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August 2024 Village News

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The Clerk's Office will be closed Aug. 28th thru 30th for training.

The Clerk's Office & Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in recognition of Labor Day.



My name is Lindsey Kramer, and I am the 2024-2025 Brooklyn Dairy Queen.

I live in Brooklyn with my parents Nick and Jen Kramer. I have two siblings, Austin Kramer, Fitchburg, and Taylor Kramer, UW Green Bay.

I'm going to be a senior at Oregon High School. I have been active in my chapter FFA for 3 years and 4-H for 8 years, between Oregon Headliners and Brooklyn Mighty Mites.

I have a passion for sharing my love for animals. I have been showing beef cattle for nearly 9 years and dairy heifers for 3 years. I also compete with my horse Tayah in ranch shows and barrel events.

I look forward to sharing my knowledge of agriculture with my community through community involvement, radio reports, school visits, and nursing home visits.

When I graduate, I plan to attend Madison College for their Vet Tech program.

If you see me out and about, please stop me and introduce yourself. I would love to hear from you.

I'm excited to be your Brooklyn Dairy Queen.

If you have any events that you would like the Brooklyn Dairy Queen attend, please contact Jillian Malkow (Brooklyn Dairy Queen Chairperson) at illian.mcneely5@gmail.com or Alicia Russell (New Brooklyn Dairy Queen Chairperson starting 2025) at creativeconfectionsbyalicia@gmail.com.



Water Leaks in your home

Did you receive an abnormally high-water bill? Do you keep hearing water running and you can't put your finger on it? If the answer to either one of these questions is yes, then you might have a water leak.

Step 1 - Make sure all your faucets are off - remember to check the ones outside as well.

Step 2 – Find your water meter. It is usually in the laundry room or utility closet. Check close to the hot water tank if you are having problems locating it.

Step 3 – With all known sources of water off, does your meter show that water is being used. You might want to write the number down and then come back in 15-30 minutes without using any water and see if it has changed. If it has, your leak probably has gone up.

Step 4 – Start to look for your leak. The most common water leak is due to the toilet. The second most common leak is faucets.

To calculate the water loss or for more information - go to http://www.awwa.org/ or their drip calculator

Drip Calculator http://www.awwa.org/resources-tools/public-affairs/public-information/dripcalculator.aspx

Village of Brooklyn Dumpster Days -Residents Only

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

Friday -9/20 - 2 pm - 7 pmSaturday -9/21 - Noon - 5 pmSunday -9/22 - 10 am - 2 pm

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED:

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

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



Brush Pickup 2nd Tuesday of each month

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



HYDRANT FLUSHING – SEPTEMBER 3-13

During Hydrant flushing, it is possible that temporaty discoloration will appear in the water due to loosened iron, sediment, or air bubbles. Residents should refrain from washing laundry or using a dishwashing machine when flushing is occurring in or near their neighborhood as the temporarily discolored water may cause staining. Also, a more pronounced chlorine tast or odor in the water

maybe noticed just after flushing.

When flushing is completed, it is recommended to run the cold water taps until water appears clear prior to use. This will help clear out any sediment and air bubbles that may have entered the water lines inside the home. Any increase cholorine taste and odors will dissipate after a couple of days. If water pressure seems low, check faucet screens for trapped particles.

Did you know...

Your water can become contaminated if connections to your plumbing system are not properly protected! The purpose of the local Cross-Connection Control Program, as required by State Plumbing Code and Regulations, is to ensure that everyone in the community has safe, clean drinking water.

Public Health & Safety....

suppliers to maintain an on-going Cross-Connection To avoid contamination, backflow preventers are required by state plumbing codes wherever there is an actual or potential hazard for a cross-connection. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires all public water Control Program involving public education, onsite inspections, and possible corrective actions by building owners if required.

More Information

WI Department of Commerce www.commerce.state.wi.us/

WI Department of Natural Resources www.dnr.wi.gov Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) www.epa.gov

Cross-Connection Control / Backflow Prevention

Wisconsin

www.hydrodesignsinc.com/wiccc.html



Drinking Water Information

Residential Water User

Bathrooms & Kitchens

Cross-Connection Hazards



Maintaining the integrity of your public drinking water system.

We're All Connected.....

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What is a Cross-Connection?

A cross-connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of contamination or pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection and use. Cross-Connections must be properly protected or eliminated

ow does contamination occur?

When you turn on your faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant. However, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to contaminate your own drinking water or even the public water supply.

Water normally flows in one direction. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is known as Backflow. There are two situations that can cause water to flow backward: back siphonage and backpressure.

Backsiphonage

May occur due to a loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a fire fighting emergency, a water main break or system repair. This creates a siphon in your plumbing system which can draw water out of a sink or bucket and back into your water or the public water system.

Backpressure

May be created when a source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the public water system. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross-connection.

