

FEBRUARY 2021 VILLAGE NEWS

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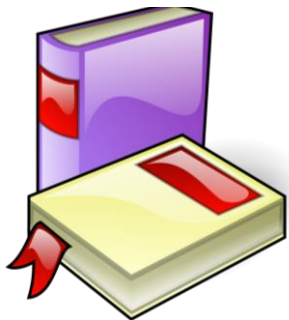
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2021 OPEN BOOK

Thursday, May 20th from 4-6 pm

2021 BOARD OF REVIEW

Wednesday, June 9th from 6-8 pm

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2021 Wisconsin Water Week

March 8-12



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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites the public to participate in [Wisconsin Water Week](#), a digital experience from March 8-12, 2021. This year's virtual interactive event spotlights protecting and enhancing Wisconsin's water.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn from experts, grass-roots organizers and passionate water advocates. Participants can engage in discussion sessions and interactive workshops, plus enhance their network of water-focused professionals.

For more than 30 years, the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention has been an annual gathering of water lovers of all stripes, including lake and river stewards, lake leaders, lake and river professionals and members of the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership.

Wisconsin Water Week brings together the array of people who care for our water and features content-rich presentations and discussion panels. Speakers include climate scientist Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson and Dr. Marissa Jablonski, Executive Director of the new Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin at UW-Milwaukee.

Nearly 200 different presenters, including 40 DNR staff, will join the event live to share their knowledge of water, ecology, advocacy and management. You can view the full conference schedule [here](#).

Registration for Wisconsin Water Week is open [here](#) and costs \$20 per day. This event is a collaborative effort of the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership which includes the DNR, Extension Lakes and Wisconsin Lakes.

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 32

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE

SECTION 32-55 OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

REGARDING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

(EFFECTIVE DATE MARCH 1, 2021)

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 32-55: Chapter 32, Traffic and Vehicles; Article III, Traffic Rules and Vehicle Operation; Section 32-55 All-Terrain Vehicles; of the Code of the Village of Brooklyn Code is hereby created to read as follows:

(a) Application. This section establishes All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) routes pursuant to [Wis. Stats. 23.33](#). Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of Wis. Stats 23.33, and for which the penalty provision is a forfeiture, are hereby adopted by reference, including future additions and amendments, and made a part of this section. The definitions as stated in Wis. Stas 23.33, including any future additions and amendments, are adopted and incorporated herein by reference for purposes of this section. For purposes of this section, ATV/UTV shall mean all-terrain vehicles and utility terrain vehicles.

(b) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish an ATV/UTV route and to provide safe and enjoyable ATV/UTV recreation consistent with public rights and interests.

(c) Applicability and enforcement.

1. The provisions of this section shall apply to the areas designated in Subsection (e) of this section.
2. Adoption of this section shall not prohibit any law enforcement officer or DNR warden from proceeding under any other ordinance, regulation, statute, law or order that pertains to the subject matter addressed in this section.

(d) Limitations. The following limitations apply to all areas designated in Subsection (e) of this section:

1. No ATV/UTV shall be operated at a speed in excess of that posted limit as indicated by official signs posted on the street.
2. No person shall operate an ATV/UTV upon any sidewalk, pedestrian way or upon the area between the sidewalk and the curbline of any street in the Village, except for the purpose of crossing to obtain immediate access to an authorized area.
3. No person shall leave or allow an ATV/UTV owned or operated by him or her to remain unattended on any public highway or property while the motor is running.
4. The operator of an ATV/UTV shall drive at all times in single file on the extreme right side of the street and shall yield to vulnerable highway users, as defined by Wis. Stats 340.01(74)(p) or its successor statute.

(e) Areas designated.

1. All streets within the Village of Brooklyn boundaries and which has a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less are designated as ATV/UTV routes.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brooklyn, Wisconsin, this 25th Day of January, 2021.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 22

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

SECTION 22-101 OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

REGARDING SNOWMOBILIES

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 22-101: Chapter 22, Parks and Other Public Places; Article V, Vehicle Operation; Section 22-101 Snowmobiles; of the Code of the Village of Brooklyn Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22-101. - Snowmobiles.

- (a) *General.* It shall be unlawful for the operator of any snowmobile to operate or park a snowmobile in or on any village-owned property in the village which has not been designated as a "Snowmobile Operation Area."
- (b) *Compliance with state statutes.* Whenever an ordinance is adopted designating a street as a snowmobile route or otherwise regulating snowmobiles, the village clerk shall comply with Wis. Stats., Section 350.047.
- (c) *Routes designated.*
 - (1) Definitions: As used in this section the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:
 - a. Purpose of Residential Access - for the purpose of traveling the shortest distance that is necessary for a person operating a snowmobile to go between a residence and the snowmobile route or snowmobile trail that is closest to that residence.
 - (2) Except as provided in Sections 350.02 and 350.045 of the Wisconsin Statutes, or for snowmobile events authorized in accordance with Sec. 350.04, Wis. Stats., no person shall operate a snowmobile upon any public right-of-way, in any public park or on another public municipal property in the village, except for the purpose of residential access and upon snowmobile routes and trails designated by the village board.
 - (3) See "Snowmobile Route" map, which is available at the village clerk's office or on the village website, for designated snowmobile routes.
 - (4) WI Statute 350.10 (1)(k) – No person shall operate a snowmobile in the following manner: on or across a cemetery, burial ground, school, or church property without the consent of the owner.
- (d) *Maximum speed.* The maximum speed allowed on snowmobile trails is 15 mph within the village.
- (e) *Signs.* All snowmobile routes within the village must be marked with signs in accordance with Wis. Stats. § 350.13, the cost of which shall be borne by the local snowmobile club. No person shall fail to obey any route or trail sign, marker or limit erected in accordance with this section.
- (f) *Dates of operation.* The trails will be open for use during the times the Dane/Green County public trails are open.
- (g) *Penalty.* Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a forfeiture as defined by village fee and penalties schedule.

(Ord. of 8-12-1996, § 20.03) (Updated 2-8-2021)

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brooklyn, Wisconsin, this 8th day of February, 2021.

Ayes:___6___, Nays:___0___

All Get Fit classes will be held via Zoom until further notice.

Check Facebook for the registration link - links will be posted the day of class.



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**We are offering
PiYo Live (Monday at 6:00pm) & Yoga (Wednesday at 6:00pm) via Zoom (on-line). For more information on how to participate - contact Stacey (608-455-4201 or recreation@brooklynwi.gov)**



Spring Election – April 6th

Write in registration must be turned in by April 2nd @ Noon

March 23rd through April 2nd - In Person Absentee Balloting

Ballots for Absentees that are on file will be mailed no later than March 16th.

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2021
(via online and telephone)

The January 11, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by President Brit Springer. Trustees present via online and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Pat Hawkey, Dan Olson, Sean Brennum and Kyle Smith. Todd Klahn was absent. Also present were Mike Brusberg, Neal Patten, Chief Wade Engelhart and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

Public Comments – Mike Brusberg – he is listening in for Payne and Dolan updates. He wants to better understand the status of what the village is intending to do. There are a lot of people in opposition. Hawkey thanked PW for fixing the lights in the community building, and she thanked Kirkpatrick for working on the Payne and Dolan matter and several other items the community doesn't know about. Springer agreed with that statement.

Hawkey made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14. Smith seconded. Motion carried.

President's report – The holidays were last month. Springer wanted to acknowledge Kirkpatrick for helping out with Payne and Dolan and some of the other big issues.

Covid Update – Springer received the vaccination on Saturday and is having some side effects, so she may have to leave early from the meeting. Kuhlman stated Dane County came out with a new order. It doesn't change much, except they are allowing up to 50 people at an outdoor gathering.

Safety report – Chief Engelhart reported December had 84 calls and with Green County and Dane County there were 104. Green came into the Village 3 times and Dane 17 times. 1 open record request. Assisted fire/EMS 3 times. Assisted Dane County Human Welfare on a check. Assisted Green County 3 times with domestics and 2 accidents with injuries and DPW with a water main break. 4 parking citations - 3 issued for winter parking and one 48-hour violation, which was moved upon contact. 2 for abandoned vehicle ordinance. 29 traffic stops - 8 resulted in citations ranging from OWI, speeding, failure to stop and 3 written equipment violations. 5 cases to Green DA. 2 ordinance violations for THC and disorderly conduct and abandoned vehicle ordinance. They continue to do foot patrol and building checks. Training – December 1 all staff were provided training for new equipment obtained for cameras and the disinfecting machine. Chief Engelhart and Officer Burns on December 8th qualified with new handguns. December 9th Officer Burns attended a webinar for hot fresh pursuit training and December 28th participated in a webinar for OWI reports. The Police Department sent in the paperwork for the DOJ grant and received the okay to start purchasing the items that were listed in the grant, totaling \$10,000. The first report is due on January 12th. December 29th Chief Engelhart received the Use of Force Policy back from the Law Enforcement Accreditation Committee and it was approved. The use of force policy has to be approved by the committee in order to obtain federal grant money. He obtained a quote for two more batteries for the speed board. It's \$810 for 2 more batteries, and they will get maybe 1-2 days out of the batteries in the cold weather. The six-month numbers for 2020 are in the packet and he also provided another analytical program going back from 2010 through 2020. Kirkpatrick stated she was having a hard time reading the graph numbers in the packet. It is hard to see the colors. Engelhart stated Officer Burns has been running the numbers and building the graphs in Excel and accepted help from Kirkpatrick. Kirkpatrick asked they send her the raw numbers and the table that the graph is based on and she will get it to work. Engelhart will call her in the next couple of days, so they can discuss which numbers she is looking at.

Clerk's report – Financials were given to the board. In December there were \$1,144,323.45 in deposits, which included \$13,375.09 for the Routes to Recovery grant, \$1,029,158.51 from taxes and \$28,776.30 from the Clean Water Fund Loan. There were \$161,975.38 in withdrawals, which included \$43,912.19 in loan payments. The loan payments included the \$24,000 additional

payments that the board authorized at the last meeting. The total in all accounts at the end of December was \$2,532,173.13. The January settlement of taxes is due January 15. In Green County we have collected 56% of taxes due for a total of \$483,267.74, compared to 48% collected in December of 2019. In Dane County we have collected 57% for a total of \$1,186,075.22, compared to 55.5% in December of 2019. January settlement, for monies collected so far in December, equals \$1,669,342.96, which breaks down to \$93,824.96 to Green County, \$158,336.14 to Dane County, \$734,409.28 to Oregon School District and \$56,681.47 to Madison College. We received an extra \$516.04 above our initial expected amount from the Routes to Recovery money. Municipalities were told in November they could submit for amounts above their initial, and if funds were available, the municipalities might receive that additional. FEMA denied our submission because our measures were preventative, which are ineligible. Only measures taken to address an immediate threat to life, public health or safety from a confirmed or presumed COVID 19 positive infection are eligible. Brit Springer is only candidate on the ballot for the April election, and Carol K. Smith and Heather Kirkpatrick are the two candidates on the ballot for trustee. Pat Hawkey and Todd Klahn are not running for re-election. There will be a primary election on February 16 for State Superintendent of Public Instruction in both counties and for Green County Branch 1 Judge. Both elections will be held in the community building. We have submitted our expenses for the election audit from last November and are waiting for payment. Kuhlman explained that the board should consider setting up a resolution for the TID 2 to repay monies borrowed from the General Fund. There will need to be an interest amount determined and also a repayment schedule. TID 2 owes the General Fund approximately \$393,000. Kirkpatrick asked if we borrowed money for the TID. Kuhlman stated yes, the loan was \$550,000, but \$261,000 was paid by CDBG funds. The interest rate was 2.53% on the loan and it was paid off this year. Kirkpatrick stated we should set it up stepwise so it matches the loan payment. It wouldn't make sense to charge on the other portion paid by the general fund. We should only charge interest on the portion loaned. Hawkey and Olson agreed. Kirkpatrick stated we will have to project revenue that will be coming in and when. Kuhlman will work on preparing a schedule.

