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September 2023 Village News

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**The Clerk's Office will be closed
Sept. 20 thru 22 for training**



Get Fit Class Schedule

Monday - 6:00pm
PIYO

Wednesday night - 6:00pm
Yoga Slow Flow

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### COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, September 28

At Noon

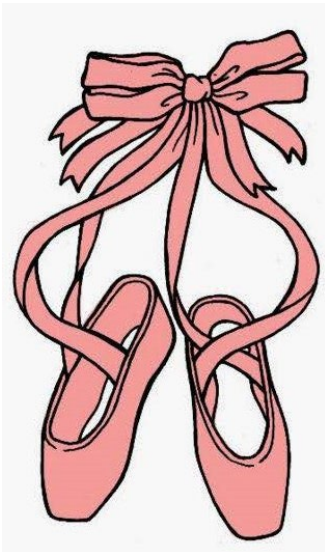
Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.

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BALLET CLASSES ARE NOW REGISTERING CLASSES RUN SEPTEMBER 19-NOVEMBER 14

@Brooklyn Community Building

<https://brooklynrecreation.org/ballet/>

Pre-Ballet – 4-4:30 p.m. (ages 3-4)

Beginning Ballet – 4:35-5:05 p.m. (5-6)

Ballet – 5:10-5:50 p.m. (ages 7-11)

New! Jazz – 5:55-6:25 p.m. (ages 7-11)

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

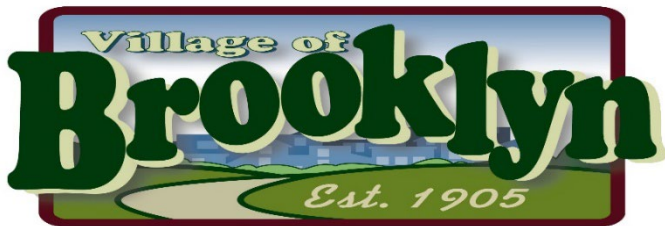


Brooklyn Recreation Committee
is part of The Village of Brooklyn
PO Box 189, 210 Commercial Street,
Brooklyn, WI 53521

www.brooklynwi.gov
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Scheduled Participants (always subject to change):

Eat at Joe's, Jolly Frog, Sugar River Bistro, Sista's Chicken and Fish, Jakarta Café, The Grilling N
Chilling Shack, Ice Cream Truck, Sarah's Sweet Shop, Local 4-H



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use the link to complete.

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September 2023 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Meals can be more of a struggle for people as they age. There are many factors that can contribute to this challenge. Among them are: lack of interest in food preparation, physical challenges that make cooking more difficult, lack of financial resources to obtain food, and lack of transportation to get to the grocery store.

Eating alone can also be a negative experience for many.

Older adults are prone to a loss of muscle (known as sarcopenia), which needs to be combatted with exercise and sufficient protein intake. Adequate muscle mass is vital to remaining independent, as muscle is important for every move we make—whether walking, getting out of a chair, avoiding a fall, opening a jar, etc.

The Oregon Area Senior Center can help older adults maintain good nutrition in a number of ways. The most obvious is through the Center’s meal program. There is a midday meal served at the Center every weekday except Thursday. The menu is overseen by a registered dietician hired by Dane County. The food is catered by Atlantis Valley Foods, so the Center needs to know in advance if someone plans to join in for a meal. Reservations can be made by calling 608-835-5801 two business days in advance. The cost of the meals is simply a donation.

For people who cannot easily leave their homes, the same meals are available to be home delivered. Volunteer drivers deliver meals to the homebound, five days per week, with the cost being a donation. All donations are made anonymously.

On Thursdays, there is no midday meal at the Center. Instead, the Thursday meal is served at Ziggy’s in Oregon, which gives older adults a chance to come to a restaurant and order off a special eight-meal senior lunch menu. Again, the cost is a donation. No advance reservations are required to participate.

A similar restaurant meal program has just started in Belleville on Wednesdays. Please call us if you are interested in details about either program: 608-835-5801.

If transportation to get to meals, or to get to a grocery store or food pantry is a challenge, the Senior Center can help, especially people who live in Dane County. Please call us to find out about donation-based transportation options.

Eating alone can be difficult for people, as eating is often enjoyed as a social activity. Joining others at the Senior Center for lunch, or at a restaurant meal, can help alleviate that challenge.

