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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes April 12, 2021 (via online and telephone)

President Springer convened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. to hear public comments regarding Zoning Ordinances Section 117.34 Definitions; Section 117-1010 Accessory Uses and Structures; Section 117-1051 Loading Requirements; Section 117-1052 Parking; Section 117-1053 Driveways and Figure 6; Section 117-1057 Lighting; Section 117-1058 Landscaping; and Section 117-1059 Preservation of Topography. Mike Brusberg asked what the changes were. Kuhlman stated there were numerous changes and a few new ordinances. They have been on the website. Kirkpatrick explained there were extensive changes to update and collect similar data into one section to make it more precise and make it easier for a lay person to understand. It was major work from PZ Commission. No other comments. **President Springer closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.**

The April 12, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:36 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by President Brit Springer. Trustees present via online, and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Dan Olson, Pat Hawkey, Kyle Smith, Sean Brennum and Todd Klahn. Also present were Mike Brusberg, Jacob Bachim, Brandon Arndt, Neal Patten, Sue McCallum, Deputy Jacob Zilli, Public Works Director Leif Spilde and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

Public comments – Hawkey congratulated the new board members and thanked the current board members. It was great working with them. Special thank you to Dane County Officers for the meet and greet on Thursday and Friday night, and thank you to Fire and EMS for participating. It was a nice night. Thank you to all the election workers who worked at the polls and those that spent the night counting write-in ballots until 10 at night and thank you to Vicki Olson and Linda Kuhlman for all their hard work at the elections and extra hassle of getting results modemed to Dane County. Brennum stated it’s been a pleasure working with the current board and looks forward to working with the new board in the future. Kirkpatrick agreed with Hawkey’s comments. Springer would like to say thank you to all the poll workers and appreciates the hard work that they volunteer and do for the village during each election.

President’s Report – Springer stated it’s her last report and thought it would be great to recognize a few individuals who have worked a lot. She would like to say welcome to all the new board members. You have some good people you’ll be working with in Sean Brennum, Dan Olson and Kyle Smith. If anyone has questions for her, please reach out. She would like to publicly recognize the outgoing board members. Last year, we had one person who left the board but didn’t get a full public recognition, and we would like to recognize her now. Susan McCallum didn’t get recognition last year when she left because it came when COVID hit. Springer wanted her to know we appreciate all her accomplishments and generous contributions in the last decades. We really appreciate it. Springer also recognized Pat Hawkey. She appreciates all of the hard work Hawkey did. Springer didn’t know her until 2015 and she’s awesome.

Thanks for working with recreation committee and the commitment and dedication to Brooklyn for over 10 years on the board. Springer also recognized Kirkpatrick for all of her work on the board and EDC. She's been working with the village for over 10 years, and Springer believes it started on EDC and progressed to the board, but all board members have been phenomenal. It's been a pleasure working with her. Springer also thanked Todd Klahn. She thoroughly enjoyed their conversations and thoughtful comments. He's been on the board the longest consecutive number of years, about 13. Thank you so much to all. She appreciates the hard work and dedication. She saw hard work before she was on the board. It takes a village, and she appreciates all of you. Hawkey and Kirkpatrick thanked Springer.

Kirkpatrick stated she started in 2009 with EDC when President Walsten recruited her and she started chairing the committee in 2010, and they created the business park and wrote a grant from CDBG to match the funds to create the infrastructure for the park. She continued with recruiting the businesses. Since she became chair of EDC, they have been a member of GCDC and worked with them to recruit businesses to Brooklyn. As EDC chair, she hired a real estate agency to help sell business lots and created marketing materials for the Brooklyn Business Complex. Worked with Vierbicher to create the park. All the economic development professionals said it couldn't be done, but they did it. They created a five-year plan for Brooklyn and executed against that plan, that was then incorporated into the current comprehensive plan, which she and President Walsten overhauled and rewrote. When she started working on the EDC, Brooklyn had a two percent business tax base, which is typical of a bedroom community. When calculated in 2015 it went from 2% to 7%. The business taxes collected for businesses she brought into town, including Dollar General, Capital City Culverts, the custom cabinet company, O&A Manufacturing and Northern Metal, it totals about \$58,828.55 in 2020. Those are some of the things she's proud of, and also helping with Fire/EMS strategic planning, leading that effort. She will leave these parting words – you can't do big things together if you hate your neighbors. So even if you disagree, you need to respect each other. The heart of life is community. She encourages everyone to work together and remain professional. There's no place for hate in this world. Hawkey said she forgot to mention her work purchasing the bank. She's done a lot of extra things for the village that people haven't always appreciated. Springer agrees and appreciates all of you. McCallum would like to say they could use members on the Brooklyn Area Historical Society. Springer stated they can pick up their physical certificates at the clerk's office. Brennum stated although he hasn't met a lot of you as a citizen and not as a board member, it was a pleasure to work with all of you. Thanks for the work you put in over the years. It's often a thankless job and he would like to thank you all for that.

