

JUNE 2021 VILLAGE NEWS

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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes May 10, 2021

The May 10, 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 online video and telephone conference by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present in person and via online and telephone were Dan Olson, Kyle Smith (via Zoom), Sean Brennum, Mike Brusberg, Brandon Arndt and Jacob Bachim. Also, present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

President's report – Bruner reminded everyone he's out of town from Thursday to Sunday. If anyone needs anything, call him or call Clerk Kuhlman. One other item, he received a letter from Municipal Treasures Association of Wisconsin informing him that Clerk-Treasurer Kuhlman completed the necessary training to receive the Certified Municipal Treasurer of Wisconsin certification. It's Municipal Clerk's Week and he thanked Clerk-Treasurer Kuhlman and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Olson for their work.

Olson made a motion to approve the April 12 minutes. Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Bruner, Bachim, Arndt and Brusberg abstained. **Brennum made a motion to approve the April 26 minutes.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Tara Bast and Hui Meng with Johnson Block & Co. presented the 2020 audit. They have been working on audits for the Village for several years. They appreciate the willingness of the employees to get everything together. Kuhlman and Olson do a good job in accommodating them. They provided a full draft audit report and communication packet and a summary report. Bast and Meng went through the audit report. They complete and file for the Village Form C Financial Report, the TIF annual reports and the PSC report. For several years the village has met the requirements for a simplified rate case to raise water rates 3%. It's a simple process that the board has to approve and it's a flat 3% increase. The Village hasn't increased rates in several years. Bruner asked if there's a reason to raise rates. Bast stated the rate of return is less than .69%. To qualify for a simplified rate, increase the rate has to be under 4.9%. The Village entered into a new water service contract for maintenance on the water tower and that will be an increase in the years to come. Meng went through the numbers in the audit. The Village has a total fund balance of \$824,000, which is a \$31,000 increase from last year. The unassigned fund balance is 30% of next year's budget, total revenues of \$1.08 million and budgeted revenues of \$1.06 million. One of the increases is from the sale of property in 2020. Bast said they look at fund balance to see how the village is doing. The Village has a healthy fund balance at 30%. It's good to be between 15-20%. The majority of tax influx is from real estate taxes at the beginning of the year. Meng stated the Special Revenue Fund balance is \$38,300, the Debt Service Fund balance is \$45,451, the Capital Project Fund balance is \$32,423, TIF 1 balance is \$14,380 and TIF 2 balance is negative \$376,023. Bast mentioned that she's discussed with Kuhlman the process for TIF 2 to pay back the General Fund over the years now that TIF 2 is making increment. Bast provided several options for repayment and suggested the interest rate should be current interest rates. Meng stated the General Fund Balance has \$352,000 in nonspendable funds, which are advances due from the TIFs, assigned funds of \$129,916, of which \$107,300 is for future capital per village policies, and unassigned balance is at \$342,000, which is 30% of next year's budget. Water has an operating income of \$56,809 and Sewer has an operating income of \$119,674. Debt borrowing can be up to 5% of equalized value, which is \$6 million for the Village, and we're at \$3.16 million, so we have \$2.8 million of borrowing left. There were no questions from the board. (Financial statement overview and audit can be found on the Village website under Clerk's Department)

COVID 19 – Kuhlman reported she gave the new Dane County Order to everyone. They have a 75% capacity for businesses, restaurants and bars now. They have an unlimited outdoor capacity for events, wearing masks and social distancing.

Clerk's report – April financials - \$444,949.91 in deposits, of which \$316,128.11 were loan proceeds for Village Hall and Clean Water Fund loan for the phosphorus upgrades to plant and lottery credits of \$29,586.11. April withdrawals equaled \$805,601.09, of which \$236,405.23 was for the purchase of the Village Hall, and debt service payments of \$391,459.71. These consisted of four Clean Water Fund loans