Springer, Kirkpatrick and Olson reviewed the bills. Kirkpatrick didn't see anything. Olson had a few questions. There were a couple purchases through Bank of America for two pelican cases at \$189.90 and US Auto Force for \$584. Olson stated these were brought to the board at the last board meeting, and he was concerned because the board didn't approve them. Kuhlman explained it wasn't denied and it was under the line account for the 2020 budget. Smith stated these were additional items requested to purchase and the board decided not to purchase them, so there is a difference there. Engelhart stated they weren't additional. They were on the sheet he was asking for, but he was still planning on purchasing. Smith asked why they were on the list if he was going to purchase anyway and they said no. Engelhart put them on to show the total of the money he wanted to transfer but was planning to purchase anyway. He didn't do it to overstep his bounds, but he saw money left at the end of the year and decided to do it, and he wasn't going over the line item budget. Hawkey stated at this point since he made the purchases, it's a matter of someone having a discussion about it later, because we can't return them. Springer agreed. Hawkey stated she doesn't like how it was dealt with because the board said don't purchase. Kirkpatrick agreed they had a whole discussion about prioritization and thinks it could have been handled better. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Smith seconded. Olson and Kirkpatrick opposed. Motion carried.

Springer was asked by a couple of community member to look into **weekly recycling pickup**. She received an estimate from Tim Bolhuis at Pellitteri. It would potentially be an additional \$2.88/unit/house plus fuel. Kirkpatrick suggested doing a survey to see if there's more interest in doing it or not doing it. Hawkey stated there two different sizes of bins and are they sure they have the larger size. Smith stated they were all supposed to be switched out at some point. If residents don't have a large one, they can request a large one. Hawkey thinks they might not have all been switched out. Kuhlman pointed out that if we go to weekly recycling, Pellitteri will no longer pick up bags outside of the can for free. Springer suggested we tell people about the free bags and also make sure they have the larger size container. We can get the information out on social media. Smith also suggested on the water bill and electronic sign. Springer will talk to the people who

contacted her. Olson also suggested residents can also request a second can for a separate monthly billing through Pellitteri.

Kuhlman stated there were no issues with the applications for operator licenses from Tracy McAfee and Lisa Blumer. **Smith made a motion to approve operator licenses for Tracy L. McAfee and Lisa E. Blumer.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

ATV/UTV Ordinance – Hawkey sent out an ordinance for ATV/UTV use because state law changed, and when snowmobilers come through a lot stop at the Mini Mart and the restaurant and Dollar General, so it's a way to get more people into the village. Smith stated Green County is pursuing and also Albany and Town of Brooklyn. Smith asked if there is a time restriction for operating. Hawkey stated the ones she looked at didn't have a time restraint. Olson reached out to Albany and Monticello and Brodhead and looked at how they set up their ordinance. Hawkey did that. Olson was reading on WI DOT, that the DOT has to review the ordinance. Hawkey stated we have to pass it and send it to DOT for review. **Smith made a motion to approve the ATV/UTV ordinance.** Hawkey seconded. Hawkey checked with DOT regulations. Olson would suggest asking the public what they want. He knows it's our decision, but we should have consideration of taxpayers. They should weigh in. Albany had meetings where they talked to the residents. It makes it a longer process, but we should try to make everyone happy. It's something to think about. Kirkpatrick stated we could do a survey and see how they respond. Olson said he's not against the ordinance, but we need some public input on it. Smith doesn't disagree. He thinks this process will take a little time. We can always change it, but let's move forward with it. Olson will come up with some questions. He did some research and will get some questions together. Brennum asked the Chief if there's any problem we will have issues with. Engelhart stated either way it will cause work. He doesn't have an opinion. If it's allowed, they'll go along with state statutes. If the board passes, it's just allowing on the roadway. Some statutes refer to trails, so the village roads are not considered the trails, so we would still be going to state statutes on the trail. If board allows it, they'll do what they need to do to enforce when the time comes. Hawkey stated it says they have to follow normal traffic. Engelhart has no problem. He's okay with it. They've had them on the roadway. He would look at the ordinance for snowmobiles also for allowing them to drive from point A to point B off the trailhead. Hawkey reviewed it but didn't know if we allow them on the streets. Engelhart said they can as long as they are going from point A to point B and as long as there's an ordinance. Engelhart stated there's an expense to put it into system at the PD. Hawkey said we can address snowmobiles separately. **Springer called for those in favor of motion.** Hawkey and Smith said aye. Kirkpatrick asked for restatement of the motion. Hawkey restated the motion is to pass the ordinance as sent out. Kirkpatrick thought we were going to slow down and ask for public input. Hawkey stated we have a motion on the table to pass the ordinance, have Kuhlman look at it, and there's certainly time to amend the ordinance, if we want to, after you do the survey. Smith stated we still have to do the state stuff for it, and that will take some time. We can change the ordinance if we need to. Ayes – Hawkey, Smith, Brennum, Olson. Kirkpatrick said no, she would wait to get public input. Springer will say aye because we understand it can take time for the state, and if something changes with what comes from the public, we can change it. Hawkey agreed we could change it. Kuhlman reminded the board that with approval, this ordinance will go into effect as stated 3 days after approved, so is there an effective date. Otherwise it's in effect in 3 days. **Hawkey amended the motion to make the ordinance effective March 1.** That should give us enough time. Smith seconded. Motion carried. All ayes.

Winter parking ordinance – Engelhart stated it's an enforcement understanding, when you put in the word after, which he didn't agree with, after an ice event or snowfall. He would suggest taking the word after out, because people would take it as after the event is over. He's had some residents ask. If the board says this is how it reads, he has no problem. He asked people outside of the village how it would be interpreted or enforced, and they read it as after it stops snowing. That's why they enforced it that way. However, there was some discussion at the last board meeting that that's not the way it was, so at the last snowfall Officer Burns worked and that's how they enforced it. Kirkpatrick stated this ordinance and the issue of a snow emergency need to work together to be effective. If you look at the snow emergency, that creates a different set of rules that come to winter parking and that might be part of the problem. Olson suggested removing after and be done with it.

Kirkpatrick suggested changing after to when and add the word occurs at the end -- when an ice event or snowfall of at least one inch occurs, and make the same change in B. Springer stated we will have to repeal what's there and change it. Engelhart is okay with the when. The signs say after, so we might have to order new signs. He thinks that's better. **Kirkpatrick made a motion to modify the ordinance to change after to when and add the word occurs after the word inch.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Payne and Dolan CUP – Springer and Kirkpatrick participated in the last Zoom meeting and there are two upcoming meetings – tomorrow night and February 9. February 9 is when Dane County decides to approve or not approve. Tomorrow's meeting is going through the list in the letter that was sent out and deciding what Payne and Dolan should respond to versus what the Land and Zoning Committee decides not to pursue. Springer and Kirkpatrick felt we should meet ahead last week, but it didn't work out. We still have time if the board chooses to do further action. Springer will listen to both meetings. Brennum stated we have done all we can do objecting to it, because we don't have a vote. Kirkpatrick stated other facts came to life. Payne and Dolan made assertions that were false. They stated we made no effort to put together an ordinance in an extraterritorial zone, and it was put in motion, but it can only be done in cooperation with municipalities, like the Town of Oregon. That never occurred. She thinks we need to address that. There are other assertions that Payne and Dolan made that were incorrect. There are other things we can do. When they did an analysis, they only counted the ones on the same side as the pit. They didn't include the others on Douglas Drive, but if you draw a circle around the pit, you actually get a large number of homes in the Village relative to Town of Oregon and Town of Dunn. We have a more significant number, and potentially our revenue could be affected based on the number of homes. We could document the facts in writing. Brennum asked if we have documentation that Oregon wouldn't work with us. Kirkpatrick asked Nadine and she said yes, that's what they did. We could try to dig out old meetings if we need to. It was very contentious back then, and the village did everything in its power to do that. There was discussion on whether the village should file lawsuit to get an injunction of the pit going forward, but it was decided they weren't going to do that. Hawkey asked if she's looking at writing another letter to address things dealt with in the first meeting. Kirkpatrick said yes, there is more work that could be done, pointing out facts versus assertions made because they're not the same. Hawkey asked for a list of those and then send it out to the village board. This was contentious when it came in, but not all the people were against that pit. Hawkey said we can write a different letter to reinforce those points you brought up that they weren't factual or true. Springer can help with the letter, and she stated they also mentioned no homes were nearby the plant when it was enacted, but they have Google Earth that shows there were homes in the Village at the time. Brusberg stated he wants to make sure we have something we're going back with. Kirkpatrick said it would be new and not repeat the same things. They say the surrounding land is ag. Yes, that's true, but beyond the borders, there are a bunch of homes. How they wrote it is deceiving. They don't show on the map the full disclosure of the number of homes within a mile radius. Within a mile it's almost the whole radius and could have a big impact on our revenue. Someone in Town of Dunn found an older study that 56% of value can be lost. If that's true, we're talking about 56% value lost, and we're looking at huge loss of revenue. **Hawkey made a motion that Kirkpatrick or Springer write a letter pointing out some things and get it out in time.** Brusberg stated when he looked at what got shared with the PZ committee there were 14 different issues listed out, and he hasn't seen anything posted out to the Dane County site that provides Payne and Dolan responses to those 14 items. Also, number 14 lists that Village of Brooklyn extraterritorial may object to land division but not CUPs, and could in cooperation with the Town of Oregon enact an extraterritorial zoning ordinance. Kirkpatrick stated that's what she was talking about with the process. Extraterritorial zoning is 1.5 miles, and the issue becomes that neighbor has to give up jurisdiction or come to agreement and explain what can happen. They have to agree or it goes nowhere. The county has asserted we made no effort to do that, and that's incorrect. Brusberg asked if anyone has reached out to the Town of Oregon to raise the issue the Village has with this. Kirkpatrick stated she didn't, but she did talk to folks who were at the Town of Oregon meeting in which Bollig came and reported to the Town of Oregon, and Payne and Dolan was there. Bollig said there were various objections, and they are going to work through these and find middle ground. Her concern is his intention to disregard concerns and move forward. Discussion regarding property values. Springer doesn't want to do anything without the full support

and backing of the Village Board. **Brennum seconded the motion. Motion carried.** Brennum asked if we want Springer or someone to reach out to Oregon. Kirkpatrick doesn't have a problem doing it, but the outcome is likely they aren't going to say no to the pit that's already approved. Brennum stated at least we can say we didn't approve. Hawkey suggested putting in writing to them that our board feels X, Y, and Z. She stated that kind of ordinance could take a while, but we can send them something to say we're concerned. **Brennum made a motion to send an email or letter to the Town of Oregon asking about extraterritorial rights.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg thanked the board for taking on the extra work. Hawkey asked if Brusberg contacted the Town of Oregon. Brusberg didn't because he wanted to see what the Village did, but he has no problem contacting them. Hawkey suggested doing it.

