

BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS March 14th, 2013

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BROOKLYN SNO HORNETS ANNUAL DANE AND RAFFLE

Saturday, March 23, 2013: 8:30pm-12:30am Brooklyn Community Building – 102 N Rutland Ave

> Admission: \$5.00 Music by: Rainbow Bridge

> > 1st prize - \$1,000

 2nd prize - \$500
 5th prize - \$100

 3rd prize - \$200
 6th prize - \$50

 4th prize - \$100
 7th prize - \$50

 Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 3/\$10.00



BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 11, 2013

The Village Board meeting was called to order on March 11, 2013 at the Village Hall Conference Room at 6:30 pm by President Walsten. Trustees present were Dean Van Den Eng, Dorothy Frandy, Sue McCallum, Steve Lust, and Todd Klahn. Trustee Jessica Hawkey was absent. Others present were Clerk Strause, Public Works Director Langer, Rae Vogeler, Mark Bruner, Mike Judkins. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments offered.

Rae Vogeler, candidate for Oregon School District Board, introduced herself to the Board and talked about her reasons for running for the School board. The election is April 2^{nd} .

Trustee Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to approve the minutes of 2-11-13.

Residents Mark Bruner and Pat Hawkey were invited to the Board meeting to give their qualifications for being the Village's **Public Information Officer** (PIO) when needed during an emergency situation. Pat Hawkey was not present. Mark Bruner stated he was a Village Board member for seven years, serving on the Public Works Committee seven years, three as chair. He has already taken the ICS 100-200-700 Emergency Management classes. Bruner felt he could represent the village well during an emergency situation having previous knowledge of how the Village operates. President Walsten stated this position is important as this person needs to manage the press, control and coordinate how information is released with the County Emergency Government PIO staff and manage the Rumor Center, etc. A 16 hour PIO training class will be held in Beaver Dam April 8-9th. Bruner indicated he believed he would be available for this class. Klahn moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to approve Mark Bruner as the Village's Public Information Officer. NAY: McCallum, Frandy. Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to approve Leif Spilde, Emergency Management Director, to attend a six hour PIO class for First Responders on March 22 in Madison.

President Walsten reported on her meeting on 2/13 with Sen. Jon Erpenbach and Rep. Sondy Pope-Roberts regarding upcoming bills, phosphorus limits, and delinquent utility bill law changes being proposed. Other meetings were with DOT for the SW Region Park and Ride Study which was a briefing for local officials; Oregon Area Senior Center meeting on 2/20 to continue work on the joint contract; Oregon Chamber meeting on 2/21 featuring a Federal advocate for small businesses; meeting on 2/21 with Heather Kirkpatrick, EDC chair, Atty Christopher, and a potential business prospect for the Business Complex; DCCVA meeting on 3/6 which did not vote on a fee structure due to Dane County Executive Parisi's proposal to dissolve CARPC., and a meeting on 2/28 with the Dane County CDBG Commission which gave final approval of an award of \$261,000 for business park infrastructure. Walsten also reported she purchased a new laptop for the President's office.

Clerk Strause reported on the Spring Election to be held on April 2, 2013 with poll hours from 7 am to 8 pm at the Community Building, 102 N Rutland Ave. Sample ballots were reviewed with Dane County holding a referendum asking if "Wisconsin should continue to allow people to register to vote at the polls on Election Day". Elections changes again are being considered by the Assembly with a hearing tomorrow where only the GAB is allowed to testify. Monthly financial reports were reviewed with \$1,937,696 in total investments at the end of January. Income for January was \$663,397 with expenses \$832,177. The Wisconsin Dept of Revenue Final Major Class Comparison report shows the village in compliance with market ratios at 98.94 and 94.41%. Residential base value is 92.5% with Commercial at 6.5%. Landlords continue to seek changes to eliminate delinquent utility bills being placed on the tax roll. If the Legislature passes a law this session which removes this option for municipalities, the loss of revenue and employee time to implement this change would be costly to the Village. The Landlords Association has suggested municipalities increase their utility rates to cover any loss of payments for delinquent utilities.