and main principal and interest is due May 1 and interest in October. Total balance in all accounts as of April 30 was \$1,634,033.73. Bruner asked what the four CWF loans are. Kuhlman reported the S. Kerch Street project done in 2019, the WWTP upgrades last year, the original WWTP upgrades from 10-15 years ago, and the last one is Highway 92 street work that was done close to 20 years ago, which should be fully paid in approximately 2023. The collateral report, Axley Brynelson, Strand and Rob Roth spreadsheets of payments, employee overtime and comp hours are all handed out to the board every month. Quarterly an updated budget report is given to the board members. **The lease payments** we receive from the State Bank of Cross Plains are set up in the Capital Projects revenue fund as a revenue line item and also a corresponding expense line item for Village Hall expenses. Brusberg spoke with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities after the last meeting, and the **Local Government 101** webinar program can be purchased as a USB drive for \$100. So Kuhlman purchased that instead of each trustee attending live for \$70 each. So any board member who is interested in listening, can let her know. It is last year's program, but they don't change it much from year to year. Kuhlman asked **Alliant** regarding change in pricing for using LED streetlights and was informed by Alliant that it does not affect pricing. A list of **salable property from the PD went to Wisconsin Surplus** last week, and the list also includes items that were disposed of because they had no value. There were also some items sold in advance, including ammunition to Dane County Sheriff's Office and Madison College, Madison College also bought airsoft guns and pellets, and Village of Belleville PD purchased an L3 camera system. Smith asked about the rifle. Kuhlman said it was taken to Wisconsin Surplus, who has the ability to sell firearms. She apologized for it not being on the list. The **Fire/EMS Strategic Planning Committee** is meeting tomorrow night and will go over the results of the fire and EMS surveys that went out to members and elected officials. They will also go over some citizen questions for another survey. If anyone has any suggestions, please pass them on to the committee. **Municipal Treasurers Association of Wisconsin spring conference** was last week by Zoom. They covered topics like the Expenditure Restraint Program to get shared revenue, levy limits, the State Treasurer spoke, DOR updates, investments and bond ratings and the League's legislative update. The League is having a webinar tomorrow to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act money and how it can be spent. The US Treasury Department came out with information today. We will be receiving approximately \$150,000, half this year and half next year. It can only be spent on certain items, and the board will need to discuss the best ways to use the money. Kuhlman stated she received her **CMTW certification and was also sworn in as president-elect of the Association**. We received notification also that **Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Olson received a full scholarship for the Clerk's & Treasurer's Institute** this year in July and will be virtual again this year. It is her 3rd year. The scholarship was for \$469. The board congratulated her. **Olson and Kuhlman have discussed with the bank about opening up the bank and the clerk's office**. Smith believed there was an original motion to close the clerk's office in recommendation with the bank, but not 100% sure. Kuhlman will put it on the agenda for a motion at the next board meeting to possibly open June 1.

Kuhlman discussed the **water utility rates**. She's mentioned it before in board meetings, and the auditors mentioned it tonight also. She provided a chart to the board with what the approximately median amounts would be with the change. For an **average customer, 500 cubic feet per month, the increase would be about 68 cents per month**. She looked at a high customer using 1200 cf per month and that difference was \$1.78 approximately per month. The Village has not done a water rate increase since 2002. We have been able to do the simplified rate case for a number of years, and she's been told that if you wait too long without a rate change, the PSC can make you do a full rate case and it can be an increase up to 40-50%. Discussion about rates with board members. Kuhlman stated Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Olson goes through the bills and compares month to month and will call residents if their amounts have increased dramatically. She also stated that's one of the things that the ARPA money could be used for, a system that will read all of the meters from the clerk's office and will give you an hour to hour reading of water usage to help citizens determine when they're having a leak. Smith asked if the new water meters being put in would be capable. Kuhlman confirmed yes, they are, and there are a lot that still need to be changed out. Smith asked if Spilde could get some numbers on that program before budget time. Discussion on lawn meter usage. It's \$7.50 to rent the meter and you get a credit on your sewer rates. Smith asked if we paid off something recently to make water rates better. Kuhlman stated we used impact fees a few years ago to help pay off water debt. The Brooklyn Commons project that is being finished now will include impact fees of approximately \$26,000 that should be used to pay off water debt. Bruner asked about sewer connection fees. Kuhlman stated sewer connections fees will be collected on that project, and

they're about \$3,200 per lot, along with park fees of \$1,400 per lot. Water impact fees have a time limit on when they need to be used. Sewer connection and park fees have no time limitation. **Arndt made a motion to approve the PSC Simplified Rate Case increase.** Brusberg seconded. Smith asked what the increase is. Kuhlman stated 3% is set by the PSC. **Arndt amended his motion to approve the PSC Simplified Rate Case for water rates at a rate of 3%.** Brusberg seconded. Smith opposed. Motion carried.