Recreation committee – Hawkey stated they awarded the lighting contest winners. Everyone did a really nice job. Brennum asked about COVID restrictions and has it affected anything. Hawkey said they reopened the gym for pickleball, people wear masks and there are only four people in the building at a time usually, maxed out at 7. Brennum wanted to make sure it was reopened. Hawkey stated it's open, and they set up shifts for playing.

Planning & Zoning Commission – decided to meet this Saturday to have a work session meeting going over ordinances that have been sitting so they can do one big meeting. PZ discussed the berm on Douglas Drive, and it seems to be fixed. They talked about updates on the Wilke/Gilmour property split. The work session starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday to work through ordinances that they're trying to get back to the board. Hawkey asked if it was a Zoom meeting. Hawkey asked why Springer didn't convene an ordinance committee or create one. Kirkpatrick said the ones they are looking at are ones under the PZ umbrella. Hawkey stated if we want to mess with ordinances, she would rather have an ordinance committee. Springer will take that into consideration if they feel they need to do another round.

Fire/EMS District Commission – Springer sent a summary email about the meeting to the board. The strategic plan was brought up. They have four elected officials on the strategic plan committee. Rutland has not put an elected official on the committee. There is one that wants to be and has been trying to get them to make it official. They're hoping to do it at February's town meeting. Smith asked if she's moving forward. Kirkpatrick talked about it as the strategic planning and contract committee. Hawkey asked why a contract committee. Kirkpatrick stated the name of the committee is strategical planning and contract, because the outcome of the plan might change the agreement, so the committee would look at that also. Discussion regarding the delay from Town of Rutland. Kirkpatrick will send out an email to everyone asking them for what days they're available to start to do the work. She needs to reask because she hasn't heard back from others. Hawkey heard from people in the township that we're delaying this, and she doesn't want it perceived that way. Kirkpatrick has heard that, but all emails have been going out. Springer wants to get started sooner because of comments made at last meeting by Marx saying that they've been waiting for this for almost a year to start, but the committee only formed in September, but he's using it to make it appear the village is stalling. We're not. We are actively pursuing a meeting. The new EMS director is Justin Wicik. She's heard good things about him in the department, and Mason Barber is still fire chief. The members of the district commission are still being disrespectful. She did say we need to move forward and let bygones be bygones. Marx is adamant to hold the village in a bad light. Apparently, the meeting recordings are not recorded or they are started halfway through the meetings. She will be going physically to meetings and do her own recordings. Smith asked if they are not putting out notes, which is in violation of open meeting laws. Springer said they do have minutes, but since the secretary is on Zoom and Zoom continues to be difficult at times, she feels that she needs to be present. When she found out the first 20 minutes weren't recorded because someone forgot, that concerns her on how the secretary is able to write the minutes. So that's why Springer decided to attend in person. Hawkey asked where the minutes are posted. We get some that our clerk posts on our website. Springer was told the district board has a website, but she doesn't know what it is, and asked if they could potentially put the minutes on Brooklyn EMS website, so she will follow up and ask that they do that. Kuhlman stated we don't receive all of the minutes in final form after the meetings. Springer will ask the secretary. Hawkey stated if Springer can't attend, she should contact someone to attend and record. Springer agrees.

Brennum asked if a rebuttal to the newspaper article that was posted is still being planned. Springer said yes, they are planning to do that.

Hawkey made a motion at 8:11 p.m. to go into closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds and conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Smith seconded. Ayes -- Hawkey, Smith, Kirkpatrick, Olson, Brennum, and Springer. Noes – none.

Reconvened into open session at 9:38 p.m. **Kirkpatrick made motion to approve motions made in closed session.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion at 9:39 p.m. to adjourn. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC
Clerk-Treasurer

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**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2021  
(via online and telephone)**

The January 25, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by President Brit Springer. Trustees present via online and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Pat Hawkey, Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Kyle Smith and Todd Klahn. Also present were Erica Dill, Jeff Groenier, Attorney Lori Lubinsky, Public Works Director Leif Spilde and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

**Public Comments** – Springer read the following comment the board received from **Kathi Anthony** into the record. “It has reached my ears that the Village President has already rec'd her Covid vaccination. While I endorse worldwide vaccinations as quickly as possible, I am concerned that we all follow the procedures and schedules set forth by the federal gov and the CDC. In a leadership role, such as Vill Pres, placing oneself first sends a negative message to others. Others such as our law enforcement officers, who are trying to safely provide services to the public. Our local business people, who are trying to maintain their livelihood while preventing the catching/spreading of Covid. Our most elderly, who can't enjoy their families as they try to prevent the spread of Covid to themselves and loved ones. Others such as our school staff and bus drivers, who come in contact with the public daily. What's done is done. However, in the future, I hope our Village President will show a deeper appreciation of the role of LEADER. We all want the vaccine. We all need to understand the science that goes into deciding who comes first, second, etc. The science evaluated who is most quickly to be negatively impacted by Covid: front-line workers, the elderly, essential workers. Is our Vill President one of those? Did our Vill President advocate for one of those to take her place in line?”

**Pat Hawkey** also read a statement into the record. “On January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Village Board meeting Brit , the Village President stated that she had received the COVID vaccination over the prior weekend. That vaccination was thru the allocation made to the Brooklyn Fire and EMS group under provision of guidelines provided by CDC Phase 1a. According to the guidelines established Phase 1a was to be given to a long list of healthcare and first responders including EMTs. I do not see how being on the District Board for Fire and EMS makes you eligible for the COVID vaccination. You are not an EMT or a healthcare provider or any of the other positions listed on the Phase 1a list. You are within the 30 to 40 age group. You work from and are not a front line worker of any kind. You have spent extensive time since the COVID outbreak on zoom

meetings regarding COVID and how we would handle this within the Village staff. You enforced staff members staying at home when they visited a “Hot Spot” and sending them home when you suspected exposure to the virus. You were well aware of the guidelines from the CDC and State of Wisconsin. You had the Village pay for the “Zoom” application so that yourself and other people did not have to attend meetings in person. Yet when you were offered this vaccination you thought it was correct to take the vaccination before the Village Police department, public works department or before many of our citizens who work at the restaurant, bars, schools or before the elderly in the Village. I feel that you showed very little care or concern for the Village residents and staff by doing this and I do not feel that you can say “I’m sorry” and it will be ok -since you were well aware of the people who rightfully should have received this vaccine. For all those people who might read this or listen to this on tape this is not a matter of me being jealous that the Village President received this vaccine. I am not eligible for the vaccination nor would I try to get the vaccine before people who are forced to be frontline workers. I clearly feel that as the Village President Brit Springer should not have taken the vaccination and by so doing violated our own Municipal Ordinance Sec.2-439 – Standards of Conduct. And the Village Board should review this issue and take appropriate action. Sec. 2-439. - Standards of conduct: The following standards of conduct shall apply: (1) Use of office or position. No village public official may use or attempt to use his position or office to obtain financial gain or anything of value **or any advantage, privilege or treatment for the private benefit of that official** or his immediate family or for an organization with which he is associated with. This subsection does not prohibit an elected official from using the title or prestige of his office to obtain campaign contributions that are permitted and reported under state law. (2) Influence and reward. No person or entity may offer or give to any village public official or member of his immediate family, nor shall that official solicit or **accept from any person or entity any thing of value if it could reasonably be expected to influence the official's vote, official act, or judgment, or could reasonably be considered as a reward for any official action or inaction on his part.**”

Erica Dill stated she emailed the members of the board on January 21 and heard back from one board member. That board member did not answer her questions or concerns but thanked her for sending in a message. Her concern is with the Village allowing ATVs on village roads. She doesn’t understand the reasoning. Maybe the board members don’t have small children and don’t worry about noise. She asked why it was passed, and she didn’t hear back. She believes there is no good reason to have ATVs on the roads. There are plenty of trails around the area. It makes no sense to have them in the village. She’s lived here for quite some time and currently has an issue with someone in her neighborhood who finds it’s funny to ride around their streets. She’s called the police on them. She stated we have enough people leaving the gas station and driving up and down the street. She thinks it’s ridiculous. Also, she has documentation that at 7:44 a.m. this morning the agenda was not posted on the website. It was not posted well enough in advance for everyone to know it was to be posted, so she believes this is an illegal meeting.

Smith asked Kuhlman for an explanation. Kuhlman stated the agenda was posted at the three legally required posting places of the Village Hall, the Post Office and the Community Building. Posting on the website is a courtesy. Kuhlman stated she did post on the website on Friday, but something must have happened and it didn’t upload. Hawkey understands Ms. Dill’s frustration. She stated Springer can ask that agendas be placed on the website, but the clerk is correct and it is not a legal posting place. She can ask the board to always have it posted there, however. Kirkpatrick stated it wasn’t purposeful that the agenda wasn’t on the website. She was glad Ms. Dill attended to give her comments.

Kirkpatrick stated the date for the last board minutes is wrong and so the board can’t approve the minutes.

**President’s report** – Springer stated she cancelled the coffee and chat because no one signed up to go.

**COVID 19** - Springer stated ages 65 and older are now allowed to get the shot. There are some issues with getting enough vaccines for everyone. Spilde stated he was on a conference call with

Dane County today and they are starting at 75 and older. People will be contacted by their health care provider and it won't be through emergency services at the County. They are in progress and will be starting this week in Dane County with 75 and older population. That comprises 40-50% of the population in the state and county. They are looking at it taking a month, month and half to give the vaccination to that group. Public Works, in CDC's eyes, is classified as a 1c category. In the last week emails and letters from associations have gone to the state, county and federal officials, and it sounds like they will be moved up to 1b category, so the same time as teachers.

**Public Works report – January report** – the main breaker for the bottom half of well 2 failed on Christmas Eve. It was replaced. It was 10-15 years old. The chemical pump also failed at well 2. He filed the yearly cross connection report. We received an extension from PSC on not having to do inspections, because it would have involved entering people's houses. They're still working on BPR. This is the best time to remove, and they are seeing some removed biologically and are seeing processes starting to work. This coming Wednesday Spilde, the staff, Strand, Aquafix and possibly someone from the DNR will be at the plant to try some new technology. Year-end sludge reports were finished. At the first of the year, the snow started to catch up to average and we're a little bit above average for this time of year. Christmas tree pickup is winding down. Christmas decorations are down. There were a couple warranty issues on the skid loader and the Ford 550, which have been taken care of. They installed the leash ordinance signs in the parks. They did some replacement of light fixtures at the community building and the shop with LEDs. Roberts and Spilde participated in the Southwest Public Works Directors meeting. The group meets quarterly and discuss what are the hot topics going on. Olson asked if there have been any parking issues with the snow. Spilde stated it has gotten a lot better. He hasn't had a chance to talk about this weekend. They have seen only a handful of cars, but there have been tickets on the cars. He's been contacted by Chief Engelhart and an officer asking if there are any problem areas, so there has been communication. Kirkpatrick stated good work on the phosphate situation.

**Yearly report** – the big item was the BPR tank, dealing with construction and getting that process to work. It was a huge undertaking. Lift station issues, which were communication fails in January. They had a broken water main, power outages COVID hit in March. There was a lightning strike in June at the plant, which resulted in an insurance claim. They sealcoated in June. Pumping Lincoln Street pond. July 17 had DNR trade accepted. August was the water tower painting, which resulted in issues with the well, and the WWTP the main electrical panel for the plant had three major components went out on it. September they received the new Ford 550 and sold the one-ton for \$25,000. November they ground a two-year pile of brush and hauled 251,000 gallons of sludge. December they had a water main break and well issue.