If you have any questions about the meal programs, or transportation, please reach out to the staff at the Senior Center: 608-835-5801.



HELP US IMPROVE!
WE NEED INPUT FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO DO NOT CURRENTLY USE THE SENIOR CENTER

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY USING THE LINK PROVIDED

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR CHAMBER BUCKS!

Deadline to submit is November 1, 2023

<https://forms.gle/H9QpYn1wnBnyJQCm8>



Villagewide Garage Sales

Friday, Sept. 15
Saturday, Sept. 16
Sunday, Sept. 17

Village of Brooklyn Dumpster Days - Residents Only

****Be prepared to show proof of residency. ****
Unloading of items will be your responsibility.

Friday – September 15 – 2 pm – 7 pm
Saturday – September 16 – Noon – 6 pm
Sunday – September 17 – 10 am – 2 pm

THESE ITEMS **ARE NOT** ALLOWED:

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

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



Tire Pickup 1st Tuesday of each month

\$10/tire

Contact Clerk's Office 608-455-4201



Brush Pickup – 2nd Tuesday of each month

Please place brush in the terrace, parallel to the curb, and in separate piles. Be sure to stay away from any electrical/telephone equipment. All cut ends need to be placed in the same direction.



HYDRANT FLUSHING – Sept. 18th through 29th

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.



2023 RAFFLE

\$5/TICKET

Contact any Chamber member or Linda, village clerk

Proceeds go to Brooklyn Recreation Summer Youth Program

\$1000 – 1st PRIZE

Oregon Tradesmen hockey 2024-2025 season tickets (\$400 value donated by Oregon Tradesmen)

Soul Mat and orientation lesson (\$250 value donated by Body Conscious LLC)

\$200 Overture Center gift certificate (donated by Kathleen Conklin and Body Conscious LLC)

\$100 Cash prize (donated by Stoughton Health)

Ukelele (\$100 value donated by Academy of Sound)

Brooklyn Barn basket (\$100 value donated by Brooklyn Barn)

Who Breathes, a book by Kathleen Conklin (\$90 value donated by Body Conscious LLC)

Socket wrench set and mugs (\$80 value donated by Carter & Gruenewald)

Breathe, Stretch, Move DVD (\$35 value donated by Body Conscious LLC)

DRAWING WILL BE HELD: Saturday, December 2, 2023, Noon,

@ Brooklyn United Methodist Church, 201 Church Street, Brooklyn WI 53521

Only 600 tickets sold Need not be present to win License #R0025579A-75757

Brooklyn Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 33, Brooklyn, WI 53521



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SWINGING FOR HEALTH CARD PARTY

TO BENEFIT STOUGHTON HEALTH

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2023
MONDAY 3:00PM

THE LEGEND
AT BERGAMONT

699 BERGAMONT BLVD
OREGON, WI 53575

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\$30 PER PLAYER

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19TH ANNUAL

SWINGING FOR HEALTH

GOLF OUTING AND CARD PARTY
TO BENEFIT STOUGHTON HEALTH

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2023

AT THE LEGEND OF BERGAMONT

REGISTRATION
11:00 AM-12:00PM

GOLF START
12:30 PM

CARD PARTY
3:00 PM

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Help us get internet to **YOUR** home or business



Green County is working hard to deploy high-speed internet throughout the region. We need all residents, property, and business owners to participate in this questionnaire to understand the availability and quality of internet in Green County.

Every response will better inform broadband planning across the State.

If you have internet from your home or business:

Please take the broadband survey and speed test online from your home internet connection at:



tinyurl.com/WISER2023

If you do not have internet OR if you only have cellular access:

Please call to take the questionnaire via phone:

608-261-6026



Ayúdenos a traer internet a **SU** casa o empresa



Green County está trabajando arduamente para implementar Internet de alta velocidad en toda la región. Necesitamos que todos los residentes, dueños de propiedades y empresas participen en este cuestionario para comprender la disponibilidad y la calidad de Internet en Green County.

Cada respuesta informará mejor la planificación de Internet de alta velocidad en todo Wisconsin.