PUBLIC WORKS: With nine bids received and **Frank Brothers, Inc. being the low bidder on the Holt Rd project**, Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to award a contract to Frank Brothers, Inc. for \$30,596 with the condition they use 58-28 oil which they have agreed to do. After review by the PW committee, Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the recommended **cemetery fee increases** to \$500 for a resident grave space, \$750 for non-resident, internment fees \$450/\$500, winter cremains burial \$200 and other fees as listed. Mike Judkins, **Water Well Solutions, gave an overview of the catastrophic failure in early February of well #1.** The well, drilled in 1957, is scheduled to run every third day. Water Well Solutions has been working on cleaning out the formation collapse, damage to the bowl assemblies and pump repairs. Judkins stated the well hole is salvageable but has an inherited sand pumping problem. The last eighty-five feet of debris had to be removed and cleaned out. The well was last repaired in 2006 and Aquastream sand control equipment was installed at that time. The pump was

scheduled to be pulled every 10 years. Judkins explained installing an air lift apparatus into the well. Performing the Air Development technique throughout the open formation would utilize a sand pump and bail the debris from the well bottom to achieve total depth. The air would be redirected from Air Development pumping to Air Lift pumping to surge which would clean the well until the discharge water remained clear of sand and debris. The cost is estimated at \$29,300 to \$38,600. About \$70,000 has been spent so far including replaced elements. Funding this major repair was discussed. Funds could be taken from the Water Utility Undesignated Fund. Trustee McCallum questioned why funds could not be used in the Impact Fee Fund as these funds are for replacement or construction of infrastructure. Consensus felt it would not make any difference on which fund to use. When the final PSC report is filed, the Finance Committee will review the rate of return and future budget needs to determine if the Village should seek an increase in the rate structure is in order to replace either of these reserve funds. Trustee Klahn moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to use one half the cost of the repair from the Water Utility Undesignated Fund and one half from the Impact Fee Fund and go ahead with the Air Development technique with an estimated cost of \$29,300 to \$38,600. Trustee McCallum abstained and to go on record that she did not have enough information available on funding this technique. Trustee Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to charge \$50 to those renting the park shelters requesting that any tables be unchained in order to relocate the tables. This would not include Village-sponsored activities on July 4th or Labor Day weekend. If the tables are returned to correct spots in the shelter, \$25 would be refunded to lessee. Langer updated the Board on the DNR WPDES (wastewater treatment plant permit) which is currently at the public hearing stage. Village comments are being submitted to DNR objecting to the sampling location on Allen Creek. This requirement is based on old 1982 data. He reported that future phosphorus limits will be proposed, requiring possible treatment plant upgrades to be effective some time in 2019 as well as examining alternatives for phosphorous limits. Langer also stated the Village needs to begin planning, budgeting, and acquiring data to address these issues. The five year permit will probably be effective April 1^{st.} Also being investigated is a 3-5 year contract for an independent contractor (outside Madison Met) land applying sludge. The 2012 UFG grant has been received in the amount of \$5,000 with no word yet on the catastrophic grant application. A water main on Railroad St broke last week and was repaired the same day with approximate cost of \$3,000—\$5,000. Water did run into the basement and garage of one house but it is unclear if any damage was done. Langer will be taking vacation next week to attend building inspection certification credentials (continuing education requirements). **SAFETY:** In the absence of Chief Barger, Trustee Lust presented Policy # 101, Citizen Complaint Procedure. Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to approve this policy. The Chief's report was reviewed. The interviewing process for part-time officers will begin soon.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Naming the street in the Business Complex was again discussed. The last meeting decided to have a contest but no details on how this was to be done were discussed. Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to designate EDC to create the procedures for the contest. A joint meeting with the Village of Belleville will be held on March 19th to continue discussion on a **shared Municipal Court system**. Walsten reported she continues to work on the **Ordinance recodification for the Committee of the Whole** and will forward reading material for next month. Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to appoint Larry Arndt, John McNaughton, and a Methodist Church representative to an **Ad Hoc Committee to review the Community Building Policy. Business Complex CDBG grant** has been awarded in the amount of \$261,000 as discussed earlier. Walsten stated it impressed the Commission that the Village could meet all its contingencies in less than 6 months. She also pointed out that much of the success of obtaining the grant is due to the Village having a representative to network with CDBG, economic development professionals, CARPC representatives and municipal organizations . There was no prior representation from the Village to these networks and organizations. This is how money is brought to a community: advocating, making relationships, knowing what is available and this has to continue if Brooklyn wants to continue to access grants and funding.

