

May 2022 Village News

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2022 OPEN BOOK

Tuesday, May 24th from 4-6 pm
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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes April 11, 2022

The April 11, 2022, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Community Building by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Mike Brusberg, Jacob Bachim, and Brandon Arndt. Trustee Kyle Smith was absent. Also present were James Intravaia, Sue McCallum, Mike Gehrmann, Andy Meyer, Josh Kaurich, Karen Wiedel via Zoom, Bill Murray, Sebastian Strelow, Phil and Donna Schulz, Public Works Director Leif Spilde and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

President Bruner congratulated Brennum and Olson for winning their reelections to the board. Pledge of Allegiance. **President Bruner opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. to hear comments regarding ordinance changes.** There were no comments. **Brennum made a motion at 6:31 p.m. to close the public hearing.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Public comments – Bill Murray, 202 N. First Street - commented on proposal of allowing Main Street Music to have an outdoor area. They hear the music every night. And as COVID wains, Fridays and Saturdays it's noisy and doesn't stop until midnight. They moved here in 2006 and it was quiet. Now he can touch the wall and feel it vibrate. He's asking the board to consider immediate residents when they make these decisions. He also knows other people have concerns but are reluctant to come speak. **Sebastian Strelow** – he doesn't know why this is up for discussion. As of right now there is no 9-foot separation wall between the properties. It had been talked about getting it done. They have a two-week newborn baby. There needs to be security out there. He's been patient with the situation. He likes Andy, but things need to be written before they have outdoor music. There's no separation and he's had beer cans in his lawn, and someone was out by his garbage. He has big dogs that people won't want coming onto his property. **Donna Schulz** - lives behind the bar at 106 N. First. They're all for business in Brooklyn. The noise is atrocious. They don't want music outside. They have asked twice to close the back door, but sometimes on weekends they can't be outside. All they're asking is he be a good business person, put up a fence up and quiet it down. Strelow added an outside area sounds great but where are they putting it. **Andy Meyer** – the outside venue won't be bands, only people going out and sitting. He might have a solo act playing guitar on Sunday afternoons. He knows he has to get fences up, and he's been trying. He put his life savings into this and has made zero money. He's doing the best he can. Everyone can come talk to him. He knows this last weekend was a little loud. He's willing to work with anyone. It does take time to make money, and he's made zero. The outside patio will be between the building and the little shed, nothing out back. There will be a fence on the front side and back side. Once in awhile with a festival, he might have a duo or single act out there. Nothing crazy. He's done what he can to make it quiet. They try to be

done at 11. Strelow said a fence will help out a lot, with people sneaking out back and having cigarette butts in his yard. Bruner stated we're getting away from public comments. Meyer can talk more when they talk about his permit. Kuhlman read a statement from Karen Wiedel (attached to the minutes). Schulz asked if the motorcycle event in June is being managed properly. Will there be police. He would like some answers on that. Meyer said the car show and motorcycle show is at the park, and then people will be coming to Main Street Music for a band playing. The car show people go home at 4. Bruner said yes, there will be coverage on duty to make sure the event is well managed. Meyer said he hired security for the event. **Mike Gehrman** – is concerned about the speed on Highway 92/Church Street. He has radar and picked up a concrete truck going 47 miles per hour. It's crazy. Is there some way to slow down vehicles. Now we throw in ATVs on the streets. We really have to do something because someone will get hurt. Both ends of town are the same and north and south. He also said when they zoned Main Street Music there were restrictions and fencing was one when they originally talked about it at Planning & Zoning Commission. No more public comments.

Olson made a motion to approve minutes form March 28. Brennum seconded. Arndt abstained. Motion carried.

Council on Aging-Sue McCallum – The last meeting was March 16. The full council annual meeting will be May 18. The offices of president, secretary and director at large are up for reelection. The current president is not running again. The Senior Center sent out feelers to see if there is interest in having a volunteer fair in the fall. They will be planning something in September. It's all about exposing people to the organizations. They are starting fundraising at the Senior Center. They are having the Brat Bash May 6. It will be a drive thru from 11-1. They will have an ice cream social in July. They're restarting the Memory Café. The Senior Center is working to start back up. There is nothing online about the census reports yet. She found an American Community Survey for our zip code, and she printed demographics for the village together and then in Green County and Dane County separately. She will keep watching for this. 21.2% of our population is 60-84 years old. When you get a certain population that old, they will need services. She will keep looking for the numbers. All ages are broken out on the printout. There were no questions for her.

Main Street Music, Andy Meyer – he submitted an application for outdoor seating. Brennum asked what type of fence will be built. Meyer said he will build a fence so when you pull in the driveway, he will have a double gate to open at both ends, a wired gate and wood frame around it. He's not sure what he will put on it. It will be some kind of swing gate. The only people in the back of the building will be staff and bands. He will get a fence built behind his building. It will be something rustic for a fence. The people won't be able to go to the back but will only be able to stand in the area between the two buildings. He hasn't heard complaints. Bruner asked him to address the board. Bruner likes the plan, likes the idea. His only stipulation is to comply with the sound ordinance; otherwise, he has no problem. Arndt looks like it will be contained. Meyer said he's trying to keep people from going out. No one goes out the front door with beer. People can sneak out with it. He will have no bands out there. He might do something on a Sunday with a solo act. **Arndt made a motion to approve the Class B fermented malt beverage and intoxicating liquor license with the contingency of gate placement to contain it on the property.** Bachim seconded. **Bruner restated the motion is to approve the application for Class B license with exterior seating and that the fences are put in.** Motion carried.

