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April 2024 Village News

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Clerk's Office Closed

April 18 & 19

April 25, 26 & 29



BUSINESS FAIR 2024

May 2, 2024 * 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

“RECRUIT FOR SUCCESS”

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES

LOOKING FOR
WORK

MEET YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN & FOOD

At Brooklyn Community Building - 102 N. Rutland Avenue

FOOD TRUCKS

SISTA'S CHICKEN & FISH

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DOOR PRIZES

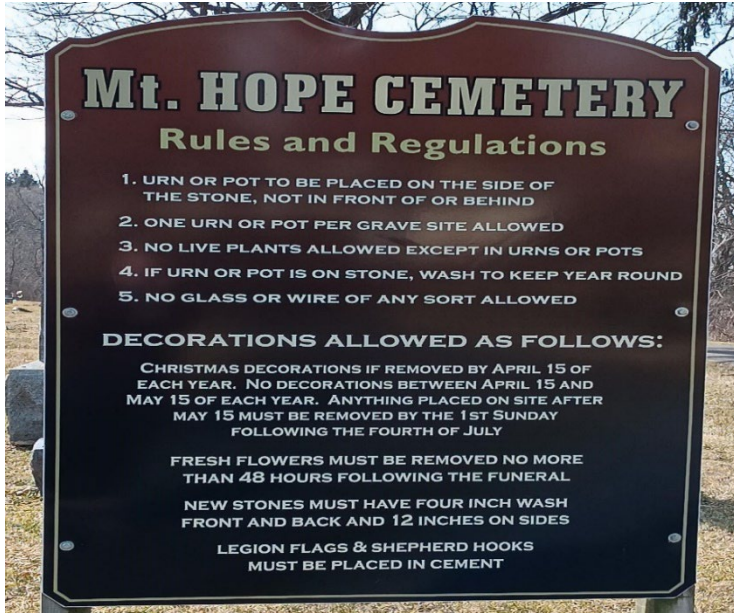
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Each child receives a “passport” - fill with stamps from different businesses & enter for a chance to win a prize.

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.



Reminder to remove all decorations by April 15.

Spring Dumpster Days - May 3 through May 12

Hours: Monday thru Friday 2 pm to 7 pm, Saturdays Noon to 6 pm & Sundays 10 am to 2 pm

ITEMS THAT **WILL NOT** BE ACCEPTED:

- 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 you have questions, contact Public Works at 608-455-1842.



CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY – APRIL 26, 2024

AGROFORESTRY - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/practices/>

Agroforestry is the intentional combination of agriculture and forestry to create productive and sustainable land use practices. These practices take advantage of the interactive benefits from growing trees and shrubs together with crops and/or livestock.

Agroforestry & USDA Webinar Series - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/resources/agroforestry-webinars.shtml>

The USDA National Agroforestry Center plans to deliver 10 webinars starting in September 2022. Participants will hear from both USDA program specialists and people who have used these programs to support their agroforestry work. Each of the 10 webinars will focus on a single USDA program. Registration is available for each webinar, and recordings will be available once the live event has occurred.

USDA National Agroforestry Center Publications About Working with Trees - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/resources/publications/index.php>

The forest/outdoors is a place for adventure, learning and discovery. Check out these additional resources to learn more about forests:

<https://discovertheforest.org/>

<https://eeinwisconsin.org/Source/eevi/2009/alookatwiforests.jpg>

https://pbskids.org/plumlanding/educators/context/141_a_city_in_the_forest.html

Celebrate Arbor Day!



Plant a Tree



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Forest Service

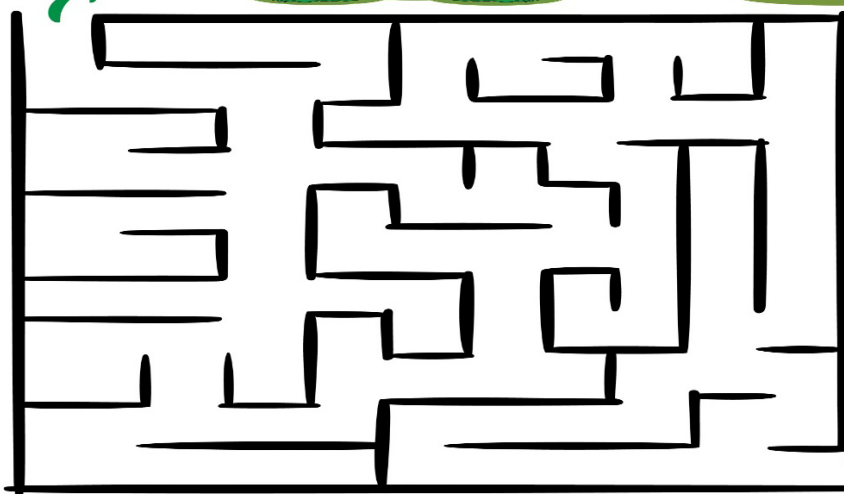


Your gift of a tree will be enjoyed by generations to come. Forest Service **Plant-A-Tree** program helps to reforest public lands while celebrating/memorizing a loved one.