In the Bathroom - Hand Held Shower Fixture

The hand held shower fixture is

- freely, it is at least 1" above top of the flood level rim of the receptor (tub)
- Has the ASME code 112.18.1 stamped on the handle



compliant if:

- When shower head is hanging
- Complies with ASSE#1014



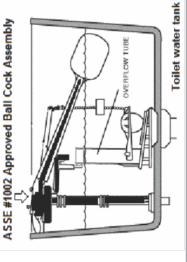
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In the Bathroom - Toilet Tanks

There are many unapproved toilet tank fill valve products sold at common retailers which do not meet the state plumbing code requirements for backflow prevention.

- Look for the ASSE #1002 Standard symbol on the
 - device and packaging Replace any unapproved devices with an **ASSE** at home #1002 approved anti siphon ball-cock assembly. Average cost is typically \$12 to \$22
 - Verify overflow tube is one inch below critical level (CL) marking on the devce improvement stores



insights to protect your drinking water

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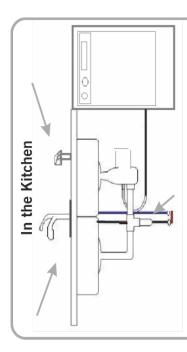
- possible <u>=</u> o clear hoses ot ends contaminants the Keep
 - Make sure dishwashers are installed with a proper "air gap" device.
- Verify and install a simple hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home
- softeners have the proper "air gap", which is a Make sure water treatment devices such as water minimum of one inch above any drain.

Hose bibb Vacuum Breaker

Don't

- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or ponds.
- Use spray attachments without a backflow
- prevention device. Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other submerged drain pipe. Always be sure there is a one ō sewer 2 treatment systems directly inch "air gap" separation.





Hoses and water treatment devices may create a potential backflow hazard if not properly isolated with backflow prevention methods



Village wide Garage Sales

Friday, Sept. 20 Saturday, Sept. 21 Sunday, Sept. 22



Thursdays at the Gazebo from 6 p to 730 p

Welcome Aboard!

Brooklyn Mighty Mites 4-H

CELEBRATING "50" YEARS!

You're Invited - Sunday, Sept. 29th, 2024 - 1pm-4pm Brooklyn Community Bldg – 102 N. Rutland

Archives back to 1974 & even older, 4-H projects past & present,
Animals/livestock, Brooklyn Dairy Queen (Dairy Promo)
Past & present queens invited, Food Concessions
Raffle or Silent Auction (sponsored by local businesses)
Cake Walk, & More!!!!

Who can participate?

All Green County residents and farmers can participate in the Clean Sweep Program. No Pre-registration is required for the event. This is a one-day free event with proof of residency in Green County.

Hazardous Materials for Disposal

Waste chemicals include any type of weed, insect, fungus or rodent killers, but also include sanitizers, and other chemicals. Pesticides become wastes when they can no longer be used. Hazardous waste materials include banned products, products damaged by moisture, contamination or outdated products.

Safety Guidelines

- Visually inspect containers before lifting. Secure lids, caps, and covers.
 - Leave materials in their original containers. DO NOT MIX.
- Leave all labels in place, even if worn or torn. If labels are missing, please list contents with permanent marker.
- Place containers in plastic or garbage bag lined cardboard box for hauling.
 - Use the trunk of your vehicle or truck

Disposal and Testing Fees

Disposal of ag chemicals and household chemicals is free with the exception of marked items on inside chart. A testing fee may be charged for unknown chemicals if amounts are greater than five gallons or fifty pounds. Fees paid by cash or check at time of disposal.

Other Notes

- Proof of Green County residency required.
- No pre-registration required.
- All items should be properly identified.
- We reserve the right to reject any item that does not meet the intent of the program.
- Materials will only be accepted by authorized personnel during the hours as listed.

Site Location: 406 North Main St, Monticello



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- greencountylwcd.com

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Green County LWCD
Green County Sheriff's Dept.
Green County Public Health
Monticello Public Works

CLEAN SWEEP



Disposal Program

Wednesday, August 21st noon-6pm @ Monticello Recycling Center

406 North Main St

NOT ALLOWED

Drug Collection

(No liquid drugs or sharps) Prescription pills

Electronic Waste

residents can bring non-food computer monitors will have charge. Tube TV's and tube related electronics free of Village of Monticello charge of \$25 each.