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

Kuhlman stated she did the background check and found no issues for Richard Corey. **Brennum made a motion to approve Richard Corey operator license.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman presented a new Community Building Key policy in accordance to how the Clerk's Office has been proceeding, since the current policy does not apply anymore. Smith asked about use of a key pad instead of keys and asked to get a price and present it at budget time. Smith has no issues with the amended changes. **Smith made a motion to update the Community Building Key Policy.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman presented an updated Cash Management Policy pursuant to the changes the board discussed at the last meeting regarding a second trustee as a signer and also changed the deposit amount to reflect current deposits due to taxes received. **Smith made a motion to approve the changes to the Cash Management Policy.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Olson reported **Dumpster Days** went well. We had 8 garbage dumpsters and 2 recycle steel dumpsters. Kuhlman stated Olson starting helping out at Dumpster Days about 3 years ago before becoming a trustee and was being paid. Since becoming a trustee, we've had one Dumpster Days in which Olson participated, and he was paid. A trustee asked about Olson's ability to do Dumpster Days and be on the Public Works Committee. Kuhlman did research and doesn't believe that's an issue. However, she did find that according to state statutes village trustees cannot be paid as employees, and according to our ordinances and the Village attorney, trustees can be paid up to \$25 for doing work for the Village. Kuhlman apologized for the oversight. Olson stated he would volunteer his time this year and do it for the community and the Village can put the money toward the dumpsters. Bruner made a motion to pay the \$25 allowed to Olson and look at this for the future. Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained. Board members thanked him for his time.

Bruner made a motion to appoint Mike Brusberg as the second signer on the checking account. Bachim seconded. Motion carried. Smith opposed. Brusberg abstained.

Committee assignments were discussed. Bruner stated we still have some vacancies and was asking for volunteers. He asked if we could get the word out. Olson stated we could put it on the LED. Social media methods were also discussed. Kuhlman stated Scott Meier will continue on PZ, but we still need at least one more citizen member. Needs to get members for Zoning Board of Appeals. Board of Review is full now. Kirkpatrick did not respond about being on the Fire/EMS Strategic Planning Committee. **Brusberg made a motion for Brennum and Arndt to be the representatives on the Fire/EMS Strategic Planning & Contract Committee and attend the second Tuesday of each month and Arndt to attend the fourth Wednesday of each month.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. **Brennum made a motion to approve the committee assignments as stated.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion on when committee meetings will be held. Spilde requested a PW Committee meeting be next week Tuesday, the 18th. He will put together an agenda, and they will elect a chair at the first meeting. Kuhlman asked if the board wanted to talk about setting dates for other committee meetings. It was suggested that the Finance Committee meet at 5:30 before the 1st board meeting of the month starting in June. **Brennum made a motion for Finance Committee to meet 2nd Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Recreation Committee – Arndt reported that they met April 29. They discussed **PIYO and yoga and pickleball** will continue. Pickleball is moving to outdoors. Pat Hawkey will be in charge of making sure we have a lock box with nets and paddles. They discussed **summer recreation** being five weeks Monday through Thursday 1-4 pm. Stacey Hardy will reach out to Paula Slattery to see if she is willing to head the program again. They will advertise for the period to be July 5-August 5 and up to 20 kids with a waiting list depending on the other volunteer support they can get. They are looking for a couple of high school kids to help out or people with childcare interests. **Brooklyn Night Out** will be August 5. **The Craft Fair** will be September 4 and they're reaching out to vendors. One of the new ideas discussed was a **food truck night**. They talked about June 15, Tuesday evening. He's reached out to a few food trucks and has confirmation for two and looking for another one to three. Kona Ice will come and donate 20% of their profits to Rec. He reached out to Melted Grilled Cheese. They want to have the night and vendors make their earnings and if they want to donate, they could. They'll see what the turnout is and maybe make it a more regular thing. Ziggys doesn't have a food truck anymore but can possibly do a tent. He reached out to Green County 4H for cream puffs and he's trying to get El Burrito Loco, but they haven't responded yet. They're hoping to have a taco truck, grilled cheese, Kona and cream puffs. They discussed holding it in Legion Park, and they will bring it to the board for approval. All the trucks use their own generators for power. He went to Milton last week for a food truck rally and talked to some of the vendors. They have a meeting this Thursday the 13th to discuss more about interest and next plan of action. They will discuss advertising as well. The hours will be 5-8 p.m. possibly. They will put it on the next agenda for approval. Brennum asked about the summer programs and if they discussed having anything for teenagers. Arndt said he thought the ages were 7-12 for summer rec. Someone suggested offering pickleball or open gym in the community building. Discussion on something for the teenagers. Rec is looking for volunteers for summer youth to help. Someone suggested offering them a night out at the Mallards at the end of the year for volunteering, as a possibility. They asked about the Oregon Youth Center and asked if the director from the Youth Center would speak to the board.