Si tiene internet desde su casa o empresa:

Por favor participe en este cuestionario de banda ancha y en una prueba de velocidad desde la conexión al Internet de su ubicación en:



tinyurl.com/WISER2023

Si no tiene acceso a internet O si sólo tiene acceso celular:

Por favor llame para completar este cuestionario por teléfono:

608-261-6026

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BROOKLYN FREE MOVIES

Free@Community Building
Sunday October 15 – 1:00 pm
Saturday October 28 – 7:00 pm

(Sunday movie will be teen-oriented and Saturday movie will be PG-13 or R and will require parental attendance/consent)

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION

(More holiday-themed movies will continue in November and December)

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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes August 14, 2023

The August 14, 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 Michael Gehrmann, Dan Olson, David Berland, Janeen Podgorski and Chris Groenier. Trustee Mike Brusberg was present via telephone. Also present were Paul Douglas, Jason Marshall, Anna Seidenstricker, Frank Simpson, Captain Kerry Porter, Deputy Merrick Grumke and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. **No public comments. President Bruner read a written comment from Kathy Pennington**, Chair of Town of Brooklyn into the record, thanking the village for their support during Brian’s absence.

Gehrmann made a motion to approve minutes of July 24. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

President’s report – Bruner would like to extend sincere condolences to the family of Louis Fahey. He will be missed. He would also like to thank Deputy Grumke, Captain Porter and the Dane County Sheriff’s Office for National Night Out, and the school for using their grounds. He heard positive comments. Thank you.

110 Hotel Street – Bruner asked if there were any estimates. Douglas asked if they had any questions. He said it’s not possible to get estimates because they won’t come and give estimates; they’re too busy. They can’t give him an hour of their time. He checked on liability insurance. He has one in writing and is expecting two more. He can’t control it. He can’t make someone do it. If the village would offer any help, he’d appreciate it. It will be spring before he could do anything. Bruner understands, but we need to have documentation this is going to happen. Douglas understands. Gehrmann asked if he had a list of contractors. Douglas said he has two in mind but doesn’t have the names with him. Groenier said personally being in the building business, he thinks two months was more than enough time. Bruner said we’re not looking for start of work but looking for an estimate. Brusberg asked if he has reached out to anybody. Gehrmann said he reached out to two contractors. Discussion. Gehrmann doesn’t think he made a good faith effort. Douglas said he’s expecting estimates for liability insurance. He doesn’t have a computer, so he only has one written response and one phone response and is waiting for a third. He can’t get information in writing. Discussion. Olson said liability insurance is not a requirement. The board asked for three quotes for the building. Podgorski would suggest more than three contractors called within 30 days. Berland said not just calls but a record of who and when called. Bruner suggested changing it to 28 days and put on September 11 board meeting. Podgorski suggested calling at least 10 so he can get three quotes and

provide a list of who they were and when called. Douglas said he will do the best he can. Brusberg asked if that's reasonable. Podgorski said it is. Gehrman said to contact at least 10 and need one in writing done. Marshall asked if there's liability on the building now. **Berland made a motion that Mr. Douglas needs to call a minimum of 10 contractors for a quote to do structural repairs on 110 Hotel Street and provide a written list to us, including any and all written quotes that he receives from the contractors he contacts, in 28 days on September 11 for the next board meeting.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried. Olson opposed.

New Business – Captain Kerry Porter from Dane County Sheriff's Office was present. Hours for **Labor Day** weekend coverage were discussed. Last year it was one deputy from 8-4 and one that worked from 3-11 and one from 6-2, something like that. Grumke said it's not necessary until 2 because it's cleared up by then. Olson suggested 10-6. Captain Porter said he will get that out there for deputies for Saturday and Sunday. **Luke Bryan concert** – it was suggested to have 3 people for 12 hours working in the village. Porter said Grumke will adjust his hours to like 3pm-3am or 3pm-2am, and if we can get one more person with similar hours, it should be good. Porter said they have 12 people working traffic, but built into that they have six rovers to give breaks and gives a little buffer if there's a fender bender. So they will have ample enough people to respond if a fight or house party, and will have those available. His recommendation would be two people dedicated to patrolling the village. Porter said in the past they saw very minimal increase in bar patrons after the concert. They can't stay parked in the designated parking. In his experience local bars won't get a lot of traffic after the concert. Gehrman asked how long it takes to get them out. Porter said it will be about 6000-7000 cars and takes at least two hours, and it will be a little bit more congestion here. Inbound isn't quite as bad because parking opens at noon. Marshall asked about buses; are they going to be allowed to circle in and go back out. Porter will know more after tomorrow's meeting. There is an emergency egress/ingress out and they may designate for mass transit. **New squad status** – Porter said it was ordered last September. Any fleet vehicles are hard to get and the manufacturer is not giving information on getting orders. They were contacted by Ford Fleet and it will likely be delivered in November/December. It's still showing not scheduled for production, but they're saying it will be. Bruner asked how long from time of possession to time equipped. Porter said the vehicle coordinator will assess what's needed in being changed out. They can squeeze one in if we need it. It doesn't take long, but they do one at a time.

