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July 2024 Village News

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Second Half of Property Taxes
Due to your County Treasurer by
July 31, 2024

Partisan Primary is August 13!

Are you registered to vote?

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Brush Pickup

2nd Tuesday of each month

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



NO mowing into the streets.

Per Village Ordinance Section 24-93 (c) Regulation of dumping - *Protection of street, public places, and water.* No part of the contents of or substance from any sink, privy, cesspool or drywell, nor any manure, garbage, ashes, refuse or other waste shall be thrown by any person or persons, or be allowed to run or drop upon or remain in any street or public place, nor shall the same be thrown into or allowed to fall or run into any of the water surrounding said village save through the public sewers.



Clean Tap, Clean Water

Maintaining high-quality drinking water in your home



Where to get more information

- Contact your water provider or utility for more information
- US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Water Health Series and Water on Tap (www.epa.gov/safewater)
- EPA's WaterSense for helpful information on water-efficient products for the home (www.epa.gov/watersense)
- American Water Works Association's (AWWA's) consumer website, DrinkTap.org (drinktap.org)
- AWWA's brochure on household backflow prevention, *Backflow prevention is a two-way proposition*
- Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating has a consumer website. www.ciph.com/becausewatermatters



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The next time you fill a glass with tap water, take a close look at the faucet and sink. Is the sink area clean? Are there stains on the fixtures? Does the tap water have an unusual smell or



color? The solutions to these issues may be in your hands. Your water utility wants you to enjoy a high-quality tap water through every tap. Use this brochure yourself, or use it to work with a licensed plumber, to inspect your faucets and water use areas, such as sinks used to tap drinking water and for food preparation, to find areas for improvement.

Top faucet tips for homeowners

1. Install faucets that are certified to be “lead-free” or contain no lead.
2. Clean faucet aerators and strainers regularly.
3. Clean and disinfect sinks and faucets regularly.
4. Keep sink drains unclogged and clear of materials so that the drains work properly.
5. Use cold tap water for drinking and preparing food.
6. A good time to collect fresh drinking water to chill in the refrigerator is after a lot of household water use, such as laundry and dishwashing.
7. Remove aerators and flush cold water taps (open the faucets) after household plumbing work or when water has not been used for several days.
8. Only connect water filters and other devices intended for drinking water to household faucets. Do not connect hoses or other devices to faucets for non-drinking water purposes.
9. Keep hazardous chemicals or unsanitary materials away from faucets and sinks used for drinking water or food preparation.
10. Maintain water treatment systems as recommended by the manufacturer.



How do you know if your faucet or sink may be causing a problem?



The most common signs that your faucet or sink is affecting the quality of your drinking water are discolored water, sink stains, a buildup of particles, unusual odors or tastes, and a reduced flow of water.

The kitchen sink

The cleanliness of the kitchen sink

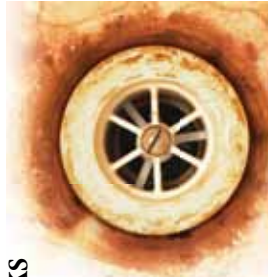
is important because it is where you get water for drinking and cooking. Chemicals and bacteria



can splash and accumulate on the faucet and aerator. Hand washing, soap scum buildup, and the handling of raw meats and vegetables can contaminate your sink. The sink's surfaces need to be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Sink drains

Drains that are not well maintained can give rise to sewer and sulfur (rotten egg) odors. Clogged drains can lead to unclean sinks



and backed up water in which bacteria can grow and contaminate

the faucet and the foods being prepared around the sink. Pink and black colored biological slime growth can build up around drains. Disinfect and clean the drains and the area around the drains. Flush regularly with hot water.

Faucets, screens and aerators



Aerators are located on the tip of faucets and can collect particles such as from lead plumbing materials, sediment and minerals. Low flow from the faucet may be one sign of this. Remove and clean the aerators or screens on a regular basis. When installing new faucets and fixtures, be sure to select models that are certified “lead-free” or have no lead.



If particles are found in the faucet's screen and they float on water, they could be pieces of plastic from the hot water heater's dip tube, which is the component that brings cold water to the bottom of the heater's tank. Have a plumber check the water heater for debris accumulated in the tank. Faucet gaskets can break down and cause black, oily slime or particles. If this is found, replace the faucet's gasket with a higher-quality product.

White scaling or hard deposits on faucets and shower-heads may be caused by hard water or water with high levels of



calcium carbonate. You can clean these fixtures with vinegar or use water softening to reduce the calcium carbonate levels for the hot water system. Pink or black slime in the showerhead should be cleaned out when it becomes noticeable because this could be biological growth.