CONSENT AGENDA-Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to approve payment of March 2013 invoices as listed; approve temporary operator licenses for **Sno Hornets annual dance March 23-24**, 2013 to Tyler Arndt, Bob Zurfluh, Mark Stephens, Larry Arndt, and Perry Jorgensen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning and Zoning-Rob Roth from General Engineering met with the Commission in February to discuss their billing issues on past projects. Roth indicated one reason Village costs are high is because we have three engineering firms with no continuity or communication on projects. One recommendation and consensus of the Commission was to get a fee schedule from Vierbicher. Van Den Eng moved, second Lust, carried to request a **fee structure for building inspection and zoning administrator service from Vierbicher**. **Ordinance**- Trustee McCallum presented an amendment to Chapter 2. Administration, Article VII. Boards, Commission, and Committees, Division 4. Standing Committees (f) Safety Committee, adding "public events, and liquor licensing". Lust moved ,second Frandy, carried to approve the amendment as written. Chapter 19 continues to be worked on after input from Fire Chief Spilde. McCallum stated they are working on a sampling manhole ordinance for public works which will be ready next month. Fire/EMS-Oregon Observer's article on the new Fire Chief, Leif Spilde, was copied for all Board members. Spilde has taken on many new responsibilities since the unexpected death of Fire Chief, Phil Mortensen. EDC-Frandy moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to approve a contract with Vierbicher for a professional services agreement costing \$10,000 to run through the end of December 2013. The 2013 Budgeted amount is \$15,000. Recreation-Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to approve a contract with Dan Dean for the July 4th fireworks for \$2500. Fundraising has begun for this event as money is not budgeted for fireworks. Dean has indicated the cost would be increased for 2014. Frandy moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to approve a second Van Den Eng, carried to approve a contract with

At 8:30 p.m., Frandy moved, second Van Den Eng, unanimously carried on roll call vote to convene to **Closed Session Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to review compensation agreement for Fire Chief wages between the Village of Brooklyn and Brooklyn Fire and EMS Protection District**. At 8:47 p.m., Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to reconvene to open session. Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to **approve a contract** (compensation agreement) for fire chief wages between the Village and Brooklyn Fire and EMS Protection District pending attorney review adding "automatic renewal" to the language. Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to **approve the Village Attorney drafting the agreement between the Fire District and the Village and address personnel related questions**.

Finance Committee-Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer or Deputy Clerk/Treasurer to **release collateral when appropriate**, so long as sufficient collateral is maintained to cover all Village investments. Van Den Eng stated the next committee meeting will **review Water Utility expenses**, documenting what has been spent and what we need to look at for a five year budget forecast for infrastructure, equipment, and also review the Public Service Commission annual report so that the Village can be proactive on a rate increase ,if warranted, rather than to repeat the mistake made by earlier Boards by not gradually increasing sewer rates, only to find out down the road we are way behind on our rate structure and will need to increase significantly. The Restitution Fund balance will also be reviewed. **Ad Hoc Committees: Recycling** –Walsten stated there is some citizen interest and she will be contacting them. **Website**- Brit Springer's resignation was accepted by the committee. Brit resigned because she has been hired by the Village to assist with website design. Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to appoint Heather Kirkpatrick as the new committee member. Klahn moved, second Frandy, carried to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Carol A Strause,

MMC, WCMC, CMTW

BROOKLYN RECREATION COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL DIME-A-DIP DINNER

Thursday, May 2nd, 2013 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

The Dime-A-Dip is a 20+ year old tradition in Brooklyn that brings the community



together and raises funds for park improvements.