Second deputy coverage - Bruner saw an email that our busiest hours are from 2 to 9 but there are a lot of self-generated calls. Porter said Grumke does a good job of getting out and about and generates calls for service. He would expect those would go down at nights and increase on days if moved, but it will probably remain 2 to 10 as busiest hours. A lot of contracts like to have someone during the days for businesses. There are other reasons the village may want during the day. They will accommodate whatever we would like them to work. Gehrman asked if some of that comes in for day coverage for schools. Porter said that might be the reason. Kuhlman said the reason Captain Porter is here is to discuss options for budgets – two officers, switch hours with Deputy Grumke and overtime deputies, leave it that same, etc. Gehrman asked if there is a school resource officer, and how does that fit in with the sheriff. Porter said the Village of Cambridge has a school resource officer and the village and school share the bill. When not in session in summer, he's dedicated to the patrol schedule full time. Kuhlman said the school district said there is a school resource officer, but he's a Village of Oregon officer, and when they come down here they can't really enforce anything. The school district was to talk to Oregon about allowing us to swear him in. The last she heard was it was being discussed. Anna Seidenstricker updated after talking Dr. Bergstrom, due to coverage issues in the Village of Oregon in terms of their needs and how many deputies they have, they didn't feel they would be able to have someone sworn in here. They will respond in emergencies, but at this time her understanding is they don't feel they have the coverage within their police department. Specific to the SRO, she didn't speak specifically, but he's willing to come down when able to. Middle school and high school needs are more than elementary schools. They've found themselves in unique situations over the last year that she continues to bring up with the district, because it's difficult with Green County being 20-30 minutes away. When someone is on call and non-emergency, Dane County is here. Gehrman asked how it works with Dane and Green. Porter said Grumke has jurisdiction in both parts of the village. If they don't have someone working, Green County could ask for assistance/mutual aid, which gives us the authority on the Green County side. Seidenstricker said they are there as fast as they can in an emergency, but a lot of things they deal with there isn't someone there.

She said the district is not looking for an SRO dedicated to the elementary school, just that someone is in the village. If she doesn't call 911, she gets put back and forth between the two counties. Bruner talked with Andy Weiland and Dr. Bergstrom about splitting some of the costs. Kuhlman said Dr. Bergstrom said they could talk to the board. Bruner said if we only went with Deputy Grumke and utilized part-time shifts otherwise, we still couldn't justify to village taxpayers that deputy Grumke would be spending all his time at the school, if he were to go to a day shift. Brusberg asked if they gave an amount. Bruner said not yet. Brusberg would like to know from the school what they're willing to reimburse before we approach adding a second deputy. Kuhlman will reach out to Dr. Bergstrom again. Porter will get us quotes for next year. Gehrman asked what would be appropriate at the school for the sheriff; how many hours a week at the school. Seidenstricker can get back to me. She can break it down between emergency calls and just community relations. It ebbs and flows. Brusberg said we're not looking to have two on at the same time and overlap. Gehrman confirmed they'd be on patrol in the village and some hours a week with the kids. Brusberg asked when do we need to let the county know. Porter said it doesn't have to start with a fiscal year or calendar year. Olson asked what's the availability of officers. Porter said they're just over 30 deputies short right now, but they were looking at 50 in the past. Kuhlman asked when the school district does their budget. Seidenstricker said at the annual meeting in September. Their fiscal year is July to June 30. Brusberg asked how much the district pays presently on school resource officers. Seidenstricker said she doesn't have the salary or portion of the salary. Brusberg asked for that information, because Brooklyn is paying into that as well. To that extent, if we ask them for any dollars, it's basically ones that are already going in from this community. No other questions. The board thanked him. Porter said he's happy to come back.