Automotive

Road flares (No marine flares) Autobody repair products Carburetor cleaner Fiberglass epoxy Oil / Oil filters quel additives Parts cleaner Rust remover Metal polish Battery acid Brake fluid Antifreeze Gasoline Car wax

Painting & DIY Stuff

Driveway sealer Contact cement Acetone Antibacterial products Aerosol cans (Full)

Ammonia

Home

Deck stripper (Wood bleach) Ballasts (Without light fixture)

Batteries (Button &

rechargeable)

Bleach

Glue / Adhesives Paint (oil based) Joint compound

Paint thinner / Stripper

Cooking oil (New & used)

Carpet cleaner

Dry cleaning chemicals

Drain cleaner

Disinfectants

Extension cords

Fertilizer

Photo developing chemicals Sealers (Wood & concrete) Roofing tar

Furpentine Varnish Shellac Stain

Other Stuff

insect / Bug killer

Kerosene Lamp oil

Wood filler

Floor care products

Fluorescent bulbs Furniture polish

Pepper spray (Self-defense) Nail polish & remover Formaldehyde Hair remover Shoe polish Hair spray Hair dye Perfume Mercury (Thermometers &

Mosquito repellent

thermostats)

Lighter fluid

Do Not Bring

Compressed gas cylinders Ammunition

Containers larger than 15 gal. Clothes dryers Car batteries Computers*

Fire extinguishers Explosives

Medical waste Marine flares Liquid drugs Fireworks

Paint (water & latex based) Microwaves

Radioactive wastes Propane cylinders Refrigerators

Smoke detectors Sharps/Needles Stereos*

Washing machines Tires of any type Televisions*

*allowed if resident in Village of Monticello, see Electronic Waste

Vape equipment (Nicotine Only)

String (Holiday) lights

Weed killer

Rat / Rodent poison

Pool chemicals

Transmission fluid

Spot remover

Oven cleaner

Mothballs

Pesticides

Accurate Appraisal LLC – Educational Corner



If you've recently purchased your home, please head to our website and fill out one of our Sales Questionnaires. This will help us maintain accurate market data in your community.

Assessors aren't tax collectors, or even tax setters, we're just fellow taxpayers trying to make everything fair and equitable.



608-328-9499 adrcgreencounty.org



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

Oregon Area Senior Center

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E-mail: oasc1980@gmail.com
www.vil.oregon.wi.us
Open 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Monday-Friday.
Staff Unavailable Mondays from
1:00 to 2:00 PM

The Oregon Area Senior Center is a multi-purpose center focusing on the needs of older adults. It is a department of the Village of Oregon in partnership with the Town of Oregon, the Town of Rutland, the Village of Brooklyn, and the Town of Dunn. In addition, we also receive support from Dane County and the City of Fitchburg. The Oregon Area Senior Center relies on the donations of generous folks in our area as well as annual fundraisers for our programming needs.

The Oregon Area Senior Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status in any of its activities or operations.

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.

August 2024 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Did you know you can call the Senior Center for help dealing with the challenges that life throws at you? If you are an older adult (age 60 and over) or working with an older adult family member, neighbor, etc., the outreach workers at the Senior Center can help you sort through challenges—free of charge.

The Senior Center has two staff members who are trained to help people navigate the issues that can come up later in life. They help people sort through issues involving Medicare and Social Security. They are familiar with the insurance products that are available to older adults (and make no commissions at all—so they provide unbiased advice).

The outreach workers help people with housing issues—whether they deal with finding different housing, modifying existing housing to make it safer, or mediating disputes with landlords, the outreach workers can offer assistance.

The outreach workers also deal with issues of changing health. Sometimes people need increased assistance in their homes or are no longer able to prepare their own meals. Sometimes people struggle to manage their medications. Sometimes people become less mobile, and it is harder to get out and shop. Senior Center staff can help with all of those issues.

Outreach workers can help with a variety of questions. They help find resources for getting income taxes completed, or for getting to doctor's appointments. They can offer insight to families who see a loved one's memory failing. They work with veterans to make sure they are connected to benefits they are entitled to.

Outreach workers (also called case managers) can be involved briefly or for the longer term. Sometimes they are able to provide all of the information needed in a single phone call. Other times, they are involved with an older adult over the course of years. Their mission is that of the Senior Center: to provide the supports, services, and opportunities necessary for older adults to remain as independent as possible.

People sometimes worry about reaching out for help because they fear that they will lose their independence. The Senior Center works hard to help people have the resources to remain independent.

Senior Center services are confidential. If you, or someone you know, needs answers, please call 608-835-5801 and ask to speak with Carol or Noriko.

Link to Oregon Senior Center Newsletter or go to

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



Thank you to all groups, organizations and residents for attending Brooklyn Night Out.