Smith made a motion at 8:05 p.m. to adjourn. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

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**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2021**

The May 24, 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, Brandon Arndt and Jacob Bachim. Also present were Becci Ceithammer, Dan Marshall and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

**President's report** – Bruner congratulated the three winners for the EMS sidewalk chalk competition and congratulations to Maddie as well. He plans to go out and reach out to some of the businesses, talking to them, listening to concerns, hopefully in next week or two. Thanks to Public Works for the job they do in honor of Public Works Week.

**Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

**Sunday Dance Party - Becci Ceithammer** – Thank you to the Village. It's been the home of the Sunday Dance Party for a couple years, excluding the last few months. Dancers love the building, and they will begin again soon. The only issue is in the summer the air conditioning is a problem, and she's looking to offer fundraisers to put air in. Bruner said we do have air conditioning up there but doesn't know what kind of condition it is in. Ceithammer said if it's there, it's not efficient and probably costly to run. Since doing the renting, she's aware of electricity use and would start with estimates and collect money to upgrade, improve, and install. She has several students who would help with fundraisers. They love the building and love the floor. They have live music and DJs. Would like to do a big Done with COVID dance with live music. She's looking for permission to come back with the same arrangement as before. Bruner said we can pass along to public works and look into it and get estimates on what it would take to get things back up to capacity. Smith thinks it was replaced not that long ago. Bruner said they did maintenance in probably 2007-2008. He said we'll find out when the system was replaced and see what has been done and what needs to be done. It will never be ice cold. Ceithammer said there have been a couple of nights that it's been really bad. She has some fans to help move the air. Bruner appreciates the fact she's able to help out and will pass it along. Ceithammer would like permission to continue and would love if they could find a corner to store some fans and find a place to put three tubs to store supplies for the dance. Arndt asked how many people show up. Ceithammer said the worst night was 17, and normally it's somewhere between 30-50 and it's all year long. Brennum asked if storage is a problem. Kuhlman said storing on the stage is fine and we can find a place for the other items. Arndt asked what time on Sundays. Ceithammer said there is a dance class every week that's free from 6:30-7:15 and the band or DJ starts at 7:15 until 10 and they're out by 10:30. She comes early for setup, usually about 4:30 pm. Olson asked about schedule. Kuhlman said Sundays are open. Ceithammer will plan to have a Return from COVID dance, and let her know about anything they can contribute for the air conditioning. The board thanked her for coming. Ceithammer said Kuhlman is great to work with.

**COVID 19 update** – Kuhlman said as of June 2 Dane County is dropping all of their requirements and they will not require masks or other capacity requirements. Brusberg asked about the Dane County Emergency Management calls with Spilde. Kuhlman and Olson stated those have dropped off as well.

**Clerk's Report** – Open Book was last week. We had one citizen come in. Board of Review is scheduled for June 9 at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. GCDC update and meeting information was handed out. Oregon Senior Center annual meeting was last week. McCallum and Rachel Brickner will come in July and talk to the board about the Senior Center. Green County is putting out a community survey to get ideas from people on how the county should spend their ARPA funds. It is geared toward individual citizens living in Green County. The League of Wisconsin Municipality Mutual Insurance Company annual report was handed out. They are in good shape.

**Smith made a motion to approve the clerk attending the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Clerk, Treasurer and Finance Officer webinar June 9 through 11 for \$100.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman would like to purchase flowers for outside the Village Hall. **Smith made motion to spend up to \$250 for pots, flowers and soil.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Olson, Brusberg and Bruner reviewed bills. Bruner asked about the attorney bills. Kuhlman explained that a large portion went to discussions on the Village Hall lease agreement with the bank, which future attorney bills should be less now that that is done. There was a question on the utility bill at 102 Windy Lane in the amount of \$1,298.67. Olson said that gas is added to the amount from a separate page. **Smith made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

**Re-opening the Clerk's Office to the public.** Kuhlman stated she and Deputy Clerk Olson are okay with it, and she's talked with the bank and they're okay with opening up as well and are close to opening themselves. She stated there is a plexiglass window on the counter so there's a barrier between us and residents. **Smith made a motion to approve opening Village Hall and working with the bank on a schedule.** Brusberg seconded. **Smith amended the motion to include starting June 1.** Brusberg amended his second. Kuhlman explained the doors will be unlocked on the bank's schedule and there will be doorbell access outside of the bank's hours. Motion carried.