Bruner said the new Ford F250 arrived. We approved roughly \$58,000 and only had to pay \$51,000 for it. **Olson made a motion to send the old F250 to Wisconsin Surplus Auction.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Bruner said everyone should have a list of **damages from the storm.** Kuhlman explained the lift station was hit by lightning during the last storm. Kuhlman thinks the banners have been found. She sent in photos to the insurance company but needs to send in quotes. The other big issue was the air conditioner at public works. A new one has been installed already.

Bruner said we had been using the bank's contract with Pellitteri for shredding, and we have a quote for doing shredding every 16 weeks. **Podgorski made a motion to approve the proposal from Pellitteri for shredding every 16 weeks at \$65 per trip and each additional 65 gallon cart at \$35 per trip.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Sprint water tower lease -- Kuhlman said the contract is up in 2026. She suggested scheduling a closed session to discuss the items to negotiate with Sprint. She had concerns and so did the attorney. Podgorski saw a lot of things also. **Podgorski made a motion to postpone discussion of the water tower lease amendment with Sprint until the 28th for closed session.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Oregon Senior Center – Kuhlman said we don't have a memorandum of understanding yet. We received a letter and documents from the Village of Oregon. She's still getting clarification on the budget breakdown. Berland looks like other people have questions on the formula as well. Bruner said we should probably increase it some. Olson said we need to sit down at budget time and figure out what we want to contribute. It won't be what they want, but it will be fair. Green County residents aren't getting full coverage. Discussion. Kuhlman said the meeting to discuss the final budget is September 27 at 6:30, and they start with the Oregon Fire District meeting first at the new Village Hall in Oregon. Bruner said we need to get more information before we make a decision. **Olson made a motion to postpone action on the Senior Center MOU.** Gehrman seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman explained that after filing the ordinance for the annexation to the village, she was informed by Dane County that she had the wrong county supervisory district. She put our district instead of the district it will be. She has changed it from District 31 to District 37. **Gehrman made a motion to approve Ordinance Amendment Chapter 1-16(c) annexing territory to the Village of Brooklyn, Dane County, Wisconsin.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

Berland made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-13 to designate Lake Ridge Bank as public depository.

Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

Olson reviewed bills and Kuhlman added eight additional bills. There was a correction on the Oregon Farm Center invoice, page 6, it wasn't \$15,990, but it was supposed to be \$159.90, for a total amount of all bills of \$105,595.78. All the rest looked all right. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented with the additional eight.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – Financials were handed out. In July we had \$574,514.23 in deposits, which included \$400,273 for sale of land in the Business Park. Withdrawals were \$223,623.54, for a total balance at the end of July of \$2,297,763.58. Bruner asked when final tax payments come in. Kuhlman said next week. There's a document from Dane County that **Town of Black Earth is amending their comp plan.** Gehrman asked about overtime hours and comp hours. Kuhlman said comp hours are overtime hours but instead of pay, they can take it as comp time. Brusberg asked if other municipalities are looking at the 4% salary adjustment that state agencies are doing. Kuhlman hasn't heard, except the clerks are asking what everybody else is doing. **The Town of Oregon submitted an amendment to their comprehensive plan,** and that hearing is September 19 at the Town of Oregon. She forwarded the link to the Town of Oregon comp plan to everyone. She asked if Planning & Zoning should review. Bruner said it should. Kuhlman said at the beginning of year state estimates **population** based on housing surveys. As of January 1, 2023 the Dane County side of the village increased 21 people and Green County side decreased 4 people. We are at 1541; 494 in Green County and 1,047 in Dane County. Kuhlman asked if personnel will be reviewing the **performance reviews** and discussing possible raises, or straight to the board. Bruner said personnel. Kuhlman will set up a meeting. **Bank has cleaned out the basement,** and there are two vaults in the basement and a few older doors and other items. She asked them to keep them. We are keeping the chairs and tables in the conference room. The **equalized value numbers and TIF numbers** came out. We went up in both counties. We should be getting new health insurance rates soon. The state rates for health insurance are increasing, but dental and vision stayed the same. Kuhlman said **208 Railroad Street** was razed, and we're monitoring the situation. Kuhlman spoke with auditors about **TID 1 closure.** We will end this year in the black and will receive increment next year, so we can close the TID. There's a resolution to be signed, and the auditors need to do a final audit. **TID 2 Joint Review Board** meeting is next week to approve final project amendment.