Celebrate Arbor Day!



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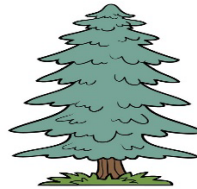
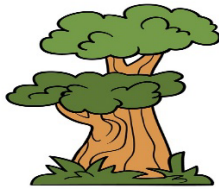
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Plant a Tree



Match the tree to its correct shadow



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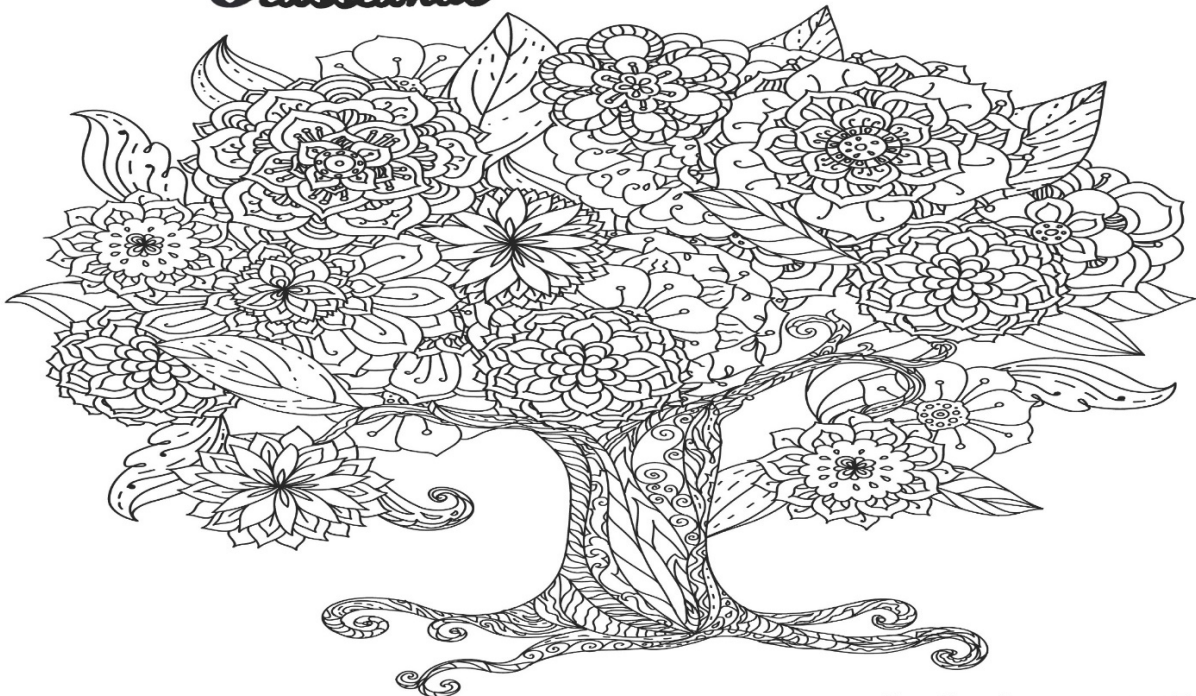


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We ♥ America's National Forests and Grasslands coloring challenge



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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.

BROOKLYN – GREEN COUNTY RESIDENTS Ways to contact us!

Website - adrcgreencounty.org
Facebook - ADRC of Southwest

Wisconsin

Email - resourcecenter@gchsd.org

Phone - 608-328-9499

Look for ADRC Green County newsletter “The Bridge” monthly in the Great Dane Shopping News

<https://adrcgreencounty.org/newsletters/>

Save the Date: Drive-Thru Brat Bash

Friday, May 10, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Mark the date on your calendar, so you don't forget to come to the Oregon Area Senior Center parking lot to pick up a brat or hot dog. It is an easy way to take a lunch break from a busy day of shopping at the community-wide garage sales! Then take your lunch home or to a local park to enjoy. Brats and hot dogs are \$4.00 each. For \$5.00, you get a brat or hot dog, chips, and a bottle of water.



We will also deliver orders of five or more to local area businesses.

