

210 Commercial Street - PO Box 189 – Brooklyn, WI 53521

## February 2024 Village News

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### **No Spring Primary on Tuesday, February 20**

#### **2024 Election Dates**

Tuesday, April 2 – Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary

Tuesday, August 13 – Partisan Primary

Tuesday, November 5 – General Election & Presidential Election



**Keep snow and ice  
3 feet away from  
fire hydrants.**

In case of fire, firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.

U.S. Fire Administration |  FEMA | 

## Snow Removal from Sidewalks

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of snowfall ending. Snow **may not** be put into the street.



**Snow Blowing or Shoveling Snow back into the road is not legal - Per Wisconsin State Statute 346.94 (5) PLACING INJURIOUS SUBSTANCE ON HIGHWAY.** No person shall place or cause to be placed upon a highway any foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle or part thereof.

***We ask that you be considerate and not place snow back into the road when cleaning your sidewalks/driveways. This causes a financial burden and can cause accidents with injuries. Thank you for your help.***



The owner or user of each mailbox shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of each snowfall, remove all snow and ice which has fallen or accumulated in front of said mailbox, and shall remove the snow and ice away from the curb or area in front of the mailbox a minimum of fifteen (15) feet on each side of said mailbox.

### TRASH & RECYCLING - WINTER REMINDERS:

**DO NOT** put bins on top of snowbanks or in the street. Please place in the driveway apron. Christmas wrapping paper is recyclable. Remember to always have bins out by 7 am



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## Get Updates On Our Mobile App

Stay informed of trash or recycling pickup delays or cancellations with the Pellitteri Waste Systems [mobile app](#).

With the app on your phone, you can easily:

- View your collection schedule (and any modifications to it)\*
- Get real-time alerts for inclement weather\* and holidays
- Set a weekly reminder so you never miss trash day again
- Use the Recycle Right Search Tool to dispose of items correctly

Already have the app?

- Be sure to turn on notifications under the **More icon** to receive service or weather alerts.

Please know that at Pellitteri Waste Systems, our priority is to provide you with exceptional customer service on your regularly scheduled day(s). However, there may be times when we must delay or cancel service in order to keep our drivers safe. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation when this occurs!

Please contact us with any questions at 608.257.4285 or [info@pellitteri.com](mailto:info@pellitteri.com).

*\*Typically, you will receive schedule changes and alerts when full routes are delayed or canceled. You may not always receive alerts or schedule changes if only a few streets or part of a route is delayed or canceled.*



## Important Safety Notice: Rechargeable Batteries

Do not put rechargeable batteries in your trash or recycling carts. Rechargeable or lithium-ion batteries can ignite and start fires, even when they are no longer useful in consumer products.

You should take rechargeable batteries to a local drop-off site. Check your local Clean Sweep location or battery store. Or visit [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org) to find a nearby drop-off site.

Remember, lithium-ion batteries come in all shapes and sizes (coin cell, cylindrical, rectangular, pouch packs) and can be single-use or rechargeable. If you need to charge an item...it has a battery.







Some devices containing lithium-ion batteries include laptops, tablets, cellphones, power tools, battery packs, vape products, cordless telephones, scooters, watches, hearing aids, cameras, remote control toys, and electric toothbrushes.

# Which Electronics **Are Banned** From Wisconsin Landfills?



Wisconsin's electronics recycling law bans most electronics from landfills and incinerators. Electronics contain valuable materials and must be reused or recycled. To find a collection site or mail-back program, visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search "ecycle."



-  Desktop, laptop and notebook computers and video game consoles
-  TVs and monitors
-  Cell phones, tablets and e-readers
-  Fax machines and desktop printers, including 3-D printers and printers combined with fax machines, scanners and copiers
-  Computer accessories, including keyboards, mice, hard drives, scanners, speakers and other devices
-  DVD players, VCRs, DVRs and other video players

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Bureau of Waste and Materials Management  
c/o P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707  
DNRWle-ycling@wisconsin.gov (608)266-2111

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# Which Electronics Can I Recycle Under E-Cycle Wisconsin?



Wisconsin households and K-12 schools may recycle electronics through E-Cycle Wisconsin. The following electronics are accepted under E-Cycle Wisconsin. Many collection sites also accept other items. To find a collection site or mail-back program, visit [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search "e-cycle."