Hawkey made a motion to approve the minutes of March 22, March 30 and April 5. Klahn seconded. Motion carried. Brennum abstained from the March 22nd minutes, as he was not present.

Council on Aging report – McCallum reported the Council met March 17. The Senior Center is doing its first fundraiser since COVID. They are doing the brat bash for \$5 for chips, brat or hot dog and a beverage. It's a drive thru and is occurring during the Oregon Villagewide Garage Sales on May 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Two committees were appointed at the last meeting. There will be two people on the nominating committee. The Council's president, secretary and at large are up for election. There was a committee appointed to look at Oregon High School student awards and those submissions and then to award a \$500 scholarship. Some programs are coming up that the Senior Center is working on. They're trying to work with appointments in April to come in for small group pool plays, small groups for lending books or to shop in the gift shop. In May they plan to open up showing movies and an RSVP will be necessary, trying to limit number of people. Still planning on hiring an administrative assistant, it is in budget for this year, and the new hire is expected to come in early June. Next meeting will be the annual meeting, which will occur May 19 and will be in person at the Senior Center. They look forward to the Senior Center being more accessible to everyone. Hawkey asked if they need volunteers for May 7 brat bash. McCallum said yes and speak to Rachel Brickner. Hawkey asked if they need donations. McCallum is not sure, but they do need people who are mobile to go between the food and cars. Hawkey will call Rachel Brickner. Hawkey asked if McCallum will be back for the May meeting. McCallum said yes. McCallum is now officially retired and plans to do some childcare for her daughter and looks forward to being appointed to the Council on Aging again. Kirkpatrick and Springer congratulated her on her retirement. Springer thanked her for her report.

COVID update –Springer stated all people 16 and older are now eligible to get the vaccination. Spilde had nothing to add.

Safety report – Deputy Zilli stated the squad for Brooklyn is ready, and he will be picking it up Wednesday. They are waiting for a new radio. He will be putting up the new speed board. Open House was good last Thursday and Friday. Thursday, they had rain, so not as big a turnout as Friday. Green County Sheriffs came on the first day. Springer thanked Zilli and Matz for their hard work. They've been phenomenal to work with. Hawkey agreed, DCSO has been outstanding. Kirkpatrick agreed.

Public Works – Spilde thanked the outgoing board members. It was a pleasure working with you. He looks forward to working with new board members. **Water** – 22nd of March stopped running water to prevent freezing. Water tower has a pressure line that hooks up to control box that failed and leaked. It was not a big expense. Flushed dead ends for normal maintenance. Fire hydrant was hit at the end of Second Street. That was repaired and company billed. **Sewer** – BPR started in 2014, construction started in 2019 and today the lab results show we are at 2 milligrams per liter. When we started it was 7 to 9 milligrams per liter. Thanks to staff and board for being patient. We're getting close and headed in the right direction. It's a huge improvement without chemicals being added. We used equipment replacement funds to replace the head of the sampler. **EM** - nothing. **Streets** – plowed and salted once. Cut a tree and got it cleaned up along highway 104 with Green County Highway. The truck welding project is done, and sheet metal replaced and will be on road tomorrow. Tree City USA was applied for and been granted. ATV signs and posts are ordered. Spring cleanup, they're going around town. Streets were swept on the 30th. Work at Brooklyn Commons has begun and they're working with contractors and engineers. Today was second full day of work. Park bathrooms are open. Brian went to Green County Days. Hawkey thanked PW for doing cleanup at community building. She appreciates it. Kirkpatrick said congratulations on the new phosphate level. That is basically a federally unfunded mandate. They did a great job implementing 21st century technology that hopefully should save the community a lot of money. PW and the board, in terms of financing, did a good job in keeping costs as low as possible and getting some money back. Good to see it's working. Spilde thanked the board for their support for the project. Hawkey agreed with Kirkpatrick. Spilde we're way above the DNR's timeline, so that's positive. He's proud of the employees. Springer concurred and thanked them for all hard work.