Food Trucks – Kuhlman stated she received a phone call from El Burrito Loco and Sugar River Bistro on coming to town with their Food Trucks. She did some research and handed out sample applications and ordinances from other municipalities to the board. Arndt has concerns of taking away from local business. They chose to do Food Truck Night on a Tuesday because nothing is open. He can't speak for what nights anyone is selling here. We have Anchor and Main Street Music. He likes the idea of having one in place, to have another outlet. Brusberg said it depends on where they go to. We have Honey Hills in the parking lot here. Arndt said they might go on the Dale Arndt lot this summer. Arndt likes the Union Grove sample ordinance, but they have annual permit at \$300. The food trucks we have are only \$250 for the year. Olson said we should put an ordinance together and maybe postpone. Brennum said it's worth more of a discussion. He doesn't dislike the idea, but we need to give it due diligence. Bruner said he would be happy with one night a week. We can go through the packets and discuss it at the next board meeting. **Brennum made a motion to postpone discussion on food trucks for El Burrito Loco and Sugar River Bistro.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Special event – June 18 Belong to Brooklyn Fest - Josh Kaurich, 318 Union Road. He's given this some thought over the last few days, and he reached out to Karen Wiedel. He doesn't want to disrespect the community or her. He said if it will be a problem, the board should not approve their application. He doesn't want to get off on the wrong foot, and if they say no, that's fine. He started work on ideas in October of last year. He felt a calling to do this, and they wanted a festival. It's a lot of work. It's more of a family-based event for a limited scope of time. He's come to realize this is not a good weekend to do anything. The group landed on Father's Day weekend. He stopped the planning before this meeting. The idea is to keep it

simple, family friendly, have a run-walk, a route in town which is negotiable. Keep in mind they are not trying to attempt to cross the highway, and they want to keep it about 3.1 miles. Do not put too much emphasis on being over by the pavilion; he can move that. They're looking for a flow in the day. If someone doesn't want to run, there will be food, lawn games, a two-piece band, Alpine Apple Orchard will have donuts, there will be a coffee vendor, lunch and end the day with some form of kickball tournament. There will be no beer at the event. They would be in the southwest corner by the tractor pull track, and people will park as you drive in. They will mark it and keep it simple. He can't answer how many people will come to it. There is not a ton of activities, so a lot of people coming and going. Olson noticed on the application he didn't have anything from the fire department or police, and the reason to ask for police department is shutting down Railroad Street, that's something that should have been discussed. And as far as fire, his biggest concern is the run going around the building, and that's something that could create problems if they are called into service. Kaurich said they will have someone monitoring it and volunteers coming in. Kuhlman stated she sent the application to the fire department and that Spilde might be able to speak to the fire department aspect. Kaurich doesn't think we need to shut down Railroad Street. They would need help to navigate around the fire department and have volunteers. Brennum said assuming this is approved, please work with Spilde. Walking around the station is not an option. Bruner said if we close down Railroad Street, do we need police or barricades from PW. Spilde said the police have to order them to do it. If they need signs, barricades, Public Works has them available. Brusberg said knowing the park will be shared with a graduation party, how will Kaurich avoid people using the pavilion or restroom or parking. Kaurich said he's required to have toilets by the activities. It's public bathrooms, so he can't stop someone from using them. They can maybe work with the family to put signs up. If kids play on a playground, he can't prohibit that. There can be some form of distinction, but he's not sure how best to handle that. Bruner would like to see the shelter closed for private party signs. Spilde said in the past, if we thought there would be an issue, there are boards in place where we tack up private party. We have that the park is rented. Brennum asked if Smithfield is a potential option, and he knows there were some power constraints. Is the only power at Smithfield a standard outlet. Spilde said there's standard outlets in the shelter and the bathrooms, but just regular outlets, 120v. Brusberg asked if it's solely the donuts that need the 50 amp services. Kaurich said yes. Brusberg asked if there's a reason they can't be made in advance. Kaurich said he can ask what's practical. Bachim said parking is a problem at Smithfield. Kaurich said for him Smithfield is out of the question. The two ball diamonds are better at Legion. Brennum said kickball is a consideration at Smithfield. He doesn't want to say no, if we don't track down every possible solution. He wants to be mindful of the party who rented the shelter. Olson said he wished they had another date. The following weekend is wide open. Brusberg asked if there was a hard and fast reason they chose it besides it being Father's Day. Kaurich said he couldn't recite all the reasons, but the date was picked after much discussion. Other days were proposed. Heat was a factor. It was an hour and a half discussion. He would accept an option b. Brusberg said Oregon Summerfest is the week after, and there's a car show the week before. Are we risking overload. Discussion on doing next year. Olson said being able to establish a time sooner in the year when the park would be available. Kaurich said if the board is uncomfortable, he can do it next year. He didn't know what the public wanted to do, and he started late with this. He's not afraid of pushing the timeline. If there is concern, don't do it and kick it out. He has no hard feelings. He will follow through, but it may not be until next year. Bruner likes the idea of an event, but his concern is the party and making sure they're able to get in and set up. Olson added the ability to park for the party. Discussion on fencing and signage. Kaurich said the family should not have to move their event. Bruner said we could block off parking around the shelter. Kaurich asked if it would put everyone at peace if he postpones the event. He has a full year to get ahead of it. Does the board want him to withdraw or do they want to deny the permit. **Brennum made a motion to deny the permit for the June 18 Belong to Brooklyn Festival.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Brennum made a motion to approve the cigarette/tobacco and coin machine permit for Anchor Club II. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Brennum made a motion to accept the changes to the zoning ordinances. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Bruner thanked everyone involved in the long process to update these ordinances.