**CMOM is required by the DNR.** Every year Spilde gives a report to the DNR and every five years we have to revisit it. The first document is the Village's 2020 CMOM report that is given yearly and basically sums up what they did on sanitary sewer collection throughout the year. It was a pretty quiet year, because they have been pretty aggressive in recent past years. They had three sewer backup complaints, but upon inspection they were all lateral issues, so they were not village responsibility. There were no repairs on sewer manholes. We did no sewer lining or replacements this year but did have extensive work in 2019. Had lift stations cleaned three times, had two power failures, which were communication failures, which are electrical issues. No pump issues. The maintenance schedule for lift stations is three times a year that they are pumped out and everything is cleaned in the system. He listed the dates the lift stations were installed. Televising was not done last year. They had normal routine cleaning in spring and fall and cleaned the entire system. In May they work on the problem areas, and in September it's the entire system. In 2021 the review of the actual report needs to be done. Spilde asked if there were any questions. Kirkpatrick said it was clear to her. Hawkey asked about the status of being able to take training or tests from DNR. Spilde said it's not available yet. The CMOM program was put together five years ago. It is required by the DNR. He has highlighted the items being changed, which include some dates, staff members, etc. The big item was the DNR, when they did their inspection a year and a half ago, they recommended adding something about documenting training and education. So he added 2.11.3, which is language he received from the engineers, that states "Documentation of training and education. Public Works employees will train on a regular basis to meet required DNR training

credits. Training records will be kept on file at Public Works. “ He asked for approval of that language and also approval of the CMOM program. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the CMOM with the changes.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2021-01** – Spilde explained at the end of last year when we talked about the budget, he looked at the water meter account. He didn’t change any meters out last year because of COVID, and if he had purchased meters in 2020 and didn’t put them in, there’s a year life expectancy on a meter and they wouldn’t have been put into service. We didn’t purchase any meters after the PSC approval to wait until 2021. We still need to purchase meters, so he would like to take the leftover funds of \$8,750 from 2020 in the water meter budget line item and carry them over to 2021. The other issue is related to the phosphorus chemicals. So far we’re on status quo, and besides the Strand invoices that the board has seen and approved and that were thrown into principal forgiveness, they didn’t use any chemicals yet in the process. They will be starting to use them in March or April and will start purchasing chemicals and other supplies. He would like to do the same resolution for the phosphorus chemicals budget line item and carry over \$8,000 from 2020 to 2021. Kirkpatrick asked if they will be doing chemicals to supplement until the bio plant is up. Spilde said they have been doing no chemicals yet, and he didn’t want to purchase any because they only have a shelf life of six months. This year we will start using chemicals. **Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01 to carry over water and sewer funds from 2020 to 2021.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Springer read Resolution 2021-01 into the record. Motion carried.

Spilde stated the board needs to have a discussion every year regarding **sewer connections fees for the CMAR report** that he files with the DNR. Kuhlman stated the Village has a chart with rising connection fees that ended in 2019. Kirkpatrick said it isn’t a bad idea to look at what we’re charging and what others are charging and do an analysis. Kuhlman will check with other communities and see what they charge. Spilde stated they had between 8-10 residents that they have changed **recycling or trash cans** for, and they’re working with Pellitteri to make sure we have enough. He thinks the message was heard and people are calling. Kirkpatrick said that was good to hear. Spilde has been working with the state on the **Highway 92 project** and also the engineer hired for the project. The state is still going ahead. They are thankful that the village is working with them on removing the crosswalk at 92 and Hotel. Because we are working with them, any bricks that are removed or damaged at the bus stops or gazebo, they will replace as part of their portion of the contract. Olson asked when the committee is meeting for the project. Olson said we have a Highway 92 committee, or we’re supposed to have, so he’s curious when that will be getting together. A lot of stuff has been talked about as to what’s coming through, and he wasn’t sure if we have a committee for that. Spilde said the village has no committees for road work. It’s run through the village board. All the items that needed to be decided were discussed at the village board meetings. Some of the townships do that, but we’ve done it through the board. The project is past the planning stages, and they’re getting it ready to go to bid. Kirkpatrick asked about the realistic time frame. Spilde said he wouldn’t even try to guess. He’s been talking to the DOT rep in the area and project engineering. They want it shovel ready in case funds are left over and they can start earlier, but they’re still on schedule.

**Clerk’s report**—The **spring primary will be held February 16.** After the last board meeting, it was announced that there will be a primary for one of the Oregon School District board seats. We have current absentee ballots requests ready to be mailed out tomorrow. In-person absentee starts February 2 and runs through February 12. The **audit is scheduled for February 25 and 26.**

**Open Book has been scheduled for May 20 from 4-6 p.m., and Board of Review is scheduled for June 9 from 6-8 p.m.** The locations have yet to be determined but will be noticed to the public. Kuhlman stated that she would like board approval for Deputy Clerk Olson to finish her third year of the UWGB Clerk’s and Treasurer’s Institute. It is July 12 through 16 and will be held virtually again this year. The cost is \$489 for the course, and there will be no hotel or travel costs. **Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve Deputy Clerk Olson attending the UWGB Clerk’s and Treasurer’s Institute.** Smith seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained. Kuhlman also stated that the agenda for tonight’s meeting is on the website under the Village Board meeting on the calendar page. She stated she did post in the agenda portion, but it must not have loaded properly.



Springer, Olson and Kirkpatrick, reviewed the bills. Kuhlman asked if they could add approval for a check to Penflex for the fire/EMS Service Award Program. The roster and initial check are due by the end of January. Springer asked her to share the screen and email copies of the invoice to Smith and Klahn for their review before approving.

Kuhlman stated she did background checks on the two operator licenses applicants and there were no issues. **Smith made a motion to approve operator licenses for Julie Roper and Alishia Johnson.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman explained that Jeff Groenier and his partners will be completing the **development of Elizabeth Circle and Douglas Drive.** **There are impact fees and park fees** that are due from the developers. Groenier is asking if those fees can be paid upon sale of the lots instead of at the beginning of the development. Kuhlman stated that the last developer's agreement that was established for these lots under John DeWitt did not specify when the fees were due. Kirkpatrick said historically those are paid up front and not as you go. Hawkey agreed. Groenier stated they are asking that instead of making those fees part of their loan and carry the costs for 1-2 years, can they pay those fees when they sell lots. It will make their loan easier to work with in these COVID times. There are 26 lots, and each lot would be about \$2,400, so the total is about \$62,000. It's that much more that they wouldn't have to borrow, and it would make it easier with the bank. They can put a sunset clause that if the lots are not sold in two years, they will pay the fees at that time. Kirkpatrick said two years is a little long. Groenier said hopefully they will all be sold out in two years. Smith asked how often do those fees change. Would they be set fees or would interest change or how would that be handled. Kirkpatrick stated they looked at fees as part of planning and zoning last year and looked at the fee schedule. It should be looked at every year as part of PZ annual review. Kuhlman stated the park fees are in the ordinance, and the impact fees were set up on a schedule that is at its maximum. It would also have to be approved by the PSC. Kirkpatrick said the question is do they want to make an exception. Smith said if we do it for one, we have to do it for the rest. Hawkey said the other issue is keeping track of all this; how do we know when lots are sold. This way it's all paid right up front. Brennum said we've made exceptions for other things for COVID. Hawkey is not in favor of making an exception. Springer said do we have a motion to leave our policy as is. Kirkpatrick said if we're not going to change the policy, there's no reason to make a motion. If the consensus is there's no change, then there's nothing to discuss. Kirkpatrick stated we need to do more homework to what's in the ordinances on how to handle payments. Groenier asked if it can be negotiated and brought back. Kirkpatrick said it can be negotiated, but whether the board will agree or not is certainly something to be asked. Groenier will look at the ordinances and get back to the board.

**Wingra/Payne & Dolan CUP** – Springer stated at the last meeting the board decided to send another letter to clarify what was said at the December meeting, adding some new information and adding information on innovative ways other companies are using for making asphalt. Springer attended the January 12 meeting, and there wasn't a lot handled. They said the letter Dane County sent to Payne and Dolan need to be answered by February 9. Village directed residents to communicate further with the county and gave them other alternatives to express their concerns, because the village can't do much more at this time. Kirkpatrick asked when they had to respond. Springer said she did not hear a deadline imposed other than the meeting on February 9. (Kirkpatrick dropped off the call)

Kuhlman and Springer explained that we have the Hall settlement agreement, but in a prior meeting the board discussed an amount of \$1,950. The actual amount of the refund was figured to be \$1,687.40, so the board needs to reapprove the agreement with the correct amount. **Smith made a motion to the approve settlement agreement with Mr. Hall for the amount of \$1687.40.** Brennum seconded. (Kirkpatrick is back on the call) Motion was reread. Motion carried.

**ATV/UTV ordinance** – Kuhlman stated that after the last meeting, she realized that the ordinance was not under the correct section in the ordinances and also it didn't refer to the state statute

pertaining to ATV/UTVs. She submitted some suggestions, and in reviewing them, the items she suggested are all mentioned in the state statutes. She would ask that the board approve the updated section number for the ordinance and also items A and possibly B and C of her suggestions, which reference the state statutes, a purpose statement and enforcement statement. **Hawkey made a motion to add items A, B and C from the clerk's suggestions to the ATV/UTV ordinance.** Smith seconded. Olson asked if we should reference the snow removal ordinance, 32-51 so people understand that ATVs can be used to remove snow from sidewalks, and it's not prohibiting the use of ATVs on sidewalks for snow removal. Hawkey stated it's already in another part of our ordinances and shouldn't have to be repeated. Hawkey stated registration and insurance are covered under state law like vehicles, etc. Olson asked if we're designating all streets in the village for ATV use and will we allow them to run through parks. Olson said there is no trail through the park, even for snowmobiles. Brennum stated the public comment made earlier is more of an enforcement issue, not an ATV ordinance issue. If people have problems, they should contact law enforcement for those issues. Smith and Hawkey agreed. Brennum wanted to make sure that was addressed. Kirkpatrick stated it was raised at the last meeting to do a survey for the residents to fill out how about they feel, and she still feels like it was a good idea. Olson did do a questionnaire to go out to residents. Kirkpatrick liked the questions. She asked if they should have the survey before enacting the ordinance and not after. Brennum asked how an ATV or snowmobile is different from a vehicle. Hawkey said some of the vehicles are as big as a car, if it is a bigger unit like a side by side. She asked for the ordinance because it is happening in other municipalities and it encourages township people to come to the village and go to our businesses. Kirkpatrick stated the DNR is allowing this on other trails, just like snowmobiling and biking, and for those that want to frequent businesses, and if we don't have this, they can't do that and our businesses could be missing out on revenue. Hawkey agreed. They have areas that do that and people frequent businesses, and our businesses need support. Smith said the closest current trail is the train bed by Monroe and Green County is pushing for more. Albany, Brodhead and a bunch of other townships are passing ordinances. Kirkpatrick said as more communities pass the ordinances, they need a trail to connect these together. Olson suggested if we're going to have this, to have a designated route, and it shouldn't be open to every village street as a designated route. Brennum asked if we would have to revisit every time we added a new business. Hawkey said it defeats the purpose if people live away from the trail and have to go through town to get to the trail. Kirkpatrick said the problem with that is then it becomes everybody who has a structure in the village has a right to go onto the street to get onto the trail. Olson suggested adding verbiage that such resident can use the street to get to the designated trail. Albany had that in their ordinance, and it's for any resident as long as they use the shortest route to an accepted ATV route from their house. Smith said this ordinance allows them to be on state highways. That's the difference. It's not excluding state highways. We can do it this way so any road, including state highways, can be driven on with ATV/UTV. Olson stated as long as it's 35 mpg. Smith said it would be 25 in the village. Kirkpatrick stated the shortest route is a good idea and seems like a good addition so it's not touring. It's from point A to point B. Hawkey stated that's not what this is. How do you know the shortest route. Hawkey said this would be so people can go up to the Post Office or up to Dollar General or the community building and don't have a designated route. Olson said we've already had concerns about four-wheeler noise. Going ahead with the ordinance, we should have considered talking to residents. He understands that we want to have accessibility, but we also need to think about residents and doing the survey. He thinks we passed it way too fast. We need to look into it and do a little more research, add what we need to and even have the attorney look at it to see if something is missing. It shouldn't have passed. We should have reviewed before considered passing. Smith said that's not the question. We voted yes and it passed. He understands about the shortest point. He thinks if the chief was on the call, he would say that could be a nightmare, how do we know where they're going. It's not going to be enforceable. Kirkpatrick said she hears that, but let's not do the ready, aim, fire situation and take a look at it a little bit more. Hawkey stated what we discussed is the ordinance going into effect on March 1 so we can still take a survey. **There's a motion and second on table;** let's take a vote. Springer called for the vote. All board members voted aye. **Motion carried.** Hawkey stated we always have the ability to change it. Klahn stated in all the years he's seen them in other communities, he hasn't run into anybody who has had problems. They don't run over everywhere, and they follow the speed limits. People are good with them. Kirkpatrick she has done it a lot and likes it and thinks they're not noisier than motorcycles, in her personal opinion. Kirkpatrick