Street seal coating – Public Works sent out for bids. Last year we switched from pea gravel to granite and did North Rutland because it was due and was a perfect test road. Klahn was a big help with using the granite. We did it, tested it and liked it. We did not use the entire budget last year. This year we'll be more aggressive. Opened bids on April 5 and received bids from Scotts and Fahrners. It is broken down by streets and total. Low bidder was Scotts for \$45,550 doing all 8 roads. Two streets were due last year, and the rest are due this year. Budget is \$40,000 and \$15,545 was carried over from last year for a total of \$55,645. Other expenses listed for sweeping, crack filling, paver patching etc. Estimated those costs to be about \$8,500. **Smith made a motion to approve Scotts for chip sealing and then do a time and material not to exceed another \$9,500.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Sludge hauling – Bytec contract is up for renewal. When it was signed three years ago, they gave a two-year extension for 2022 and 2023 for .045 and .0565. Does board need to approve that or can he just sign for the extension. It's still quite a bit under what the next highest company bidder was three years ago. **Smith made a motion to approve contract extension through 2023.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Speed bumps – board approved a number of years ago to install speed bumps in Legion Park. Does the board want it installed with the gravel right next to it. Cars will be able to drive around them. Hawkey doesn't think it's necessary. **Hawkey made a motion to leave the speed bumps off unless contacted by somebody.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

WET test is done yearly. The company that usually does it closed. There are only three in US that do the test. ECT is the apparent low bidder. **Smith made a motion to approve ECT for the WET testing.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Brennum asked what's the increase in cost from previous place to ECT. Spilde said last year it was around \$1,250, so it's close to the same price. The other two bidders aren't near that. It's a

unique test. WI DNR is one of a few states who requires the test, but our state lab doesn't even do the test. He's been in contact with Troy Larsen at Strand to ask who we can ask, what are we supposed to do if can't get samples to them in time. **Motion carried.** Kirkpatrick knows state lab and UW Forest Products and the soils department moved a bunch of their functions to UW-Stevens Point, they might do it. Spilde talked to the state lab and they are not certified by the DNR. That's what he's trying to work with Larsen on, with who to talk to.

Disinfection guidance – he was contacted by Strand and Wisconsin Rural Water that the State of WI DNR is looking at changing their guidance to disinfection. This could end up being like phosphorus. Back in early 2010-12 the DNR was going to do the same thing with phosphorus, they were going to make a guidance change instead of making legislation. If they make a guidance change, they can require it in your next permit. If they make a regulation change, which the whole state is arguing, it could take 10 years plus to get into your permit. A lot of larger plants already disinfect, but the Village of Brooklyn does not disinfect. Springer sent a letter that the board has, along with Wisconsin Rural Water and Strand, and it was submitted to the proper people saying it would be a financial burden and the struggles for us to do this and it goes against policy. In 2010 that administration said the DNR can't make a guidance change. Right now, it sounds like they may allow that. In 2023 our permit is up and there's a strong possibility, unless the governor says has to go through legislation, we might have a disinfection limit on our permit. We're waiting to hear back from the state, and there were literally hundreds of letters sent. Hopefully we're heard. Springer asked to pass on message to PW that it's been a pleasure working with them.

