

JULY 2021 VILLAGE NEWS

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Community Potluck



Thursday, July 22nd

At Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes June 14, 2021

The June 14, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Community Building and via Zoom by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present in person and via Zoom were Dan Olson, Kyle Smith (via Zoom), Sean Brennum, Mike Brusberg, and Brandon Arndt. Jacob Bachim arrived late. Also, present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

President's report – Bruner stated if anyone gets an email from him asking to pick up gift cards, it's not from him. Check the email address. His is president@brooklynwi.gov. Don't click on attachments. The previous board had authorized sending in the radio from the 2013 squad to have the software updated. Dane County was not able to update software on that radio, so they're getting a new radio to take its place. Deputy Zilli said Green County is switching radios at the end of the year.

Brennum made a motion to approve the May 24 minutes. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Safety report – Deputy Zilli sent two reports from the speed board when it was on W. Main and also on Church. It's now on S. Rutland. He was also able to pull crime reports from Dane County for May. Not much to report with the speed boards. Most were below the high-risk thresholds. He can pull the data immediately with the free software. It is connecting now at least a couple times a day. We had a gun call in the Village. He urged people not to confront people speeding down the street. It's his last meeting and Deputy Grumke starts on the 28th. The board thanked him for his service for the village.

Clerk's report – Financials for May were \$105,605.80 in deposits and \$101,813 in withdrawals. The total was \$1,637,826.53 in all accounts at the end of May. The budgets to date were handed out. We received the yearly **dividend from League of Wisconsin Municipal Insurance Company** in the amount of \$3,230. Village Hall opening is going well. People are slowly coming back. The **Wisconsin Historical Society put up a display** in the Village Hall. Flowers were purchased for Village Hall. Registering us this week with the state to receive the **ARPA funds**. Bruner signed an agreement with Treasury to receive the funds and also a Title VI assurances agreement. Our amount is approximately \$153,000, and half will be paid by June 25 and the other half next year. The money will go into the capital projects fund. Treasury is still working on a list of what the money can be used for. We have until the end of 2024 to use the funds. We have a **TID Joint Review Board** meeting next Tuesday, which consists of the counties, Oregon School District, Madison College and two board members. We received notice late last Friday that the **PSC approved the rate increase for water**. It is a 3% increase, which is about 28 cents extra in base charges and 8 cents per 100 cubic feet in usage, so it will be about approximately a 70-cent increase for an average user per month. It takes effect August 1, so it will be on the September bills. We will put a notice on the bills next month. **Board of Review** met last week. There were no objections. The counties have our information now. Green County balanced today. We received a donation from Pat Wilkening of two birdhouses for the cemetery. The Sno Hornets asked if there was something in the park that they could donate money toward. Public Works said they could use it for the bleachers. So, the Sno Hornets and Sno Blazers donated \$500. **Brennum made a motion to accept the Sno-Hornets and Sno Blazers \$500 donation and the birdhouse donation.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Bruner stated bills were discussed at Finance Committee and didn't find anything out of place. **Brusberg made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried. (Deputy Zilli left the meeting)

Brooklyn Historical Society – Sue McCallum. McCallum thanked Kuhlman for letting them put a display next to the clerk's office. They will rotate it every 3-4 months. They started out with how Brooklyn began with the railroad and then village government. She had an old population sign that says 590. She tried to figure out what census it was closest to. She found populations for 1930, 1940, and 1950, and then she found an article that talks about the 1965 population was 590. They lost the location for all of their

artifacts and most have been distributed in various places. The last two pieces are pianos. They can't go into a spot with no heat. Now that the village owns the bank building, they're making a request to move the two pianos into the basement. One the Methodist Church bought in 1930 and the second is a pump organ. They hope to have another location eventually. There's room at the end of the last rack of storage, back in the corner, so they're out of the way. She will keep canvas drop cloths over them and will hire them to be moved. Arndt asked if she checked the dimensions. McCallum said no, but it's a huge area. Olson asked if she's concerned about moisture with the pianos. McCallum said no, she's not concerned. Olson said there are moisture issues in the basement up in the front section and water seeping in on the brick on the other side of the basement. Olson asked if there are other large items. McCallum said they have items in several locations and are just looking for a place for the pianos. **Smith made a motion to allow the Historical Society to use the space.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. McCallum thanked the board. She is working to find a permanent home.

Bruner made a motion to appoint Christian Allen to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Brennum seconded. Motion carried. **Brennum made a motion to nominate Bruner and Brusberg to the TID Joint Review Boards.** Smith seconded. Motion carried. **Brennum made a motion to adopt the electronic meeting policy.** Smith seconded. Motion carried. (Bachim arrived)

Alcohol licenses – Kuhlman explained that all applications were okay. She also explained that Main Street Music and More would like to postpone their application to the next meeting. They are looking at doing outdoor seating areas. It was in their application last year, and the board had some additional things they wanted to review, so the outdoor seating was not approved last year. Andy Meyer was not able to make it to the meeting tonight, so they'd like to postpone to the next meeting. Kuhlman stated they need to designate a walkway between the two seating areas, and they will need to put up fencing around the areas, so that needs to be discussed with them. **Arndt made a motion to approve agenda items A, B and C for renewal minus Main Street Music.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. **Smith made a motion to approve D.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. **Brennum made a motion to approve E and F.** Smith seconded. Motion carried. **Brennum made a motion to postpone the Main Street Music license.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished business – Brusberg recommended doing in person meetings, since there has been no public on the phone the last few meetings. Brennum suggested if we have the meetings in person, we do them at the community building. **Brennum made a motion to resume in-person meetings for village board meetings.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. Smith opposed.