Bruner asked to move up from unfinished business of **208 Railroad Street**. Everyone has the email that Mr. Intravaia sent that he has contracted with a roofing company for the end of April, beginning of May. They can do it in one day. Board asked him what is going on with the yard. Intravaia said he's starting to clean the yard, and the roofers need the room to work. He's dealing with the vehicles because they want access to the driveway. He was hoping he would work with Project Home but he makes \$200 too much to qualify. He's cleaning the yard and looking into trading in the vehicles for one that's better. Bachim asked if the roof is done and he's meeting what we set in place, where are we at this point. Olson said we should revisit at the May 9 board meeting, and if not completed by then, there better be a pretty substantial reason why it's not done. Dumpster Days starts May 6. He's allowed to bring down and unload into the dumpsters. Bruner told him not to wait until May 8 to start. He has a month to get it done, and it will go easier if it's a little at a time. Please make an effort. Brusberg said it

needs to get done before that. **Olson made a motion that by May 9 the roof is complete and that it is cleaned up at the property, nothing in the yard, no debris.** Bachim seconded. Brennum asked for concession about the roof, and the only concession is with the weather. If they're claiming mid April, early May, and if they can't come in not because of inaction of the resident, but due to weather. Olson said if due to weather, we can revisit. Motion carried.

ETZ requests for CUPs – Kuhlman stated we received information on CUPs in the Town of Rutland. One for a welding business on Highway 92 on the property next to Smithfield Park outside of the village, and a second for non-metallic extraction on Center Road. Brusberg asked if there was any controversy in the Town of Rutland. Discussion about the location of the CUPs. **Olson made a motion to approve the CUP for the welding shop in Town of Rutland.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. **Brennum made a motion to approve the CUP for the mineral extractions.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Olson and Brusberg looked over the bills. Olson had a question on the indirect costs for Dane County Sheriff's Department, but he spoke with Kuhlman. It's a percentage of the total wages. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works/Utilities/Emergency Management – Water – the meter changeout program is at a standstill with all the new building in the village. There's not enough in stock to support what is being built. Water meters are a year out. Our rep knows the situation and will try to get us some. The seasonal water shutoff started January 10 and ended on March 28. Well 2 roof project – the material is here, and they will be working on it shortly. **Sewer** – reviewed DNR fees. They need to sign off before they bill. He's working with Strand on questions with the O&A paint line, and they will get an official response from Strand. Their paint distributor is working with them. It doesn't look overly complicated. The sample manhole will pay off in this situation. Phosphorus is good. Effluent BOD is not so good, but they found a bad sensor and that was replaced. All lab equipment is required, back flow preventers and flow meters are required to be tested every year, and that calibration was made last week. He's still listening to Dane County Covid 19 monthly reports. **Streets** – this year we had 25 events where they plowed or salted, 11 plowing and 14 salting. 34 is normal. They will be working on street trees, and they have the contract for the tree work. AEDs are ordered and it will be about 3-4 months. Water tower shelter is ordered and will be 6-10 weeks. Picnic tables will be 6-10 months. They fixed the outdoor lighting at village hall. They received the two lights for the outside of the community building, and they were installed last week. Have not received the tables and chairs yet. First street sweeping was done March 29. There will be three total. Next one will be right before Labor Day and then when the leaves are done. It used to be four sweepings per year. Bruner stated in addition to the tables and chairs for the building, they should replace the chairs in the upstairs conference room using the ARPA funds. Recreation Committee would like to do sand in the parks. The board never voted on that. He received pricing for the sand at about \$5,000, and they'd like to rent a mini backhoe and buy some black dirt to fill up to the sand. Then reseed, fix some cement, and weed spray. They would like to purchase a rototiller for about \$1,000. They are looking at \$7,865 for finishing the project the right way. Brennum asked if there's long-term maintenance care for the sand. Spilde said they have added sand maybe twice in his lifetime. If they put new sand and do rototilling, it will last a lot longer. Brennum asked if pea gravel is a better option. Spilde said Rec talked and didn't want pea gravel. Brusberg asked how much time it will take for rototilling. Spilde said a day. If they keep it turned over, the bees shouldn't be able to breed and nest. Brennum said pea gravel does give and would prevent the bees. Bachim said we will get more in the grass but agrees it doesn't hurt. But if Rec voted for the sand, we should go with sand. **Brennum made a motion to approve to use ARPA funds to refurb the park for a total of \$8,000.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Spilde would like to discuss in the future using ARPA funds for more water meters. They had four applications for the seasonal summer employee. They interviewed three. They tried contacting the fourth candidate three times, with no response. One applicant had mowed before. They were all nice and all would be good workers. They are recommending applicant number 3, Brock Buskager. **Olson made a motion to approve Brock Buskager for seasonal summer help.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Sealcoating bids were opened at Public Works. They added the Cemetery Drive on the list. There is \$46,000 in the budget. Scotts is the low bid at \$34,000 with the cemetery and without sweeping. Sweeping is \$1,250 and we contract that ourselves. With the \$34,000 and with sweeping, we have under \$10,000 left. It will be between \$6,000 and \$10,000 to crack fill. The bids are up 25% compared to last year. Crackfilling will be less, but we still need funds to do everything. Public Works recommends going with Scotts. They have used both companies in the past. It will be the same material used in the last few years. It's the granite chip. Brooklyn Commons area is being done this year. Olson asked as far as the sweeping contract, is that subject to change. Spilde talked to them and they added about \$500 from last year. **Brennum made a motion to approve Scotts as sealcoater for 2022 as presented.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. **Olson made a motion to approve the sweeping contract not to exceed \$1,250.** Brusberg seconded. Brennum asked if there is a backup option. Spilde said there is another company that has contacted them. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – Financials were handed out for March. Total deposits were \$90,235.72 and total withdrawals were \$146,743.68. The total balance in all accounts at end of March is \$2,397,666.98. Election went smoothly. Total of 154 voters out of about 1,000. Reminder that the Recreation's Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday. Arndt said they will be in all three parks and the community building. They are asking each child to take no more than 10, and there is candy and stickers or erasers in them. There will be a garbage bag and signs for people to recycle the eggs to use next year. We have one new board member Janeen Podgorski, who will start next meeting. Also congratulate Dan Olson and Sean Brennum who will be returning. We'd like to thank Kyle Smith for all his years on the board and his contributions to the village. The board agreed, and Bruner expressed his thanks to Smith. It was a pleasure to work with him on the board. Website is still working out a few bugs, and we might not do the Facebook sync. It doesn't really work like we thought. She will talk with Town Web. The EDA grant was submitted March 31, and hopefully we will hear back by the end of April. Kuhlman was contacted by Captain Tetzlaff that Deputy Grumke is going on leave in May and June and August and September. We are responsible for paying for his leave, and then we can get supplemental coverage for those periods. She handed out possible coverage times and expenses for the board. Captain Tetzlaff said she can appear at the next meeting. We do have money in the budget, because we didn't start at January 1 with the overtime hours, and we did have about \$29,000 extra that went into miscellaneous. We were going to use it to pay for the truck, but it can be used to cover deputies. An extra 16 hours a week would be about \$19,000. The board would like her to come to the next meeting. Kuhlman also handed out an ARPA spreadsheet to the board showing what we've paid, what we've allocated and what is left. There is about \$65,000 left. The total in the park fees account is currently to date \$34,076.04, and there are six lots left to be sold in Brooklyn Commons. We have a new duplex being built on North Rutland.