Computers: desktops, laptops, netbooks, notebooks



Fax machines and desktop printers, including 3-D printers and printers combined with fax machines, scanners and copiers



TVs and monitors



Cellphones, tablets and e-readers



Battery-powered phone accessories



Computer accessories, including keyboards, mice, hard drives, scanners, speakers, flash drives and other devices



DVD players, VCRs, DVRs and other video players



Video game consoles, hand-held video games and battery-powered accessories



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# E-CYCLE WISCONSIN

# BROOKLYN – GREEN COUNTY RESIDENTS



ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin

The Aging & Disability Resource Center in Green County provides information, assistance, and services to help older people and people with disabilities remain healthy and independent.

## Ways to contact us!

Website - [adrcgreencounty.org](http://adrcgreencounty.org)

Facebook - ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin

Email - [resourcecenter@gchsd.org](mailto:resourcecenter@gchsd.org)

Phone - 608-328-9499

Look for ADRC Green County newsletter

“The Bridge” monthly in the Great Dane Shopping News

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## New Oregon Area Senior Center Building Community Input Sessions!

It is finally happening! The process of planning for the new Senior Center is underway! One of the most important steps in the process is engaging the community to give input. We cordially invite you to join us for one of the sessions scheduled at the Senior Center. You will hear about the initial planning that has occurred and have the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas.

### Senior Center Patrons

Friday, February 23 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm

### General Public

Thursday, February 29 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 2 from 10:00 - 11:30 am

If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled sessions, please contact Rachel Brickner at 608-835-5801 or [rbrickner@vil.oregon.wi.us](mailto:rbrickner@vil.oregon.wi.us) to obtain an input form.



## Scam Prevention Presentation

**Wednesday, February 28, 10:30 AM at Oregon Area Senior Center**

Sponsored by the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging and Health Groups and part of the Elder Financial Empowerment Project, this presentation will help you learn how to spot a scam, respond to it and protect yourself. Also learn who to contact for help if a scammer catches you. We hope you will join us for this important educational program.

Presenter: Sonia Komisar, Victim Service Attorney/Project Director, Elder Financial Empowerment Project



## Veterans Group Meets at a New Time!

**4th Thursday of the Month, February 22, 10:30 AM**

If you are a Veteran or prior military and are looking for connection, community and camaraderie, please join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month at 10:30 AM at the Oregon Area Senior Center. Hot coffee and good conversation will be provided along with resource information if you have questions. Facilitator: Jonathan Howell.

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# February 2024 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Do you have opinions about what a new senior center should offer? What features would make a new building more user-friendly? Would you be likely to use senior center services if they were offered differently than they currently are?

Now is the time to consider all those questions, as the Village of Oregon is collecting public input as part of the next step on the road towards a new senior center building. Many of the senior services available in Brooklyn come from the Oregon Area Senior Center, so the Village wants to hear from you as it continues the planning process for a new building.

There will be three open houses for the community to provide feedback on this project. Current senior center users are encouraged to come to the Senior Center on Friday, February 23, any time between 2:00 and 3:30 to participate in a community input session.

If people cannot attend that session, they are welcome to join in the process by attending one of the two sessions open to the general public. Everyone is welcome at these sessions. One will be held on Thursday evening, February 29, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The other is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 2, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. All events will be held at the current senior center building located at 219 Park Street in Oregon.

The Village has completed a space needs analysis to determine how much space a future senior center building would require, as well as a phase one environmental study to determine what opportunities and challenges the proposed site might offer. If you attend one of the community input sessions, you will have a chance to learn more about the results of those two pieces of the study.

You will also have a chance to offer opinions on various aspects of a new building. One feature that the Village is considering adding to a new building is a community gymnasium with an indoor walking track. If you have an interest in that possible feature, you should consider attending to express your preferences.

If you would like to offer input but are unable to attend any of the sessions scheduled, there is still an option for you. There is a way to complete the input process in writing. Please reach out to me at either 608-835-5801 or at [rbrickner@vil.oregon.wi.us](mailto:rbrickner@vil.oregon.wi.us) to request an opportunity to do that.