**Resuming in-person meetings.** Bruner said the Zoom contract extends for a little longer. Smith doesn't care either way but asked what if we wait until the end of the Zoom contract and then go in person. Smith said it's easier for

people to access through Zoom. He asked when contract ends. Kuhlman said it ends October 1. Arndt asked if we go to in person, can we do Zoom if needed. Kuhlman said it would have to be noticed. Smith asked if it's easier without Zoom. Kuhlman said yes. Brusberg asked if they'd continue holding the meetings here at the community building. Bruner said yes. Brennum asked if there's statistics on how many citizens have been appearing by Zoom. Kuhlman stated we will need to have a policy or ordinance for doing meetings by Zoom. **Smith made a motion to postpone taking action on in-person village meetings until we get a policy.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

**Discontinuance of North First Street south of the county line and north of North Street.** Bruner explained that the Planning & Zoning Commission discussed terminating/vacating First Street north of the demarcations on the CSM. Kuhlman explained the portion north of North Street will be vacated and become the property of the homeowner of the parcel next to it. The homeowner wants to split the property to the east of the street and sell a parcel to another party for a house. This is the initial resolution. If we approve this, within 40 days we hold a public hearing to discuss further. **Smith made a motion to discontinue North First Street and approve Resolution 2021-08,**

**Discontinuance of a portion of North First Street south of the county line and north of North Street.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. **Brennum made a motion to set a public hearing for July 12.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman asked to move up discussion on **106-108 Hotel Street** since Dan Marshall was present. Bruner explained that Marshall presented a CSM to the Planning & Zoning Commission showing the two properties merged into one. It passed Planning & Zoning, and they recommended approval by the board. **Smith made a motion to approve the CSM combining 106 and 108 Hotel Street parcels.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried

Kuhlman explained the next resolution is optional. The League of Wisconsin Municipalities has asked that municipalities approve a resolution to ask the Legislature to increase shared revenue amounts. The Village does receive shared revenue every year to fund services. **Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09 Support for a Strong State & Local Partnership Shared Revenue Funds Critical Services.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

**Smith made a motion to accept the 2020 audit report.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

**Recreation Committee** - Arndt reported they made progress with hosting a food truck night. They have four trucks/tents, because Ziggy's will have a tent. They also have Jolly Frog, Melted, and Kona Ice. They've not heard back from Green County Ag Chest so that's a possibility. He contacted Spilde about getting picnic tables. They are moving it from Legion Park to the parking lot at the Community Building as the first get-together. There are lots of cars passing this area daily, and people driving through town might have an opportunity to stop. They would ask the Methodist Church for parking, and there's parking across the street and street parking. Brennum asked if Officer Zilli will be patrolling that day. Smith asked if the community building is available. Kuhlman said it is open. **Smith made a motion to allow the parking lot of the community building to be used for the Food Truck Night on June 15 from 5 to 8 p.m.** Brennum suggested giving a heads up to the officer. There's no parking in front of the building. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Works Committee** – Jacob Bachim reported Public Works sent out bids for the new roof on the village hall. Nine bids went out and five came back in. The committee looked at them and decided to go with Custofam Roofing for a price of \$35,658. Smith asked if it was the low bid. Bachim said it was. Brusberg asked about their track record for quality. Bachim stated Spilde looked into it, and they have a good record. **Smith made a motion to award the project for the Village Hall roof to Custofam Roofing for a cost of \$35,658.** Brennum seconded. Bachim said Spilde researched the company, and they've been around for some time. They meet the criteria listed on the RFP. They have a 15-year warranty and are insured. Motion carried.

**Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-07, 2020 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report.** Arndt seconded. Kuhlman stated as part of the report it asks if the sewer connection fees have been reviewed recently. We haven't changed our fees for a number of years. Bruner asked to put it on the next finance committee meeting. Brusberg stated nice job by Spilde and the team. Motion carried.