thanked Olson for doing the questions and asked board members to send in any other questions they might want to add. Hawkey said to send them to clerk this week and send out to Survey Monkey.

Klahn reviewed the SAP invoice and is okay with it. **Springer made a motion to approve the bills as presented and include the service award program payment for \$6,825.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**Planning & Zoning Commission** – they had discussion on **rezoning a lot on North First Street** from commercial to residential. At the time it was decided by the plan commission to move forward, but last week the respondent's pulled their request and are amending it. Two people spoke opposed to the zoning change. There was some concern because there were a couple of studies missing and those are being rectified. The Commission gave guidance to **Caliber Custom Cabinets, who is looking into purchasing 120 Prosperity Place.** They wanted some guidance on what the Village is expecting with landscaping and other minor things. **One of the PZ members resigned**, and the Commission decided to wait until after the election to assign a new person. They talked about the **ordinances** and had a work session and felt that work session was good and will do another on February 6 at 9 a.m. to try to get through some more PZ specific ordinances. Hawkey asked who resigned. Springer said Adam Clayton resigned. Hawkey would like to thank him for serving. Springer agreed and appreciates all of his hard work and wishes him best of luck.

**Fire/EMS Commission** – Springer was not able to go to the meeting. Hawkey attended. Hawkey stated they had few things on the agenda. One was if EMS should be paid **hazard pay** for December. The amount of money already used, which was about \$33,781, was not reimbursed through the CARES Act. They only received about \$1,600. So it was voted down to continue the payments in December, and it was asked to be put back on the agenda if money becomes available. The **strategic plan committee**, the commission felt the village made the decision it should be elected officials, and that was something we felt was in the all municipal meeting, but they felt that wasn't right and made a motion to appoint whomever they wanted to appoint to the committee. Springer added that the Fire/EMS District applied for \$20,000 to be reimbursed through the CARES Act and found out in December they would only be getting \$1,631. They drew down \$35,000 from the 30% reserves to cover salaries through the end of the year. Springer thanked Hawkey for going to the meeting.

**Klahn made a motion at 8:01 p.m. to go into closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds and conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; WI Stats 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; and WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.** Brennum seconded. Ayes – Brennum, Klahn, Kirkpatrick, Springer, Hawkey, Olson, Smith. Noes - none.

**Reconvened into open session at 10:00 p.m.** Hawkey made a motion to approve the motions made in closed session. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

**Hawkey made a motion at 10:01 p.m. to adjourn.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 28, 2021**  
**(via online and telephone)**

The January 28, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by President Brit Springer. Trustees present via online and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Pat Hawkey, Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Kyle Smith and Todd Klahn. Also present were Attorney Lori Lubinsky, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. There were no public comments.

**Brennum made a motion at 6:31 p.m. to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds and conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; WI Stats 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.** Smith seconded. AYES – Springer, Brennum, Smith, Kirkpatrick, Hawkey, Olson and Klahn. Noes – none.

**Reconvened into open session at 7:57 p.m. Springer made a motion to approve the motions made in closed session.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

**Brennum made a motion at 7:58 p.m. to adjourn.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC  
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February 1, 2021
(via online and telephone)

The February 1, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by President Brit Springer. Trustees present via online and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Pat Hawkey, Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Kyle Smith and Todd Klahn. Also present were approximately 79 people, Attorney Lori Lubinsky and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

Springer read the following statement: Good evening everyone, on behalf of the board, we welcome you to tonight's meeting regarding the disbanding of the police department. This is a public meeting, not a public hearing, having said that, before we begin, for those of you who have never been to a meeting before I'm going to give everyone a brief explanation of the rules that govern our meetings. The Village of Brooklyn Board, like all other municipalities in the United States, follow Robert's Rules of Order with regard to parliamentary procedure. For those of you who have never been to a meeting before, what that means is public comments have a limit of five minutes per person, you will receive a 1-minute warning to let you know that you are nearing the end of your five minutes. Before you begin your public comment, you **MUST** state your name and address for the record. Secondly, Robert's Rules of Order prohibit the board from responding to your comments, we can only listen to you. All comments must be respectful in tone, that means, no slandering, no name-calling, no yelling, etc., will be permitted. If you break the rules, you will be interrupted and asked to rephrase or muted if you continue to break the rules. Once all public comments are completed, the village clerk will mute everyone except the board members, because

Roberts Rules of Order allow for only the board members to talk during the rest of the meeting. The public is only allowed to speak during public comments. Again, thank you all for joining us tonight.

Public Comments – Springer, 103 Second Street, read the following statement, The Board and I, really appreciate all of you coming here to share your thoughts and concerns on tonight's topic, I'd like to share with all of you how we arrived at this point: The climate of policing has dramatically changed in the past year or so. Recruitment and retention of police officers is a local, state and national challenge. Litigation against police officers and police departments, and their municipalities, especially small departments, has increased substantially throughout the country. That means that the village's liability has increased dramatically. Much work needs to be done to train officers on best practices and to reinforce that training in a consistent manner through clear policies, procedures and systems to track compliance. In saying the above, the Dane County Sheriff's Department has more resources available than the Village, to accomplish the needed goals: They have an administrative group which includes attorneys, and senior police management, that creates detailed policies and procedures and that group continually evaluates and re-evaluates them against the constantly changing laws and situations in our country. So that burden does not fall on the field officers. That frees up the field officers to devote their full attention to the communities they serve. They provide extensive officer training on best practices and procedures. They provide extensive training on how to investigate and solve crimes. They have specialists who have time to collaborate with other officers and other law enforcement agencies in specialty areas (for example: computer and cybercrimes, drugs, gangs and missing persons, etc.) The Sheriff's department will ensure that best police practices are met. The villages of Black Earth, Cambridge, Dane, Deerfield, Mazomanie, Windsor and our neighbor, the Town of Oregon, all contract with the Dane County Sheriff's Office to act as their police departments. Last but certainly not least, we will have a dedicated Sheriff's deputy for our community and that person will be here in the village full time, patrolling our streets, protecting our community, and they will answer the phone when you call. If we approve this resolution tonight, then during the transition period from a Village police department to County-contracted law enforcement, we will have law enforcement coverage through the counties. In other words, there will be no "gap" in coverage. Let me repeat that, once again there will be no "gap" in coverage. Finally, if the resolution is approved, all police department employees will receive severance packages that they can accept or reject. The separation agreements include a severance payment that is consistent with each person's number of years of experience in working for the Village and their status as a full time or part time employee with the Village.

Springer read a written statement the board received from Cheri Nedderson, 140 Marcie Drive: Hey.... I just heard that we are looking at getting rid of our pd and going with the county. I can't make the meeting Monday, but wanna make sure that my voice is heard...I can't believe we would waste the money....if you only look at the money.... it is stupid to spend more for less.... and no matter what "sales pitch" they give you. It will be less... you can't get any more than what we have now....we have an excellent pd, and I've heard a lot of complaints, about harassment- if you don't break the law, our pd is excellent, compassionate and above and beyond. I feel safe, & know that even off duty, our officers will respond to msgs for help....you don't get THAT with the county. I feel safe at home..... & more importantly... I know they have my back when I need them the most.

Springer read a written statement the board received from Mike Gehrmann, 228 Church Street: Brooklyn Board, I would have been here "in-person" but I have a class at MATC that I'm teaching from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. I would like to commit on Brookline moving from its own police force to hiring Dane county for police services. Given the size and resources of Brooklyn I think it would be a

good idea to have Dane county Sheriff provide the services. We have lived in Brooklyn for over 20 years and I think it's time to make the change. I have to believe that a Dane County Sheriff will have more training and resources at their disposal. I would ask that the increase in cost be reflected in an increase in service. Thank you.

Carlos Romero, 204 4th Street – he saw post on Social Media and was disturbed and disappointed with comments from the police secretary and the chief's wife who were arguing on Social Media with the community. He felt it was unprofessional. Can't build trust with a community if you argue with them. He's never had a problem with the police department, and it's great we have one, but feels a disconnect between the community and the department. Maybe we need to go with county or new leadership in the police department who can build trust in the community. They have to be held to high standards. He supports the police department, but surprised and disappointed with comments and concerned about leadership in the department. He would like to have someone to build trust and listen to the community.

Mike Brusberg, 128 Cedar Street – moved to Brooklyn eight years ago and enjoyed the community. It was the small-town aspect that led them to move here. If you think about services, it's local police and fire department, city water and sewer and a good school system. Five years ago this item was on the agenda, and he's disappointed that this is again being discussed. The tenants of why this didn't happen then were higher cost with Dane County, reduced hours of consistent coverage, movement away from community policing type of approach, and it was something the residents didn't want. Those voices were heard and the decision was overwhelmingly to stay local. There may be personal vendettas that occur with the chief or officers, but it seems like the process works. There's constantly folks patrolling in the neighborhood. If you break the law, you might have interaction, and if you don't, you don't know that they're there. How can we go from an agenda being posted on Friday to abolishing them on Monday. There's been no information shared with the community, no information gathering or surveys. The struggle the public has is what are the facts. The ones shared were the same as in the past when the public voted no. The Brooklyn PD has the ability to tap into the county for help today. Abolishing is a strong word. Is it performance based on the chief or officers, and if so, what was done to improve performance. If not, think more about why are we at this point. The community deserves transparency and clarity as to why this is on the table. They deserve it as taxpayers. Everyone is on a Zoom call, but he's struggling with the fact that board members have their cameras off, and the chief and officers have them on. The community deserves the right to see the board members. This change would be bad for the community. We need a local presence more than ever before. We need a community policing mindset and officers that have a face in the community and in the schools. He's not in favor of this decision, and we should continue to have a local police department.

