starts Monday. We hired the seasonal employee to start this summer. They filed the WWTP permit. They talked about Highway 92 resurfacing happening in 2024. The state is redoing Highway 92 through the village. We have to remove the black lamppost by the Post Office because it's in the way of their project. It will require some electrical work. We also have to move a fire hydrant. Bruner said it will be a mill and overlay. Kuhlman said they're removing the red concrete on Hotel Street across to the gazebo. Brusberg asked who pays for moving the lamppost. Kuhlman said the village does. Bruner said they're looking at possibly running a loop to the Business Park for the water main to increase the flow. Since it will be torn up, we can run another lead through into the Business Park to give a little more flow for fire protection. That's not precluding the loop from S Kerch Street. Brusberg asked if it will do anything to the budget for the project. Kuhlman said they're working on that and working with All Color and Groenier on how that will work. Podgorski asked if this would be an opportunity to run a conduit for power to the gazebo. With the road being open, is it something we want to consider. Bruner said we can look at it as we get closer to the project. Kuhlman said Spilde got a Focus on Energy grant for the black post lights. The lights are starting to go out, and they're not LED. It will be about \$3,300 for labor and \$800 for the lights. He received a grant for \$800 for the lights, and Public Works will do the labor. When Public Works does the Arbor Day Celebration at Legion Park, they invite the 4<sup>th</sup> graders to come and someone from DNR talks with them. We also have the Oregon Observer coming, and they will also be dedicating one of the trees they're planting in the park to Golz for his 23 years of service. Everyone is welcome to attend. **Brusberg made a motion to approve up to \$250 for a plaque dedicating the tree to Curt Golz.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works also talked about ordinances. The first one they talked about was Chapter 24 – Public Nuisances. The more they talked about them, they determined that the whole chapter should be looked at. Public Works sent it on to the board to send to the Ordinance Committee. There are some things in the chapter that are confusing. Public Works would like to separate the snow shoveling from the lawn maintenance. They also looked at the winter parking ordinance and snow emergency ordinance. One reason is the snow emergency parking didn't have a ticket value, and in section b they added special parking for Anchor Club, but the same thing would happen at Main Street Music, so they added streets for that. They also took out the dates. Spilde suggested adding "or until ice or snow is plowed to the curb," and take out the time limits. That way people can't park if there's over an inch but can move back to the street once it's plowed. And then in 32.88(b) they took out the public access channel and added website and Facebook and added the clerks can contact media as well. Because it involves fees, we have to publish and post it before it can be approved by the board.

**Clerk's report** – Kuhlman reported the League of Wisconsin Municipalities holds a Government 101 training every year for new trustees. It's in person this year. One location is Madison on June 2. If anyone is interested, let her know, and we'll get you signed up. ARPA reporting for the year is completed. Kuhlman explained to new board

members that we received approximately \$160,000 in ARPA funds. We have committed or used over half of the funds. The main cost is on a new water meter reading system, where the clerks can now read the meters in the office and read them in real time. So we can tell if someone has a leak, and try to let the people know faster than once a month. We also ordered new water meters. The grapple bucket for Public Works was another big expense. The annual recycling report reopened today, so she will see if we need to resubmit. Deputy Clerk Olson and Clerk Kuhlman will be conducting Board of Review Training next week in Monroe and Monticello. They are both trained as trainers and set up two times for area municipalities to get the training, since there were limited opportunities this year. There is a Dane County Clerk's meeting next week Tuesday, May 2, in Madison. Kuhlman was asked to speak about moving the election in February. The clerk's office will be closed that day. Olson and Kuhlman are also attending the Municipal Treasurer's Association of Wisconsin 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference this week, and the office will be closed Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. This will be Kuhlman's last duty as president of the association. Our attorney has informed us we can start taking bids on razing 208 Railroad Street, but we can't raze it until after the 45-day period from the date of the default judgment, which was April 18. Gehrman asked if he maintains ownership of the property. Kuhlman said yes. Gehrman asked about the trash in the yard. Kuhlman says that should be taken care of at the same time. They have had Deputy Grumke work with him on the vehicles. Bruner said cost of razing will be added to his tax roll. Green County Development Corporation will be hosting a conversations meetup at the Canterling Café on July 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. It's a chance for small businesses or anyone to meet them and discuss economic development ideas. Curt Golz is retiring, and next Monday, May 1, is his last day. We paid off the CWF loan #2 today. It was the 2002 Sewer BAN for Highway 92. Last week Kuhlman attended the Wisconsin Government Finance Officers Association conference. We talked about strategic planning and capital improvement planning. The City of Janesville has a program they developed and is offering to give to anyone upon request. They talked about transportation and wheel tax revenues, referendums and payments in lieu of taxes. Also Jerry Deschane from the League was present. He says there's a possibility the Legislature will do something to increase shared revenue, but it will probably come with some stipulations. He doesn't think they will do anything with levy limits. Bruner thanked Olson and Kuhlman. Last week was Municipal Treasurer's Week, and he appreciates the job they do for the village. Brusberg asked if all the paperwork was signed for TID 1. Kuhlman said yes, and she explained to the new trustees that the TID is expiring in five years, and this year was the last year for expenses. We did some developer agreement incentives to four businesses.