Support Services

- **MEALS**—Nutritious lunches are offered at the Senior Center Monday through Friday. Home-delivered meals are also available Monday through Friday. Suggested minimum donation for those 60 and older is \$4.50 per meal, but please pay only what you can afford. Anyone under 60 must pay the full amount of the cost to provide the meal, which is \$17.20. Lunch at the Senior Center is served at 11:45 AM. Home-delivered meals generally arrive between 11:00 AM and noon. Reservations and cancellations should be made by calling 608-835-5801 two business days before. See page 10 for more information.
- **FOOD PANTRY**—The Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry, at 107 North Alpine Parkway in Oregon, is open every Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, every second and last Thursday of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, and every first Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Please call 608-835-5801 to arrange transportation.
- **LOAN CLOSET**—If you need durable medical equipment, such as crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, canes, etc., you may now check out equipment. You may also return equipment that you are no longer using. Please note that you **MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT** to either pick up or return equipment. Call Carol or Noriko at 608-835-5801 to schedule your appointment. **Walking sticks are available for 3 week loans.**
- **LEGAL COUNSELING**—Several local attorneys offer free consultations to local seniors. Please call Carol or Noriko at 608-835-5801 for this information.
- **LGBT SENIOR ASSISTANCE**—Call the Senior Advocate from the OutReach LGBT Community Center at 608-255-8582.

April 2024 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Spring is on the way and with it comes one of the Senior Center's most popular fund raisers. The Senior Center has been welcoming spring with a Brat Bash on the second Friday in May for many years, and we would love for you to join us!

The Brat Bash is sponsored by the Oregon Area Council on Aging, which is a non-profit corporation that supports the Senior Center. All profits from the event are used for the benefit of the Senior Center, and to support its mission.

On Friday, May 10, from 11:00-1:00 the Senior Center parking lot will host a drive through event in which people can purchase brats and hot dogs. A full meal (which includes a brat or dog, chips, and water) will cost \$5.00. You can get a brat or dog without the chips and water for \$4.00.

The meat for the Brat Bash is purchased from UW Provisions, and is top quality in size and flavor, and has been finished on the grill to give it that flavor people look forward to once the snow melts in Wisconsin.

The money raised at the Brat Bash is used to fund such things as: the license that has to be purchased each year in order to show movies; the paper that the Newsletter is printed on; the entertainment that is scheduled at the Senior Center; the tuning of the pianos; the creamer that goes in the coffee; furniture for the Center; and much more. Over the years the Council has invested in computers and staff training and weights for exercise classes.

Council on Aging funds are used to provide a free meal to veterans on Veterans' Day each year. They are used to help people cover unexpected expenses through the Seniors Helping Seniors Fund. The entire Senior Center entertainment budget is provided by the Council on Aging each year.

We hope to see you in the parking lot on May 10. The Brat Bash is a win-win—the purchasers enjoy a delicious lunch, while the profits from the lunch support the Senior Center in the upcoming year.

Link to [Oregon Senior Center Newsletter](https://www.vil.oregon.wi.us/seniorcenter) or go to

<https://www.vil.oregon.wi.us/seniorcenter>



BRING YOUR OWN KITE OR THE FIRST 200 PEOPLE GET ONE FREE!! NO RAIN DATE.

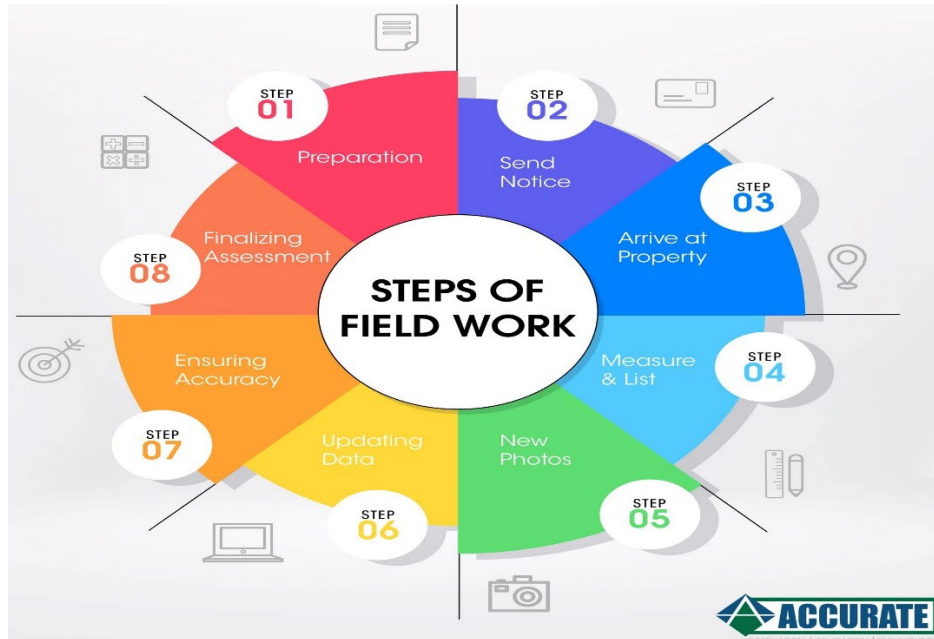
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ANDERSON PARK FRIENDS,
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Accurate Appraisal LLC – Educational Corner

In the realm of real estate assessment, every detail matters. From property values to market fluctuations, we navigate the intricate web of data to empower informed decisions.