Get Fit Class Schedule

Monday - 6:00pm PIYO

Wednesday night - 6:00pm Yoga Slow Flow



Save the date for our Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Fair Saturday, August 31st, 2024 9:00am - 3:00pm Brooklyn Community Building

Still accepting Vendor/Crafter registrations

COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, August 22, 2024
At Noon
Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 30th - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st BROOKLYN LEGION PARI

Friday, Aug. 30th

6:00pm - Steak Sandwiches -Oregon/Brooklyn VFW

6:00pm - CATP Antique Tractor Pull Tractorpullers.org

6:00nm - Bean Bag Tournament (See Website for Pre-Registration)

7:30pm - 10:30pm - Music by: Diamonds and Lead

AUMISSION & PARKING

15 minutes south of Madison off Hwy 14

BEER & FOOD TENT - ALL 3 DAYS

Absolutely No Carry in Beverage or Food



Saturday, Aug. 31st

10:00am - PULLS START

- Farm Tractor & Amateur 4wd Truck Pull

- P.L. Motorsports - LT Limited Pro Tractors

- Hot Farm, 12, 500 Tractors

- Super Stock Truck's

- 2.6 Diesel Trucks

12:00nm - Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls

9:00am-3:00pm - Fall Arts & Craft Fair at the Brooklyn

Community Building

7:30pm-11:30pm - Music By: The Ramble

Sunday, Sept. 1st

8:00am-10:30am - Pancake Breakfast Sponsored By Lakeridge Bank

Featuring "Uncle Pancake LLC"

10:00am - PULLS START

- Farm Tractor & Amateur 4wd Truck Pull

- Small & Big Block Gas Trucks

- Hot Open Diesel Class & Altered Diesel Trucks

- Badger Truck

- Southwest Pullers

- South Central Wis. Tractor Pullers See website / Facebook for classes

12:00pm - Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls

7:30pm-11:30pm - Music By: Super Tuesday



THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR SPONSORING AND VOLUNTEERING WITH THE FIREWORKS

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Kasee, Will, Sophie & Oliver Thies

And also thank you to Spielbauer Fireworks, Matt Meicher and Justin Brooks, for putting on a terrific show

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes June 24, 2024

The June 24, 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, David Berland and Christian Allen. Also present were Noreen Krueger from the Lutheran Church, Public Works Director Leif Spilde, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

President's report – Bruner would like to thank all the first responders for Saturday night, and his thoughts go out to all the victims. Hopefully it doesn't continue to be a trend.

Olson made a motion to approve minutes of June 10. Groenier seconded. Motion carried. Berland abstained.

Lutheran Church – Noreen Krueger, the treasurer at Brooklyn Lutheran Church, stated they had a toilet running the whole month and they didn't know. They think it happened Easter Sunday or April 7, and it ran and used 10,660 consumption compared to 20 to 460. Their bill was \$1,144.22, and the sewer was \$912 and water \$216. They had the floats replaced in the toilets last year and that failed. The plumber fixed the float at no charge, and they now have that toilet shut off and door closed so it doesn't get used. They're debating on getting a new one or taking it out. Trying to plan so that it never happens again. Bruner said it is policy there is nothing we can do with the water usage; that has to be covered. However, we have some latitude on the sewer. Brusberg asked, for an instance like this for the sewer, is there a variable expense that we incur for the toilet running constantly. Spilde said every gallon we pump, we have to treat. It was probably clear water. Groenier said it's still coming so we still have to treat. It doesn't matter if it's clear or mud. Bruner said there are no solids to clarify out or decant. It still has to go through the system and come out through effluent. Spilde said we have done in the past. Brusberg said this is the first for water running inside; others were outside. Gehrmann asked if this would have shown up with a smart meter. Allen asked if the 10,660 was the total used. Bruner said we have in the past discounted sewer and charged full price for the water. There were issues in the past. Berland made a motion that we adjust this water and sewer bill with the full water charge but reduce the sewer charge to the average usage. Groenier seconded. Allen suggested the last annual year average. Berland amended his motion to say the average usage being the last 12 calendar months. Motion carried. Kuhlman said she will figure out a new bill and won't charge late fee because of the due date tomorrow. The board thanked her for coming. Krueger thanked the board.

Groenier made a motion to approve the cigarette, tobacco and electronic vaping device license for Dollar General. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg asked if it is possible to move **fireworks** up ahead of bills. Bruner agreed. Bruner updated the figures for fireworks. We have collected \$3,740 and have \$3,000 that are pledged and should be receiving in the next 3-4 days, which would be a total of \$6,740 and the contract price is \$6,413. Brusburg asked if any of these don't come to fruition, what will happen. Bruner said he will make up the difference if the pledges don't come in. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the fireworks contract**. Groenier seconded. Bruner said since we're signing the contract, ordinarily 50% down would be due, but since the next board meeting is the week of the fireworks, is it okay to pay the full amount of the contract tonight. Olson said that's why we are talking about it now, because we couldn't approve the check until we knew about the funds. Motion carried.