Water treatment devices

Point-of-use water treatment systems, installed at the tap or on the water line under the sink counter, must be installed properly and maintained as recommended by the manufacturer.

A smell of rotten eggs can be a sign of



bacteria in the filters or treatment system. The system can also become clogged over time. The water treatment device may need

replacing or cleaning. If your refrigerator has a built-in ice maker, chances are it has a small filter on the water supply line, and this filter needs to be maintained by regular checking and cleaning or replacement.

One last point

Use properly maintained and dedicated glassware for drinking water. Store water in clean covered containers in the refrigerator. Make sure that ice stays fresh and clean. You serve a key role in ensuring that the safe and good quality drinking water provided to your house by your water utility is maintained through every tap.

Who can participate?

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

Hazardous Materials for Disposal

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

Safety Guidelines

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

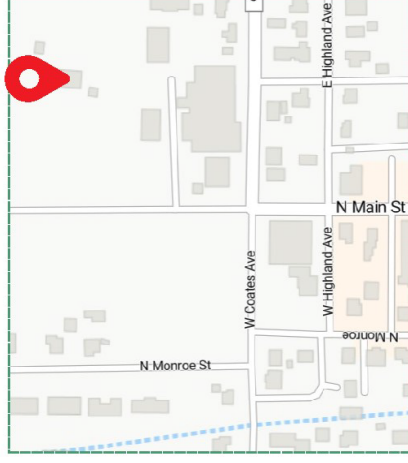
Disposal and Testing Fees

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

Other Notes

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

Site Location: 406 North Main St, Monticello



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Monticello Public Works

GREEN COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP



One Day Hazardous Waste Disposal Program

Wednesday, August 21st
noon-6pm @

Monticello Recycling Center
406 North Main St

ALLOWED

Drug Collection

Prescription pills
(No liquid drugs or sharps)

Electronic Waste

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

Automotive

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

Home

Aerosol cans (Full)
Ammonia
Antibacterial products
Ballasts (Without light fixture)
Batteries (Button & rechargeable)
Bleach
Carpet cleaner
Cooking oil (New & used)
Disinfectants
Drain cleaner
Dry cleaning chemicals
Extension cords
Fertilizer
Floor care products
Fluorescent bulbs
Furniture polish
Insect / Bug killer
Kerosene
Lamp oil
Lighter fluid
Mercury (Thermometers & thermostats)
Mosquito repellent
Mothballs
Oven cleaner
Pesticides
Pool chemicals
Rat / Rodent poison
String (Holiday) lights
Weed killer

Painting & DIY Stuff

Acetone
Contact cement
Driveway sealer
Deck stripper (Wood bleach)
Glue / Adhesives
Joint compound
Paint (oil based)
Paint thinner / Stripper
Photo developing chemicals
Roofing tar
Sealers (Wood & concrete)
Shellac
Stain
Turpentine
Varnish
Wood filler

Other Stuff

Hair dye
Hair remover
Hair spray
Formaldehyde
Nail polish & remover
Pepper spray (Self-defense)
Perfume
Shoe polish
Vape equipment (Nicotine Only)

NOT ALLOWED

Do Not Bring

Ammunition
Compressed gas cylinders
Car batteries
Clothes dryers
Computers*
Containers larger than 15 gal.
Explosives
Fire extinguishers
Fireworks
Liquid drugs
Marine flares
Medical waste
Microwaves
Paint (water & latex based)
Propane cylinders
Radioactive wastes
Refrigerators
Sharps/Needles
Smoke detectors
Stereos*
Televisions*
Tires of any type
Washing machines

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



Radon Resistant New Construction

fact sheet from Green County Public Health

Radon Prevalence in Green County

Radon levels vary across the state. In Green County, radon is common, with 59% of homes tested having elevated radon levels. In the 53566 zip code, 63% of homes had elevated levels, and in the 53520 zip code, 44% of homes tested had elevated radon. You can view additional data at dhs.wisconsin.gov/radon.

What is Radon?

Radon is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas. Radon is odorless, colorless, and tasteless, and the only way to know if it is present is to test for it. Radon gas comes from rocks and soil in the ground.