For people who may be interested only in a gymnasium/walking track, there will be an opportunity later in the winter/early spring to complete a survey geared specifically to that feature.

We hope you can join us as we embark on this exciting project!

[Link to Oregon Sr Center Newsletter](#) or go to

<https://www.vil.oregon.wi.us/?SEC=B0101D27-E782-4ADF-9F4C-6AACCA292D04>





# NEW BUILDING COMMUNITY INPUT OPEN HOUSE

219 Park Street, Oregon

## Senior Center Users

Friday, February 23  
2:00 - 3:30 pm

## General Public

Thursday, February 29  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 2  
10:00 - 11:30 am

If you are unable to attend any session in person and would like to offer input, contact Rachel Brickner at 608-835-5801.



# OREGON AREA SENIOR CENTER

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219 Park Street  
Oregon, WI 53575

Phone: 608-835-5801  
Fax: 608-835-9299  
Web Site: [www.vil.oregon.wi.us](http://www.vil.oregon.wi.us)

To: Board Members and Staff of the Villages of Oregon and Brooklyn and the Towns of Rutland and Oregon

From: Rachel Brickner, Director

Date: January 25, 2024

Re: Transportation to the New Oregon Public Library

The Oregon Area Senior Center is happy to share news about a pilot program meant to help local older adults access the new Oregon Public Library as part of the transportation services the Senior Center can arrange through Dane County and Transit Solutions, Inc.

For people aged 60 and over living in the Senior Center's service district (the Village of Oregon, the Dane County portion of the Village of Brooklyn, the Town of Oregon, and the Town of Rutland) there will be an opportunity to use a donation-based shared ride service to access the library on Tuesday mornings.

The rides require a reservation be made in advance (Transit Solutions requires two business days advance notice) and must be scheduled through the Senior Center. A Transit Solutions vehicle will pick up a rider at the rider's home at approximately 9:30 a.m. and will return to pick the person up from the library at approximately 10:30 a.m. and take the person home. All times are approximate and dependent on the number of riders on a given day, their location within the service area, etc.

Transit Solutions also provides rides on Tuesday mornings to the Oregon Area Food Pantry. Additionally, the same van picks people up to bring them to lunch at the Senior Center. The Tuesday morning schedule varies a bit from week to week depending on how many people need rides and where they live (the Senior Center serves a large geographic area). As is typical of a shared ride program, people do not usually go from their home straight to their destination and directly back to their home.

In addition to the library/food pantry rides, the Senior Center's transportation options through Transit Solutions (which are all donation-based) include twice-weekly grocery store trips, daily trips for lunch at the Senior Center, a monthly trip for shopping out of town, and transportation to the Senior Center's Adult Day Program. Information about how to use these opportunities can be learned by calling 608-835-5801. If a rider uses a wheelchair, a request can be made for an accessible vehicle to provide the ride.

The Senior Center also offers transportation to medical appointments through a program managed by RSVP of Dane County. Volunteers using their own vehicles provide the rides to ambulatory older adults. More information about that program is also available by calling 608-835-5801.

The Senior Center is pleased to be able to help people access the amazing range of resources available at the library.

We wanted to showcase how the style of your home can affect your assessment value. The visual below compares the two most common styles of homes, Ranch and Multi Story. Assessors aren't tax collectors, or even tax setters, we're just fellow tax payers trying to make everything fair and equitable.

[#RealEstate](#) [#Assessment](#)

# THE STYLE OF YOUR HOME CAN AFFECT YOUR ASSESSMENT VALUE

Let's compare the two most common styles and explain why some homes are increasing at faster rates than others:



**RANCH HOMES**  
(Modern Single Story)

- Single Floor
- Relatively Affordable
- Larger Buyers Market
- More Demand
- Easier Maintenance
- Low Utility Costs

V.S.



**MULTI STORY HOMES**  
(Modern Multi Story)

- Multiple Levels
- Relatively Expensive
- Smaller Buyers Market
- Less Demand
- Expensive Maintenance
- Higher Utility Costs

Your home's assessed value is determined by it's desirability on the open market.

Ranch homes make up a large % of all current home sales.

Ranch style homes are increasing in value at a much higher rate because they are more desirable to young families who want to live on one level. Ranches are reasonably affordable, require less money to maintain and there is a larger buyers market.