Brusberg reviewed invoices, and for SpeeDee invoice should be \$84.02 instead of \$84.12; and for Strand it was \$28,628.70 versus \$29,628.70. Olson agreed. **Brusberg made a motion to approve bills as presented with adjustments for SpeeDee and Strand.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works/EM/Utilities – Spilde said the board received a copy of the hydrant flushing policy – changes are the highlighted items. He made it to current code. Gehrmann asked where do you take the sample, every fire hydrant. Spilde said yes. You take a sample, see how much chlorine is in it and dechlorinate it to flush on the

ground. They ordered a new device. It's a new code with the DNR. We tried to get a variance because it runs into grass and parks, but it wasn't approved. The machine cost about \$1,000, and the tablets are \$450 each tablet and we need 3. There are 92 hydrants including the Business Park, and they flush twice every year. One full cylinder will work for every 50 hydrants. **Olson made a motion to approve the hydrant flushing policy with the changes presented in yellow.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Gehrmann asked if it adds on to cost of the water. Spilde said we can do inhouse testing for the chlorine, but there's a requirement to have it state tested. He is checking.

Emergency Management – All trustees were given new binders with updated information. He asked the board to protect the information because the companies don't want their private numbers out in the public. In 2011 the village sat down with the fire chief, police chief, PW director, clerk and president and worked with Dane and Green Counties and came up with this policy. Once in place, it can be used for emergencies. Each municipality is required to take care of themselves, so if we can't get help, it falls to the village. Every board member should have NIMS training, and there is an option online, but there is also one coming up in person. We need to get Allen's photo for an ID. ID's have a QR code to allow them into the area if an emergency. Resource list is not a public list. These are numbers not handed out to the general public, but are just emergency numbers. Vicki Olson helped get the document updated. Spilde went through the binder with the board. The binder includes plans for overall emergencies, water and sewer and a resource list and then forms. These are on the cloud and police, fire, and public works have a zip drive with everything. Green County and Dane County Emergency Management also have this on file. In winter we will do a tabletop emergency management exercise with Dane County so the village board understands how fire, EMS, and police work. Look for training in the future.

Business Park – weather has been an issue. They've been averaging 13-14 days a month instead of 17. Still on original timeline, but they could be late. The sewer mains are really deep. They're 38 feet deep is spots and with all the rain, compaction is an issue. They did a few extra tests. If they're going to be late with the contract and no building at the end of Heritage, we might want to let it sit and not blacktop. We'd still put binder down, have the manholes lifted and traffic can go on it, but let it go through a thaw and freeze. It might be beneficial to do that and add the blacktop to the Hotel Street project, and we might get a better price. As long as someone doesn't buy the end of Heritage and need the road. The sewer is all in. The lift station structure is in. Water is about half done, so they have progress. The loop from S. Kerch is in, and they will fill it, let it set for 7 days and then do sampling with the state.

Village hall – Kaiser started electrical work; unhooked the overheads, and they're waiting for masonry. Property pins were found, and Kaiser will put a fence up around the area. Spilde said nothing needs to be moved on the neighbor's property until construction starts next year.

Hotel Street—nothing new to discuss. **Sealcoating** on the northeast quadrant is set tentatively for July 9, but they're behind because of weather.

WWTP permit and sludge hauling – the process for the permit started last April. We don't have our permit yet. Spilde was told verbally we should have it in July. Within the last 10 days we got a letter from DNR that the village in is noncompliance with sludge hauling. In 2013 Bytec contracted with the village. October 1st the DNR revoked Bytec's sludge hauling permit. Bytec said they were going to sue, but we had no options to switch, and so on October 24 Bytec hauled sludge for us. They lost in court and lost their permit in December. Everything we did is documented. DNR sent the letter June 6 to both Bytec and the Village for noncompliance for last fall. Now the DNR will accept the sludge plans that were already submitted. Bytec's engineer has stated in emails to DNR that we can't do the next step until we get our permit. If they submit, it kicks it back because our permit isn't valid. He works on a lot of these and thinks once we're issued our permit, we can file. We have to have a biosolids plan for testing prior, during and after sludge hauling and it has to be hauled to approved fields. Bruner asked the projected timeline for the permit. Spilde said he was told verbally July 1. Brusberg asked why it's not compliant, but the same plan will now be compliant. Spilde said the DNR removed Bytec's permit last year. Spilde said the letter he got today said there are many changes in the DNR in the last

month and a lot of promotions. Brusberg asked if we can go back and revisit the noncompliance. Spilde said yes, once we get this and everything is approved, we'll ask as a village. Bytec will continue to do the work but under our permit. Allen asked if there are fines or penalties for noncompliance. Spilde said no, nothing, unless you don't follow through. Strand has been involved in the conversations as well. When the new permit comes out, we will have a dechlorination limit in the new permit, so there will be updates to the plant needed. He asked the DNR why this wasn't discussed at the last permit when we could have done all the work at the same time.