**Planning & Zoning Commission** – Bruner noticed a spelling correction on the Ordinance 117-900. Bruner stated basically the ordinance lists permissible uses and conditional uses for light commercial. It gives more control of what can be utilized in zoning districts. **Brennum made a motion to amend Section 117-900 of Chapter 117 of the Code of Village of Brooklyn Zoning Ordinance.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Bruner explained that Jeff Groenier is developing a lot in **Brooklyn Commons**. There's a sidewalk ramp in front right now and another one that is only 20 feet away with an actual painted crosswalk. The existing ramp is where he's planning on putting the driveway, and he's asking if we can eliminate the curb ramp and incorporate it as part of the driveway. It was recommended to approve from Planning & Zoning. Smith asked if he's going to take it completely out and use the driveway for the ramp. Bruner said there's a sidewalk but no crosswalk there. It goes from the sidewalk to street and across to Water Tower Park. Arndt said it's right in the middle of the street and not to a corner. Bruner said it's not a delineated crosswalk, just a curb ramp was put in for no apparent reason. Olson said it would now go to the driveway. Smith said you can't count it because it's not ADA. If the intent was to have one to go to Water Tower Park, but there's an ADA compliant at the intersection. Bruner said yes. Kuhlman also stated there is going to be an additional one at Elizabeth Circle. **Smith made a motion to approve eliminating the curb ramp from Juniper Street to Douglas Drive in front of Lot 52.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

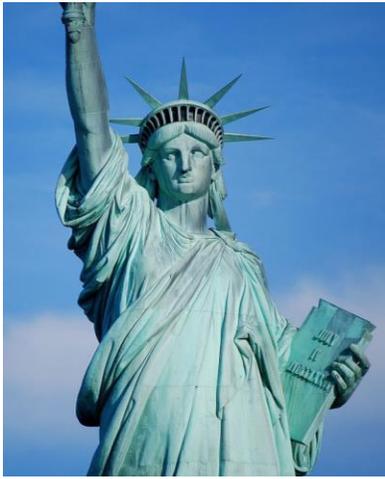
**Fire/EMS Strategic Planning** – Brennum said it was a good meeting. They discussed the survey that was sent out to all municipalities and the lack of response by municipalities. There was a 25% response rate, and they talked about what to do to get that up. They also discussed the citizen survey and approved those questions, and those surveys went out Monday to the community, and also sent back to the municipalities the same surveys that were sent out before, and they extended the time to receive them to June 18. The next meeting is this Wednesday. Arndt will attend. They will discuss the template for the plan. An outline was handed out to board members. He said if you've taken the surveys, don't take the surveys again. Brennum said even if you're new to the board, still take the surveys and do them to the best of your knowledge. Arndt said the next important meeting will be the June 23 meeting when we have the data from the surveys. Keep reposting to Facebook page and remind neighbors to take it. Kuhlman said there's been about 50 responses so far. Arndt said hopefully something positive will come out of what they're doing. Brusberg asked if it's okay with the two reps. Arndt said he will try to attend as many meetings as possible.

**Fire/EMS District Commission** – a big share of the discussion was consumed by the purchase of the village squad. They were going to further vet it as part of their business meeting the next day. The intent is to allow the officer on duty to take it home and when a call comes in, it will help from an availability perspective to get someone right out to the scene and determine appropriate needs. The other piece to add is simple health type equipment within, first response type gear. They love the idea of an SUV because it's lockable. They were going to further vet to see if they could get the officers on board. They commission did approve to go up to \$8,500 for purchase of the vehicle itself and another \$850, depending on what happened at the business meeting. That was main thing. They talked about the service award program and surveys as well. Kuhlman stated they also have about \$250,000 in EMS unallocated funds and \$40,000 in fire unallocated funds. Brennum asked if that was after paying the hazard pay payments. Kuhlman said yes. They will discuss at annual municipality meeting.

**Bachim made a motion at 7:50 p.m. to adjourn.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer

The Statue of Liberty arrived in the US on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1885



## June 2021 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

At the Senior Center, late June is full of outdoor events that allow people to get together again, as well as increasing numbers of small events within the Senior Center building.

Among the events coming up outdoors is Lunch at the Park with Bahama Bob. This is a picnic at the Kiser Park Shelter (near the swimming pool) scheduled for June 24 at 11:45. People are encouraged to pick up a lunch at Ziggy's through the usual curbside meal pickup program, or to bring a lunch of their own. Bahama Bob will be there providing music on his steel drum.

If you are tired of exercising alone, come enjoy Zumba Gold at Triangle Park (the park downtown with the band shelter) on Wednesday June 23 at 9:00. This is a fun, energizing workout. There is a \$3.00 charge per participant.