Recreation Committee – Arndt stated they had a meeting last week. They discussed Get Fit. The PiYO program was cancelled the last couple of weeks due to temperatures and instructor issues. They're looking for a new program to replace that in September. If anyone has any ideas for a HIIT class, let them know. Yoga will be postponed in July and be back in August. They talked about the food truck event tomorrow night. They have five trucks now. They added the ice cream truck. Recreation put flyers up, it's posted on the village page, on Facebook and there's a sign in front of the community building and he'll put one more by the village hall. It's from 5-8 tomorrow night. They talked about Brooklyn Night Out and started to reach out to regular participants. The craft fair, they're waiting to see if the location can be the school or community building. They're reaching out to vendors. Sunday Dance Program, some at recreation were wondering if we needed some sort of liability form for equipment they're storing on the stage. Brusberg asked about the air conditioning. Bruner said there is no air conditioning. Bachim said it's on the agenda for public works meeting. Arndt said rec brought up that the village posts this space to be utilized as a cooling center. Olson said when temps get to a certain amount, they open the lower level for a cooling center. It's also a warming center in the winter. Brusberg asked if something for tweens has been discussed at the rec committee. Arndt said it was discussed at a prior meeting. They talked about potentially something with the youth center. Brusberg said maybe something to replace PiYO activity could be for youths. Arndt said they have done in the past open gym, but the numbers are not there. Arndt talked about giving something back to the parks. They do it on an annual basis. They've used part of the rec budget for wood chips, benches, etc. They discussed a potential community garden. They discussed doing a 5k like in the past. Bruner asked if they have a location in mind for the community garden. Arndt thought next to village hall in the lot across from Anchor Club. They're thinking that would be an option

because it would have water access from the village hall. They would potentially do a white picket fence and raised garden beds and rent out each garden bed yearly. It would be something for next year. They also discussed possibly using Legion Park or the Genesis lot. The big issue is water access. They will use rec budget to pay for it. Bruner likes the idea of drawing people to downtown. Brusberg said it seems like a reasonable place to use it. Bruner stated the Village looked at one time putting a parking lot in there, but there's not enough space. Kuhlman mentioned the neighbor has expressed interest in purchasing it as well.

Fire/EMS Strategic Planning Committee – Arndt stated the committee met on May 26. They did not meet June 8. They nominated John Marx as chairperson and will discuss results of the surveys that were sent out at the next meeting. They looked at some surveys from WIOAR and compared our service to others, and we compare out fairly well with those other districts. There are a few areas of improvement. One area of improvement is the medical director involvement. He looks at scenarios and how to approach scenarios with calls, like a review board. The director now is on a volunteer basis, and it would be costly to get a new medical director. They talked about having a vehicle replacement anticipation fund/timeline to repair or replace in a timely manner, looking at the bigger picture. Talked about the organization's structure and potentially merging EMS and fire. They discussed coverage of EMS and fire, what daytime and nighttime looks like. They looked at a response truck and what that would look like. Marx talked about coming to a board meeting to discuss some of the ideas. He's currently working on a rough draft of the strategic plan. The idea is to have a plan in place to approve a budget and be transparent on what to do. Brusberg asked how fast to get the surveys reviewed. Arndt said possibly the second meeting in July to come to the board to talk. August/September is the annual meeting. Kuhlman stated there have been about 107 responses so far. Arndt said they can talk at the next meeting on when they'll have something to report to the board.

Finance Committee – Brusberg reported that the \$2,000 lease payment collected from State Bank of Cross Plains was previously going toward capital projects, but now there are utility expenses being incurred. So, the thought is to use a portion of the dollars for utilities and the remainder for capital needs. They recommended 40% going toward monthly utilities and the other 60% to capital projects. Bruner said it was brought up generally, but the problem we have right now are the utilities are being paid out of the general fund and \$2,000 is going into capital. This way part is coming out of the lease. The average right now is about \$700, but we can look at it at budget time again. Smith asked what the \$1,200 would go towards in capital projects. Brusberg stated it would be specific to the bank building itself. Smith asked to specify that on the record. **Brusberg made a motion that of the \$2,000 lease payment, up to 40% of the dollars will be directed toward covering monthly utilities expense for electricity, water and sewer, and the remainder for capital project needs for village hall building.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg discussed the clerk and deputy clerk attending the WMCA conference August 24-27 in Brookfield. The cost of hotel is about \$107 and \$290 for each person for the conference. Their recommendation is to approve. Bruner also mentioned it would require the clerk's office to be closed for the 4 days. **Brusberg made a motion to allow the clerk and deputy clerk to attend the WMCA conference from August 24-27 in Brookfield, including both conference fees and hotel expenses, and allow the clerk's office to be closed during those four days.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained.