If you would like to learn more about the housing market and how the current market affects your assessments, please contact the assessor's office.

Call: 920-749-8098

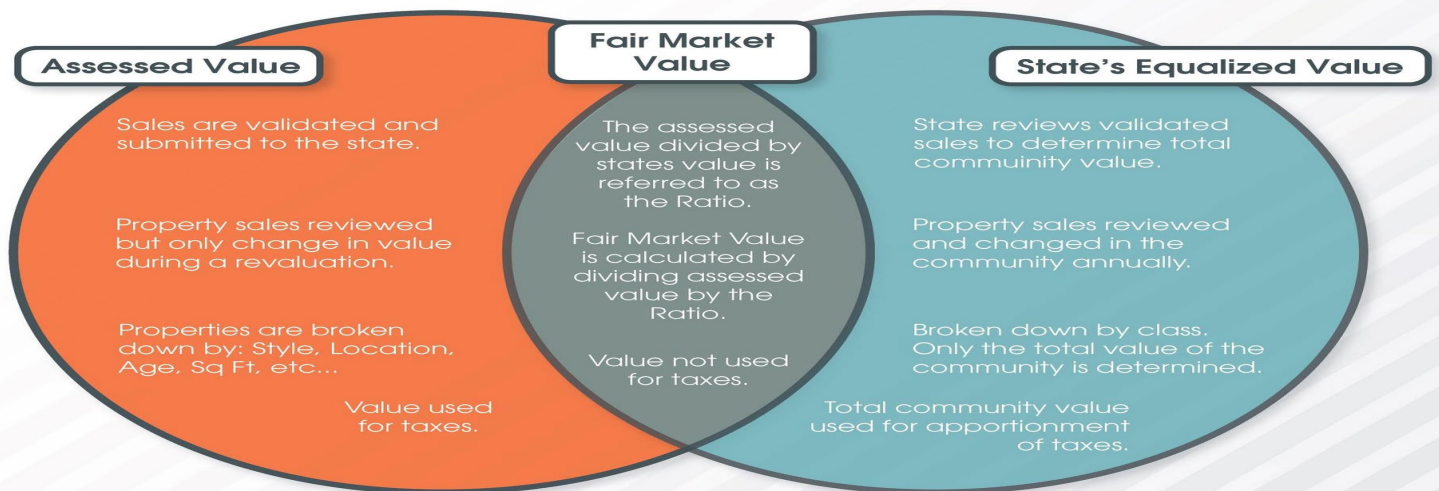
Email: [info@accurateassessor.com](mailto:info@accurateassessor.com)



The Equalized Value is the estimated value of all taxable real and personal property in each taxation district, by class of property, as of January 1, and certified by DOR on August 15 of each year.

Assessors don't set taxes, we are home owners just like you. It's our job to set fair and equitable assessed values based on fair market value.

## WHAT IS ASSESSED VALUE? FAIR MARKET VALUE? EQUALIZED VALUE?



Equalized value is unique to each municipality. It affects your annual tax burden based on the total community's market value.



# DANCE

## SESSION SIGN UP

Spring dance session will be on Tuesday's starting February 20th and end May 14<sup>th</sup> -**No Class March 26<sup>th</sup> (spring break)** 11 weeks of class, 1 week informal performance. Listed below are the classes that will be offered this spring. Please select which class your child(ren) will participate in.

**Pre-Ballet**  
4:45-5:15 (ages 3-5) 30 min

**\$50**

**Ballet / Jazz Combo**  
5:20-6:10 (ages 6-11) 50 min

**\$70**

### Parent/ Guardian Information:

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### First Child's Name

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Health Concerns we should know about:

\_\_\_\_\_

### Second Child's Name

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Health concerns we should know about:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Brooklyn Recreations**

### WAIVER AND RELEASE STATEMENT

(All participants must read and sign) I have read the accompanying event information and understand the policies of the event. I know that I should not enter unless I am medically able. I assume all risks associated with my child(ren)'s participation in this event, including but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, all such risk being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to use and WAIVE, RELEASE and DISCHARGE Brooklyn Recreation, Dance Instructor, Village of Brooklyn, worker or volunteers, their representatives, successors and assigns for ANY AND ALL claims of liability, whether foreseen or unforeseen, for death, personal injury or property damage arising out of, or in the course of my participation in this event. I further grant full permission to the above mentioned sponsors, organizers and agents.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Brooklyn Recreation Area Only)  
 Payment Method      Date Paid