Kuhlman asked the board about **bidding timeline for the Business Park upgrades.** Strand should have the final plans ready by October. Olson suggested a fall bid and shoot for a spring start. Discussion on timeline. Bruner suggested putting the bid out around Halloween and due back end of November, first of December. Kuhlman also said that Strand has some questions about items that will go into the bids for the contractors. She is looking for help from board members. Podgorski volunteered to look at it.

Kuhlman would like to **move the polling location** to the Village Hall now that the bank is moving out. It's an easy process to make the change. She will fill out an ADA self-assessment and send the election commission. Berland asked if the community building will be a secondary location. Kuhlman said we will amend our emergency plan to include the community building as a secondary location. **Budget timeline** should be approved at the November 13 meeting to get to the counties for bills. The notice should be sent to paper October 20, so that gives us two meetings in September, two in October and November 13 meeting. Our net new construction is about 2.8%.

Groenier made a motion at 8:04 p.m. to go into closed session. Berland seconded. Ayes – Podgorski, Gehrman, Bruner, Brusberg, Olson, Berland, Groenier. Noes – none. **Podgorski made a motion at 8:25 p.m. to reconvene to open session.** Groenier seconded. Ayes – Podgorski, Gehrman, Bruner, Brusberg, Olson, Berland, Groenier. Noes – none. **Berland made a motion to approve purchase of easement for \$1,500.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion at 8:26 p.m. to adjourn. Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW; Clerk-Treasurer

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2023

The August 28, 2023, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall by Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Trustees present were Chris Groenier, Michael Gehrman, Dan Olson, David Berland and Mike Brusberg. President Mark Bruner and Trustee Janeen Podgorski were absent. Also present were Stacey Hardy, Public Works Director Leif Spilde and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

Olson nominated Mike Brusberg for chair. Berland seconded. Motion carried. No president's report.

Anchor Club II alcohol license amendment for September 22. Gehrman confirmed that alcohol will be outside the building. Hardy said they won't block the alley. **Olson made a motion to amend the Anchor Club II alcohol license for September 22.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works – Olson made a motion to approve PW committee minutes for June 19, 2023. Groenier seconded. Motion carried. **Luke Bryan Farm Tour parking** – Spilde reported Dane County Sheriff's Department requested that there be no parking on all of N. Kerch Street on both sides of the street. The ordinance says the police chief can order, but since we don't have a police chief, can the board do it. Spilde said no parking will be for the whole day, 6 a.m. to 6 a.m. the next day. They have signs with the ordinance number. Dane County can't tow a vehicle unless the ordinance is on the sign. Gehrman asked about Easy Street and Hotel Street. Spilde said just Kerch Street is all they're concerned about. There will be a patrol car sitting there all day. Dane County will handle the foot traffic. Dane County will have the traffic routes by the end of the week, and they will have a PR plan out to everyone. Spilde said the parks are being held by the village for the day to hold open if needed. At the next meeting the board will authorize no parking signs to be put up on N. Kerch Street and authorize Public Works to post them. Discussion on changing the ordinances for replacing chief of police references.

Spilde stated **dumpster days** will be September 15 to 17 and the Saturday time changed to noon to 5. Friday is 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday is 10 to 2 p.m. **WWTP permit biosolids** – Spilde said in the spring we reapplied for our discharge permit from WWTP. A few weeks ago we were notified by Bytec, who holds our permit for hauling biosolids, and we haul under their permit. Bytec was contacted by DNR after reviewing our application, and they are no longer allowed to do that. We have to do our own biosolids permitting. Bytec is going to help us step by step. They have challenged the DNR and been to court and lost over this circumstance. He's working with Bytec, and it shouldn't be an issue. It will be more work for them, because of all the documentation and entering information. Brusberg asked how many do they haul annually. Spilde said they haul once a year onto a field, and have to get soil samples prior to, during and after and for years after, and document everything. Bytec will help with that as part of our contract with them. If we give them access to DNR data entry, they will do it. Brusberg asked how long it takes. Spilde said data entry is hours and soil samples could be hours and hours. Our contract is through 2025 with Bytec.