Radon & Your Health

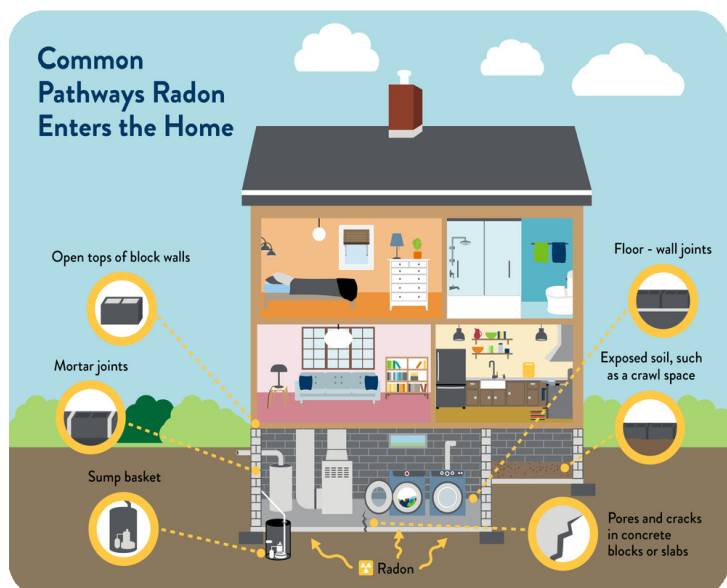
Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon gas causes more than 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year.

How Does Radon Enter a House?

Radon can enter a house from the soil as a result of air pressure differences through:

- Cracks in foundation
- Cavities inside walls
- Joints between floors and walls
- Gaps around service pipes and in suspended floors

As warm air rises, the “stack effect” causes unconditioned replacement air to enter lower portion of the house.



Radon Resistant Construction Techniques

Gravel

Use a 4-inch layer of clean, coarse gravel below the “slab” or foundation. The layer of gravel allows gases like radon to move freely under the house. This is called the “air flow layer” or the “gas permeable layer” because the gravel allows gases to circulate.

Plastic Sheeting/Vapor Retarder

Cover the gravel layer with heavy-duty plastic sheeting (6 mil. polyethylene) or a vapor barrier. This will help prevent soil gases from entering the house.

Vent Pipe

Run a 3-inch or 4-inch solid PVC pipe from the gravel layer (stubbed up when the slab is poured) through the house’s conditioned space and roof. This will vent radon and other soil gases outside of the house. The pipe should be labeled “Radon System” and can be installed by a plumber or certified radon professional.

Sealing & Caulking

Seal openings, cracks, and crevices in the foundation floor and walls using polyurethane caulk. This can prevent radon from entering the home through those cracks.

Junction Box

Install an electrical junction box in the house’s attic that can be used with a vent fan in case, after testing the house for radon, a more robust mitigation system is needed.

Learn More

Scan the QR code below to learn more about radon-resistant construction.



Testing for Radon

After completing construction, your home should be tested for radon. The results will tell you if you need to add a fan to your mitigation system.

Radon test kits are available at Green County Public Health or through the South Central Radon Information Center. Each test kit comes with instructions on how to use it.



Green County Public Health



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N3152, WI-81, Monroe, WI

South Central Radon Information Center



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GOURD VASE DECORATING



In this free class, you will create your own unique gourd vase using various techniques and embellishments. Your overall design could include any of the following choices – feathers, eggshells, beads, cording... or whatever you decide. All supplies included. Appropriate for all skill levels.

Tuesday, July 30

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Stoughton Health

Community Health & Wellness Center

3162 County Road B, Stoughton

To register, please visit stoughtonhealth.com and click on "Classes and Events."

Space is limited so please register early.



www.stoughtonhealth.com



July 2024 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

There are a lot of interesting, free programs coming up at the Senior Center in the next few weeks, and you can be a part of them!

If you are fond of animals, consider joining us for our annual “Zoo to You” program on Wednesday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m. Animal handlers from Henry Vilas Zoo bring a variety of small animals to the Center, talk about them, and let audience members see them up close. This program is appropriate for children ages four and over, so consider bringing a grandchild or young friend if you would like. There are often children in the audience for this program.

Another interesting program will be held on Friday, July 19, at 1:00 p.m. UW-Madison Professor Emerita Vicki Bier will present a Badger Talk about women in science, math and engineering. This program will address both why it has been so difficult for women to break into those fields, as well as practical steps we can take to encourage and support girls and women who want to pursue those fields, or who are already in them.

One up-coming event that always turns out to be a lot more fun than it sounds is “Write Your Own Obituary.” We have hosted this several times in the past and there is always a lot of laughter and positive feedback from the participants. Staff from Gunderson Funeral Homes will lead this program on Wednesday, July 31, at 10:00 a.m. Your obituary will record your life for posterity. Make sure it says what you want it to say!

If you have any interest in aviation, space flight, or photography, you should consider joining us on Wednesday, July 17 at 1:00 p.m. for a presentation by photographer Jaime Cordova. Jamie is an aviation photographer based in Madison who has had work featured by the Wisconsin Air National Guard and American Airlines. He will be sharing photographs of various aircraft and telling their stories.

For movie buffs, the Senior Center will be showing the movie “Waitress: The Musical” on Friday, July 26, at 1:00. Treats for the movie are sponsored by Sienna Crest.