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

www.brooklynwi.gov  
 www.brooklynrecreation.org  
 www.Facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI  
 www.Twitter.com/BrooklynRecWI



# Get Fit Class Schedule

Monday - 6:00pm  
PIYO

Wednesday night - 6:00pm  
Yoga Slow Flow



## COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, February 22, 2024

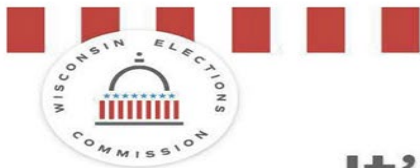
At Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church

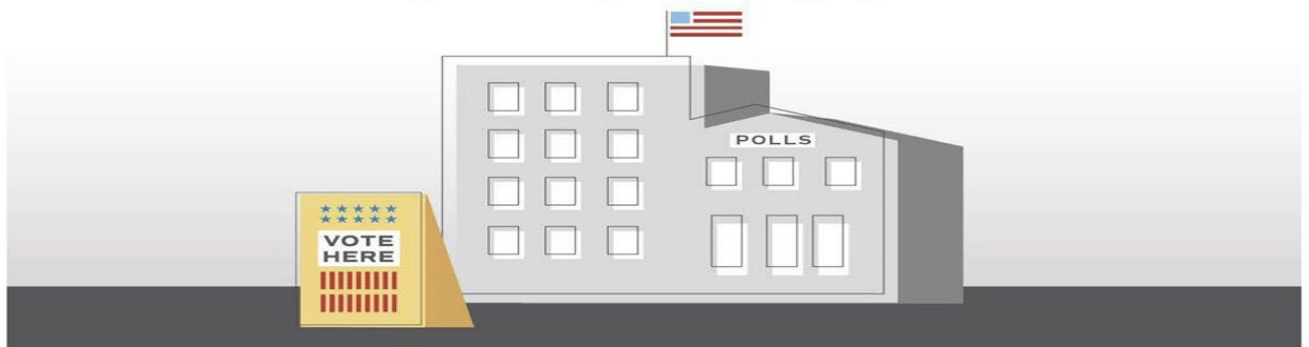
Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.



**It's Election Day!**  
**Find your polling place.**



## VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN RESIDENTS

Starting in 2024 voting will be held at the  
Village Hall, 210 Commercial Street



# Local Bounty

CSA Share    Work Share    Seedlings    Cut Flowers    Flower Arrangements    Online Sales    Veggies    Meats    Eggs    Fruit    Fiber Products    Baked Goods    Honey    Dry Goods    Cider    Event Venue    Workshops    Tours    U-Pick    Delivery    Wholesale    Podcast

- 1 Bellbrook Berry Farm 419 Union Rd  
[organicaronia.com](http://organicaronia.com)
- 2 Still Point Flower Farm W886 State Road 92  
[stillpoint.farm](http://stillpoint.farm)
- 3 Alpine Ridge Orchard 5610 Alpine Rd  
[alpineridgeorchard.com](http://alpineridgeorchard.com)
- 4 Winterfell Acres W1912 Mortensen Road  
[winterfellacres.com](http://winterfellacres.com)
- 5 Cox Hill Farm N9094 Legler Rd  
[coxhillfarm.com](http://coxhillfarm.com)
- 6 The Farmhouse N8780 Sandy Hook Road  
[thefarmhouse.farm](http://thefarmhouse.farm)
- 7 Yellow Dog Flowers & Produce W1565 State Rd 92  
[yellowdogproduce.com](http://yellowdogproduce.com)
- 8 Green Haven Gardens N 8431 County Hwy E  
[greenhavengardenswi.com](http://greenhavengardenswi.com)
- 9 County Road Alpacas W503 Amidon Rd  
[countyroadalpacas.com](http://countyroadalpacas.com)

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5	X					X		X	X				X				X			X	X	
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# Winterfest 2024

## *A Taste of Oregon*

Winter is almost over and so are your winter blues!