Mark Bruner, 313 N. Kerch – he's been involved the previous two times it was attempted to make the change to Dane County. Both times it was demonstrated it was not cost effective to make the change. From a community point of view, you cannot possibly put a number on what it means to have officers who know the people in the village and relate to citizens and are on duty. We had problems last summer, but now we'll have one deputy in charge of the village working 40 hours a week. Everyone was complaining about lack of coverage last year, and it won't happen this year with one deputy. He doesn't understand why this is an issue again. If it's a personal issue with members of the police department, that should be worked out with the personnel committee. He was on the board in the past and worked with employees who were being counseled, disciplined, etc. This is a very bad move and he doesn't know why we are having this conversation tonight.

Franklin Seitler, 105 Hotel Street – As far as the local police department, he feels good to have it in place. His question is if we abolish and go with Dane County, how does that affect those not in Dane County. We have Rock and Green also coming into the village.

Brandon Arndt, 128 Marcie Drive – He's been a resident and had a Brooklyn address for 27 years. He would like to know and have someone point out the packages, what's the coverage, what's the presence going to look like with Dane County. He's concerned about decreased response times. How does it work with different jurisdictions. We have a volunteer EMS/Fire and oftentimes the police are first on scene. He'd like to think the police officers are trained to cover that. They have personal relationships and everyone is friendly. The current officers are always waving back, and he feels like we'd be losing it if we go through Dane County. He's known the chief for many years. The chief recently proposed the need for more protection and surveillance. He agrees. There's been plenty of vandalism going on. He's heard reports of rocks thrown at vehicles and buildings. There's a rise in crime. We have the school and what if something happened there, what's the response time if something happens there. He would like some transparency, breakdown of costs and presentation of packages. He thinks the police department is something we need to keep and also keep the fire/EMS departments.

Jean Ruenger Hanson, 211 S. Rutland – Her main question about the proceedings is, first, she doesn't agree with the option of not having a local police department. She wants to know how we got here. She hasn't heard a single explanation of how the board got to the point of deciding that we're out. She hasn't heard anything about that.

Thomas McCauley, 211 N. Kerch – He would mirror what Brusberg said. He received a photo of the Facebook post from a neighbor. It was voted on a while back and he's been here 12 plus years. He enjoys seeing the police driving around. And even with police presence they have now, there are people that drive down the street at 50 mph with kids outside. What will it be like with Dane County. He might see them once a week. It's embarrassing that it was posted on Friday and we're talking about it on Monday. It was voted on five years ago. It should be more than a couple days' notice that they want to get rid of the department. He would like to say thank you to the Brooklyn police officers for what they do, and he appreciates seeing them drive through. Hope they're here for years to come.

Dave Peth, 323 Douglas Drive – He's lived here since 2003. The past 10 years he's been a member of Brooklyn Fire and EMS. He would like to address as far as response times. Officer Randy Burns has been a lifesaver for Brooklyn Fire/EMS more than once. He can tell as far as response goes, running 600 calls in his life, any time Brooklyn PD is on duty, he always has a police officer there when he arrives, which is really comforting thing for someone dealing with strangers. Dane County is a great agency, but there have been several times when fire/EMS is on scene first. He's been in situations where he could have been in danger and has been on scene for 10 minutes and the comm center would ask if he wants police in. So if people are wondering, he gets there before Dane County. He hasn't paid much attention to how often it happens, but it's probably 50-50 as far as county unit getting to a scene before he does. It's great when they're there, and officers have a huge medical complement. Officer Burns has helped to keep overdoses awake. He had an accident with two patients and only had Dane County sheriff and Officer Burns, who also has a fire background. They're giving up a lot more than you think. If anything, we need to get more Brooklyn PD presence, and there should be a Brooklyn Police Department because they will be there first. Can't guarantee Dane County will always be there. They have resources, but those are spread out over an entire county. He likes to have the police department that has to cover 16 square miles, if that.

Matt Immel, 137 Cedar Street – he agrees with everyone. Why is this coming up with no heads up. Seems like it's a fairly important issue in the community. It's kind of insulting to say, hey, guess what, we might be getting rid of our police department. We need to be informed before these things happen. Beyond that, he's never had a bad experience with the police. He likes the small police force, and others are trying to emulate what we have here. He can't speak to any issues with the police department. He's never heard anything. This is not right way to go, and he doesn't agree. He appreciates all that the police department does.

Nicole Noyce, 102 Second Street – does not agree with abolishing the police department. Her family, her son in particular, have had a lot of interactions with the police department. Whenever the chief would see him, he would talk to her son and her son would tell her. He liked knowing

someone watching out for him. She sees them sitting at school every single day. She feels there is so much that they do as a part of normal every day. If we lose the PD, there is so much loss they would experience and thinks really need to hold on to that. She saw a post that Dane County is hiring, so they have a shortage. What happens if they have a shortage. What are the cost comparisons. Do they cover other the other county in Brooklyn. She enjoys having everything we have and a small community. It's a sense of security that she doesn't want to lose. Reminder to everyone that we vote for our board.

Melissa Thompson, 311 N. Kerch – she first would like to say shame on the board, they are supposed to be voices of Brooklyn villagers, and to know it has been in discussion and talked about without any of their input puts a bad taste in her mouth. She feels they should have gotten more notice. Shouldn't have heard via social media. She feels like we should keep the PD. She has questions as to what is coverage going to look like on a day-to-day basis, is it anything near what we get now, because if it is less hours, seems pointless. With everything going on with vandalism and cars being broken into, feels like the worst time to get rid of the police department. What is the bottom dollar for this. What will it look like come tax time. She can only imagine taxes will go higher. As a small community, it feels important to keep local the PD. You get to know them and their children and are there every morning to direct traffic by the school, and she will almost guarantee that won't happen if you go with the county. She wishes they could have gotten more notice and wish input and voices heard before night of the vote.

Ashlee Dickinson, 302 Church Street – she's pretty disappointed in the board that they can't be voices like they're supposed to be. She's lived here a little over a year. As a single mom with young kids, it's pretty scary even considering this. The officers are at the school. They are constantly driving by and waving, Kids love seeing them. She knows the chief and he's a good guy, and if they're not going to allow him to do things he has to do as chief or an officer, it has an effect on the village. It's unfortunate that we got notice on Friday and just now finding out about it. Thinks getting rid of it is ridiculous.

Alan Ferguson, 1116 State Road 78, Mt Horeb – He doesn't live in village. He served in Brooklyn PD for a number of years. He's heard comments that he wanted to speak about. He doesn't have a vested interest. He knows other communities in the County with sheriff department coverage and they do have coverage during the contracted hours and it is an assigned officer to those villages. They do get out and meet and get to know the members of the community, just like the village officers do. When they're on duty, response times to EMS calls will be similar to what the village response times are. He just wanted to clarify a few of those expectations.

Kelly Nindorf, 210 Lincoln – he joined late and is wondering if someone could clarify what brought this about and why only brought to the attention three days ago and some of the safety concerns of where the plan lies from here.

Chief Engelhart – would like to thank everyone for their support. He knows they can't do everything perfect as a police department, but they strive to do the best they can. As to adding officers to Brooklyn staff, they've tried nine, seven and two years ago when he took over, and at that time it still was not fiscally responsible to go with Dane County. Dane County is a great resource for them, along with any other departments that they assist. Three years ago with the meeting almost 80 percent of people surveyed wanted to keep the PD and get more coverage. That didn't happen. We have less staffing now. Have done hiring and it's difficult to find part-time staff. We've gone through several hiring processes and offered jobs but they people dropped out because they wanted full time or had taken another job. The last process he had two good qualified candidates, and one was placed through background check and everything. He spent \$1000 getting that person through the process, and the morning of the interview both board members cancelled to interview candidates. He found another board member who came, along with village clerk, and he went to the board after all the checks were done and everything was a go, and the board said they're not going to hire at this time. He had another candidate ready to move on as well, but the board told him to stop the process and they were not moving forward at this time. He never got an explanation. On Thursday he received an email to attend a mandatory meeting on Friday and that was the first time

they received notice. He has gotten roadblocks from village board members on things he's tried to implement. The board turned him down on surveillance cameras in the parks. He thinks the village deserves better and residents are hardworking and deserve better. His staff is the best. The police secretary and part-time officer are great assets. Randy Burns was cherrypicked from another department and just finished his 18 months evaluation and is doing fantastic, nothing but positive comments. He appreciates everything they do and hopes to continue to be your chief, nothing against Dane County. Thank you everyone and stay safe and stay healthy.

Randy Burns – Would like to thank the chief for his comments and everyone else. He completed his 18-month probationary period but has been with department for seven years and spent a majority of it as part time. He moved here and wanted to learn from the chief and couldn't ask for a better chief. He loves working with the clerical staff and Officer Kosharek. He got an email Thursday about mandatory meeting on Friday. Friday as he sat home on personal time and joined meeting with kids, it was frustrating and upsetting. It was suggested by a person in the department to post on the Village Facebook page, which wasn't going to be done. It would be posted only on the three places required by law. He posted on Facebook and contacted news media outlets and radio to get the information out to get residents notified. After posting, several village residents asked what was going on. He was just as blindsided as the rest of the residents. He came to help move the department forward. He believes it's a fantastic PD to work for and a great village and he met residents and it was wonderful to have a conversation to get to know the residents. He loves the people of the village and the people he works with. Nothing bad to say about Dane County, and he has worked with them a lot, but he believes in keeping own department and maintaining rapport they have. Thank you to village residents who took time to step forward for the police department.

Jan Hartwig – police secretary – has been here almost four years. She apologizes for the comment on Facebook, but it's frustrating and she didn't know how else to respond. She was responding to a non-village resident who has a personal vendetta against Chief Engelhart, which is in their opinion unfounded and ridiculous. She was informed about the mandatory meeting Friday morning. She had to ask for time off from her full-time job at the Town of Madison to attend the meeting. The Chief and Officer Burns know the people here. She's embarrassed and ashamed that this was sprung on them. Thank you for your support.

Springer stated can't speak twice in public comments.

Greg Kosharek – have been in law enforcement for a number of years. He loves working in small towns. Has loved working for Brooklyn PD. He's worked counties, state and small municipalities, and Brooklyn is a close-knit community that he hasn't seen elsewhere. Everyone cares about each other. He's seen a real progression forward from the PD toward the community. They are getting more involved with school and community events. You have a great department here. He has been in other departments where the desire to help the community was lip service. Coming here it was nice to see progression forward. It took them by surprise to find out on Friday. He worked a community in Dane County where the two neighboring communities contracted to the sheriff's department. In order to maintain the same coverage, the price tag will go through the roof. He's seen them lowball the original price and raise it in a year or two. That's nothing against the sheriff's department. They are good officers and deputies. With the contracted deputies, they see themselves as officers that work for the county, not for the village. They don't have a tie to the community. There's a difference in the level of compassion between local department and someone contracted out. No issues with the county. You will wind up with a good deputy, but the difference with a local police department is the mentality. He wishes the best for the village and residents. He hopes he's here for a long time to help. Glad to have had the time here.