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DID YOU KNOW?



OPEN BOOK is your opportunity to bring evidence to the assessor and discuss your assessed value.

If you do not agree with your assessment you may submit a "Request for Assessment Review" form online. A certified assessor will review the evidence you provide.

If sufficient evidence is provided for a value change, the assessor may make adjustments to your property data and/or assessed value. You will be informed whether or not a change is made.

If you feel your property data is not correct, you can request an interior/exterior inspection from us.

Open Book is a period of time to discuss your property value with an assessor.

A roll book of all property values in your municipality is available for your review. The Roll Book will be posted online for your convenience at

<https://accurateassessor.com/roll-books/>.

Open Book for Village of Brooklyn is May 23 from 4-6 pm.
Board of Review for Village of Brooklyn is June 11 from 6-8 pm.

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Brooklyn Oregon
American Legion

4th Annual Craft and Vendor FAIR

May 11, 2024

10 am - 3 pm

NOTE NEW LOCATION

Oregon Middle School
601 Pleasant Oak Dr
Oregon, WI

**FREE HOT DOG LUNCH, 50/50 AND
SILENT AUCTION**

Only Contact is Rhonda 608-205-7551

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Craft and Vendor Fair

Prairie View Elementary
300 Soden Dr Oregon, WI

Saturday June 22, 2024

10 am - 3 pm

FREE ADMISSION

Questions Contact Rhonda at 608-205-7551 or
rswaldvogel50@gmail.com

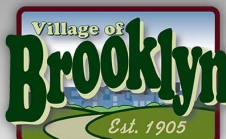
BE SURE TO JOIN US
FOR FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY:

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
MAY - SEPTEMBER

5:00PM-8:00PM

BROOKLYN
LEGION PARK

LIVE MUSIC



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](https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI)
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Get Fit Class Schedule

Monday - 6:00pm
PIYO

Wednesday night - 6:00pm
Yoga Slow Flow

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## COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, April 25, 2024

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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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024

The March 11, 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 Chris Groenier, Dan Olson, Michael Gehrmann, David Berland, Mike Brusberg. Janeen Podgorski was absent. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

President's report – Bruner would like to congratulate Abby Hollis and Monticello-Albany girls basketball team for taking first place at State. He has a meeting April 6 with Jenna Jacobson and Mark Spreitzer. If anyone is interested in joining him, it will be about 11 a.m. in the area. He wants to talk to them about what they can do for the village.

Brusberg made a motion to approve minutes of February 26, 2024. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Groenier and Bruner abstained.

Brusberg and Olson reviewed the bills and there were no issues. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the bills.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Bruner would like to extend a thank you to Spilde for saving about \$35,000 for a new patrol truck, which he's picking up tomorrow.

Clerk's Report – Financials for February - total of \$232,613.24 in deposits, and there was \$130,960.82 collected for the remainder of taxes that came in. Withdrawals of \$745,725.97, and \$501,072.57 was for tax settlement to tax districts and the counties and \$28,483.59 for a loan payment. So we ended February with a total of \$3,021,286.73. Bruner asked if taxes collected in July go to the village. Kuhlman said no, it goes to all tax districts. The counties take in the payments and then pay out to the school districts and us. Bruner asked how much is outstanding. Kuhlman said it was mentioned at the last meeting and in the minutes from the last

meeting. We will get about \$70,000 from Green County and a couple hundred thousand from Dane County. Gehrmann asked if we look at budget plan and is it on track. Kuhlman checks it periodically and sends budget reports to Spilde also. She will also provide to the board. Green County Development Corporation is holding their annual awards March 21 in Monroe. Kuhlman nominated, through the Chamber, Brooklyn Barn and Main Street Music for Business of the Year. We have to wait until the PSC 2023 annual report is filed before we find out if we qualify for a rate increase, so we will have to wait until April or May. Public Works found a new plow truck for \$55,000 and are picking it up tomorrow. Funds are coming out of fund balance. The new police squad is in, but it will be at least July before all the equipment can be put in. They are doing the Dane County oldest squads first. Kuhlman asked the board if they want to continue issuing cat licenses. We are almost out. They are \$5 each, we don't have to report them to the counties, and we only issue about 10-15 per year. Olson asked how much it costs us. Kuhlman said the new tags would be 80 cents each. Gehrmann asked what would happen if they are not licensed. Kuhlman doesn't know of any statutes that require cat licenses. Discussion. **Berland made a motion to stop issuing cat licenses.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman stated the League Insurance will have its annual meeting on April 22 and 23 in Wisconsin Dells. It is free for one person from the municipality to go. Either Kuhlman or Deputy Clerk Olson would like to go. **Berland made a motion to approve one person from the village to attend the League insurance spring conference.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman stated the workers comp audit was handed out to board members. We had to pay an extra \$1,000 due to the audit.