Residents donate a dish and/or come to feast at the bargain

price of a "Dime-A-Dip"! Please come and help

support the Brooklyn Recreation Committee!

President's Letter March, 2013 Nadine S. Walsten

As the sun shines today, I am reminded that for most of my son's March birthdays, he and his friends were able to play outside before it was time for cake and ice cream. Yes, it was muddy and the snow was wet, but it was clear that Spring was soon to arrive with budding trees and visible spears of tulip leaves, accompanied by an unwelcomed snow storm or two. So it is today—melting snow, my orchid's stalks filled with buds, and my cat curled up sleeping on the sunlit carpet. My son, Aaron, left his childhood behind many years ago, but I know it won't be long before we emerge from our houses and uncover our restless flowerbeds. Yes!!

April 2, 2013, is the Spring election for Village trustees and president, school board, state school superintendent, county and state offices. With only 57 votes cast at the primary election last month, I'm concerned we are suffering from election "burnout". (No surprise, there!) But this is an important election: school board candidates, county positions, and races for Circuit and Supreme Court justices. The school board will be addressing the need for building improvements, school security as well as curriculum and staff issues. State funding issues for schools, such as the issue of vouchers, for example, faces the next state school superintendent. The state Supreme Court may be involved in controversial state government decisions over the next several years, and, like previous statewide races, outside funding is involved--which is not necessarily a negative, but it does require voters to do more investigation to make an informed decision.

For the first time since I have been on the Board, we have an uncontested election: three open trustee positions and only two incumbents, leaving an open seat. I, as Village President, am running unopposed for the first time. I understand there may be a write-in candidate for the third position as trustee but that is all I know at this time. As you know, I dislike having uncontested elections because there is no debate, no opportunity to ask questions, raise issues, or get to know the person who represents you. To address this lack, I am inviting candidates from the school board and circuit court judge races as well as our Village trustee candidates to join me in holding a Candidates' Forum on Thursday, March 28 at 6:30-8:00pm at the Community Building. I hope to see you there but if you can't make it, forward your questions to our Village Clerk, (clerk@brooklynwi.gov) and she can forward them on to the candidate of your choice. If you have questions or comments for me, let me know by email (president@brooklynwi.gov), Facebook (like Brooklyn Village President) or 455-1457 or 235-0966.

Nadine

SENIOR POTLUCK LUNCH Thursday, March 28, 2013 Noon Brooklyn Community Building kitchen

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT

Spring Clean Up Dumpster

Fri. April 19^{th} - 12 noon - 7 pm Sat. April 20^{th} - 10 am - 4 pm Sun. April 21^{st} - 10 am - 2 pm Mon thru Fri - 7 am - 7 pm (Apr 22^{nd} - 26^{th}) Sat. April 27^{th} - 10 am - 4 pm Sun. April 28^{th} - 10 am - 2 pm Dumpster will be located at the

Treatment Plant – Windy Lane (S. end of Village on Hwy 104)

OPEN BOOK & BOARD OF REVIEW

Open book will be held on Monday, April 29th from 4 – 6 pm at the Village Hall (210 Commercial St). If you have any questions regarding your property assessment, take this opportunity to talk with the Village Assessors.

Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, May 14th from 6pm-adjournment at the Village Hall (210 Commercial St). (*You must make an appointment.*)

BROOKLYN RECREATION COMMITTEE

Thanks for attending our monthly family movies. Our last movie for the season was March 2nd. We hope you enjoyed our selections. We will not be showing a movie from April until October, but are looking forward to seeing you again next fall with a new selection of movies for the entire family.



EMS/Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

When: Sunday, April 28th
Time: Serving pancakes, eggs, and sausage from 7-11am
Where: At the Fire Station – 3 blocks west of the tracks
Cost: Adults \$6, Kids 10 and under \$4
Fire truck rides following breakfast!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Activity for February Animal 1 **Traffic Incidents** 24 Assists 4 Traffic citations 10 Traffic warnings 8 Parking violation 15 **Open Records request** 3 Misc comp/arrests 3 Damage property 1 Financial/Fraud 1 Disturb/disorderly 1 Total 71

We are reaching out to local artists to join us for an art show during the 17th annual "Depot Days in Brooklyn" April 27 and 28. There isn't an admission or booth fee for this show. We have guests from all over a tri-state region. For more information contact Marcy 608-575-2176 or email marcy.waelti@yahoo.com for details. Festival website www.depotdays.info



17th Annual Depot Days in Brooklyn

Saturday April 27 10 -5pm Sunday April 28 10 -4pm

> www.Depotdays.info (new website !) 608-455-3121

FREE:

* Community Building: Model Train Layouts, Wooden Train Playset, Local artist's show & sale. * Downtown at the tracks: 2nd Annual Vintage car show Saturday 1-4pm, contact Rich Walford for preregistration, 455-1713. * Village-wide Garage Sales Friday & Saturday. Listing Great Dane. * Fire Engine Rides, Fire Station Sunday 8-11am. **Admission:** * Community building: Bake Sale, Concessions, Child's Train Raffle. * Downtown: "Speeder Car" rides on the hour, Inflatables, Concessions. * Fire Station: Sunday all you can eat pancake breakfast 7-11. Fun filled weekend for the whole family !! Sponsored by the Brooklyn Area Chamber of Commerce.

Village Wide Garage Sales April 26th & 27th Ads can be placed in the Oregon Observer and Great Dane. Watch the Observer for more information or call 835-6677.

ELECTION INFO

The Spring election will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd. Polls will be open from 7am-8pm at the Brooklyn Community Building 102 N Rutland Ave (lower level)



FIX LEAKS!

The average American home can waste as much as 11,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks.



March Law of the Month:

Drivers must yield to pedestrians

Motor vehicles on average kill approximately 50 pedestrians and injure more than 1,300 each year in Wisconsin. To prevent these needless deaths and injuries, Wisconsin law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians:

- Who have started crossing an intersection or crosswalk on a walk signal or on a green light if there's no walk signal.
- Who are crossing the road within a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection where there are no traffic lights or control signals.
- When a vehicle is crossing a sidewalk or entering an alley or driveway. In addition, drivers may not legally overtake and pass any vehicle that has stopped for pedestrians at an intersection or crosswalk.

Drivers who fail to yield the right of way to pedestrians who are legally crossing roadways may be issued citations that cost approximately \$175 to \$232 (depending on the type of violation) along with four demerit points assessed on their license. The cost for failing to yield the right of way to pedestrians citation increases if it's the second violation within one year. A citation for passing a vehicle that is stopped for pedestrians costs \$326 with three demerit points.

To avoid hitting pedestrians, drivers must slow down and pay attention, so they can safely yield the right of way. Drivers should be particularly alert in areas where children often cross roads, such as near schools, parks, playgrounds and residential neighborhoods. Pedestrians also must be cautious, and they should not suddenly move into the path of a vehicle that does not have sufficient time and distance to yield. While using their cell phones and other electronic devices, pedestrians should not become so distracted that they fail to pay attention to the traffic around them."