Fireworks – Bruner had a meeting last week. He had three residents and Justin and Matt from Spielbauer Fireworks. He asked for a second proposal from Dan Dean, but he never received anything. Spielbauer has two proposals. Based on the safety radius, we would not be able to do the first one. They sent the alternate proposal for a total of \$6,001.03. It will be a 12 to 14-minute display and a grand finale. The meeting also discussed fundraising and signage. Dollar General will donate glow sticks for the kids. If any are left, they will donate to Rec. They will have three more meetings before the event. They are looking at July 2 and rain date of July 9, both Saturday nights. He is asking for a motion to approve the 2nd bid from Spielbauer Fireworks. Arndt asked where the money is coming from. Bruner said we have an account with about \$2,500 that was donated and the village budgeted \$5,000, but they are working hard on fundraising to avoid using the budget money. We have some options that look good that we can do this without having to dip into the budget. Brusberg said donations are not concrete yet, but they want to know how they would receive recognition for a material donation. He's looking for a sample of a handout and something to put on electronic media advertising. He's also thinking when we get a check from someone, have Bruner receive the check from the company in person and post a photo giving recognition and thanks, and try to get the Observer there to get recognition. He will make few phone calls. Bruner is fairly confident all expenses will be covered. Olson said that makes him feel better using donated dollars. He's talking for others in the village that look at why we're spending this kind of money on fireworks for 16 minutes when that money could be used elsewhere. Bachim said Spielbauer needs a down payment. Bruner was asked when campaigning about fireworks coming back. Discussion on the radius of 300 feet for the fireworks. Bruner said in front of the tractor track in the southwest corner is more than 300 feet away from any structure. Spilde, as assistant fire chief, said he met with Oregon Fire Chief, and they're supposed to be getting information so when you enter in the size of the shells, the NFPA will tell you where you can and can't shoot from. If they are launching shells bigger than that, they have to have insurance to cover all those properties and those residents can't be home. In the past, those houses were never in that range. As far as the fire department, someone will come down and inspect that day. There are different things to look for. They will use Oregon Fire Department resources. Bruner said everyone working is a trained qualified professional. Arndt asked if they would barricade by the ball diamond. Spilde said in the past they put up fence. NFPA says now you can have someone stationed there and use caution tape. Brennum asked if there are any concerns. Spilde said they will have fire suppression there and they will talk at the fire department on how to do the inspection. When debris falls, someone will have to walk the park and pick it up. Fireworks are dangerous. They will have fire staff and EMS staff there that day. Brennum said the last meeting he made a motion to approve if there is some sort of committee. Is there sense of how many more people are interested? There needs to be parking and will there be appropriate help. Bruner said they figured five volunteers are needed - one at the entrance, one where they turn, one guiding into parking spaces and two people to go through with garbage bags, and they talked about getting a couple of containers in key places to throw garbage. One person will be at the caution tape to make sure no one breaches the line. The interest is big, but a lot of people couldn't make the meeting. Brennum asked if the interest is large enough to have enough volunteers. Bruner said he has about 10 people. Bruner will have them come a couple hours before dusk. Spilde says 8:40 p.m. is sunset on July 2. Bruner said people will start arriving at 7:45. Bachim said once it's set up, no one leaves the area unattended.