Public Works report – Meter replacement is going well. They're hydrant flushing. CMOM is the wastewater maintenance report. Two years ago the DNR said we have to TV 10% of the sewer system every year. This year our 10% is highway 92 because of the construction project. The state didn't order it. It's part of preventative maintenance through wastewater requirements. Storms produced a lot of brush. We've been more fortunate than a lot of others. They will look at getting brush ground because we have more than normal. Normal pickup is the second Tuesday, but they will work with residents for pickup. There's a lot of extra cleanup and extra brush. Wastewater treatment plant normal day is about 80,000 gallons, and we're at 110,000 right now. We are elevated on influent flows. Gehrmann asked how rainwater gets into sewage. Spilde said through basements if it leaks, and manholes, if the water is sitting on top and it doesn't seal properly. The groundwater can get high and blow the sides of the mains. With construction projects also we have to be careful, but nothing out there is hooked up yet. Rainfall contributes a little bit but not a lot. Lincoln Street pond was pumped on the 30th and 31st and they're pumping now. This is the fourth time this year, and it hadn't been pumped for 18 months before that. Spilde said the Kerch Street pond looks high. He monitors King Lake overflow, and this is first time we've overflowed King Lake in four years. Board thanked him.

Clerk's report – NIMS training was sent out to everyone. Green County is having a live training September 12. We received notification they're moving a garage on N. Kerch Street out of the village at the end of this week. Spilde said it will be late at night. We haven't heard anything additional on the S. Rutland house moving in. Workhorse updated the Cemetery module, which can now be accessed online by us. Brian Roberts will have access to look up records now. Spilde asked to be added. Assessments and Board of Review is done. There were no objections from residents. She realized both the village assessed O&A and the state assessed them as manufacturing, so she asked the assessor about it. They talked to the state, and this year we will assess them, but next year the state will assess them as manufacturing. With the close of the George's property, we sent a letter to O&A regarding the right of first refusal letter. They have 14 days to let us know if they want to enter into a right of first refusal. Absentee ballots will be going out by the end of the week for anyone on file already. In person voting starts July 30. Ballots will be posted on the website. Outside utility dropbox is gone. We had a notice up for about a month that we would remove it; partially because of construction starting in the back and then also because of the parking lot going in next year. The new drop box is on the south side of the building built into the building. It's the old bank night deposit slot. We ordered a new cell phone for the police department. It was upgraded with no charge and same price per month. Brusberg asked if there is an update on the access road for Business Park. Kuhlman said we haven't heard anything yet. Gehrmann asked about updates on the sale with All Color. Kuhlman has not heard anything. She let them know about the purchase.

Brusberg made a motion to approve clerk and deputy clerk attending the WMCA conference August 28-29 at a cost of \$290 per person plus mileage. Groenier seconded. Brusberg amended his motion to add for the clerk's office to be closed during those days. Groenier seconded amendment. Motion carried. Olson abstained.

Fire/EMS Board – Allen attended the meeting. Not a lot was done. Big actions were the decision on Lexipol software was passed on to next month and same thing for sick and vacation pay. They're trying to decide what to do with vacation and sick hours for the fire chief. They were debating cutting a check at the end of each year and what legally to do or not do with it. The problem was liability against the assets, and potentially putting a fund aside. They will look into options. Brusberg said the sick policies only trigger for retirement.

Kuhlman stated health insurance for 2025 was sent from the state. It went up 8%, which is about \$3 for single and \$6 per family per paycheck increase. Total increase on employer side of \$10,000, which is down from last year's increase.

Groenier made a motion at 7:29 p.m. to adjourn. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes July 22, 2024

The July 22, 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 Christian Allen. Trustee David Berland was absent. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

Public Comments -- Gehrmann stated public works did a nice job when renting tables. They were super polite and helpful when he picked up and dropped off.

President's report – Bruner thanked all of the sponsors of the fireworks, and Matt and Justin from Spielbauer, and thanked all the volunteers. He asked for a thank you to be included in the newsletter.

Olson made a motion to approve minutes of June 24. Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated Strand Task Order 22-01 Amendment No. 5 is for phase 3 of the business complex. The board has approved the work in a previous meeting. **Brusberg made a motion to approve Strand Task Order Amendment for the Business Complex expansion phase 3.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Movie license renewal – Kuhlman stated last year the board discussed that if the recreation committee isn't doing the movies anymore, so we won't renew it. She checked with Hardy, and Hardy confirmed they aren't showing movies. Gehrmann asked how easy it is to get a new one in the future. Kuhlman said it didn't look that hard. Groenier doesn't see a point to renew if recreation isn't going to do movies anymore. Groenier made a motion to reject the movie license. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff coverage for Labor Day – Kuhlman stated Deputy Grumke asked for permission to fill times with overtime deputies for Labor Day based on last year's schedule. Bruner asked if Sno-Hornets paid for last year. Kuhlman said no. Olson asked if Grumke was okay with that coverage. Discussion on setting hours. Brusberg said he can be flexible within reason compared to last year. Groenier said to give Grumke discretion on what he needs. Brusberg made a motion to use somewhat of a similar coverage model that we've used in the past for the Labor Day festival with overtime hours pretty similar to prior years. Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Olson saw no issues with the bills and Gehrmann and Brusberg also reviewed. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works/Utilities/Emergency Management – Olson reported the monthly samples were taken and everything is safe; the yearly water samples are done; they're working on meter replacement and ordered some more; purchased dechlorination equipment for hydrant flushing and they're working with the DNR on that. Sewer permit update should be sometime in July, but they're still working with DNR, and still working on getting the sludge hauling permit. We will have a disinfection limit we have to set by 4-30 of 2029. Kuhlman