Kuhlman is working with bond counsel Quarles & Brady and the bank on the loan for the Business Park expansion. She stated the costs were the bid price for the work, the engineering costs, contingency, the possible extra amount to continue Prosperity Place, and the Kerch Street lift station upgrades done previously. We are doing the loan somewhat like a line of credit, where we will only borrow what we need to. **Brusberg made a motion to borrow up to \$2,650,000 for the Business Park expansion project.** Berland seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman said the preconstruction meeting was Friday, and they are starting to take down trees this week. Olson said the amount includes the extra \$330,000 but only if we need it. Kuhlman agreed.

Hotel Street reconstruction and parking lot – Bruner asked how the meeting went. Berland said there were some unhappy homeowners. They allayed some of the concerns at the meeting. Brusberg said there was one letter from the homeowner. Other business owners were in favor of it. When they explained to the homeowner it was more water and sewer upgrades, that helped. They had more concerns with the disruption that happens on a daily basis. Brusberg said they welcomed a fence between the parking lot and their property line. Jon Solan from Strand did a good job explaining everything. Discussion. Kuhlman said Jon Solan checked their CSM against what he has, and it matches, but they can remeasure with the property owners present. Kuhlman also responded to their other emailed concerns. She also did some preliminary investigation on the land by the railroad tracks. It is owned by the City of Fitchburg and Village of Oregon, and it was deeded to the railroad but something fell through. She is doing more research, but it is basically owned by the railroad and DOT.

The board discussed angled parking versus parallel parking on Hotel Street. Brusberg said one of the biggest issues is they get headlights shining in the front of their house, and that and the parking in front of their driveway would be solved with angle parking. The issue if we do angle parking, we have to commit to it being a one-way street. Groenier likes the angled parking with running Rutland to 92. We're only losing two spots. Bruner asked if we still have in ordinance for ADA parking spots being 9 feet wide and space between them striped for a van. Berland said all the stalls are 9-1/2. Everything will comply for ADA. Brusberg asked what's the disadvantage for angled. Gehrmann said biggest is a safety of backing out and vision issues. Kuhlman mentioned Deputy Clerk Olson mentioned delivery drop-offs that happen on Hotel Street in front of the bar and Brooklyn Barn. They would block traffic if it was one-way and angled parking. Groenier said if the truck is at the end of the block, people can pull through the parking lot. **Brusberg made a motion to approve moving forward with the project and having angled parking with it being a one-way street going from Rutland to 92.** Groenier seconded. **Brusberg amended his motion to also include the parking lot as designed.** Groenier seconded the amendment. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated Spectrum came back with a new proposal from 50 megs to 20 megs for the speed at a lower price. It would come out to \$25-30 more per month than we do now. It's for a 60-month contract. Brusberg asked what the benefit of fiber is for this building versus wifi. Berland says fiber is better uninterrupted service and doesn't go out with a power outage. **Brusberg made a motion to decline the Spectrum internet proposal for fiber.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Bruner said we have a couple options for fireworks. Brusberg and Gehrmann asked if we have a committee and donations. Bruner said that's something we have to put together soon. Brusberg said he's okay to pick a day but no contracts signed until a committee is set up. Bruner said the fireworks guy reached out and asked if we had a date. He's thinking either June 29 or July 6, is there a preference. Bruner said Evansville is the 4th. He doesn't know when Madison is. Discussion on dates. **Groenier made a motion to set the fireworks date for July 6, 2024.** Berland seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg opposed.

Olson made a motion at 7:13 p.m. to go into closed session. Berland seconded. Ayes – Groenier, Berland, Olson, Bruner, Gehrmann, Brusberg. Noes – none.

Berland made a motion at 7:34 p.m. to exit closed session. Gehrmann seconded. Ayes – Berland, Olson, Bruner, Gehrmann, Brusberg. Noes – none. Groenier was asked to leave during closed session due to conflict of interest.

Brusberg stated he voted nay for fireworks, not because he's not in support of fireworks and the date is fine with July 6, but we really need to get volunteers for a committee. People need to reach out to the clerk, president or board and volunteer and help out. We'll need donations to deliver the fireworks, because it has to be 100% donated. Please volunteer. That's the reason he voted nay, because we haven't had anyone commit to leading a committee.