Brennum made a motion to approve the second option for \$6,001.03 for July 2 with backup date of July 9. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Bachim abstained. Arndt opposed.

Brennum thinks Zoom meetings should be at least extended because we had one or two people on at this meeting. It's a decent option. **Brennum made a motion to extend Zoom meeting option through October when the license is over.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg said it's rare we get this many attendees. Brennum said the village hall has handled this amount before. Brusberg said it makes it easier for the clerk. **Brennum made a motion to move the meetings back to village hall effective the 25th of April meeting.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Brennum made a motion at 8:26 p.m. to adjourn. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes April 25, 2022

The April 25, 2022, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Mike Brusberg, Jacob Bachim, Brandon Arndt and Janeen Podgorski. Also present were Captain Jan Tetzlaff, Sgt. Matz, Sheri Arndt, Trenton Diehl, Steve Clark (via Zoom), Deputy Merrick Grumke, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. President welcomed Janeen Podgorski to the board. No public comments.

Sno-Hornets and Sno-Blazers Snowmobile Clubs Special Event Permit Application for Labor Day Tractor Pull – Arndt made a motion to approve the application for a special event permit for the Brooklyn Sno-Hornets and Oregon Sno-Blazers. Bachim seconded. Motion carried. **Brennum made a motion to approve the amplification permit for September 2-5.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

President's report – Bruner stated the Village of Brooklyn was recognized as a Tree City USA for 2021. He will be putting together committee assignments to vote on at the next meeting. If there's anyone who would like to change the committees they're on, let him know, and there are vacancies to fill on EDC, a trustee on media, personnel, PZ Podgorski volunteered for. Podgorski will volunteer for EDC. Brusberg volunteered for personnel. Bruner stated we need 3 citizens and 2 alternates for zoning Board of Appeals and 1 citizen and 1 alternate for Board of Review. Arndt volunteered for the media committee.

Olson made a motion to approve minutes of April 11, 2022. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Dane County Sheriff's Office – Captain Tetzlaff appreciates coming to the board. She sent a quote for additional coverage for the summer. If we want backfill, just let them know. They know we already have overtime coverage. Bruner said from what he understands, the deputies are doing a great job. He's heard comments of people can't believe the red and blue lights they see. Captain Tetzlaff was glad to hear that. She stated Sgt. Matz is available during 2nd shift and Lt. Simpson is on 1st shift for issues that may come up. Other deputies will check in with the clerk. She asked what kind of coverage we want as far as backfill so they can arrange a schedule. They are down about 40 positions in the county, so there are a lot of vacancies where deputies are working overtime, so the more notice they have, the better. She knows evening coverage is important, but they can't guarantee full time. Brusberg is concerned with how it will play out with Highway 14 road construction. It's likely traffic will pick up.

Grumke stated he put the speed board up. It looks like the project will continue through 2024. He will be able to give better numbers on average counts during the day because the speed board will be put up westbound. There were an average of 1,200 cars a day going eastbound, but we haven't had complaints in the area. Brusberg said the school is happy with coverage they're getting with incidents at the school. Bruner said without a full-time force, we need to be as arbitrary as possible. Olson asked if it's possible to get Friday-Saturday coverage in the evening because of the night life. Brusberg asked if there is the ability at times when other deputies are in the vicinity, to take a trip through the village. Captain Tetzlaff said if they're patrolling, they can patrol the whole village. The beat deputies know the schedule, and they can cover the area as well. She can get some stats in the future. Brusberg said Grumke has been good with Facebook updates. Is that possible to do as we approach the summer. Sgt. Matz said the community deputy can have access or one or two people with Friday-Saturday can get access. Olson asked what blocks would be for 4-hour shifts. The morning in overtime is like 7-11. Tetzlaff said 2-6 or 3-7 or 7-11, they usually have people sign up before or after shifts. Tetzlaff said they will mix it up. Sg Matz said they can let Green County know it's not Grumke and work with them. **Olson made a motion to accept the 16 extra overtime hours coverage per week.** Brusberg seconded. Brusberg stated they will be four 4-hour blocks. Motion carried. We will leave it up to Dane County to make it variable. Olson asked if they could keep us in the loop on times. Captain Tetzlaff said they will start with a schedule, and then the board can tell them if they want to change. It will depend on the shifts they can fill, and they can look at expanding out to other shifts. Brusberg said it's better to have a bit more variability and a variation. Board thanked them for coming.

Deputy Grumke update – there was one incident by the school that resulted in an arrest. On Friday Green County had an arrest in the village. There were traffic complaints on Church Street. He's had the speed board up for the last 8 days. It averages 1,228 cars each day going eastbound and the average speed is 24.62. 85% were traveling 28.5 mph and under. He will switch it over to westbound traffic and try to get numbers to the board. Public Works will keep the sign in motion over the next few months. Bruner asked if he's heard anything on permanent mount speed boards. Grumke said currently none are available. He will continue to try to work with them. Ultimately that is the goal to get in the entrances to the village.