The Rotary Club of Oregon is throwing a party for our 80th anniversary! You are invited to feast on food, find new friends & further the future of our youth.

**Saturday, March 9th, 2024**

**6:30-9:00 pm**

**Gorman Building**

**200 N Main St Oregon, WI**

*Winterfest: A Taste of Oregon* is a chance to taste great food and drink while connecting with the people of Oregon. Support the future of our youth while sampling the food and drink delites from area restaurants and food purveyors all in one place... in the beautifully restored Gorman Building (The old Oregon High School)!

TICKETS: \$50 per person...  
includes sampling any food and drink from  
our contributing partners as well as 2  
tokens for beer or wine samples.  
For more information contact:  
Bill Rockwell [bizmomentum22@gmail.com](mailto:bizmomentum22@gmail.com)

Space is limited. Get  
your tickets now  
using the QR Code or  
the link below



[Winterfest Tickets](#)

### **Contributing Partners:**

Oregon Area Restaurants & Food & Drink purveyors

**THANK YOU!** All proceeds will be used to support youth scholarships, mentorships and youth exchange programs

Sponsored by:

**Rotary**   
Club of Oregon, Wisconsin, USA

## Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024

The January 8, 2024, 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 Gehrman, Dan Olson, David Berland, Mike Brusberg, and Janeen Podgorski. Trustee Chris Groenier was absent. Also present was Public Works Director Leif Spilde and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

**President's Report** – Bruner would like to thank the Public Works Department for stepping up and keeping village clear of snow and ice. **Brusberg made a motion to approve minutes from December 11.** Berland seconded. Motion carried. **Brusberg made a motion to approve minutes of December 26.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Works/Utilities/EM** – Spilde reported that Well 1 permits are approved. There were two different prices that we received originally. One was to replace the aquastream, which does have to be replaced. That part came in last week. We're waiting for them to bail out the sand, but the equipment is here. Well 2 inspection is due in 2026. They've never had to bail well 2, but it will be between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

**Olson made a motion to approve Public Works Committee minutes from December 4, 2023.** Berland seconded. Motion carried. Spilde reported the CMOM report is required by DNR each year. The report talks about sewer backups, tv'ing, lift station repairs, lining, etc. The DNR wants more lines tv'd in the future. This report is strictly for sewer. The DNR would like 10% of the system done each year. We have to do manhole inspections also. Bruner asked if there's a means to tv water lines. Spilde said there is not a way to do it. Last year with wastewater inspections, they had a list of things to add. He highlighted the items in the report that DNR wanted added. Gehrman asked if there's anything concerning to Spilde. Spilde said no. They were mostly wording changes. The TV inspection was added. Gehrman asked about the sewer lateral inspections; if they aren't ours, why inspect them. Spilde said, if employees are in houses, they look at water lines to see if they're lead, and that would be the only inspection. Spilde said when a new house is built and lines are put in, the building inspector inspects it. Bruner asked about check valves on properties. Spilde said they're mostly in the older areas of town. **Gehrman made a motion to approve the changes made to the CMOM program as presented to us.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Spilde reported he and Grumke discussed solar powered speed boards. They got two prices. All Traffic Solutions had a price of \$14,362.60 and Decker Supply had a price of \$11,734.80 for 3 boards plus software. Gehrman asked if these are solar panels and mount. Spilde said yes. Spilde said they would like to place them on Hwy 104, Hwy 92 past Smithfield Park and on MM. The ones on state roads can't flash or say words. Bruner asked about funds available. Kuhlman said we have about \$17,000 in the fund balance for police equipment. Berland said it may be a reason to have no parking on MM. Brusberg asked if they're available. Spilde didn't know, but it will be a spring project. **Brusberg made a motion to move forward with purchasing the 3 speed boards from Decker Supply using fund balance left over from police equipment at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.** Podgorski seconded. Spilde reported that every January Public Works should discuss water and sewer connection fees with the board. He's asking the board to review them sometime this year. **Berland made a motion to table the water-sewer connection discussion to the first meeting in February.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Public Works is working on year-end items. He's working on the water quality trade report. Our permit application was submitted in April of last year, but we still do not have a new permit. He received an email from Bytec who hauls sludge under our permit. The DNR removed us from under their permit. We are going to have to get our own permit for land application of sludge. Bytec will help with it, but we need deals with farmers, sludge samples taken before and after, soil samples, etc. It is now our responsibility. Bytec will honor our current contract and will work with us. Gehrman asked if all municipalities are facing this. Spilde said Bytec went to court over this and lost. They had a few other smaller municipalities. DNR wants the municipalities to be done under their own permits. Strand will have to be involved, and Spilde has to talk to DNR on how to proceed, because we haven't gotten our new permit yet.