Brusberg made a motion to approve what was discussed in closed session as negotiation on the business park property. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion at 7:35 p.m. to adjourn. Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

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**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2024**

The March 18, 2024, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 5:31 p.m. at the Village Hall by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Chris Groenier, Dan Olson, Michael Gehrmann, David Berland, Mike Brusberg and Janeen Podgorski. Also present were Mark Mortensen, Jeff Groenier and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

**Berland made a motion at 5:31 p.m. to convene into closed session.** Gehrmann seconded. Ayes – Podgorski, Brusberg, Gehrmann, Bruner, Olson, Berland and Groenier. Noes – none.

**Berland made a motion at 6:13 p.m. to reconvene into open session.** Gehrmann seconded. Ayes – Podgorski, Brusberg, Gehrmann, Bruner, Olson, Berland and Groenier. Noes- none.

**Brusberg made a motion at 6:13 p.m. to adjourn.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer

**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 25, 2024**

The March 25, 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 Chris Groenier, Dan Olson, Michael Gehrmann, Mike Brusberg and Janeen Podgorski. Trustee David Berland was absent. Also present were Tami Olszewski from Ehlers, Inc., Public Works Director Leif Spilde and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

Bruner opened public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on the ordinance changes. No public or written comments. **Olson made a motion at 6:30 p.m. to close public hearing.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried. **Gehrmann made a motion to approve changes to Village of Brooklyn ordinance Chapters 16 and 117 as presented to the board.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried. No opposed.

**President's report** – Bruner will be meeting with Jenna Jacobson and Senator Mark Spreitzer on April 6 in Evansville. If anyone is interested in joining him, it's 11 a.m. in Evansville.

**Olson made a motion to approve minutes of March 11.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Podgorski abstained. **Olson made a motion to approve minutes from March 18.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

**Tami Olszewski from Ehlers** – She met with Greg Johnson. They work together. She's an investment advisor with Ehlers. There are some statute limitations for what can be invested in. We will have operational cash flow as needed, and it will take some of the work off the clerk. They work with national banks to get the best safety of principal, liquidity and yield possible. She works hand in hand with Johnson. They look at policies for fund management and investments. We have some in place, and there is some potential for changes along the way. They work with only municipalities. She went through her presentation. She looked at a summary of rates in the market as of last week. It's in a declining interest rate. They quote conservatively. They build a ladder knowing some funds will go up and down for investments. One year is around 5%, last week it was 5.07. These are treasury securities. One-year CDs were at 5.25% and it went up to 5.3% this week. The goal is to lock in with fixed income investments. They look at government issues; double A and triple A rated investments. They provide monthly reports to the municipality on the investments. It can be used for budgeting purposes. Plans can change and they can adjust throughout the year. They work with local banks. They can provide bank analysis. She gave income estimates. Right now it's about \$86,000 based on preliminary figures invested. That's about 4.5, 4.6%. Their fee is .25%. It's an annual fee, so around \$5,000, depending on amounts. That fee is all inclusive. They take the fees right out of the account. Brusberg asked if there is the ability to roll back the income into the assets themselves and not take any return back. Olszewski said yes, it's reinvested unless it's needed. The last page is summary of fees. They don't take control of the assets. She takes limited access. They only move money through banks if linked or through wire transfers. Brusberg asked what type of advisory authority does the board have to give – does it come back every time or do they give flexibility for clerk to manage it. Kuhlman said that's something covered under the policies. Olszewski said there's a delegation in place. They are limited delegation. The board delegates to the clerk and you can have a second one. They're marketable securities, they can go back and liquidate something. The board gets a monthly report. The board is not contractually obligated to keep Ehlers on service. They can help as little as we like. The board thanked her for coming. **Brusberg made a motion to move forward with using Ehlers for investments.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Brusberg made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-09 Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,650,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes and the Issuance and Sale of a \$2,650,000 Note Anticipation Note in Anticipation Thereof.** Groenier seconded. Ayes – Groenier, Olson, Bruner, Gehrmann, Brusberg, Podgorski. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Brusberg made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-06 for the CARPC USAA request. Gehrmann seconded. Kuhlman stated there was an error in the acreage. It should be 35.65 acres not 40. Gehrman withdrew his second. Brusberg withdrew his motion. **Brusberg made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-06 for the CARPC USAA request adjusting the reference from 40 acres to 35.65 acres in the resolution.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Bruner said we need to do the Arbor Day Resolution to maintain Tree City status. **Podgorski made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08 Arbor Day Resolution.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. April 26 is the observation date.