added and temperature. Olson confirmed temperature of effluent, the water leaving the plant, and that will require some updates to the plant. Brusberg asked what is their thought behind temperature control. Gehrmann thinks so you don't kill fish and ecosystem in the water. Discussion. They want to know the temperature coming out of the plant. If it passes, we'll be the only municipality in the state that has to do it. We joined Meg, the Municipal Environmental Group, for water and wastewater to help working with DNR. Lincoln Street pond was pumped June 24 and 25 and then pumped again, so it has been pumped four times this year with the rain. Gehrmann asked about the water level at Douglas Pond. Olson said it's filling back up. Storm cleanup at end of May had extra brush pickup. We normally grind brush every other year but will have to do now because of all the storms. The ballfield work is done. Lawn letters have gone out. Brusberg asked what on the ballfields. Olson said they brought in more sand. New posts were installed at Legion Park along the front and moved back from the sidewalk. They worked on taking a tree down in Legion Park due to the storm. They patched a water main break on First Street and in the alley. Olson said we need to set a joint meeting with finance for doing budget in August. Brusberg will email dates when he's available and we'll set a meeting.

Clerk's Report – Financials for June: Total deposits of \$722,603.69, and \$602,646.55 of that was NAN loan proceeds from the business park project. Total withdrawals were \$1,010,813.88, and that included a payment to Fischer for the business park project, and also land purchase in the business park for \$546,080.42. New investments, after fees, totaled \$2,670.58. We ended June with a total of \$2,081,812.93 in all accounts. Kaiser started demolition of the drive through area on Friday. Board received Oregon Council on Aging agenda from last Wednesday and minutes from March. Sue McCallum was out of town last week and unable to attend. The board received newsletter from our Municipal Property Insurance Company. It discusses current coverage items and new coverages. Since we've discussed it in the past, CDBG came out with the new HUD Low-Moderate Income estimates from the last census. Madison area median income for low income limits averages about \$97,800 and in Green County it's \$78,400; that's for a family of 4. They show Brooklyn at 36.50% for Dane County and 26.40% for Green County, and most grants require you to have more than 50% in the low-moderate income level. We finally received payment on nuisance tickets given to Railroad Street. On a \$250 village ordinance ticket, we receive \$89.29, and have a \$5 CCAP fee. The rest is distributed out to state and county fees/surcharges – crime lab, court support services, jail, justice information, penalty surcharge. Kuhlman is not sure how much of that we'd get if it was our own municipal court. Dane County is holding an emergency management training on October 15 all day in Sun Prairie. We have sent out 41 absentee ballots, and in-person absentee voting starts next Tuesday, July 30. This is a partisan primary election, with two state referenda questions. Copies of the ballots are posted on our website and at the posting boards outside village hall and the community building. Oregon Youth Center tried out a summer bus route from Brooklyn. They did it for the two weeks of summer school. We have not seen results yet. I have asked the Youth Center to come to a board meeting in August or September before budget time for an annual update. The Deputy Clerk and Clerk attended Dane County Clerk's meeting last week. It was security based regarding elections. It was led by Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell, and included Sheriff Barrett, Captain Porter, Emergency Management Director Charles Tubbs, Carrie Meier, Kailey Peterson, and District Attorney Ismael Ozanne present. They all talked about their part in safety during elections. The sheriff's department will have extra deputies on duty that day. They talked about swatting and doxing (publishing private info on internet), and how to keep your name and personal data off social media and the internet. They also had a gentleman from a company called Optery present. They can search the web for your presence and delete most references of your personal information. The County is talking to them about getting a discount for all municipalities in the county, but also making it available for free to just clerks in the county for a few months through the election. The highest level was \$20/month/user but they're looking at a 20% discount for municipalities. CARPC recommended approval on our Urban Service Amendment. It is now at DNR, and they have 30 days to respond back with approval and recommendations. Dane County Cities and Villages is going to be conducting a wage survey for the county and will publish their findings early next year. They're looking for volunteers to be on a committee. There is a public hearing for the I39/90/94 corridor study between Wisconsin Dells and Madison on July 30 at Madison College from 4 to 7 p.m. Kuhlman has an article regarding the Village of Theresa in Dodge County having to do an 112% water increase due to not periodically raising their rates. She wanted to reiterate why it is important to look at rates yearly. If it goes too long, the PSC could dictate a high increase all at once, instead