Springer commented again that if you already spoken, you won't be allowed to speak again.

Marianne Pilger – She's extremely disappointed that this has come up on social media. It's an embarrassment for Brooklyn to have it come up on Friday and deal with on Monday. It's unprofessional. She would like to have transparency. What are the reasons for delving into contracting with Dane County.

Scott Thompson – moved here believing this was Mayberry. He doesn't not want to live in LA.

Michael Podgorski, 303 N. Rutland – he's in favor for the cops in town. He's been here over 20 years and can't tell how many times he's seen them driving around and taking care of what's going on in town. He was at the meeting three years ago, and it seemed like no one was in favor and actually some of the participants in that meeting were childish. It reminds him of the shenanigans at the village board years ago. He feels it's unacceptable. Kudos to the police department.

Kayte Goglio, 233 Hotel St – she's definitely in favor of keeping local officers. She thinks they're a great aspect to the community. They are constantly patrolling past her house and available when needed. It would be much, much better with more of our own officers so we could have more coverage. Better we keep officers we do have and not go with a Dane County officer.

Springer asked for any other comments. Once we close public comments, the public won't be able to speak.

April Nindorf – she expressed disappointment in the way in which this came up. She hopes the officers know this is not a reflection on the way the community feels, and hopes they know we love and support the police officers. She really hopes it's not a decision that goes any other way that they have them here in the community.

Derek Hefty, 109 S. Rutland – he would love to keep Brooklyn PD here. He has been here since 1992. He's been through Bill Roberts and all the good cops. Everyone has been great. He'd like to keep them here. He doesn't know why it came up. He believes the vote should be from the taxpayers.

Springer asked for any other comments. If someone spoke earlier, they can't speak again.

Janeen Podgorski, 303 N. Rutland – The one thing really important to her is safety and she can go out and take a walk in the neighborhood. She sees police driving around all the time and feels safe at any time of day or evening because of it. She's wondering if business owners who know anything and would like to hear their side. She's sure they would like to have local officers to protect their businesses.

Brusberg asked to speak, and Springer informed him he couldn't speak again. Brusberg asked what is this going to do to our home equity if elect to go elsewhere. Springer asked for any additional comments from anyone who has not yet spoken up. Stated last call.

Michelle Brusberg, 128 Cedar Street – she's curious as a resident with getting rid of police being local, what will it do to home equity. Will it raise homeowner's insurance because of the greater response time, if things were happening to their home. That is something she'd ask the village to think about. When they moved here a few years ago, their homeowners insurance went up and they were told it was because we had a volunteer fire department, and she's wondering if the same thing will happen with not having a local PD.

Springer called last call for public comments. Kelly Nindorf wanted to add to his and feels he got cut off. Springer said he can't talk again during public comments. Kelly Nindorf stated he feels like the village is making their own rules.

Bill Gerlach, 317 N. Kerch – two things. They had no warning of the asphalt plant that is trying to go in next to Brooklyn and found out Friday about getting rid of the police department. As village president, why aren't surveys or anybody finding out about anything until three days before and then do a Zoom meeting. He's sure it will affect property values in Brooklyn.

Springer asked again for any public comment. Springer closed public comments at 7:54 p.m.

Springer made a motion to contract with Dane County Sheriff's Department. Klahn seconded. Springer asked for discussion. Springer called for the vote. Klahn aye; Kirkpatrick aye; Olson aye; Springer aye; Hawkey aye. Hawkey state Smith is muted. Smith has some discussion. There was an issue with muting. He asked if there was a way to talk about this. The village residents have good concerns. He knows there are some talking points. Can we highlight some of those before jumping into a vote. Springer stated as mentioned earlier, there is a sense of recruitment and retention. Springer re-read her public statement from earlier. Smith thanked her for re-reading the statement but believes the Village residents are asking specific questions, and he understands they can't get into all of those other questions. Any other time they've made a big decision, they go to the village and ask the people what they want. Right or wrong they are going to make the vote. His expression and his concern to everyone on this call, if you don't like, get out and vote, please. Springer asked Smith if he wanted to delay the vote. Smith said he's only one person. Hawkey stated we have a motion and a second and have people who have already voted. Springer stated we have a motion and second and were in the middle of voting. Did everyone vote? Kuhlman stated Smith and Brennum have not voted yet. Smith thanked the officers for everything they have done for this community and for speaking up when things came push to shove. It's not fallen on deaf ears. Smith votes nay. Brennum votes nay. **Motion carried 5-2.**

Springer started to read Resolution 2021-02 Abolishing the Brooklyn Police Department into the record. Springer stated we need a motion to approve the contract with Dane County. Klahn made a motion to approve the contract with Dane County Sheriff's Department. Hawkey stated the board already did that motion. Springer read the following **resolution** into the record: At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brooklyn held at the Village Hall on February, 1, 2021, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees: Whereas, the Village Board of Trustees desires to abolish its police department effective March 5, 2021, and enter into a contract with a county under s. 61.65 for the county sheriff to provide law enforcement services in all parts of the village effective on March 6, 2021. Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Brooklyn does hereby abolish its police department effective March 5, 2021; And, Be it Resolved, that the Village of Brooklyn does hereby authorize the Village to enter into a contract with Dane County for the County Sheriff to provide exclusive law enforcement services in all parts of the Village effective March 6, 2021. The undersigned Village President and Clerk-Treasurer certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Brooklyn Village Board on the date specified. Dated the 1st day of February 2021. **Klahn made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02.** Hawkey seconded. Hawkey aye; Olson aye; Klahn aye; Kirkpatrick aye; Springer aye; Smith nay; Brennum nay. Motion carried. 5-2.

Springer thanked everyone for attending the meeting. **Klahn made a motion at 8:06 p.m. to adjourn.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC
Clerk-Treasurer

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2021
(via online and telephone)

Board Members present Brit Springer, Heather Kirkpatrick, Dan Olson ,Todd Klahn, Sean Brennum, Pat Hawkey, Kyle Smith. Also, present Kevin Visel, Lori Lubinsky, Mark & Marge VanCalligan, Phillip Molina, Neal Patten, Sharon, Deputy Clerk Olson.

Springer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Public comments

Marge Van Calligan from 206 Hilltop Circle – Would like to know why you went in this direction.

Springer explained that the board can not actually respond to any public comments unless the item is on the agenda to be discussed. There is a statement that was posted on the website. Marge stated that she is disappointed about the actions of the board.

Hawkey suggested that they move up the closed session and postpone appointing an interim president until after the closed session. Board members agreed. **Hawkey made a motion to convene into closed session and postpone the appointment of interim president until after closed session** . Klahn seconded. Individual Ayes were taken from Hawkey, Olson, Kirkpatrick, Brennum, Klahn, Smith & Springer. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Convened into Closed Session at 6:40 p.m. pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds and conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and WI Stats 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, and WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Reconvened into open session at 10:04 p.m.

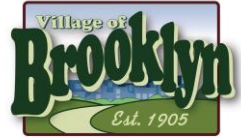
Springer made a motion to approve the motions that were made in closed session. Brennum seconded. Vote taken; motion carried.

Kirkpatrick made a motion to nominate Hawkey as Interim President. Klahn seconded. Vote taken, no one opposed or abstained. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to adjourn. Kirkpatrick seconded. Vote taken; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Vicki Olson

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Good Evening Everyone,

The Board and I understand the disappointment and concerns that were raised at last night's meeting. We hope this letter will help clear up the confusion and address repeated comments and concerns that were made.

Questions were raised about how contracted policing will work for the Village of Brooklyn. We intend to contract with the Dane County Sheriff's Department initially for one full time deputy who will serve a shift each day here in the Village. This deputy will only patrol the Village of Brooklyn with the exception of mutual aid requests (Brooklyn PD also currently responds to mutual aid requests). This Deputy will be present in the Village and drive in the Brooklyn squad car just like the existing police department. Of course, in any emergency situation you should always call 911, no matter where you are. If our Sheriff's deputy is not on shift, then your call will be routed to the correct county agency to respond. This is exactly the same situation that currently occurs when the Brooklyn Police are not available.

In terms of selection of the full-time deputy, Dane County will provide a pool of applicants for the Village to interview. From that pool of applicants, we will select the best person to serve our community.

One of the reasons for this important change is the liability risk for our small Village due to the changes to the climate surrounding policing incidents. Lawsuits can have a huge financial impact on small municipalities like ours. Contracting with Dane County relieves the burden of potential liability from the Village because the County is the service provider and is legally responsible for those services and insures against them.

By contracting with Dane County our community will enjoy the benefit of the extensive resources available to Dane County Sheriff's Department. Our patrol deputy will have at their disposal detectives and specialists who collaborate with other officers and other law enforcement agencies to solve crimes such as computer and cybercrimes, drugs, gangs and missing persons, etc.

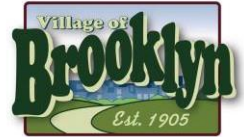
Dane County deputies are backed up by their administrative group which includes attorneys and senior police management. Their administrative group creates detailed policies and procedures and continually evaluates and re-evaluates them against the constantly changing laws and situations in our country. The value of this to the village is immeasurable. Recreating the resources that support and surround a Dane County Sheriff's Deputy is beyond the village's financial resources.

Because of these included benefits our patrol deputy is able to spend their time in the field interacting with and protecting our community. The administrative burden on the Sheriff patrol deputies is minimized.

These factors weighed heavily in the Board's decision to contract the Village's policing with the Dane County Sheriff's Office. We are confident that our decision is the best one for our community going forward as the administrative burdens and potential liability concerns play an ever larger role in policing.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dear Brooklyn Residents,

The Village Board has received several questions regarding the cost of the transition from the local Brooklyn Police Department to contracting police services through the Dane County Sheriff's Office (DCSO). We hope this letter will provide clarity and address the questions that we have received.

Because the Village faced and resolved a recent lawsuit over alleged Brooklyn Police Department wrongdoing as well as unresolved Brooklyn PD personnel issues and complaints, the Village's future potential liability needs to be minimized to safeguard the taxpayers against significant future costs. By contracting with DCSO, the Village of Brooklyn's potential liability stemming from policing becomes ZERO.

Besides the liability protection, the contract services from DCSO is a value added product for the Village. To begin to approach this level of service within a small municipality to the degree necessary in current times, the Village would need to engage AT LEAST the following positions or organizations at SIGNIFICANT COST to the residents:

- Attorney, specializing in Police matters
- Police policy and procedure Analyst
- Professional Standards officer
- A specialty organization to Investigate complaints against/incidents by Brooklyn Police
- Police Commission (3-5 people by state statute)
- Full-time Police Administrative Assistant
- Human Resources Administrator
- Increase Police training level beyond State reimbursement level
- Increase Police Insurance and overall Village Insurance coverage
- And more - see attached Appendix

The contract with the DCSO also provides collaborative oversight and management of our community policing to be consistent with changes within our community.

In summary, the Village is protected from ANY potential future liability arising from police wrongdoing and gains all of the resources of a large and experienced law enforcement agency, while maintaining local control and local identity. Our residences will be well served by the trained and experienced deputies who will serve our community.