Brennum made a motion at 7:34 p.m. to adjourn. Bachim seconded. Brusberg asked if the youth center is coming. Kuhlman stated at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2021

The June 28, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Community Building by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present in person were Dan Olson, Kyle Smith, Sean Brennum, Mike Brusberg, Brandon Arndt and Jacob Bachim. Also present were Precious Woodley from Oregon Youth Center, Rick Corey from Main Street Music & More, Frank Seitler, Kathy Pennington and John Marx from Town of Brooklyn, Deputy Zilli and Deputy Grumke, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – Kuhlman reported a resident stopped in the office and asked if the village was going to do something to acknowledge Louie Fahey's 90th birthday. Bruner mentioned Lloyd and Ruth Klahn's 60th anniversary party was on Sunday at Legion Park.

President's report – Bruner stated during the last two weeks he's had a couple of meetings with people interested in the Business Park. One is a current owner and one is a prospective owner. The prospective owner is looking at five acres with an option for five more. He and Brusberg met with O&A, and they love Brooklyn. They have 15,000 square feet and are building another 30,000 square feet onto it. They talked about doing two additions, possibly both at once. They will be talking to PZ and the board soon. Bruner and Brusberg took tours of both buildings and both are impressive. They're both great for the village. We will try to move forward and get phase 2 going. Brandon asked how many jobs they would bring. Bruner said O&A is talking about adding a second shift and 10 employees maybe and the other business is close to 20 workers.

Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of June 14. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Precious Woodley – Oregon Youth Center Director. She passed out flyers for their summer programming from noon to 4. They have lots of activities available. She described the Center and their activities. They have different clubs supported by community members. They also have Americorps member support that gives them two additional staff in the summer. They work in conjunction with Oregon School District to match schedules. They have community support groups to discuss with different organizations. Day-to-day programming includes lunch and snacks supported by the school district, but they also ask for donations. They've created a pledge program called In Our Corner. They are a non-profit, so all donations are tax deductible. They are open to monetary donations and volunteers. They also do programs with, for example, Oregon Police Department. Bruner asked how many Brooklyn students use the Center. Woodley said about 25%. Most are in Oregon and some from Fitchburg. The attendance is increasing from Brooklyn, and they are getting a bus stop back next year, so students in Brooklyn will be able to bus. The Center closes at 5:30 during the school year. Arndt asked how many students they have on average and the capacity. Woodley said the building capacity is 250, and the average daily is 35-40 students. Throughout the school year it increases because the bus is there. In summer it fluctuates. They work with Oregon School District regarding summer school. Olson asked what time the bus is in Brooklyn to pick up. Woodley said it's during the school year, and there is no busing in the summer. She can bring that up with the school district, but they have summer school at the Oregon High School. The Board thanked her for coming. Woodley said if there are any further questions, she can come back. They are starting to create quarterly newsletters and she will share them with us. Bruner thanked her for the service. Brusberg asked if the communication is to the parents or to the kids to know what is available. Woodley said current recruitment is through social media and direct communication to the school. They connect with school social workers who get it out to the schools. She also sends information to specific teachers. They have snack packs with flyers and she goes to the skate park to meet the students. Brusberg asked if she's aware of various information pages that exist between Brooklyn and Oregon. Woodley is aware of a few.

Bruner introduced Deputy Zilli and Deputy Grumke. Deputy Grumke started full-time today. Bruner welcomed Grumke to the village.

Rick Corey from **Main Street Music & More** discussed their alcohol license renewal with outdoor seating. They had originally drawn plans to develop outdoor seating. After taking a look at it this year, the consensus between owners is they will hold off for now. They want to have activities outdoors and possibly light acoustic music there. They want to look at it a lot closer and will have questions moving forward on parking, space, etc. They were thinking along side of the building, they have an exit and they're wondering whether they could rail off along the entrance to filter people back to the green space in the back. That's kind of where they're leaning, but they have to develop a plan and come back with questions. **Smith made a motion to approve the alcohol license for Main Street Music and More LLC, Andy Meyer agent, without the outdoor patio area and without the outdoor area.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman asked Corey to come with plans when they're ready.