He was talking to Anderson and Larson at Strand, and they are about 95% sure on our new permit we will have a disinfection limit which means another process at the sewer plant and another building. We're one of 200 municipalities that doesn't have a disinfection limit right now. Bruner asked what cost we're looking at. Spilde said about \$1 million. It's a small building, UV light bulbs, and another process. There are two samples a week and they have to haul the samples themselves to the lab. Once they issue the permit, we'll have five years to complete it. They only plowed once and salted five times in December. Highway 92 has done some plan review with Strand. We did asbestos testing for village hall. Holiday lights are up and down. F550 has been ordered.

**Clerk's Report** – Financials for end of December. We had deposits of \$1,333,994.11 and \$1,244,862.15 was for taxes paid by end of December. We had withdrawals of \$199,277.84, and we ended the year with a balance of \$3,551,195.11. January settlement paperwork was received, so those amounts will be going out this week. She does not have percentage taken in of taxes. Other financial reports were handed out. DOT will be having an open house meeting on January 24 at the Town of Brooklyn town hall. It is open to people that received a letter from DOT. As far as we know they are making intersection sidewalks ADA compliant, but don't know anything else about the project. Spilde will go to that meeting. New signs were put up at Village Hall today. We received paperwork from Mike Gehrman and Dan Olson for reelection. Podgorski is not running again. Gehrman will be first on the ballot and Olson second. There is an open position to be decided by write-ins. Bruner would like to amend his president's report that we have an opening for a trustee to run. Kuhlman gave board information on a Dane County housing seminar. McCallum went to joint municipal meeting for the senior center and they talked about signing the contracts. We're waiting on the final version to sign. They are planning to organize a community engagement for January 24 for a design meeting. If you have suggestions or questions, send them in. Kuhlman talked to assessor about no personal property in 2024. This year we have to pay for them to close out personal property, but in 2025 it will reduce our contract by \$350 per year. We do not have a February primary this year. She will post that. Bruner would like to wish congratulations to Oregon Public Library on their grand opening of the new building. He talked to vice president of library board who is thrilled about it. Brusberg says it's really nice. Kuhlman said asbestos testing was done on the ceiling tiles and floor tiles in the Village Hall. Ceiling tiles were fine, but floor tiles were not. Bruner asked if it was the tile or the adhesive. Kuhlman wasn't sure but will check the report.

Olson reviewed the bills and didn't see anything and so did Brusberg and Podgorski. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

**Berland made a motion to approve James Jefferson for poll worker for the 2024-2025 term.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

**Berland made a motion to approve paying any bills by ACH or via phone to avoid late fees.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

**Brusberg made a motion to accept Resolution 2024-01 removing building permit fees from Appendix C.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

**Brusberg made a motion to accept amendment No. 4 to Strand task order 22-01 for the Business Complex.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

**Hotel Street project** – Kuhlman received an email from Strand stating if this is a project we want to do in 2025, we should start this spring working through the process. Brusberg would like to discuss our borrowing capacity. He added we have a new tender coming up. And Olson added we now have news about the sewer plant upgrades. Kuhlman suggested Ehlers run some numbers for future projects. Brusberg asked what will it do to borrowing capacity. He thinks we need to stop kicking it down the road. **Brusberg made a motion to postpone discussion on Hotel Street project, pending additional analysis from Ehlers, to February 12.** Olson seconded.