As always, the Senior Center staff is available to help you with issues you may encounter. Please call us for information about transportation, housing, Medicare, social security, powers of attorney, etc. If you have questions about whether something is a scam, please run it by one of our staff. We are available to help make your journey a little smoother: 608-835-5801.

Link to Oregon Senior Center Newsletter or go to <https://www.vil.oregon.wi.us/seniorcenter>

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**COMMUNITY POTLUCK**  
**Thursday, July 25, 2024 -At Noon**  
**Brooklyn Methodist Church**  
Everyone - all ages are welcome.  
Bring a dish to pass.  
Table service and beverages are provided.

# Brooklyn Mighty Mites 4-H

**CELEBRATING “50” YEARS!**

**You’re Invited - Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 1pm-4pm**

**Brooklyn Community Bldg – 102 N. Rutland**

**Archives back to 1974 & even older, 4-H projects past & present,**

**Animals/livestock, Brooklyn Dairy Queen (Dairy Promo)**

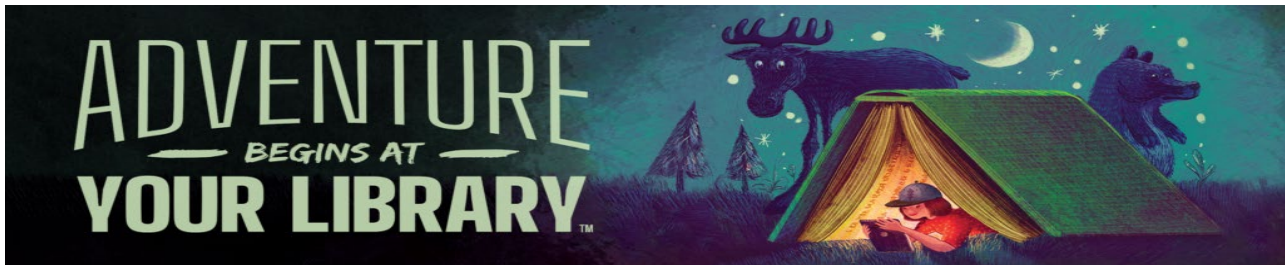
**Past & present queens invited, Food Concessions**

**Raffle or Silent Auction (sponsored by local businesses)**

**Cake Walk, & More!!!!**

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2024 Summer Library Program for All Ages!



June 3 - August 17

People of all ages are welcome to begin their Adventure at the Oregon Library this summer! We'll have prizes, giveaways, special events, and more!

Registration

Register online via [Oregon Library's Beanstack page](#) OR download and use the [Beanstack app](#).

- Create one account for the whole family!
- Use the same account every year and for all of Oregon Library's literacy programs!
- Write books reviews and have a list of what you've read!
- Track your reading and activities on Beanstack to earn prizes. (A paper log is available to help with tracking, but all reading, and activities must be added to Beanstack to enter the Grand Prize Drawings.)
- Our amazing librarians are always here to help!

Summer Newsletter

Your Start to the Summer.
Oregon Youth Center Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Dance – Aug 2nd
Driving while intoxicated simulation – July 23rd

Activities and Clubs

Engineering Club – Every other Friday starting June 21st.
Pool every Wednesday 1-3
Boxing Club – every other Friday starting June 14th
Art club every other Tuesday
Reading club weekly

Visit the OYC website

oregonyouthcenter.org

Supplies Needed

We are looking for paper towels, popsicle sticks, Elmer's glue, duck tape, scotch tape, rubber bands, 20oz water bottles with caps, magazines, small dowels, string, poster boards, basketballs, exercise equipment (please let us know what you have).

Always

As a non-profit business we always need monetary donations for supplies, events and clubs. We would enjoy your expertise as a volunteer. If you would like to give a presentation or lead an activity let us know. We are looking for a parent or high schooler to lead our Basketball skill & drills club.



The Dane County Library Service Bookmobile visits Brooklyn year-round on Thursday evenings from 6-7:30 at the gazebo on Commercial St. The Bookmobile has books, magazines, movies, and music for all ages.

A library card from any South-Central Library works on the Bookmobile. Don't have a library card? You can get one on board the Bookmobile!

Visit dcls.info for full schedule and more. Call 608-266-9297 or email bookmobile.dcl@gmail.com with questions.