Kuhlman explained that about four years ago, GASB, which is the accounting rules for government, said municipalities need valuations of our retirement programs as part of the audit. One year they do a full valuation, which is about \$3,000, and the next year they do a review for about \$800. It's an ongoing necessity. This year is the full valuation, and they are offering a two or four-year contract. The four-year contract will save us about \$250. Bruner asked if we can amortize the cost over the next few years. Kuhlman said not this first year, because that will be needed this year, but it's been budgeted. But in future years, we can budget a set amount each year and carryover year to year, so it's a steady amount every year. Bruner agreed. **Brusberg made a motion to accept the four-year agreement with Key Benefits Concepts for the OPEB valuation, and from a budgeting standpoint will budget \$2,000 a year for the duration of this four-year contract.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Food Truck/Outdoor vendors ordinance – Arndt put the rough draft together and highlighted parts that were needing more discussion. He looked over the samples and put together for what fits us. With the food truck nights in general, they are limiting it to five for the events so everyone is profitable. He's had to turn away 3-4 per night, so there's a lot of interest, and they want to know when this is approved, they would like a copy sent. Bruner asked if measures have been taken so that when food truck nights are happening, they're not running out of food and residents are not being served. Arndt said they can't promise, but the ones last year kept bringing more food each night. They know what to expect based on last year. Brusberg asked about the permit fee. Arndt said it's \$50 per truck per night. Bruner said the ordinance would be more like someone coming down weekly. Arndt said the \$300 was taken from Union Grove sample. Brusberg asked how it would work for Sweet Treats going through. Arndt said that's transient and there's a section for that. Arndt said Sweet Treats is just going to come to the food truck nights. Arndt said No. 4, non-profit organizations, would cover Green County Ag truck and covers vegetable stands. Brennum asked if we want to have a noncompete with food truck nights. So for the four Tuesdays throughout the summer, they are not in the village that night unless physically at food truck night. Bruner also didn't see a limit to how often a week. He would say put that in there or pick a specific date so local

businesses can plan. Arndt said some talked about popup fish fries on some Fridays. Brusberg's concerned with the time frame, say 11 a.m. to evening for hours. Arndt said possibly 9 p.m. latest time. Arndt suggested allowing four food truck permits per year. Kuhlman asked where would they be allowed to be. Brennum said we'd have to designate an area. Bruner possibly the mall with Canterling Café and the bank. Brennum said Canterling Café might be open for nighttime. Arndt has information in the ordinance for facing into the curb. Brusberg said they have to be careful on where they are with traffic flow. Bachim asked about Marcie by the new duplexes. They can be seen from Rutland and one side is open. There are no buildings and plenty of parking. Another idea was across from Dollar General on Douglas. Brennum said it sounds like there's a lot more to discuss. **Brennum made a motion to postpone action until the next meeting and to come back with streets, times, the exempt dates.** Bachim suggested offering multiple locations and the food trucks could pick. Brennum suggested giving locations of four streets to Bruner and they can choose. Podgorski seconded. Motion carried. Brennum said to email revision ideas to clerk, and she will send to Arndt. The board thanked Arndt for working on the ordinance.

Olson and Brusberg reviewed the invoices. Bruner okayed the training for clerks. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report - Clerk's office will be closed Wednesday afternoon through Friday. Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be at the Municipal Treasurer's Association of Wisconsin conference in LaCrosse. The Post Office changed the way they handle the permit number for utility bills. The last 4-6 months we haven't paid for the permit. We usually pay once a year, and when we inquired how close we were, they said we actually ran out at the end of last year. They have a new computer system, and it wasn't caught. They are waiving those fees because it was their error. With the new application, there's a \$265 application fee and a \$265 annual fee for the permit. We have a check to cover those fees, our annual utility bill fees and also about \$500 extra because the fire/EMS department will use our permit number for their annual mailings and then they reimburse us. Honey Hills Farms contacted clerk's office, and they were told they can use Arndt's lot at the corner of Rutland and Douglas. They thanked the board for allowing them to be at the community building parking lot last year, but they think they will get a little bit more exposure at the other location. We had a fairly new resident stop at the office and said she is happy we put information out on social media. She has gone to a few events because of those notices. Kuhlman stated the League of Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance company holds an annual conference in Wisconsin Dells. One member of the municipality is free to attend. It's insurance related and it's an informative conference. Deputy Clerk Olson would also like to attend this year. It's \$90 for the two-day conference and \$90 for the one-night hotel room. **Brennum made a motion to pay the \$180 for deputy clerk to attend the LWMMI conference May 19-20 in Wisconsin Dells.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained. Kuhlman reminded everyone about the Chamber's Business Fair next Tuesday night at the community building.

Kuhlman updated the board that the PW employee who received a traffic ticket from an accident while plowing snow went to initial court appearance, and it was sent directly to trial in May. He's hoping he can get it reduced, but worst-case scenario is it won't be and there will also be court costs to pay. Kuhlman asked the board if the village would pay the costs of the ticket and court costs, if necessary, because the ticket was received while he was working for the Village. Brennum asked about sending our attorney with him. Kuhlman explained the village attorney has a conflict of interest, and the insurance company doesn't handle court cases unless it's a criminal offense. **Brennum made a motion to reimburse the PW employee for the ticket and court costs.** Olson seconded. Brusberg asked if there is value for any of them to be there for support. Kuhlman said she checked with the employee, and he said it wasn't necessary. Motion carried.

Fireworks – Bruner expressed appreciation to Brusberg for reaching out to businesses, and due to his efforts, the fireworks are paid for. The board thanked Brusberg. Bruner said he has had one meeting and are planning three more before the event. He's looking for five volunteers for parking and one along the caution tape so no one goes into the restricted area. They're planning on doing photo ops with donors. O&A has pledged \$4,000 and All Color has pledged \$1,000. We will do a photo op and get in Observer and in village social media and will be sent thank you notes. Bruner will reach out to Spilbauer. Brusberg said they might talk to others and bank more for future

years. We will carryover extra from year to year. They will get a couple garbage cans from Public Works. Brusberg said maybe the Sno-Hornets have tips on parking. Olson said streets will be packed through town. Brusberg suggested making sure there's good lighting at crossing areas. Kuhlman stated Deputy Grumke will be on duty. Bruner will reach out to Chief Barber. Bachim said the fire department is aware of the event.