News from Your Senior Center By Rachel Brickner, Case Manager and Outreach Worker

After a winter of being cooped up, it is time to get out again and have some fun! The Oregon Area Senior Center has a number of spring-themed programs for you to take advantage of in the next several weeks.

With Easter just around the corner, you might be interested in an educational program about **The Four Monotheistic Religions in the Holy Land.** On Thursday, March 28 at 2:00 Dennis Jenkyns will be here to talk about those four religions, and why many religious philosophers, academics and social scientists believe that peace in the Holy Land is not only possible, but inevitable. There will be plenty of time for questions. Reserve your seat for this free program by calling 835-5801.

If spring makes you think of baby animals and working in the garden, you might be interested in either of the following programs. A to Z Farms will be at the Center on Friday, March 29 at 10:00 with baby lambs and other adorable baby animals to meet, pet and hold. Come enjoy this free, hands-on program. If gardening is more your interest, the Senior Center will be hosting a series of **organic gardening** workshops in April. This five week series will be taught by Gary Kuzynski, and meets Thursday afternoons from 1:00-2:30. The classes cover everything from Lavout and Planning to Composting and Fertilizing. This series costs \$15. Please call Anne at the Center to register at 835-5801.

If music appeals to you, on Friday, April 5 at 10:45, the Center will be hosting **"Tom Kastle Sings Spring Songs."** Tom Kastle is a Madison-based singer, songwriter, sailor and teller of tales. His program is free, but we do ask that you call and reserve a seat, at 835-5801.

Another entertaining program is scheduled for April 17 at 10:45. From Fruitlands to Orchard House and Beyond: the Life and Times of Louisa May Alcott will feature Rose Stephenson portraying the noted author and activist in a show based on Alcott's novels, letters and journals. Alcott was a well-known author, but also worked as a Civil War nurse, and as an activist in the suffrage movement. This program will bring to life Alcott and the fascinating time in which she lived. This program is free, but please reserve your seat by calling 835-5801.

It has been a long Wisconsin winter. Celebrate spring by joining us at the Senior Center for some fun. We would love to see you!

Which is More Prevalent? A Crime or a Traffic Incident...

The question whether crime takes place more frequently than a traffic incident is one that is asked on a regular basis. Often traffic incidents are looked upon as being a victimless matter when that is actually quite the opposite. Is it due to the perception of society that traffic incidents are not considered to be as serious as crime? One can watch television and see vehicle crashes where people are seldom hurt let alone killed. The reality is that traffic related incidents take place as often or more frequently than crime. Vehicle occupants are injured or killed on a regular basis yet society seems to not put it into perspective when comparing it to crime.

Take a look at the chart below comparing reported crime and reported

traffic incidents from 2011. It's quite apparent that traffic related property damage, injury and fatalities take place at an alarming rate compared to crime. Much of the injury and death are the result of the occupants not wearing a seat belt. Wisconsin's seat belt use rate ranks well into the lower third when compared to all other states. Yet, seat belt use is the one action that could reduce injury and fatality significantly.

The Brooklyn Police Department urges motorists to buckle up, slow down, and obey traffic regulations. Besides not observing traffic laws driver distraction is a leading cause of crashes and violation of traffic regulations. A driver needs to ask themselves whether the phone call is really that important while driving. Is reading your e-mail or texting really that important that you would risk causing an injury or fatality? Wisconsin traffic statutes already are clear on these issues. When behind the wheel, a driver's attention needs to be on the driving task. The statistics listed below from the FBI and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are a sobering reminder that helps to put the issues in perspective.

Brooklyn Police Department (stats gathered from US DOT)

Crime/Crash Clock 2011

Crime	Crash
1 murder	1 fatality
Every 36 min.	every 16 min
1 violent crime	1 person injured
Every 26.2 sec	every 14 sec
1 property crime	1 prop dam crash
Every 3.5 sec	every 8 sec
1 burglary	1 law enforce rep
Every 14.4 sec	crash every 6 sec