Sincerely,
Village of Brooklyn Board

APPENDIX

Dane County Sheriff's Office Contract Policing Information

The Sheriff's Office provides:

- ❖ Extensive experience in policing and contracting.
- ❖ Full-time, full service agency
- ❖ Uninterrupted service.
- ❖ We are staffed and equipped to meet the responsibilities of county-wide law enforcement.
- ❖ We currently contract with other smaller villages

Supervision:

- ❖ The Dane County Sheriff's Office places strong emphasis on field supervision to direct deputies' activity and ensure accountability.
- ❖ All activities are under supervision of an on-duty supervisory and command staff 24 hours a day.
- ❖ Direct supervision impacts effectiveness and reduces exposure to liability concerns.
- ❖ Comprehensive policies are in place to guide police operations

Personnel Considerations:

- ❖ Personnel matters are addressed by the Sheriff's Office.
- ❖ Human Resources Management (Sheriff's Office and Dane County Employee Relations)
 - ❖ Recruiting, Screening and Employee Selection
 - ❖ Initial Training of all Employees/720 Academy
 - ❖ Labor/Contract Negotiations
- ❖ Employee Benefits Management (Dane County)
 - ❖ Sick time
 - ❖ Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
 - ❖ Health, dental, life insurance management
 - ❖ Fair Labor Standards Act
 - ❖ Worker's Compensation
- ❖ Scheduling (Sheriff's Office staff)
- ❖ Performance Evaluations (Sheriff's Office Supervisors)
- ❖ Employee Grievances (Sheriff's Office Management)
- ❖ Citizen Complaints (Sheriff's Office Supervisors)
- ❖ Internal Affairs (Professional Standards Lieutenant)
- ❖ Discipline (Sheriff's Office Supervisors)
- ❖ Employee Assistance Program (Dane County Program)
- ❖ 24 Hour Supervision
- ❖ Risk Management (Dane County)
- ❖ Ongoing Planning, Research and Policy Development (Sheriff's Office)
- ❖ Ongoing Training and Certification (Sheriff's Office Training Section)
- ❖ Lawsuit Litigation and Legal Counsel through Dane County Corporation Counsel Office
- ❖ Compliance with OSHA requirements (Risk Management)
- ❖ Transcription Services (Sheriff's Office Clerical Staff)
- ❖ Computer Services (Sheriff's Office and Dane County Information Management)
- ❖ Accounting and Finance (Budget Analyst & Accounts Payable & Payroll)

APPENDIX

Dane County Sheriff's Office Contract Policing Information Continued...

Additional personnel & Functions:

- ❖ Public Information Officer
- ❖ Records Management Section (Sheriff's Office handles Public Records Requests)
- ❖ Federal Agency/Task Force coordination
- ❖ Vehicle and Equipment Coordinator
- ❖ TIME System Manager

Investigative Support

- ❖ Community Deputies
 - Embedded Mental Health Worker
- ❖ Detectives
- ❖ Computer Crimes Detective
- ❖ Domestic Abuse Detectives (4)
- ❖ Crime Scene Unit
- ❖ Evidence and Property Manager
- ❖ Crime Analyst

Special Operations Units:

- ❖ Tactical Response Team (TRT)
- ❖ Hostage Negotiations Team (HNT)
- ❖ K-9 Unit
- ❖ Dive Team
- ❖ Marine and Trail Enforcement (MATE)
- ❖ Traffic Team
- ❖ Dane County Narcotics and Gangs Taskforce
- ❖ Crash Reconstruction

Mission:

The mission of the Oregon Area Food Pantry (OAFP) is to provide food and basic necessities to those in need who are residents of the Oregon School District.



Vision:

The vision of the OAFP is to reduce the impact of poverty on the residents of the Oregon School District by compassionately and humbly providing information, education and both tangible and intangible resources.

Distribution Dates & Times

JANUARY

Tuesday, January 5	9-11 am
Tuesday, January 12	9-11 am
Thursday, January 14	4-7 pm
Tuesday, January 19	9-11 am
Tuesday, January 26	9-11 am
Thursday, January 28	4-7 pm

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 2	9-11 am
Tuesday, February 9	9-11 am
Thursday, February 11	4-7 pm
Tuesday, February 16	9-11 am
Tuesday, February 23	9-11 am
Thursday, February 25	4-7 pm

MARCH

Tuesday, March 2	9-11 am
Tuesday, March 9	9-11 am
Thursday, March 11	4-7 pm
Tuesday, March 16	9-11 am
Tuesday, March 23	9-11 am
Thursday, March 25	4-7 pm
Tuesday, March 30	9-11 am



Director's Corner

We wrapped up 2020 as one of the most difficult and challenging ... and a year that we had not seen before and hopefully will not see again.

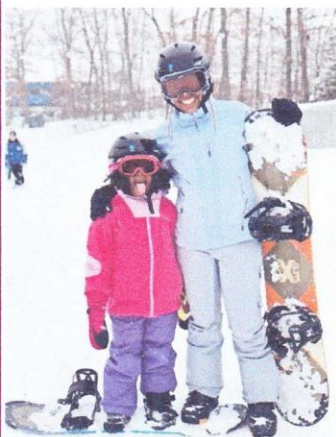
The new year 2021 gives us hope. We have hope with the vaccine and all will see the urgency to get vaccinated. We have hope that the unemployed will be able to return to work. We have hope that students will be able to return to classroom learning. We have hope that those who are hungry will have enough food for themselves and for their families.

The pantry will continue to be here for you, every Tuesday from 9:00-11:00 am and the second to last Thursday of each month from 4:00-7:00 pm.

Curbside pick up will continue into 2021. Remember to wear your mask when you come to the pantry.

Stay safe and healthy my friends.

Diane Sliter
Managing Director



Watch Out For Covid-19 Vaccine Scams

1. The vaccine is **FREE** for everyone.
2. You cannot pay to put your name on a list.
3. **NO ONE** will contact you asking for your social security number, credit card, or bank account number to sign up for the vaccine.

If you have been approached and you feel it's a scam, contact the Oregon Police Department or the Oregon Senior Center at 608-835-5801.

Severe Winter Weather Closures

With the arrival of winter, just a reminder to you of our severe winter weather policy. The Oregon Area Food Pantry will be closed on the days that the Oregon School District is closed.

Be sure to check the Oregon School District website or local radio stations for lists of closures. In addition, it will be posted on the Oregon Area Food Pantry Facebook page.

We want to make sure everyone stays safe in severe winter weather.

Pieces of Time

New years come and new years go,

Pieces of time all in a row.

As we live our life, each second and minute,

We know we're privileged to have you in it.

Our appreciation never ends

For our greatest blessing; our family and friends.

Happy New Year!

Author: Joanna Fuchs

www.poemsource.com

Vegetable Soup From A Can

1 medium onion, chopped

1 clove garlic

Sauté in 1 tablespoon olive oil.

Add the following:

2 cans broth

1 can diced tomatoes

3 cans vegetables, your choice, undrained (green beans, corn, mixed vegetables, beans)

1/4 cup rice

Bring to a boil, cover, and simmer for 20 minutes until rice is fully cooked.

Season to taste with pepper, bay leaf, dried basil, and thyme.

Option: Add 1 pound of browned ground beef.



Simple Supper

Make your favorite meatball recipe. Brown and cook in a skillet. Add a can of cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soup over the meatballs and add a little water

to make a gravy. Cook your favorite pasta and serve the meatballs with gravy over the cooked pasta.

February 2021 News from Your Senior Center



By Rachel Brickner

Are you thinking of retiring this year? Are you turning 65 in 2021? Do you have questions about Social Security and/or Medicare?

It seems that everybody wants to offer you advice about those subjects, but generally they have some self-interest. Often they stand to profit from the decisions that you might make.

Did you know that there are resources available to you free of charge that can provide you with answers and information about Medicare and Social Security and the many related subjects that need to be addressed when you decide to leave the work force, or to sign up for Medicare or Social Security?

The Senior Center's case managers are well-versed in the basics of those subjects, and can answer many questions. They are also aware of free unbiased resources that they can direct people to. For example, there are people who work in the State Health Insurance & Assistance Program that specialize in Medicare supplement policies, Advantage plans and Part D plans. They cannot benefit from any advice they provide, and are unbiased.

Another resource for people is the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). The Dane County ADRC frequently hosts Saturday morning or weekday evening programs that provide information about insurance and retirement. Those programs are currently being held virtually, which means you can attend from the convenience of your home.

Everyone's retirement plans, and health insurance plans, need to fit their particular needs. What worked well for your neighbor or brother-in-law isn't necessarily the best fit for you. Make sure you understand the benefits and the disadvantages of the choices you are making. Do not hesitate to reach out to the Case Managers here at the Senior Center (835-5801) with your retirement and related questions.

Click on this link to view the [Oregon Senior Center Newsletter Link for February 2021](#)

URGENT



Please clear snow from around fire hydrants. In case of a fire, firefighters need to be able to get to the hydrants quickly to protect people and property.



Snow Removal from Sidewalks

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

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

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



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

Updated Winter Parking Ordinance

Sec. 32-87 Winter Parking

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, when an ice event or snowfall of at least one inch occurs, no on-street parking will be allowed on any street in the village between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from December 1 through March 31. If snow removal is necessary between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m., the police department will require vehicles parked thereon to be moved as needed.

(b) When an ice event or snowfall of at least one inch occurs, no on-street parking will be allowed on Hotel Street between Commercial Street (Hwy. 92) and North Rutland Avenue (Hwy. MM) between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from December 1 through March 31. If snow removal is necessary from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., the police department will require vehicles parked thereon to be moved as needed.

(c) Section 32-82 is adopted by reference.

(d) Any vehicle parked in violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section be may be ticketed \$30 and/or towed.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brooklyn, Wisconsin,
this 11th day of January 2021.

Police Department

Monthly Activity Report 2020

Calls for Service	Jan '21
Burglaries	0
Thefts	0
Suspicious Activity	2
Animal	1
Damage to Property	2
911 Disconnect/Misdial	0
Open Records Request	3
Assist Citizen	2
Assist Fire Department/EMS	1
Assist other agencies	12
Assist Village Departments	0
Traffic Incident	
Total Traffic Crashes	0
Traffic Incident	18
Traffic Citations	2
Traffic Warnings	0
Enforc. /Gen. Activity	
Misc. Comp/Arrests	1
Drug Charges/Comp	0
Referral to District Atty	0
Phone/Internet/Social Media	0
Domestic / Family / Assaults	1
Disturbance/Disorderly/Threats	0
Financial/Fraud	1
Missing Person/Check Welfare	0
Municipal Ord. Comp/Violation	1
Alarms	0
Juvenile Offenses/Comp	2
Found Property	0
Community Policing	6
Parking Citations/Comp	9
Court Orders/Warrants	0
Total Calls:	64

March

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
** \$5.00/Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455-4201	1 Pickleball 8a-5p PiYo 6p	2 **Tires, Oil & Batteries Pickleball 8a-5p	3 Recycling/Garbage Pickleball 8a-5p Yoga 6p	4 Pickleball 8a-8p	5 Pickleball 8a-5p	6
7	8 Pickleball 8a-5p PiYo 6p Village Board Meeting 630 p	9 Planning & Zoning Meeting 630 pm Pickleball 8a-5p	10 Garbage Pickleball 8a-5p Yoga 6p	11 Pickleball 8a-8p	12 Pickleball 8a-5p	13
14	15 Pickleball 8a-5p PiYo 6p	16 Pickleball 8a-5p	17 Recycling/Garbage Pickleball 8a-5p Yoga 6p	18 Pickleball 8a-8p	19 Pickleball 8a-5p	20
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