**EVERY TUESDAY 3-5
STARTING JULY 9TH**

BASKETBALL SKILLS AND DRILLS

**Come have fun while
learning the fine sport of
basketball**

OREGON YOUTH CENTER

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**Thurs., Aug. 8, 2024  
from 5 pm to 7:30 pm  
Legion Park**

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All Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Building

**Monday -
6:00pm
PiYo®**



**Wednesday -
6:00pm
Yoga: Slow
Flow
No classes
6/26 - 8/14**

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**Save the date for  
our Annual  
Fall Arts & Crafts Fair**  
**Saturday, August 31st, 2024**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Brooklyn Community Building**  
**Still accepting Vendor/Crafter registrations**

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**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024**

The June 10, 2024, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Chris Groenier, Dan Olson, Michael Gehrmann, Mike Brusberg and Christian Allen. Trustee David Berland was absent. Also present were Melissa Agard, Sue McCallum, Renae Hanson, Stacey Hardy, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments -- Kuhlman noted that she received documentation from a resident regarding No Mow May, and it was handed out to the board members. She told the resident the information would be given to the board. Olson thanked Brian and Carrie Roberts for the donation of the flowers and planting them in the boxes around town. They did a nice job.

Melissa Agard was present. She is running for Dane County Executive. Agard stated she is currently state senator representing the 16th district, which is eastern edge of Dane County and includes a bit of City of Madison. She was raised in the community and is a single mom of four boys. She loved her time in legislature for 12 years, but when the opportunity to go back to county government, and step into executive role and work with local governments and lift up the real values of people in the community, protect vulnerable folks, ensure

we're doing what we can for the economy and workforce development and take safety seriously, that's clearly what won out. The primary is in August and general election in November. It's a special election, so there will be the full 4-year term in 2025 with primary in February and general election in April. She knows the only way to win votes is by earning trust. She had an opportunity to visit lots of different villages and towns, and asked if she could introduce herself to us and be asked any questions. She's more than honored to come out and tour businesses and hot spots in the community that need to be highlighted when it comes to intergovernmental cooperation and relationship with county. She's here at our call because if she is elected, she will be taking care of everyone and not just urban areas of Dane County. She has contact information and door cards. Brusberg stated we've had projects in place in the village, specifically the business complex, where we're working through a CARPC meeting this week to seek further approval. We're a small community and we seem to butt into issues with median income too high to have access for grants and fundings, so that's a piece where we struggle with. Agard asked if it's state or county. Brusberg said it's been across the board. We have 1500 people in the community and we are in Dane, Rock and Green Counties and have a lot of citizens who commute, and the median income crosses a threshold that puts us out of funding in a lot of cases. We're looking to do an infrastructure improvement on Hotel Street with a few businesses, and we want to improve parking, and infrastructure improvements, and because of the size of the community, we butt into access to capital issue as well. We're trying to balance and not increase the levy. Agard said the legislature moved forward with shared revenue. She's hopeful they will be back at the table talking about that with legislature in next session. She said to contact MadRep and continue to build that relationship with them. Those are the types of things she's interested in helping with. Discussion on housing growth. Gehrmann talked about infrastructure that goes with new housing. He said the state says here's the rules and we won't tell you how to do it and we won't help pay for it. That's where the frustration comes. Brusberg stated we want to grow and have capacity to grow, but then we get treatment plant requirements which takes capital. Agard said you're on the edge of excitement, but with that comes some frustration and uneasiness. Brusberg said we're working with DOT to get a street approved for the business park, and it's not easy and takes time, and all these things are small hurdles to work through. Agard asked if the county executive ever came out and talked to us. Bruner said no, but we've not reached out to them. Agard said it is their job. Bruner said he's been proud that we haven't had to do what some neighboring communities have done where they've added taxes and referenda to increase levy; and we've managed to keep it within our levy. The Village share of tax levy is going down. We've been proud of that and trying to keep very financially responsible, but where you're looking at adding on big projects, we don't have that capacity. We're hoping to get help from state or county level, and we'd like to be able to be considered for it. Agard appreciates that, and said the offer is there if anyone wants to contact her. Board thanked her for coming down.

Bruner suggested jumping to Anchor Club special event. Kuhlman explained it's the same event as last few years. Public works had no comments, fire department mentioned their concern of access to the alley for emergency response and suggested if the alley is closed for parking and reserved only for people, it will be easier to clear out in case of emergency, and police comments were to make sure staff is watching patrons outside. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the special event permit for Anchor Club for July 27 and 28.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the amplification permit for Anchor Club for July 27.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

President's report – Bruner reminded the board the CARPC public hearing for the Urban Service Amendment is Thursday. He will be present.

Olson made a motion to approve minutes of May 13. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Allen abstained.