Bruner and Brusberg looked at the bills. **Brusberg made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

**Podgorski made a motion for removal of the bench between community building and Methodist Church.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

**TID 2 Project amendment** – Kuhlman explained that in order to pay back expenses that are in the TID and will be occurring next year, we need to extend the time six years and we need to redo the project plan because there will be more expenses than originally set up. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the proposal for TID 2 project amendments from Ehlers.** Berland seconded. Gehrman asked if this is the original company. Kuhlman said no, but they are the ones that have been helping us recently. Motion carried.

**Committee assignments** – EDC: Bruner said we need to find citizen members, either residents or owners of businesses to fill that committee. Brusberg thanked the Chamber for helping out businesses. Media committee: Berland was added; Recreation needs a trustee. Chris Groenier volunteered to be on Recreation Committee. Personnel meets a couple times a year. It will be Brusberg, Berland and Gehrman. Planning & Zoning Commission: Jake Bachim will be a citizen member and reappoint Arndt and Olson to PZ. Zoning board of appeals needs 3 citizens. BOR needs one more citizen for an alternate. Finance will be Bruner, Brusberg and Berland. Public Works will be Olson, Bruner and Groenier. Ordinance will be Gehrman, Podgorski, and Bruner. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the committee assignments.** Gehrman seconded. Motion carried.

**Brusberg made a motion to approve the 2022 audit as communicated from Johnson Block on April 10.** Berland

seconded. Motion carried.

**Planning & Zoning Commission** – there was no quorum at the last meeting, so there’s nothing to report. They talked to the people but no action was taken at the meeting.

**Fire/EMS Commission** – Brusberg reported the commission met last Wednesday, April 19. DSPS audit was done, and one thing that came out was the need to improve fire inspections for commercial properties and multi-residences of three or more that share a common space, because they inspect the common space. Run volume was 18 requests for emergency response; 8 medical, 4 fire and 6 for both. They will do their annual card party on May 20. National Night Out is August 1. EMS – of the 14 runs last month, they had really good response times. Average unit in route to arrived on scene is 2.96 minutes, average unit notified to in route is 4.24 minutes. Average arrived on scene to left scene is 15 minutes. Out of service hours last month was 48 hours, which is really good. It doesn’t mean they can’t respond, but they don’t have two personnel. They continue to look at that. They’re trying to be proactive with that. Financials looked reasonable. He asked why they’re tracking disposal versus nondisposable expenses separately. It will be combined in 2024. They suspended 2 cell phones instead of 4, while they evaluate if they’re needed. EMS all licenses renew on June 30. They’re talking about 3 different retirement programs at the fire/EMS. There’s a CD and the SAP and now have WRS offered for those that meet the hour requirements. The retirement CD is in excess of \$50,000. The interest goes to the eligible retirees every year. They need to find a way to retire that CD. For those that receive that benefit, they get \$20-80 each year and that varies based on interest. They’ve talked about doing a fixed amount to the roughly 20 retirees, and that fixed would be \$100 per year which allows them to run the balance down. They will then take a portion of those dollars for a memorial fund, a fund utilized to pay for flowers for funerals. The thought is a main chunk for the retirement but take \$3000-5000 to the memorial fund to use as needed. If there’s a way to do a lump sum of the retirement CD into the SAP program, they’re looking at that also. The board is okay with this process. Memorial fund dollars will be approved by the district board for use. Gehrman suggested the intent be stated for whatever it is to be used for. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. Next meeting is May 24.

**Brusberg made a motion at 7:41 p.m. to go into closed session.** Podgorski seconded. Ayes – Gehrman, Brusberg, Groenier, Podgorski, Berland, Bruner. Noes – none. Groenier left during closed session.

**Berland made a motion at 8:22 p.m. to reconvene to open session.** Podgorski seconded. Ayes – Gehrman, Brusberg, Podgorski, Berland, Bruner. Noes – none. There were no motions from closed session.

**Podgorski made a motion at 8:23 p.m. to adjourn.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer



**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 8, 2023**

The May 8, 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 Dan Olson, Michael Gehrmann, Chris Groenier, David Berland and Janeen Podgorski. Absent Mike Brusberg. Also present were Tim Madigan, Sheri Arndt, Larry Arndt, Trenton Diehl, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vicki Olson. Pledge of Allegiance.

No public comments.

April 24, 2023, postpone to next meeting.

**President's report** – Bruner to set up a meeting with Senator Spritzer and Representative Jacobson to discuss things that are taking place in the village and if there is anything else to help us. Send additional items to Bruner. Bruner to reach out to Brooklyn Elementary School for a meeting to discuss additional police coverage during the day.