Recreation Committee – Arndt stated Pickleball is going strong and yoga has a good turnout on Wednesday nights. Yoga will be off in June and July. There is one more movie night on May 7. The Easter egg hunt was a good turnout. All eggs were collected by 9:45. The board thanked Recreation for doing the event. Recreation summer youth program starts July 5, and they have volunteers. They will have a set number of kids. Brooklyn Night Out is August 4. Craft Fair has had a lot of interest. Food truck nights, they have music for all five nights and solid vendors for all of them. It starts May 17 from 5-8 pm.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Bruner said there are not a lot of updates. The house on S. Rutland is having the house razed and are trying to sell the lot. They're working on numbers now. They discussed updates on the comp plan. We had several proposals, and the one they recommended was from General Engineering. Their basic quote was \$2,500, but Planning & Zoning anticipates more work than is included in the scope of the proposal. PZ made a recommendation to authorize GEC to work with us to update the plan at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Brusberg asked what's in the budget. Kuhlman said \$16,000. **Bruner made a motion to approve GEC for comp plan updates.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Bruner asked GEC if they own the copyright on the plan. They said it will be ours, so we'll have hard copies and a digital copy. So if we amend again, we will own the rights. We have received 65 survey results so far.

Fire/EMS Commission – Brusberg thanked Arndt for filling in at the start of the meeting. They didn't hand out reports for EMS because Wicik was gone. Fire had 27 calls, 13 mutual aid. EMS side 21 med calls and 10 were mutual aid. They're looking closely on EMS out of service hours. We are at 199 so far, and they had one day in March that was open. They're typically 55-65 hours a month out of service. Barber's goal is to have around 50 hours for a given month. They are having a drug take back program on April 30 from 10-noon. They have had four rescue kids sessions this year and so far have had a good turnout. They have established committees to ease the strain on Barber, and that's going well. They've had good engagement from the members. The website is live and up and working through some troubleshooting things and has had 10,000 visits so far. They're still working on vehicle repairs. Tender 7 was \$2,900 to fix. Financial statements were handed out. Nothing concerning. They're staying within budget, and you can see the unallocated budget and sweep account. Secretary said the audit is still taking place. Should hopefully have findings in the next month. All municipalities signed the district agreement. They're working on medical director proposals – MEP from St. Marys and looking at UW, and Belleville uses UW. They're comparing the options and hoping to have a meeting in the next couple weeks. Goals for the district – three bullets at the bottom were added at the meeting: develop equipment replacement schedule and work on EMT licensure for Barber, attend trainings and meetings. Morale is getting better and they have more volunteers. Brennum asked where we are on setting goals for the fire chief. Brusberg said that's the list he handed out. Some fit under the strategic plan. Barber vetted the list with Spilde and Wicik also. He's using scheduling software to track his time. There's not a communicated schedule for Barber. There's a documented need for what his hours are going to be. Brennum said to keep in mind a work-life balance for him. Brusberg said he has a conversation with him every meeting. Brusberg thanked Bachim and the other members for the banquet. It was a good time. They invited the members of district board to attend. Bachim said they had about 64 people in attendance.

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

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

April 2022 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

The Senior Center has several opportunities in the next month that people are welcome to take advantage of. From entertainment to education to exercise, there is something for everyone to benefit from.

A good sense of balance is vital to preventing falls, and preventing falls is key to staying independent in one's later years. A new session of Balance Classes will begin in June. This class, taught by a Physical Therapist from Stoughton Hospital, requires pre-registration, and has limited space to allow everyone to spread out. The session is progressive, meaning each class builds on the skills learned and practiced in the previous classes. One's sense of balance declines with age, but happily it is something that can be improved with practice. Don't lose your independence because of a preventable fall!

The Senior Center will be celebrating its 42nd anniversary on May 26 at 1:00. The event will feature music from the Sutter Brothers and anniversary cake. Please call ahead to reserve your seat and your treat.

On May 25 at 10:45 Ray Antoniewicz will be at the Center, sharing information about his hobby. Ray creates rustic bentwood furniture and will be demonstrating how he creates that furniture at this event. Please call ahead to reserve a spot to watch Ray turn saplings into furniture.

The Senior Center is starting up its diabetic support group once again, and it will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:30. In May that group will meet on the 24th. Facilitated by Susie Lamb, a registered nurse with over 25 years of experience, this group welcomes those living with diabetes to share information, learn about topics related to diabetes, and support others who are also living with this condition.

The Senior Center shows recently released movies each month. In May the movie *Belfast* is scheduled for 1:00 on Friday, May 20. The seats may not be as plush as the seats in a theater, but the price is right. There is no charge to attend a movie at the Center.

Finally, the Senior Center will offer the class *Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder* in June. This is a three-session workshop that is aimed at women over 60 who may have some issues with bowel or bladder control (or who want to prevent future problems with bowel or bladder control). This is an evidence-based class (scientific studies have proven the effectiveness of the course) that

includes information, group activities and simple exercises to do at home. This course also requires pre-registration.