Council on Aging – McCallum stated the reaccreditation is done, the policy review is done, and they had a new system where they're only looking at what was changed from last reaccreditation. They spent time and went over policy reviews and said everything looked good. Included in the packet are short-term goals and long-term goals for the Senior Center. The two people who came are also senior center directors from DeForest

and Middleton. 2023 annual review was discussed and services. Had annual elections and Clarice Dewey will remain as president, Nancy Sheldon remains as secretary, Ruth Klahn will remain at large; those are the three that were up for reelection. The brat bash fundraiser netted \$4,600. Included in the packet is the confidentiality agreement she signs every year. There was a presentation on May 20 to the Oregon Village Board from the engagement process for the new senior center. They heard input from various processes. It's still in the planning stages. They have enough borrowing capacity in their capital budget. When in the reaccreditation meeting, they discussed trying to establish an endowment. You can get an end-of-life donation from an estate and can use the interest off the principal to fund things. They will look into it. Gehrmann asked how come Brooklyn had no home delivered meals on the January 1 and December 1 usage chart. The usage chart shows the Town of Dunn didn't have any and the village didn't, but other groups had quite a few. McCallum said a majority of senior citizens are on the Green County side, and it's a Dane County funded program. Gehrmann said that's a perfect example of driving up from Monroe or drive another mile and half to the edge of town, and it's different groups in the same community getting served and making life complicated because you live on the other side of a line drawn. McCallum said there was no participation in ADP, adult day program, or education or support groups. None of those are county restricted, but we don't have anyone taking advantage of it. Gehrmann said it seems like meals would be easy to take advantage of. Brusberg said proportionately, we're less than 4% of services rendered and less than 4% of seniors getting services in each case. Gehrmann feels like we need to do a better job of advertising services. He knows of some that would qualify. Discussion on number of attendees from Brooklyn. Olson thought there was a reimbursement through Green County for the meals, but obviously there must not be. Bruner said we talked about it. Bruner told Agard when she gets elected that could be first order of business. Agard commented there needs to be intergovernmental cooperation to feed people. Discussion on housing needs in Brooklyn. Board thanked her for the report.

Historical Society – McCallum said Kuhlman provided them minutes from the May meeting and they looked at the rental agreement. They had three things wanted clarity. First one was the term. Can we put in date to be determined. It was decided to wait until they move in to sign. No. 4, food or alcohol – they're not planning on serving anything, but if do have some hours for people, could they have coffee and cookies in the space. Hanson added without getting additional okay or written consent. Gehrmann said we can change verbiage to not charging for food or beverage. No. 6, physical damage to community building or contents, they wondered if that meant the whole building. Except for using the bathroom, they won't be in the building. Everything in closet will be moved upstairs. She understands and will be responsible for their space. Discussion on liability. McCallum said they submitted a draft of an insurance policy, and they will list the village as an additional insured. Gehrmann said with a dollar amount. McCallum said they'll be there so seldom, and they will tell us when they're there. They asked about utilities, can it be monitored once they move in to see if different. It's not in the agreement. If they cause more utilities, they want to pay. Olson said if they see a significant increase in heating or air conditioning. It will take six months to a year to get an average. McCallum asked if they need to ask permission to paint or clean. Olson said to go through public works. Gehrmann had no questions and thinks it's great that they're doing it. Olson said his only concern was the letter about the village possibly being listed if something was to happen for liability; the village will be also be on the hook. With us being owners of the building, that's going to always be there no matter who is in there, but our agreement covers a lot of stuff that says they're held responsible for injury, etc. His only other concern is there is no second exit; could be a fire hazard. Bruner said it's also not an accessible entrance. **Gehrmann made a motion to approve the rental agreement with the Brooklyn Historical Society with a start date to be determined once the Brooklyn police department moves out of the space.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Olson opposed. McCallum and Hanson thanked the board. They talked about when the move will be. Kuhlman said it will be after the November election. Hanson asked about the water line easement through her land. She noticed stakes and has no idea if stakes are showing where the line is buried or marking the 15 feet easement, but it's out farther than she thought it would be. Bruner said they're offset. Kuhlman will check with Spilde and call her back tomorrow.

Kuhlman said the Bike the Barns fundraiser short route in September will come through Brooklyn from the west on Highway 92, to Railroad Street, then to S. Rutland and then to Holt Road. They have contacted law

enforcement in all counties involved. **Olson made a motion that we have no issues with the Bike the Barns short route coming through Brooklyn.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated Rob Roth is stepping back from being our lead zoning administrator and asked if Erin Salmon from his office can be our lead. She has been doing our reviews for the past few months with no problems. Olson thinks it would be nice to meet her sometime. **Olson made a motion to approve the appointment of Erin Salmon from Roth Professional Services to being our village zoning administrator.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated Resolution 2024-11 is to officially approve the investment funds that were discussed and approved at prior meetings. Olson suggested putting that we retained 30% in each account. **Brusberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-11 with the additional clause that we will keep 30% aside for each of those fund types.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman received quotes putting in cameras outside the village hall, an electronic door unlock and intercom at the front door and a keypad at the back entrance. She would like to postpone discussion because there are some items to be clarified on the quotes. Discussion on items to check in quotes. Brusberg suggested calling local companies. **Olson made a motion to postpone the village hall camera estimates until we have more information.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman said we received an inquiry on our Airbnb rules are, and we don't have anything. Planning & Zoning Commission discussed a year or so ago but decided not to do anything at that time. We had a recommendation from zoning administrator at the time, that instead of making it a conditional use, to make an ordinance to license them. Does the board want to look at it or send to PZ. Deputy Clerk Olson has been looking into different communities. **Brusberg made a motion to send the Airbnb license ordinance and application licensing to Planning & Zoning.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