Kuhlman asked about getting permission to sell the safety deposit boxes and small safe that the bank left in the vault. Olson asked if we would sell to a company or person due to liability issues when someone is moving them. Bruner said the sale could include a waiver and liability clause. Spilde said one of our vendors knows of someone that purchases these. **Groenier made a motion to approve selling the safety deposit boxes and small safe.** Gehrmann seconded.

Brusberg, Podgorski and Olson reviewed the bills. **Brusberg made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Works/Utilities/EM – Spilde – Water** – well 1 went online today. We received two safe DNR samples and it's pumping really good. It's set at 250 gallons per minute. They did run it at 400 and didn't see any sand, but he wants to be cautious. They will run at 250 for a month and then maybe gear it up. Longevity of the well is more important than gallons per minute. Gehrmann asked how many gallons per minute does the water tower flow. Spilde doesn't know, but that well can pump 350-400; the one by Church Street is just under 500. So about 900 gallons per minute. 200,000 in the air. A fire truck pumps 1500 gallons per minute. Bruner asked if it's 3 phase. Spilde said all wells and lifts stations and plant are 3 phase. Roberts and Reilly are taking water exams in LaCrosse. Consumer Confidence Report will be in next newsletter. It's required by DNR stating they did the required sampling and gives results to the public. We were the first one to complete it. Kuhlman said it was in the March newsletter. Business park is moving forward. **Sewer** – RAS/WAS valve repair will be coming in April. They waited on a gear box for well 1 for over six weeks. It's taking a lot of time for parts. No update on permit other than we are getting land application language to DNR stating we need to change our current permit that they haven't issued that we will be doing the land spreading. He's working with Strand and Bytec. The DMR, the DNR had made a couple mistakes on our monthly reports. They did make the changes, and we weren't in violation, and he has documentation. WET test will be week of April 8. Speed boards are in and hopefully they will get up soon with nice weather. Dumpster Days is May 3-12. Street work bids are out and the opening is next Tuesday. We have a lot of sealcoating, basically Smithfield, Douglas Drive, all that area as one project. He went to Green County Highway Days and their prices are coming in better than the last two years. He met with DOT at the Business Park on street entrances and speed limit changes. That was four weeks ago, and he emailed last week and hasn't received a response to the email. They replaced their copier at public works.

Emergency management plan and business contact list – the board approved the emergency management plan changes. He's working on a resource list and pretty much has it done. Once that's done, the ones we know we use, we can get contracts for emergencies, so if we do have a federal disaster, we will have a signed contract; like Kranig, and other tree service companies. Grumke has been contacting business owners making face-to-face contact and gathering that information and putting it into the plan, and then they'll work with 911 center on that. Bruner asked to wait until second week of May to have an emergency management meeting. Spilde said the new village board will be in place, and he has to redo all the manuals and hand them out to new board. He will have a small training prior to one of the board meetings with new members. Bruner asked about following up with ICS classes. Spilde said we're good with those. Spilde said because we have an EM Director



on staff that has all the training, board members don't need 300 and 400. Kuhlman said she has taken those. Spilde said so has Chief Barber. Grumke is doing a great job getting the information from the businesses.

We purchased a new plow truck, so we need a motion to sell the old truck at surplus. They'll take photos here and list online themselves. **Brusberg made a motion to entertain selling the 1996 International truck at surplus.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Gehrmann asked about selling price. Spilde has no idea, but truck prices are going down. Abby Hollis is willing to work again as seasonal employee. She was trained last year. **Olson made a motion to approve hiring public works seasonal employee Abby Hollis.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works opened bids on Friday for the **demolition project for village hall.** Bruner and Spilde put the proposal together. It was advertised in the newspaper and sent out to companies. He had companies from out of state ask, but we received only one bid. It was for \$67,800. Gehrman asked if it included the garage. Spilde confirmed. It also included filling the underground tube with flow crete, sealing the basement, window removal and putting in blocks that wasn't part of the bid. There's three steel beams that come from the building. He contacted the roof company to make sure they would continue the warranty. There will be eavestrough replacement, rebuild the parapet wall, and electrical work to disconnect properly, and work around the water main. Brusberg asked in terms of cost, we didn't have dollars set aside in the budget. He asked how much was saved from the plow truck. The board set aside \$90,000 and the truck only cost \$55,000, so about \$35,000. Kuhlman said we had fund balance last year of about \$200,000, and it went up this year. Spilde suggested since we will be doing a loan for parking lot, if we do a one-year note, we could roll it into the parking lot Clean Water Fund loan at a lower interest rate, and that would leave the fund balance. We will also have inside work to do at village hall. If the public works 550 doesn't sell well, and he's hoping to get \$80,000-90,000 out of that, but he's nervous about that, he takes taking all of the fund balance. Kuhlman also said we set aside 32% of our budget, and this doesn't count that money. Olson asked how fast we could get a short-term loan set up. Kuhlman said it could be about a month. Gehrman asked if it would start this year. Spilde yes, they want to get it out of the way before they start the Hotel Street project, and take care of any settling, etc. They'll be putting gravel down. Brusberg said he's fine with looking at different notes or loans, like Lake Ridge, One Community, Heartland Credit, and the state option. **Brusberg made a motion to accept the bid using Kaiser Construction at a total of \$67,800.** Podgorski seconded. Motion carried. No opposed. **Groenier made a motion to approve Public Works minutes from February 19.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's report** – Governor signed Act 128 which includes a provision to change the depository guarantees from \$400,000 to \$1 million. Excavation started in the Business Park. Absentee voting started last week and runs through Friday. We are doing the election equipment test tomorrow. It's open to the public. The election is next Tuesday, April 2, here at the Village Hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Joint Review Board approved the TID 2 boundary extension, and Ehlers is now filing it with the state. Kuhlman attended the Green County Development Corporation annual dinner last week in Monroe. The secretary of WEDC spoke. Kuhlman informed the board the clerk's office will be closed Thursday April 18 in the afternoon for training and Friday April 19 because Kuhlman's regular day off and Olson on vacation. The clerk's office will also be closed April 25-29 due to deputy clerk being at training and clerk needing to be off for family reasons. **Groenier made a motion to approve Olson attending the Treasurer Association conference April 24 to 26 at \$135 for conference and \$98 per night for hotel, plus milage.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained.