of small amounts every couple of years. We have not heard from DOT yet on the new driveway into the Business Park. It's been a little over a month since the application itself was submitted. Jon Solan will check this week if we don't hear anything. Kuhlman is working with CISA, federal cyber defense, to do a facility security check. Right now they are looking at the village hall and probably Public Works building. He will be here early September to do a walk-through and then come up with some suggestions. There is no charge. Brooklyn Night Out is August 8 at Legion Park. We have the sheriff's department, fire/EMS, Lake Ridge Bank will be doing food, and then a number of organizations in the area. Food Truck Night went well again last week. There was a new food truck, Korean fusion. Fire-EMS joint meeting is September 25 at fire station at 6:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Bruner said one resident is interested in making modifications to his property on Hotel Street. He wanted to see if the village would be open to his modifications. They agreed to hear what he had to say. He picked up conditional use paperwork today. They also looked at ordinances regarding minimal conditions of properties, and they talked about Airbnb and whether it would be a conditional use. Nothing was determined at the meeting. They met the new zoning administrator, and she was helpful.

Fire/EMS District Board – Brusberg reported we have 13 resources at AEMT level, 11 with straight AEMT and two paramedics that run as AEMT, which is important for rates they receive for budget. Lexipol purchase had no action taken, but they are going to start working on policies and procedures. They have 10-13 that they're starting to work on. Sealcoating of the parking lot will take place. Run volumes are up. As of June there were 182 runs so far. Financials are up on run income. We had 35 runs collected tied to last year. We've hit the full year budget through June. There's a big spike in EMS revenue. They have a new team doing billing and collections, and they've received late billing from 2023 runs, and also saw average runs per month of 20 versus 9 from 2023. Gehrmann asked what happens if they don't collect from runs. Brusberg said it sits there, but they have a collection company to work on it. Bruner asked how are expenses of EMT compensation compared to last year. Brusberg said we'll be higher on the LTE EMTs but favorable on the volunteers. Roughly in July we're at \$48,000 on EMTs. Full year was budgeted at \$70,560. So we're likely to be \$15,000-25,000 over on EMTs, but we will have overage on run revenue. They will watch it for the 2025 budget. They looked at an early draft of the 2025 budget and asked for a few things for Chief to discuss with the district secretary. Right now it's a 2% increase in fire and 4% increase in EMS. They want to look at a couple more things. They are adding in changes for sick pay to build up liability and further review of just EMS LTE wages. They have that up \$18,000 for next year. They asked for a summary schedule for both fire and EMS. They're working on renewing the CD to get the best rate possible. The board approved changes to fire chief vacation and sick policy. At the end of 2024 any unused vacation in excess of 60 hours will be paid out in December; at the end of 2025 any unused vacation will be paid out at end of December; and then the same moving forward. They kept 60 hours sitting there because there's a balance there. Sick time is accumulated to 1900 hours of sick time, and if a person meets retirement requirements and retires as a fire district employee, those dollars are converted to HSA to draw upon for health insurance. If they leave prior to retirement, it's zero. This will be something documented for future employees. The next meeting is August 28 at 6 p.m. The joint meeting is on September 25 at 6:30 p.m. The ambulance is a little bit up in the air. There's potentially higher costs taking place on the chassis. Bruner asked if we had a contract when purchased it. Brusberg said we did, but based on how the contract was worded, it could flux. They're trying to get more information.

Olson made a motion at 7:27 p.m. to go into closed session. Gehrmann seconded. Ayes – Groenier, Olson, Bruner, Gehrmann, Brusberg, Allen. Noes – none. Groenier left the meeting due to conflict of interest.

Gehrmann made a motion at 7:53 p.m. to convene out of closed session. Allen seconded. Ayes – Olson, Bruner, Gehrmann, Brusberg, Allen. Noes – none.

Brusberg made a motion that we authorize Kuhlman to reach out to Mark Mortenson of All Color and also provide the previously provided development agreement seeking their sign off and also to reference the defined timeline in which we want to have this deal completed by. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

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September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SnoHornets/ SnoBlazers Truck & Tractor Pull Legion Park	2 Clerk's Office & Public Works Dept Closed	3 Tires**, Oil & Battery Pick-up	4 Yoga 6 pm	Garbage Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p		1
2	PIYO 6 pm Board Meeting 630 pm	4 Brush Pick-up	Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6 pm	6 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	7	8
9	PIYO 6 pm	FOOD TRUCK NIGHT – Legion Park	Garbage Yoga 6 pm	Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	14	15
16	PIYO 6 pm Board Meeting 630 pm	18	Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6 pm	Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p Community Lunch – Noon at Brooklyn Methodist Church	Village Garage Sales Dumpster Days 2-7pm	Village Garage Sales Dumpster Days 12-5pm
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30			Hydrant Flushing Sept 3-13		Exercise Classes held at Brooklyn Community Bldg	**\$ 10/Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455- 4201