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

Gehrmann made a motion to approve the consent agenda items for liquor licenses and cigarette licenses as presented, pending receipt of paperwork from Dollar General Store for Dollar General. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman said the board has discussed previously continuing sewer and water lines into the next parcel down Prosperity Place. It sounds like Fischer will do it as long as they have time, but it won't include finishing the road because, one, it would be over the threshold for outside bidding, and two, we have to put in stormwater controls. Brusberg recommended putting snow fences or something and be very careful not to go onto land that we don't own. **Gehrmann made a motion to extend the sewer and water down Prosperity Place onto the 15.74 acre parcel and include clear property markings with reasonable means before construction starts.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works – Olson said the committee discussed parking on N. Rutland. The committee recommended No Parking signs and yellow curb on N. Rutland going from Marcie north 70 feet and then 70 feet onto Marcie Drive on both sides and then south 70 feet on N. Rutland from Marcie. Groenier said there is already a fire hydrant there on Marcie. He wouldn't worry about Marcie Drive. Allen agreed it makes sense not to include Marcie. Brusberg is on board with that. If it gets bad, it can be readdressed. Kuhlman said there would be an ordinance adjustment to 32-82(c) adding wording of unless otherwise posted. Brusberg said that is a good balance. **Groenier made a motion to approve painting the curbing 70 feet to the north and south of Marcie Drive on N. Rutland and then on Marcie Drive from the stop sign 30 feet back.** Brusberg seconded. **Groenier added to motion to add no parking from here to corner signs on Marcie Drive and Rutland.** Brusberg seconded amendment. Motion carried.

Olson said the committee also discussed the parking in front of public works. There is a gravel area big enough for a semi to pull into, and residents complain when they're idling and running. The committee had a discussion about putting up a sign that says no engine idling from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. It's not so much the trucks stopping there, but it's when they're running. Grumke has made a phone call to the trucking company and made them aware that parking may not be allowed if they continue. Allen asked if we have a sound ordinance at night to cover that. Gehrman said it would have to be monitored. Olson said there would have to be an officer to enforce it. Grumke will contact Green County about the sign. Brusberg also said to make sure residents are aware of signage. Olson said they're hoping the sign will deter the issue. Brusberg asked if we can pass along to Dane County deputies to check as they drive through. **Allen made a motion to purchase additional signage to help prevent semis from idling in the parking lot as needed.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried. **Olson made a motion to approve the changes in the parking ordinance for Section 32-82 parking restrictions (g) to no parking with engine running will be allowed between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 p.m. in front of 102 Windy Lane, and (c) traffic control signs, unless otherwise posted.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Olson stated basically they want to send to ordinance committee amending the nuisance ordinance to try to put in 30 days to get a camper moved from the property. **Olson made a motion to send to the ordinance committee the nuisance property ordinance violations update.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Cemetery policy – Olson said we've needed this for some time. It includes burial hours, rules, etc. Basically it's part of the policy and procedures for our manual for public works to have directives for operations of the cemetery. Gehrman asked if it fits within what we're currently doing. Olson said yes, but we didn't have set burial times. We have run into issues with cremation burials where we aren't told the size of the urn. With the forms and policy in place, it would go to the funeral homes as well. **Gehrman made a motion to approve the new cemetery policy as presented.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works/Utilities Update -- Wastewater treatment plant DNR permit should come sometime in July with a disinfection limit starting April 30, 2029, which will need an upgrade to put in disinfection system. It will probably be an ultraviolet light system, so we will see some stuff coming through soon. Gehrman said those require maintenance. Brusberg asked about a rough idea on cost. Olson doesn't know. Brusberg asked what is meant by clean lift station by McCann's. Olson explained that McCann's Underground three times a year cleans the lift stations. That's a requirement. Also, with the Highway 92 project we are asked to televise our sanitary sewer. There's 3,090 feet of sanitary sewer lines we have to have televised to make sure there are no issues. Brusberg asked who covers the cost. Olson said the village does, and it's also part of sewer stuff we have to do through the DNR. It will cost about \$5500. McCann's will give us a video card so we have it.