**Podgorski made a motion to approve election emergency management plan as updated.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Bruner said Justin Brooks is not available on July 6 for **fireworks** and asked if it could be moved to July 13. Brusberg asked if we've had volunteers. Bruner has several that are active with raising funds with businesses and another who has ideas for raising with residents. **Groenier made a motion to change the date to July 13.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Recreation** – Groenier said they have the Easter egg hunt on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. Everything else is going good. The food truck registrations are going good. Craft fair registrations are up. Brusberg asked if they're targeting a certain night for food trucks. Groenier said it will be Tuesdays. Brusberg asked if they considered changing it to Monday nights when others are not open. Groenier will run it past the committee. Kuhlman said they can't this year because we have contracts.

**Fire/EMS District Commission** – Brusberg said the meeting was on the 20<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the maintenance of effort certification. The department is substantially in compliance. Fire division calls – 27 requests for emergency response in February. EMS, there were 23 ambulance runs for the month. Out of service hours for the month of February was 1.5 hours. That's on top of the 13.5 out of service hours for January, so year to date is 15. That compares to last year as of February out of service was 150 hours. They watch really closely at meetings. Olson said they're running advanced in Brooklyn also. Ambulance chassis is here but engineering won't start for another month or two. Probably late fall for the completed ambulance. District secretary report, 13 individuals are set to get SAP bonus for meeting hour requirement. That will be included with the bill. They're looking at Lexipol for policies and procedures, but that's still in the air whether it's something they need to do or wait. A lot of discussion around the maintenance of effort certification and tied to Act 12. There's four key things and we have to have two out of the four; expenditures, number of full-time equivalents, continuation of licensure and response times. If we don't meet two out of the 4, municipalities can see a reduction in shared revenue. It will be an item on the agenda up until the certification is due on July 1. Kuhlman said Department of Revenue doesn't have the form ready yet. They got some quotes on tenders, a 3000 gallon, but need more information. Quotes were from \$475,000-560,000. They are looking into used and more providers. It's very early stage. Kuhlman said she is checking with League on offering Lexipol. It's free to League members. Brusberg will have conflicts through the summer and will need volunteers to stand in for fire/EMS meetings. Gehrmann said he could after May.

**Groenier made a motion at 7:45 p.m. to adjourn.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Election Results are posted on the village website and facebook pages.

Welcome to new Village Trustee Christian Allen

May

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Garbage	2 Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p Byn Chamber Business Fair – Community Bldg 430p-630p	3 Dumpster Days 2-7p	4 Dumpster Days Noon – 6p
5 Dumpster Days 10a-2p	6 Dumpster Days 2-7p PIYO 6p Village Board Mtg 630p	7 Tires**, Oil & Battery Pick up Dumpster Days 2-7p Ballet – 4-630p	8 Garbage & Recycling Dumpster Days 2-7p Yoga 6p	9 Dumpster Days 2-7p Bookmobile – Gazebo 6-730p	10 Dumpster Days 2-7p	11 Dumpster Days Noon – 6p
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26	27 Memorial Day Clerk's Office & Public Works Closed	28	29 Garbage Yoga 6p	30 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	31	
					Exercise Classes held at Brooklyn Community Bldg	**\$ 10/Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455- 4201