Bruner asked if there were any objections to bouncing around on the agenda. Board will discuss the **lot next to village hall.** Kuhlman explained that the village had received previous inquiries about selling from Frank Seidler, who lives next to the lot. Within the last couple of weeks, Frank Simpson, the new owner of the building on the corner of Hotel and Commercial asked about the possibility of turning it into a parking lot. Kuhlman said the boards in the past had discussed a parking lot option. Brennum said there was discussion at the last meeting about a community garden possibly. He's curious as to what Seidler's plans are. He likes keeping it in the community. Seidler would not do anything on it except use for his parking. A few years ago when the lot was rezoned, they lost 12-14 feet out from the driveway over. If he had known at the time when it was being sold in the past, he would have bought it, but it was sold before he could make a quote on it. His initial thought in the past was it was a perfect place for a small repair shop because it already had the garage on it, but now he does not want to see a parking lot there. If the option is there to purchase it to keep from becoming a parking lot, he's interested. He has enough trouble with where his house and driveway is. People park in front of his house all winter. Brusberg is hesitant; with the business going in and traffic likely created there and then if Marshall gets his place there, there is potential for more. Bachim asked how many cars would fit for parking. Bruner thought 8-10 cars. Brennum asked if it's worth it. Bachim thinks beneficial to turn it into a lot for the village. Seidler also asked if the village would want someone owning three commercial lots. Bachim asked about dividing the lot. If the garage is more beneficial, take a slice off. Seidler said if we sell the lot, the only thing going in the garage is the car. Bruner said at this point we probably should get a better idea what's on the lot. Bachim asked if he's opposed to splitting the lot with a portion with the garage. Seidler said the Rutland access to his backyard is not usable because Alliant put guide wires on it, and the last 14 feet of his property is a water easement and the village needs access. Olson said there's a manhole. Smith said we have to get some ideas and dimensions and figure out what we can and can't do, talk to public works and the clerk's office and start a dialogue and figure out what everybody wants. Bruner said the next board meeting after public works committee meeting is the 26th of July. We can postpone to have a chance to gather more information. **Smith made a motion to postpone until second July meeting.** Sean seconded. Bachim said in between now and then we can look at measurements. Seidler will do his best to be at that meeting. He's starting 2nd shift soon. Smith said we'd keep him in the loop and will refer the matter to public works to get more information. Motion carried.

Fire/EMS Strategic Planning Committee – John Marx thanked the board for the invitation. The committee is putting together the plan at the request of the Village of Brooklyn. They have a draft. The mission and vision statements were put together by Heather Kirkpatrick, and they will go into the plan as well. Marx walked through the plan. Starts with district issues and the results of the surveys. Survey responses were disappointing; 108 citizens out of 3400. Local official response was disappointing as well; about 10 out of 20 took it. A lot of times people said they didn't have an opinion. That tells them that part of the issue is the district needs to incorporate a process to make a better effort at outreach. He could show up at more meetings to make themselves available. They put together strengths and weaknesses and goals and objectives. He will say that Wisconsin Office of Rural Health surveys gives evidence they're doing as well, if not better, than other comparable communities. In addition, they will need to put together for the commission and municipalities changes to the agreement that reflect what they are doing. The committee is having another meeting next week. He would like the district to adopt the plan early in August. The third week in August they will get proposed budgets from fire and EMS to get to the municipalities in September. The fire/EMS district is not that complicated an operation. They know what they're doing and what the challenges are. Unfortunately, the solutions are not easy or cheap. He's hoping through this process it

assures the municipalities the options are reasonable and thought out. Brusberg said he didn't feel he had enough information as a new official to put any responses down. Marx said he's been on for 15 years and there were questions he didn't know how to answer. Marx asked if there was anything to take back to the committee. Arndt asked if he was able to meet with Barber or Wicik. Marx said he thought the better way is to have the entire committee talk about what's in it or what isn't covered. He talked to Barber yesterday and asked if any surprises in the upcoming budget. Barber mentioned more radio equipment. They switched to digital for DaneCom but it was 10 years ago. Green County is switching to digital this fall, but don't think it will have a major impact. He'd like to make sure they think them through and have the opportunity to say what they need. Discussion on radio equipment. Arndt said the committee is meeting out of the ordinary schedule to get the process done sooner. Marx said Kuhlman has his email. Kathy Pennington, Chair for Town of Brooklyn, said we're two of five municipalities, so we all have to agree to move fire and EMS forward. There's been some history. She's asking the board to take a look at where we are today and where do we see ourselves. It's one of those things, as a resident, we want them there yesterday; otherwise, we don't care. She's asking for the five municipalities to come together and agree where we are today is not the same as where we'll be in five to 10 years, but the goals are here, and she's asking the board to consider the plan and give feedback and put something on the wall, so that it becomes a working document reviewed by the committee and presented. She wants to keep them up and current so they're there in a timely and responsive manner. Bruner appreciated her input. Board thanked Marx and Pennington for coming.

Clerk's Report – Kuhlman gave the board the Wisconsin Surplus sales of the police department equipment totaling approximately \$5,800. The squad auction ends tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. Discussion regarding the current bid and miles on the squad. Kuhlman stated the money from the squad will be set aside as carryover for a new squad in the future but didn't discuss where the other proceeds will go. Bruner would like to see it in a designated fund. Will discuss at finance and bring to board next meeting where to put funds. Brooklyn Commons update, street and sidewalks are done. We gave permission to start selling the lots, but until we get as-builts and lien waivers, the village will not accept the development and no one can build on it. It should be okay because it will be months before anyone would be building. Bruner thinks they have 9 lots sold already. Kuhlman said next year the final street layer will be done, and we will keep some on the Letters of Credit for that. There was a WW2 veteran identified as Ann, a cadet in the Air Force, buried without a marker, and a few years after that a family purchase the whole block not knowing someone was buried there. It is no one related to the family. The village swapped that lot with a new one next to their block since they lost that lot. They also purchased an additional one. We received the first half of our ARPA funds, about \$76,669. It was put in the capital projects fund to keep it separate from the general fund. She handed out sheets with an overview on what it could be spent on. If anyone has any ideas, pass them along to Finance Committee. One of the items can be lost revenue, and it came up to \$34,000 in lost revenue according to their formula. That lost revenue can be used for anything. Some options are sewer and water and can be given to non-profits. Brusberg asked if Spilde had ideas. Kuhlman said yes, they've talked about a new water meter reading system that would be more efficient in reading meters.