If you own a dog, or enjoy watching them, consider coming to our annual "Show Off Your Dog" dog show on June 25. That event will be held at 10:00 in the Senior Center parking lot, with a rain date of June 30. If you would like to register your dog for this no-stress event, please call Anne at 835-5801 to do so. Who knows, your pet might win the Happiest Tall or the Most Distracted award!

Among the indoor events returning to the Center are pool playing, the Veteran's Group, movies, and the card-making group. If you have interest in attending any of these, please call us at 835-5801 for details.

The Senior Center is also open for blood pressure screenings, foot care and loan closet pick-ups and deliveries. Again, please call for more details, or to make an appointment.

The Senior Center building will likely be opening up to the public a bit more in July, and we encourage you to call and ask questions about what events are scheduled to resume, and when. We look forward to having more people in our building again!

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CLERK'S OFFICE



The Clerk's office and the Public Works Dept. will be CLOSED on Monday, July 5th, in observance of 4th of July.

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## 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.



# Fun for the whole family



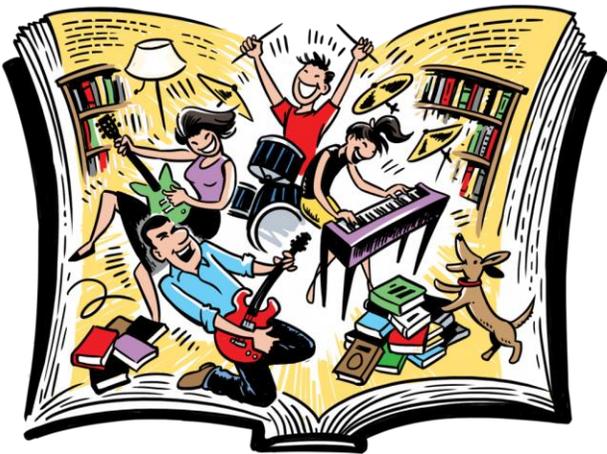
Thursdays at the Gazebo from 5 p to 6 p

### June 1- 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. Visit: [https://dclsbookmobile.beanstack.org/reade\\_r365](https://dclsbookmobile.beanstack.org/reade_r365) or download the free Beanstack app for your phone or tablet to sign up and begin keeping track of your reading.



### Stoughton Jr Fair June 30-July 4, 2021

Stoughton Fair Grounds  
Mandt Park

[www.stoughtonfair.com](http://www.stoughtonfair.com)



### Dane County Fair July 15-18, 2021

Alliant Energy Center  
[www.DaneCountyFair.com](http://www.DaneCountyFair.com)



### Green County Fair July 21-25, 2021

Green County Fairgrounds  
Monroe, WI

[www.greencountyfair.net](http://www.greencountyfair.net)



### Rock County Fair July 27-Aug. 1, 2021

Janesville, WI  
[www.rockcounty4hfair.com](http://www.rockcounty4hfair.com)

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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.

Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services

Prepare Now for Summer Heat

Residents reminded to stay cool, hydrated, and informed when temperatures soar

Summer is almost upon us and extreme heat days are not far behind. Today the Department of Health Services is recognizing Heat Awareness Day and encouraging residents to be aware of the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness and to take steps to prevent getting sick.

In 2020, 689 people went to the emergency department, 67 people were hospitalized, and seven people died in Wisconsin due to heat-related causes. Emergency department visits were highest among younger populations aged 15-34, while hospitalizations were most frequent among those aged 65 and older. “Temperatures in Wisconsin are projected to keep increasing over time due to climate change. Wisconsinites need to be on alert for extremely warm days and proactively take steps to ensure their safety,” said Dr. Jon Meiman, chief medical officer of the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health.

Some people are more likely to get sick from the heat, including:

- Older adults and younger children
- People who work outside
- People attending summer festivals
- People without access to air conditioning
- People who take certain medications like diuretics (“water pills”) or psychotropics

Follow these tips to stay cool on hot days:

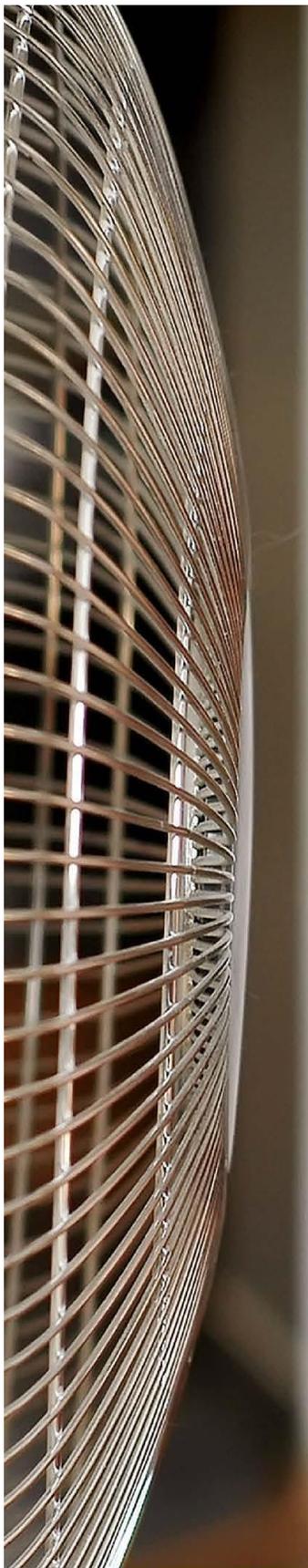
- **Stay in air conditioning.** When possible, stay in air conditioning on hot days. If you don’t have air

conditioning, head to libraries, malls, and other public spaces to keep cool.

- **Check on loved ones.** Be sure to check on older friends and neighbors who live alone.
- **Avoid the hottest part of the day.** If you have to be outside, stick to the cooler morning and evening hours. Wear light, loose clothing and take frequent, air conditioned or shade breaks.
- **Beware of hot cars.** Never leave a person or a pet in a parked car, even for a short time. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a car can reach 100 degrees in less than 10 minutes.
- **Stay hydrated.** Drink plenty of water on hot days. Avoid alcohol and hot, heavy meals.
- **Stay informed.** Watch your local weather forecasts so you can plan outdoor activities safely. Pay attention to any extreme heat alerts.
- **Remember that anyone can get sick from the heat.** In Wisconsin, people ages 15-34 are the most likely to report to the ER for getting sick from the heat. No matter your age or how healthy you are, it’s important to stay cool, hydrated, and informed on hot days.

If you start feeling overheated, weak, dizzy, nauseated, or have muscle cramps, you could be experiencing heat illness. Move to air conditioning, drink water, get under a fan, and put on cool washcloths. If your symptoms worsen or don’t improve, go to the emergency room.

For more information, visit the [heat safety page](#) on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website and watch our [heat safety video](#).



Heat Awareness Tips

Never leave children, disabled persons, or pets in a parked car - even briefly.

On an 80°F day, the temperature inside a car even with the windows cracked slightly can reach 100°F in less than 10 minutes!

Keep your living space cool or seek shelter at a cooling center.

If you have an air conditioner, use it! If you don't have an air conditioner and the temperature is above 95°F, you should go to a community cooling center because using a fan will no longer prevent heat related illnesses at this temperature.

Slow down and limit physical activity.

Plan outings or exercise for the early morning or after dark, when temperatures are cooler.

Drink plenty of water and eat lightly.

Don't wait for thirst, but instead drink plenty of water throughout the day. Avoid alcohol or caffeine and stay away from hot, heavy meals.

Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing.

Add a hat or umbrella to keep your head cool...and don't forget sunscreen!

Don't stop taking medication unless your doctor says you should.

Take extra care to stay cool, and ask your doctor or pharmacist for any special heat advice.

Take a cool shower or bath to cool yourself down.

A cool shower or bath will actually work faster at reducing your body temperature than an air conditioner. Apply cold, wet rags to your head and neck to quickly cool down.



Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Division of Public Health
Climate and Health Program
P-00884d (Rev. 05/2019)

Got 5 minutes?

Make Your Voice Count!

Dane County is looking for your thoughts and ideas that will help improve programs and services for residents as you age. Your responses will help develop a plan for 2022-2024 that will guide our work & funding of existing and needed programs. Please take this survey before July 31st:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCAging_2022_2024





Schedule for July 2021:
Monday (6:00pm) - PiYo
Yoga will return in August



Save the date for
our Annual
Brooklyn Night Out

August 5th, 2021
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Legion Park



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/>

July

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	** \$5.00/Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455-4201	brooklynrecreation.org Summer Youth Recreation 1p-4p July 5 th through July 15 & July 26 th through Aug 5 th	August 5th Brooklyn Night out – Legion Park	Pickleball 8a-8p 1	Pickleball 8a-5p 2	3
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