To register for any of the events described above, or for further information, please call the Senior Center at 608-835-5801.

Click on link below to read the

[May 2022](#) Senior Center Newsletter



The Pantry Press Distribution Dates & Times

May 17 (Tues) 9a-11a
May 24 (Tues) 9a-11a
May 26 (Thurs) 4p-6p
May 31 (Tues) 9a-11a
June 4 (Sat) 9a-11a
June 7 (Tues) 9a-11a
June 9 (Thurs) 4p-6p
June 14 (Tues) 9a-11a
June 21 (Tues) 9a-11a
June 28 (Tues) 9a-11a
June 30 (Thurs) 9a-11a

For needs beyond food or for emergency food needs, call the United Way help line at 211.

SEAL COATING



Thur., May 19 & Fri., May 20
on the following streets:

MARCIE
CEDAR
PINE
JUNIPER
CEMETARY DRIVE

Please remove all vehicles or
other obstructions from these
streets before 5 am.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Lawn Mowing Reminder

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 values 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.within

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FOR FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY:

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
MAY - SEPTEMBER

5:00PM-8:00PM

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BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS CARD PARTY

May 21st 2022

Sandwiches & Refreshments

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Euchre - 6:30 p.m.

Euchre Tournament

\$5.00 Entry Fee

***50/50 Raffle *Silent Auction *Door Prizes**



**401 W. Main St.
Brooklyn, WI**



Brooklyn Fire & EMS

First Quarter Report for 2022 (Jan.-Apr.)

- Brooklyn Fire & EMS responded to a total of 93 calls for emergency services
- 17 calls were in the Village of Brooklyn
- 59 calls were in the Emergency Response District
- 34 calls were Mutual Assistance out of our district



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

Invocation & Benediction: Reverend Rebecca Ninke,
Brooklyn Lutheran Church

Guest speaker: Jason Johns

Special Recognition: 2021 Memorial supporters

Laying of Wreath: American Legion Post 160

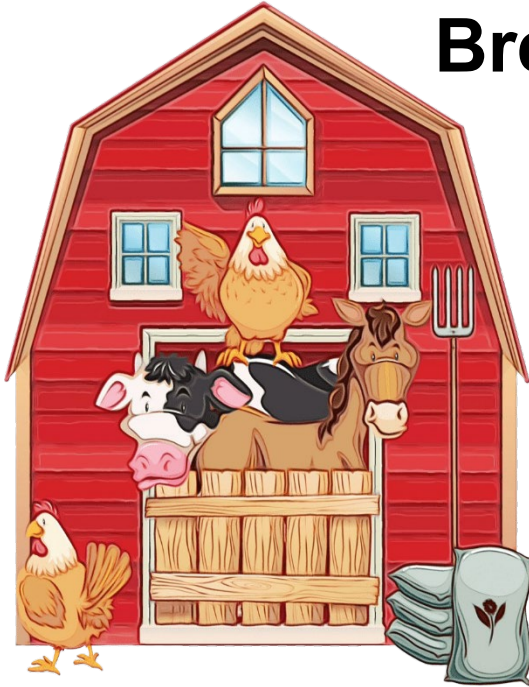
Firing Squad: VFW Post 10272

Bugler: Misty Johnson

(11:00 am @ Oregon WWII Memorial 12:30 pm @ Fitchburg Schley Memorial Gorman Park)



Breakfast on the Farm



Green County

Sat., May 28, 2022 - 6a-10a

Meier Farm – W3095 Oliver Road-Monticello, WI

Rock County

Sat., June 4, 2022 – 630a-11a

Glacier Edge Dairy (Metcalf Family) – 2679 N. Cty Rd M – Milton, WI

Dane County

Sat., June 11, 2022 - 7a-1130a

Haag Dairy – 6868 Buethin Rd – Dane, WI



Brooklyn Community United Methodist Church

Ice Cream Social

Brooklyn Dairy Queen Crowning

Thurs., June 2nd from 430-730p

Barbecues, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, assorted pies, cakes or brownies and assorted beverages will be for sale.

The Dairy Queen Crowning starts at 7p.

Please join us - all are welcome.



Fourth of July Fireworks

July 2, 2022

At Legion Park - Brooklyn, WI

Park Opens at 7:45pm for Parking and Fireworks to begin shortly after Dusk

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June

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
*Village Board Mtg & Planning & Zoning Mtg will be at Village Hall – 210 Commercial St.	No Yoga for June or July it will return in August	*\$5/Tire Contact Clerk's Office for stickers 608-455-4201		Garbage Bookmobile @ Gazebo 6-730p Community Methodist Church Ice Cream Social 430-730p -Dairy Queen Crowning @ 7p		Rock County Dairy Breakfast @ Glacier Edge Dairy (Metcalf Family) 2679 N. Cty Rd M – Milton, WI 630a-11a
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		*Tires, Oil & Battery Pick up	Garbage & Recycling	Recreation Meeting 530p- Community Bldg Lower Level Bookmobile @ Gazebo 6-730p		Dane County Dairy Breakfast @ Haag Dairy – 6868 Buethin Rd- Dane WI 7a-1130a
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Village Board Mtg 630p	Brush Pick up	Garbage	Planning & Zoning Commission Mtg 630 p Bookmobile @ Gazebo 6-730p		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Public Works Mtg		Garbage & Recycling	Bookmobile @ Gazebo 6-730p		
26	27	28	29	30		
	Village Board Mtg 630p		Garbage	Bookmobile @ Gazebo 6-730p		