Olson and Arndt reviewed the bills. Olson had a comment on the Cutting Edge check that says grave digging. That is a typo. He also stated the Menards bill was missed last time. **Bachim made a motion to approve the bills.** Olson seconded. Smith asked if the board will continue to get all the finance stuff now that we have a Finance Committee. Kuhlman said yes, the first of the month meeting. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated there were no issues with Sherri Froesch's application for operator license. **Smith made a motion to approve the operator license for Sherri Froesch.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Business Complex phase 2 – Bruner stated we need to reach out to Georges for the next phase, and with businesses coming, refer to public works committee because they will have serious water issues for businesses and fire flow. It will be put on agenda for the next public works meeting. He will find out if Georges are interested in selling and get a price and bring it back here. Kuhlman stated in the future, she'd like to ask the board to bring in Ehlers to help with the financial portion. Bruner said we're talking about 33 acres. If we can make it work, we could have 10 sold with the option to buy more. **Smith made a**

motion to allow Bruner to start talks on phase 2 of the Business Complex. Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Bruner abstained.

Citizen communication form – Olson stated an updated version was handed out. The old form was more of a complaint form than a communication form. This will help to keep issues rolling through the departments. It can be put on the website for people to fill it out online and submit. A reason is to help keep items from not being addressed, like a verbal comes in and it's told to another department and then they forget. This would be somewhat of a paper trail, and it can work as a work order or a compliment form. Bruner likes the form. Do we want to put an asterisk next to the name and contact information and make that required, so we can follow up with it rather than get these done anonymously. Olson said the other question is if anything comes in verbal, would we want the department to fill it out. Kuhlman asked if anything that comes, including sidewalk complaints or lawn complaints or new garbage can, is it going to be required? She doesn't like the idea of making it required for everything. Bachim said it could be if there's something that needs a paper trail. Bruner said if the person has a legitimate issue or compliment, have the resident fill it out. It shows the resident is serious about wanting to present the information and having follow up. Brusberg asked if a call comes in, in lieu of taking a lot of notes, you could just get their email and send them the form to fill out. Kuhlman stated they don't get that many calls that would need a form. She doesn't have an issue with the form and if citizens want to fill it out for a more serious complaint. Brusberg asked what caused us to look at the form. Olson said partly social media. There were a lot of verbal complaints coming in and they wanted action on the verbal complaints. At the time the board said the only way to handle the complaints was through written forms; otherwise it didn't happen. It was complaint driven at the time. Smith added so we can have follow-up and gather information. If you were complaining about a department, to make sure we had it right. To the clerk's point, we should put a policy in place. At the time people would complain, but not officially. If you submit this, it's a public record if submitted. You will get people who won't because they don't want to put their name down. Bruner said we're trying to discourage if someone has a problem with a specific employee and doesn't give their name. If it's going to require follow through, we should know the resident who is presenting it. Smith said there was a lot of concern with doing that, that people would be targeted by other people. Kuhlman got some policies from other clerk's offices and can be attached to the form for citizens to know what the policy is. One place had a form that if they wanted to remain anonymous, they would have to go to a board member who would present it. Brennum likes the formal complaint/ communication form but would like to have a policy together. Brusberg agrees with it, but will it create an administrative burden. Smith asked if there's a way to fill it out online and send directly to the department that it should go to. Discussion on when to use form. **Brennum made a motion to postpone action on citizen communication form.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works Committee – Bachim said their meeting was the 22nd of the month. Dumpster day numbers – had 6.28 tons of metal and 26.97 tons of trash with a metal credit of \$470.25. Had a total of 33.25 tons in spring for \$905. 33.25 tons is within reason and lower than in some past years. It went well and Olson was there to control it all, which was a huge help. EM report – nothing at this time. There was a big discussion on Legion Park vandalism. On the 23rd someone lit the bathroom on fire and the whole thing was going on for an hour. Green County Sheriffs has it now. Discussion on deputy hours. Smith suggested taking some of the ARPA money that's coming back and either building new a building or add a camera system permanently. Discussion on suggestions. Bachim said there's been roughly \$10,000 worth of damage down at Legion Park, which includes public works time. They broke stucco siding on the pump house. Brennum discussed the hours for Legion Park and possibly change to a specific time. Smith suggested adding lighting at Legion Park.

Bachim stated we have about 12 water meters and are saving to possibly go into new houses, rather than start to swapping out. New meters are four months out. BPR for phosphorus has great numbers and we're not chemically treating, so it's below what's needed. Noted the power outage on 6-10-21. Community building gym air conditioning – PW started to look into it and early numbers is about \$40,000 for the air conditioning and then we need to upgrade the electrical system in the building to accommodate it. Brennum asked if it is worth giving the numbers to the dance group. Bachim said they will get more numbers to get an estimate on everything. Smith asked what the cost is going to be to operate it. Bruner said the cost will be less in 3 phase. Smith asked if it will offset pricing to heat and cool the entire gym.

Discussion on how to proceed. Installed the knox box on village hall. Legion Park installed dusk to dawn light on bathroom. Mowing Brooklyn Commons detention basin right now and the township donates time and equipment to come in and mow it once a month. Smith added that the village and township swap work and equipment regularly.