**New Business** – Neighborhood Watch Program Request – Tim Madigan. Overview of reasoning for request. Would like to place a sign he purchased on 4<sup>th</sup> street by the retaining pond as an experiment to make people aware that people are watching and asking permission to have Public Works to put up. Requesting that an additional crosswalk be added at his driveway for kids to cross because the one down at 4<sup>th</sup> and Division is dangerous with all the cars that are not paying attention. Expressed interest in bringing this to National Night Out to talk to people, like to put together a quarterly newsletter for his street, also help remind people to lock their cars and close their garage doors. Also noticed that the police reports on the website are not being listed anymore. Bruner those reports are from when we had our own police dept. Madigan maybe we need to take them off. V. Olson those need to stay on due to historical open records. Bruner to set up a meeting for the three of them (Bruner, Madigan & Grumke) to discuss the legal issues for the village.

**SnoHornets/SnoBlazers Labor Day Tractor Pull Event** -Olson asked if anything has changed. **Podgorski made a motion to approve the SnoHornets/SnoBlazers Labor Day Truck Pull Event. Olson seconded. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.**

**SnoHornets/SnoBlazers Amplification Permit** - Olson made motion to approve the SnoHornets/SnoBlazers Amplification Permit for Labor Day for the track and in the beer tent. Podgorski second. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.

**Bills** - Bruner would like to have the invoice for the land swap to be changed from B. Springer to say just Village President. Olson stated that he thinks that all documents should not come in with an elected official's name or the Department Heads name it should be directed to the specific department. V. Olson presented an additional bill for Martinson Excavating for 40-tons of salt for \$2,000. **Berland made a motion to approve bills as presented with the addition of the Martinson Excavating bill. Podgorski seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.**

**Resolution 2023-06 to Adopt the Green County Hazard Mitigation Plan** - Olson made motion to approve Resolution 2023-06 for the Village of Brooklyn to Adopt the Green County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Berland second the motion. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.

**Business Park East-West Street Naming** - Discussion about different possibilities. **Groenier made a motion to approve naming the East-West Street in the Business Park to Heritage Drive. Podgorski seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.**

**Combs fee to complete CSMs in Business Park - Gehrmann made a motion to approve Combs fees not to exceed \$3500 for the CSM and fees in the Business Park. Groenier seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.**

**Clerk's report – Financials** moved to the next meeting. **Fireworks Donations** received from Caliber Cabinetry (\$250), Kevin Klahn (\$500), Gerlach Wholesale Flooring (\$200), village resident (\$100), plus previous donations of \$1,600 for a total of \$2,650. Discussion about creating poster of all donors, donation form, forward copy of last year's donation poster to Gehrman, Groenier to talk to Mark from All Color about a donation, fireworks permit, banner for fence, collection of food pantry donations. **PFAS testing update** – 2<sup>nd</sup> set of results are in and everything came back fine, the email also stated no more testing needed this year. If anyone has any questions call Leif. **Open Book with the Assessor** will be on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 pm here at Village Hall. **The Board of Review** will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm at Village Hall. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in serving on the BOR let the clerk's office know. **Brooklyn Fire/EMS Card Party** Sat., May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6 pm. **Diggers Hotline Annual Meeting Notice** for Wed., May 24 at 9 am in New Berlin.

### **Unfinished Business**

Public Works Meeting May 15 @ 6pm

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting May 23 @ 6pm

Village Board Meeting - **Berland made the motion for the start time to be delayed until 7 pm for May 22 through June 30. Olson seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.**

**Olson made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Groenier seconded. Discussion. Vote taken; motion carried.**

Vicki L. Olson, WCMC, CMTW  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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| Sunday                                           | Monday                                            | Tuesday                                                                               | Wednesday                                       | Thursday                                                                   | Friday                             | Saturday                     |
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| Exercise Classes held at Brooklyn Community Bldg | Pickleball - Sun 10a-Noon and Mon-Wed & Fri 8a-5p | **Tire Cost<br>Contact Clerk's Office 608-455-4201                                    |                                                 |                                                                            |                                    | 1<br>Fireworks – Legion Park |
| 2                                                | 3<br>PIYO 6p                                      | 4<br>Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July<br><b>Public Works &amp; Clerk's Office Closed</b> | 5<br>Yoga 6p                                    | 6<br><b>Garbage &amp; Recycling</b><br>Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p          | 7                                  | 8                            |
| 9                                                | 10<br><b>Village Board Mtg 630p</b><br>PIYO 6p    | 11<br>Brush Pick-up                                                                   | 12<br><b>Garbage</b><br>Yoga 6p                 | 13<br>Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p                                            | 14                                 | 15                           |
| 16                                               | 17<br>PIYO 6p                                     | 18<br>Food Trucks - Legion Park 5-8p                                                  | 19<br><b>Garbage &amp; Recycling</b><br>Yoga 6p | 20<br>Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p                                            | 21<br><b>Clerk's Office Closed</b> | 22                           |
| 23                                               | 24<br><b>Village Board Mtg 630p</b><br>PIYO 6p    | 25                                                                                    | 26<br><b>Garbage</b><br>Yoga 6p                 | 27<br>Community Lunch – Methodist Church Noon<br>Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p | 28                                 | 29                           |
| 30                                               | 31                                                |                                                                                       |                                                 |                                                                            |                                    |                              |