**One page newsletter to public** – Podgorski would like to get this out by end of January, so if any additions, let her know. Brusberg mentioned in growth and development the O&A expansion in BBC. Capital and property improvements he specified new ambulance is in flight and analysis of feasibility of Hotel Street improvement is in flight. Brandon’s passing of exam with congratulations, and provide name of new hire, and make community involvement/call to action to weave items below and make it bigger across the page. Wording for sheriff’s department was suggested as expanded partnership with Dane County Sherriff’s Office for increased hours of dedicated coverage. Kuhlman added we had 3 loans paid in full last year. 10-year maintenance on well 1 is nearing completion. Podgorski asked about community involvement and 4<sup>th</sup> of July call for volunteers. Suggestion was to put Village supported fireworks will not take place without a committee and leader to oversee the committee – contact Bruner at 455-4201 ext 5. Fireworks donations are being accepted and can be made at the village hall. Many open positions across various committees; please reach out if you’re interested.

**Fire/EMS update** – Brusberg reported a new tender is likely needed for 2025. The security system stopped working, so the key fobs had to be replaced. They used budget dollars, and it’s a smart system with keypad and card reader system. Run volume is in the packet. 240 runs as of 12/20/23 and that is flat with 12/20/22. 2022 ended at 250. The secretary put in all updated figures as of current date of meeting. One is November and separate one as of December 31. There’s still another payroll period. On EMS side they saw a spike in run revenue. We were at \$66,000, which is an increase of what they were expecting. They talked about having a new individual assigned to billing and so we might see collection process improve. Fire side talked about retirement CD and funding dollars out of CD balance for retirees. 10 payments of \$100 to take place, and in terms of those meeting additional SAP contribution, it was from 6-7 individuals who qualified. They approved the state contribution changes moving from \$225 to \$239 for our increase and state match. They are talking about new tender for \$500,000 to \$700,000. The current one is 27 years old. Olson asked if they have a truck committee put together. Brusberg said Mason needs to put more information together and look at used and look at 3-5 different quotes.

**Gehrmann made a motion at 7:34 p.m. to go into closed session** (Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds and conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (TID 2).) Berland seconded. Ayes – Berland, Olson, Bruner, Gehrmann, Brusberg, Podgorski. Noes – none. Motion carried.

**Berland made a motion at 7:55 p.m. to exit closed session.** Gehrmann seconded. Ayes – Berland, Olson, Bruner, Gehrmann, Brusberg, Podgorski. Noes – none. Motion carried.

**Gehrmann made a motion at 7:56 p.m. to adjourn.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW, Clerk-Treasurer

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**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 16, 2024**

The January 16, 2024, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Michael Gehrmann, Dan Olson, David Berland, Mike Brusberg and Janeen Podgorski. Chris Groenier was absent. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

Bruner explained that the Declaration of Emergency was put together in case the state or federal government does declare a disaster, it allows us to claim our extra expenses and wages. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the Declaration of Emergency.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Bruner explained that the DOT is asking for a limited easement for the property in front of the Village Hall in 2025 when they redo Highway 92. We don't have much information on what they're doing, other than fixing the sidewalk intersections to be ADA compliant. There is a meeting on Wednesday, January 24 at the Town of Brooklyn Town Hall for people who received notices to attend and ask questions. Spilde will be attending for the Village. **Olson made a motion to approve the temporary limited easement for the State Highway 92 project for the amount of \$500.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Berland made a motion at 6:06 p.m. to convene into closed session** (Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds and conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (TID 2).) Brusberg seconded. Ayes – Berland, Olson, Bruner, Gehrmann, Brusberg and Podgorski. Noes – none. Motion carried.

**Berland made a motion at 6:17 p.m. to reconvene into open session.** Podgorski seconded. Ayes – Berland, Olson, Bruner, Gehrmann, Brusberg and Podgorski. Noes – none. Motion carried.

**Gehrmann made a motion to accept the offer by Radisson Partners LLC to purchase parcel 0510-313-0011-1 for the amount of \$149,500.** Berland seconded. Motion carried.

**Berland made a motion to approve the developer's agreement as discussed in closed session.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

**Berland made a motion at 6:18 p.m. to adjourn.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer

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# March

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| 24     | 25<br>PIYO 6p<br><b>Village Board<br/>Mtg 630p</b> | 26<br><b>Ballet – 4-630p</b>                                       | 27<br><b>Garbage &amp; Recycling</b><br>Yoga 6p | 28<br>Bookmobile-<br>Gazebo 6-730p | 29                                                           | 30                                                         |
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