Fire/EMS District Board – Brusberg stated board received agenda for 16th meeting. That meeting ended up being short because they received a call. They talked about the strategic planning committee and gave an update on the draft. Talked about potentially charging for fire calls. That ultimately is still being looked into, but there's not a shared interest to do it. He has concerns about the behavior created if we start charging for calls. It can also have levy considerations. They talked about possible uses for the federal ARPA funds from municipalities. We're a little different because we have water and sewer, but townships probably more broadband focused. The District is gathering ideas for potentially using money. They tabled any discussion on hazard pay. Yesterday there was an emergency meeting to talk about the vehicle bid. They're putting bids on the Village Explorer but noticed bids were increasing quickly. The Commission originally authorized \$8,500. Yesterday they landed at authorizing \$15,000 with another 10% for fees. They are disposing of the Suburban, the John Deere gator and trailer. Hopefully the net proceeds will help to go towards that purchase.

Brennum made a motion at 8:27 p.m. to adjourn. Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer



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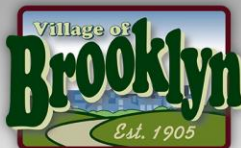
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Legion Park**

BE SURE TO JOIN US
FOR FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY:

TUESDAY, JULY 20TH, 2021

5PM-8PM

**BROOKLYN
LEGION PARK**



Brooklyn Recreation Committee
is part of The Village of Brooklyn
PO Box 189, 210 Commercial Street,
Brooklyn, WI 53521

www.brooklynwi.gov
www.brooklynrecreation.org
[www.Facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI](https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI)
[www.Twitter.com/BrooklynRecWI](https://www.twitter.com/BrooklynRecWI)

Save the Date of
August 14th from 11 am to 4 pm
At the Brooklyn Fire/EMS Station
to Celebrate BROOKLYN EMS's
25 Years of Caring for our Community



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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.



**Thursdays at the Gazebo from 5 p to 6 p**

### **Welcome Aboard!**

Mask recommended and provided.

Off-board pick up continues

[Friends of the Bookmobile May/June 2021](#)  
[Newsletter](#)



### **Summer Reading Program**

Readers of all ages are invited to join. **Register for the summer reading program starting the second week of June and complete your reading record by August 14.**

**Youth Summer Reading Program.** The Dane County Bookmobile invites children of all ages to participate in the Summer Reading Program: Tails and Tales! June 14<sup>th</sup> through August 14<sup>th</sup> children can stop by the bookmobile each week to earn prizes for summer reading and pick up a weekly Grab and Go craft.

**Adult Summer Reading Program.** Adults can read to earn tickets for a WEEKLY drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift card.  
<https://dclsbookmobile.beanstack.org/reader365>  
or download the free Beanstack app for your phone or tablet to sign up and begin keeping track of your reading.

## COMMUNITY STAND HAS RETURNED

### Methodist Church Parking Lot

Anyone can donate excess garden products that they may have on hand.

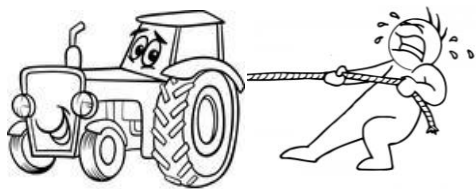
Anyone can take products from the stand that they can use.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### LABOR DAY TRUCK & TRACTOR PULLS

**Sept 3 – Sept. 5**



Look for more details in  
next newsletter

## WRITE ONE LESS CHECK EACH MONTH!



Pay your water bill automatically on the  
25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact Vicki at  
455-4201 ext. 1 for more information

## Police Department

### Monthly Activity Report May 2021

| Calls for Service    | May '21    |
|----------------------|------------|
| 911 Disconnect       | 3          |
| Alarm                | 1          |
| Animal – Disturbance | 1          |
| Assist Citizen       | 6          |
| Assist EMS           | 2          |
| Assist Other Agency  | 3          |
| Check Area           | 27         |
| Check Person         | 2          |
| Damage to Property   | 2          |
| Information Report   | 1          |
| Juvenile Disturbance | 1          |
| Legal Paper Served   | 1          |
| Missing Person       | 2          |
| Neighbor Trouble     | 2          |
| Phone Call           | 4          |
| Suspicious Activity  | 3          |
| Threats              | 2          |
| Traffic Incident     | 41         |
| Trespass Complaint   | 1          |
| Viol Court Order     | 1          |
|                      |            |
|                      |            |
|                      |            |
| <b>Total Calls:</b>  | <b>106</b> |

**July 2021 News  
from Your Senior Center  
By Rachel Brickner**

After fifteen months of disruption, mid-day meals at the Senior Center are returning to “normal” in July. That means seniors can come to the Center for a meal four days a week and can return to Ziggy’s restaurant one day each week for lunch. After such a long change in routine, it is time to review how these meal programs work.

The senior nutrition program is based on donations. There is no set cost for a meal; only an expectation that people will donate what they feel comfortable donating. Donations are made out of the view of others, or by mail, so no other diners need know how much, or even if, a person has contributed.