Clerk's report – Financials for May, the investment accounts have been separated out and the board has the May monthly statements. We had \$221,884.02 in deposits. \$108,476.10 was loan proceeds for a draw on the business park first payment to Fischer. Withdrawals totaled \$314,972.01. May ended with a balance of \$2,370,023.12. Rest of financials were handed out. We have CARPC hearing on Thursday at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Bruner and Kuhlman will be on, and Jon Solan from Strand will be presenting. It's just a public hearing. It will be about 30 days later that they will make a decision. Dane County is doing comp plan changes and are accepting comments. Dane County sent out a housing strategy report. Most board members received. We received a letter from Green County Treasurer about printing tax bills and timelines for doing tax bills. Health insurance for next year will increase 11% for local plans. For the purchase of the Georges' property, since we set up the two options to purchase at the time of the original purchase, there are broker commission fees of 3% built into the options. We have to pay broker fees of about \$14,000. And the same thing will include the next future purchase as well. The closing on the property is June 18. Board of Review is tomorrow night, and we have no objections filed. She thanked McCallum and the Chamber for the flower pots outside the community building and by the gazebo and village hall. She also would like to thank the Mighty Mites for their work on planting flowers in the cemetery and for building birdhouses and a bench for the cemetery. Brusberg

asked if we talked to Accurate about 2026 for a revaluation. Kuhlman did and is waiting for a response. Bachim will be starting work on village hall in the next week. They will put a fence up before doing demo work. The property line was marked by Strand last week, and the property owner was present. We received a \$7,200 refund from unemployment, which was a credit issued about three years ago during COVID. We had \$130 left with League safety grant, and public works bought a CO detector for Deputy Grumke. The Youth Center is getting public input on whether people want a bus to pick up kids in Brooklyn and take them to the youth center in the summer. Kuhlman explained that Georges are asking for attorney fees to be paid in regard to the portion having to do with extending onto their property. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the payment of the attorney fees for the Georges at point of closing in the amount of \$1,495.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee – Brusberg said the committee discussed funding for village hall outside and inside. They recommended for the outside to use fund balance, and for the inside use fund balance set aside for village hall and police of roughly \$54,595. \$38,991 was from village hall rent collected from the bank, and that was always the intent to use that to remodel the inside. **Olson made a motion to approve Resolutions 2024-13 and 2024-14 budget amendments for the village hall remodel inside and outside.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg said the funding for business park land, the committee recommended procuring short-term borrowing and hope to pay back immediately upon closing with next phase of business park. Interest rate of 6.3% would be the going rate for this type of short-term financing. Once we get payment, we pay off the outstanding balance of the loan, so interest doesn't build up. **Gehrmann made a motion to approve 2024-12 borrowing of funds for purchasing land in the Brooklyn Business Park.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Discussion previously on the Hotel Street project was seeking a clean water fund loan for a portion of the project, but it would create additional requirements and the level of the loan or funding is not material enough. The committee recommended moving forward without doing an application for clean water fund loan for the project and seek other forms of funding. **Gehrmann made a motion for funding of the Hotel Street project to move forward without applying for clean water funding.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Sick leave account policy says upon retirement dollars can be used to fund HSA for health insurance expenses. We have two employees who have 763 and 700 hours built up. It would be about \$64,000 added to the account right away. The committee recommended doing 500 hours for each this year and hand the balance over to Ehlers to actively manage to drive further interest-related returns on the balance, and next year reassess and add another employee. Eventually get it to cover all. Gehrmann asked where the cash will come from. Brusberg said from fund balance, specifically future capital projects and equipment. **Gehrman made a motion to set aside for future health care costs for future retirees in the amount of \$33,500 from fund balance for capital improvement items.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Bruner met with Jason Marshall and Stacey Hardy, and the gist is that with all the discrepancies in zoning, Combs did a certified survey in 2017, and Marshall is contacting Combs to get an official statement on where the property line is. They did not move forward with anything else, because we want to get that settled first. **Olson made a motion to approve the minutes from November 14, 2023 and minutes from February 12, 2024.** Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Fire/EMS district – Brusberg said they did their monthly reporting. There was a discussion around Lexipol, which was tabled until June or July. Kuhlman asked if they checked with League insurance. Brusberg asked her to check with Barber again. The main thing they discussed was employee sick time and vacation. There is no policy, so they talked about what that would look like and covered it with an email. It will be finalized at further meetings. He has a conflict on June 19, so would anyone be willing to go to the meeting. Allen volunteered. Olson said he could do it as well. Kuhlman filed maintenance of effort form with the state.

No closed session. **Groenier made a motion at 8:50 p.m. to adjourn.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

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