WWTP chemical addition policy – Spilde stated as part of the permit application DNR said it was needed. He worked with our DNR engineer to produce the first one in southern Wisconsin. Hopefully when they review the permit, it will help us get by without having to do some of the WET tests. **Olson made a motion to approve the WWTP chemical addition policy.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

PW/EM/Utilities report – Water – the new water meter system is in and it's not working great. They're working on it. Water use is a little high. We feed three chemicals in pumps, and two years ago we received a fluoride grant that paid for fluoride pumps. They are 25-30 years old, and we upgraded four pumps, two in each well. That was recommended by DNR. They had some sidewalk repairs. Water shutoff repairs. Reilly took a class in July; it's going well. We've not had a lot of issues in the past, but this year we've had a lot of repairs on lift stations, more than in

other years. The equipment is getting old, from 2009. Gehrman asked if we have spare parts ready to go. Spilde said we use LW Allen and they are close enough not to need one in stock. They might look at that someday. The RAS WAS, there are valves that open and close daily through SCADA. One valve has failed. There are two valves in the system, and they are used daily. To replace one is about \$10,000. We're going to replace one with the sewer equipment replacement fund and then will rebuild the other one. Replacement is six months out, and we can't run without. **Water quality trade update** – When we redid the permit, we had to redo the trade. We did reapply for it and we got in the mail today. It was awarded and we have three more pounds of credit. New IDs are coming for everyone. **Streets** – the new F250 was here on July 25, and the old one will be listed at Wisconsin Surplus on September 12. Brooklyn Commons, the final lift of blacktop will be done this fall. The sealing is working well at the parking lots. It's too expensive for residential streets. 208 Railroad Street, the demo part went well.

Kuhlman added four bills for approval. One is to Core and Main for \$300, Green County Clerk for \$20 for election training for two workers, one to Kuhlman for mileage to WMCA conference, and one is SJE for the lift station insurance claim. Olson reviewed and looked at additional bills. Brusberg reviewed also. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented along with the additional four bills.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-15 for the fire department levy limit adjustment, knowing this is a potential adjustment. Groenier seconded. Motion carried. **Brusberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-16 for the EMS department levy limit adjustment for any potential adjustment needed.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Berland made a motion to update Ordinance Section 10-2 to update the polling location from community building to village hall. Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – We went to clerk's conference last week in Appleton. The Elections Commission was there and discussed the new absentee ballot envelopes. They have colored-coded envelopes for different absentees and they made the signature portions larger and easier to understand. Also did classes about the new alcohol licensing rules, open records and record retention. We will be working on the budget. There will be a personnel committee on the 6th. We haven't gotten figures from ETF health insurance, but preliminary figures are it will be increasing 14%. WRS retirement is going from 6.8% to 6.9%. We will have the levy limit worksheet before the next meeting. Brusberg asked about update on Business Park. We have not heard from Northern Metal, but All Color is still talking and will get back to us. O&A is submitting their permit applications. Gehrman asked if O&A needs to come back to PZ. Kuhlman said yes, for lighting and landscaping, and also Roth is reviewing for site plan setbacks. There is an issue with the northeast corner that will need to be addressed as far as setbacks, but we don't have final information on that yet.

Groenier made a motion at 7:08 p.m. to convene into closed session. Gehrman seconded. Ayes – Gehrman, Brusberg, Olson, Berland, Groenier. Noes – none. **Berland made a motion at 7:33 p.m. to reconvene into open session.** Groenier seconded. Ayes – Gehrman, Brusberg, Olson, Berland, Groenier. Noes – none. **Berland made a motion to approve the changes that we have suggested to the Sprint contract and to send to our attorney to be written up, with the attorney fees to be borne by the tenant.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion at 7:34 p.m. to adjourn. Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW; Clerk-Treasurer

October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Tires, Oil & Battery Pick up Ballet Classes– 4-6:30p	4 Garbage	5 Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p	6	7
8 Lutheran Church Swiss Steak Dinner – Community Bldg	9 Village Board Mtg 630p PIYO 6p	10 Brush Pick-up Ballet Classes– 4-6:30p	11 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p	12 Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p	13	14
15 Sunday movie – 1p	16 PIYO 6p	17 Ballet Classes– 4-6:30p	18 Garbage Yoga 6p	19 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	20	21
22	23 Village Board Mtg 630p PIYO 6p Free Overdose & Narcan Training OregonCares535 75@gmail.com	24 Ballet Classes– 4-6:30p	25 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p	26 Community Lunch Methodist Church Noon Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	27	28 Saturday movie – 7p
29	30 PIYO 6p	31 Happy Halloween Trick or Treating – 430-730pm		**\$ 10/Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455- 4201	Exercise Classes held at Brooklyn Community Bldg	