Every weekday except Thursday, a meal is served at the Senior Center at 11:45. The meals are not cooked on site, but are catered in, so the Center needs to know how many meals to order for a given day. The kitchen staff asks that people reserve lunch at least two business days ahead. So, if someone wants to eat at the Center on Monday, they need to alert the staff no later than the Thursday before.

The meal menu is available on-line at the Village of Oregon’s website, and it is also published in the Center’s Newsletter and the Oregon Observer. If you need help finding the menu, please call the Center at 835-5801 for assistance. Vegetarian meals are available upon request, as are special diets for people who have doctor’s orders for them.

On Thursdays, the mid-day meal is available at Ziggy’s restaurant on South Main Street in Oregon. For that meal there is a menu with eight different meal choices. There is no need to register ahead for this meal. Instead, come to the restaurant anytime between 11:30 and 12:45 and you will be able to order your meal. Again, the price is simply a donation.

The senior dining program has two focuses: the first is nutrition. People are healthier if they eat well. The second is socialization. People tend to stay healthier if they have a chance to connect with other people.

Both programs are served by a transportation option. If you would like to go to Ziggy’s or the Center for lunch, but do not have transportation, a Transit Solutions van can pick you up and take you home again after lunch.

If you have any questions about the meal program, for yourself or for someone in the community, please call the Center at 835-5801.

## **Senior Center Support Services**

- **MEALS**—Nutritious lunches are offered on site Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Senior Center. On Thursdays, lunch is offered at Ziggy’s (see page 10). Home-delivered meals are available Monday through Friday. Suggested minimum donation for those 60 and older is \$4.00 per meal, but please pay only what you can afford. Anyone under 60 is asked to pay the full amount of the cost to provide the meal, which is \$9.07 for congregate and \$9.69 for home-delivered meals. Congregate lunch is served at 11:45 AM. Home-delivered meals generally arrive between 11:00 AM and noon. Reservations and cancellations should be made by calling 835-5801 by noon the day before.
- **FOOD PANTRY**—The Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry, at 107 North Alpine Parkway in Oregon, is open every Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, every second and last Thursday of each month, 4:00-6:00 PM, and every first Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Please call 835-5801 for assistance or directions.
- **LOAN CLOSET**—If you need durable medical equipment, such as crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, canes, etc., you may now check out equipment. You may also return equipment that you are no longer using. Please note that you **MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT** to either pick up or return equipment. Call Carol or Noriko at 835-5801 to schedule your appointment.
- **LEGAL COUNSELING**—Several local attorneys offer free consultations to local seniors. Please call the case managers at 835-5801 for this information.
- **LGBT SENIOR ASSISTANCE**—Call the Senior Advocate from the OutReach LGBT Community Center at 255-8582.
- **FOOT CARE**—First and fourth Wednesday of each month, \$25.00. Provided by Stoughton Health. Call 835-5801 for an appointment.

**Click on link to read the  
[July 2021 Oregon Sr Center  
Newsletter](#)**





JOIN US

Saturday, September 4th

**9am-3pm**

Location: TBD (Brooklyn Community Building  
or Brooklyn Elementary School

Support Your Local Businesses

We are Still Accepting Applications for Crafters/Vendors  
for more information or to download an applications

visit our website at

<http://brooklynrecreation.org/fallartscraftsfair/>



Schedule for July 2021:

**Monday (6:00pm) - PiYo**

**Yoga will return in August**





OREGON AREA FOOD PANTRY

# The Pantry Press

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## 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.

## Open Pantry Dates & Times

### JULY

**Saturday, July 3rd (NEW)** 9-11 am  
Tuesday, July 6 9-11 am  
Thursday, July 8 4-6 pm  
Tuesday, July 13 9-11 am  
Tuesday, July 20 9-11 am  
Thursday, July 22 4-6 pm  
Tuesday, July 27 9-11 am

### AUGUST

Tuesday, Aug 3 9-11 am  
**Saturday, Aug 7 (NEW)** 9-11 am  
Tuesday, Aug 10 9-11 am  
Thursday, Aug 12 4-6 pm  
Tuesday, Aug 17 9-11 am  
Tuesday, Aug 24 9-11 am  
Thursday, Aug 26 4-6 pm  
Tuesday, Aug 31 9-11 am

### SEPTEMBER

**Saturday, Sept 4 (NEW)** 9-11am  
Tuesday, Sept 7 9-11 am  
Thursday, Sept 9 4-6 pm  
Tuesday, Sept 14 9-11 am  
Tuesday, Sept 21 9-11 am  
Thursday, Sept 23 4-6 pm  
Tuesday, Sept 28 9-11 am



## Director's Corner

WOW Oregon, you are something truly special! I cannot thank the pantry volunteers, management team, board or this community more for the warm welcome into the Oregon Area Food Pantry family.

This community exudes kindness and support in helping their neighbors! I am grateful for the opportunity to join the good work of this organization in combatting food insecurity in the Oregon Area School District community.

It has been a joy to get to know the members of this community, and I would love to hear from you! Where do you see a need in the community? How can the pantry support you? Or just write to share your favorite recipe or to say hello!

Email me at  
[Director@OregonAreaFoodPantry.com](mailto:Director@OregonAreaFoodPantry.com)

I can't wait to hear from you!

Jordyn Crane, OAFP Director



## We Are Open, For YOU!

Anyone living within the Oregon School District is able to use the Food Pantry! All you need to bring any form of identification (ID) and proof of residency within Oregon School District.

The personal information you provide is completely confidential and is **never** shared with another organization without your consent.

**Please visit us as often as you would like!**

Whether you need a full grocery haul; a gallon of milk and cheese just to get you through the week; or that 1 one extra can of tomatoes for your soup tonight...WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

We will never turn anyone away in need of food or household essentials!



*Friendly Reminder:*

**The pantry is open the 1st SATURDAY of every month from 9 - 11am!**

Swing by the pantry before you do your weekend grocery shopping to pick up some essentials that we have available!



## What's In Store?

There is always something new on the pantry shelves!

Until we can re-open our doors and welcome you back inside, we plan to share more about what's in store...

Follow or Like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/oregonareafoodpantry](http://www.facebook.com/oregonareafoodpantry) to see what new items we have available each week!

We will continue to provide a shopping list for you to choose the foods that you and your family will enjoy from the pantry!

Volunteers will pack up your groceries and place them in your vehicle for curbside pick up. How easy!?

Stay tuned for updates as we discuss re-opening our pantry doors for guests!

## NEW Produce Stand!

Alex Vieaux, with Troop 168, chose to focus his Eagle Scout Service Project on supporting food security and health equity in his community!

He envisioned, designed, and built a mobile produce stand which will be used to distribute the delicious vegetables grown at the food pantry gardens at Anderson Farm County Park. His master craftsmanship includes individual produce boxes that his troop mates helped to build. These boxes will display the colorful array of garden goodies harvested each week.

Keep a lookout for our produce stand volunteer who will be outside the pantry each day we are open (weather permitting) to offer you the freshest produce we have available!

A huge THANK YOU to Alex and Troop 168 for all your hard work to provide the Oregon Area Food Pantry with this generous gift to feed the community!

Anyone is welcome to visit pantry while we are open to pick-up some fresh produce from our new pantry produce stand!

If you can't make it during our open pantry hours, the big RED community produce stand is back in the pantry parking lot and is available all season for you to drop-off and pick up any fresh vegetables/fruits throughout the week! (This community produce stand is not an OAFP-run project and is available for anyone to use, share, and contribute to!)







# 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](http://www.epa.gov/safewater))
- EPA's WaterSense for helpful information on water-efficient products for the home ([www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense))
- American Water Works Association's (AWWA's) consumer website, DrinkTap.org ([drinktap.org](http://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](http://www.ciph.com/becausewatermatters)

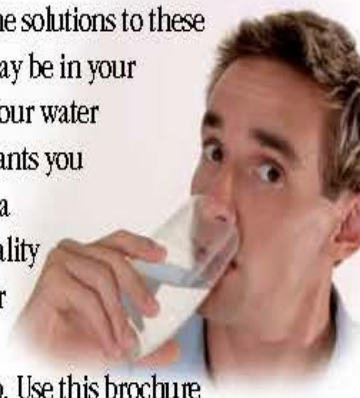


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The next time you fill a glass with tap water, take a close look at the faucet and sink. Is the sink area clean? Are there stains on the fixtures? Does the tap water have an unusual smell or color? The solutions to these issues may be in your hands. 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.

# August

**2021**

| Sunday | Monday                                         | Tuesday                                                        | Wednesday                                                 | Thursday                                         | Friday                       | Saturday                                                               |
|--------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | 2<br>PiYo 6p                                   | 3<br>**Tires, Oil & Batteries                                  | 4<br>Garbage & Recycling<br>Yoga 6p                       | 5<br>Brooklyn Night Out<br>Legion Park 530p-730p | 6<br>Clerk's Office Closed   | 7                                                                      |
| 8      | 9<br>PiYo 6p<br>Village Board Mtg<br>630 p     | 10<br>Brush Pick up<br>Fire/EMS Strategic<br>Planning Mtg 630p | 11<br>Garbage<br>Yoga 6p<br>Fire/EMS District Mtg<br>630p | 12<br>Recreation Meeting<br>530p                 | 13<br>Clerk's Office Closed  | 14<br>EMS 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br>@ Fire/EMS Station<br>11a-4p |
| 15     | 16<br>PiYo 6p<br>Planning & Zoning Mtg<br>630p | 17<br>Food Trucks – Legion<br>Park 5 p – 8p                    | 18<br>Garbage & Recycling<br>Yoga 6p                      | 19                                               | 20                           | 21                                                                     |
| 22     | 23<br>PiYo 6p<br>Village Board Mtg<br>630 p    | 24<br>Clerk's Office Closed                                    | 25<br>Garbage<br>Yoga 6p<br>Clerk's Office Closed         | 26<br>Clerk's Office Closed                      | 27<br>Clerk's Office Closed  | 28                                                                     |
| 29     | 30<br>PiYo 6p                                  | 31                                                             |                                                           | Truck & Tractor Pull<br>Sept. 3-5                | Arts & Crafts Fair<br>Sept 4 |                                                                        |
|        |                                                |                                                                |                                                           |                                                  |                              |                                                                        |