Clerk report -- Kuhlman thanked the outgoing board members. It was a pleasure working with you and looking forward to working with the new board. **Financials** – in March there were total deposits of \$79,754.62, which included \$896.31 in Clean Water Fund loan proceeds. The total withdrawals were \$100,469.38. The total in all accounts at the end of March was \$1,994,684.91. **We had a 38% turnout at the election on April 6.** Everything went well. Kuhlman thanked all the election workers who stayed later than normal counting write-ins. We appreciate all of them over the last year. That was the last election this year. Deputy Zilli alluded to this; we received a **free speed board from All Traffic Solutions.** It's a program that they started at the end of last year to help small communities. The PD put our name in for one. Thank you to All Traffic. It arrived a week ago and Deputy Zilli and Sgt. Matz are working on setting it up. It came with a year of free software to communicate through internet and give data reports. They're working with our existing speed board as well and looking at software for that. There is a **GCDC meeting** this Thursday at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. Board members have the agenda and link. Springer thanked Kuhlman and Olson. It was great working with them. Kirkpatrick agreed.

Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the Resolution 2021-06 Municipal Clerk's Week Proclamation. Springer read the resolution into the record. Clerk's Week is May 2 – 8. Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Springer and Olson reviewed the bills. Olson said we're still trying to get everything adjusted for the issue with Alliant from December. He could not approve two of the bills for the deputy clerk continuing education for \$99 and \$200. Kirkpatrick also reviewed. We had last minute addition for the earnest money for the offer to purchase. **Springer made a motion to approve bills with the following corrections: to add the earnest money check for \$3,000 and remove the Quartz healthcare invoice because there's a question on that invoice.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained regarding two training invoices for Olson. Hawkey asked about pulling out the health bill, will they come back to do that later or need some contingency to fix the problem and pay it. Springer said we need to check with attorney. Hawkey asked if it's time sensitive. Springer said no.

Hawkey made a motion to approve special event permit application from Community Antique Tractor Pullers for May 27 through 30. Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the amplification permit application for Community Antique Tractor Pullers for May 29-30.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Kirkpatrick explained the provisions in the lease agreement with SBCP are normal provisions. We had one additional last-minute request to add a backup phone number for an emergency contact that will be under

sections 2.1 and 16, to add for SBCP security team. **Hawkey made a motion to accept the lease agreement with the State Bank of Cross Plains.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. Kirkpatrick said the closing will be on Wednesday, April 14 at 10 a.m. She thanked Steve Eager and the team at State Bank of Cross Plains. They've been a wonderful community partner, and we have had a great relationship. Springer agreed.

Kuhlman explained the budget amendment resolution. She added \$3,000 into the equipment fund under police to include the additions for the radio upgrade. There was a change to full-time fringe for health insurance. That leaves about \$36,000 into the wages. Kuhlman asked the board if \$10,000 can be put into the attorney account, since we're already over in that account for the year. Kirkpatrick and Hawkey agreed. **Kuhlman said we need a motion to approve the budget amendment Resolution 2021-04 with the changes mentioned. Smith so moved.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Hawkey made a motion to approve the ordinances Section 117.34 Definitions; Section 117-1010 Accessory Uses and Structures; Section 117-1051 Loading Requirements; Section 117-1052 Parking; Section 117-1053 Driveways and Figure 6; Section 117-1057 Lighting; Section 117-1058 Landscaping; and Section 117-1059 Preservation of Topography. Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Springer stated last week PZ made a slight change to Ordinance 117-900, light commercial zoning, to include parking a semi-truck because they noticed that was overlooked when the zoning was changed from light industrial. Kirkpatrick stated they differentiated between what was in light industrial versus business park on purpose. In the course of fixing that listing of functions, this was left off the list, so it's a minor correction. Kuhlman explained it has to go to public hearing before it can be approved by the board.

PZ Commission recommended approving the landscaping plan for Custom Caliber Cabinets. **Klahn made a motion to approve the landscaping plan for Custom Caliber Cabinets.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Springer said one final thank you to the outgoing board members – Pat Hawkey, Todd Klahn and Heather Kirkpatrick. Kirkpatrick thanked all and stated if the new members have questions, to give her a call.

Smith made a motion at 7:38 p.m. to adjourn. Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC
Clerk-Treasurer

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**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes  
April 26, 2021**

The April 26, 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 (via Zoom), Kyle Smith (via Zoom), Sean Brennum, Mike Brusberg, Brandon Arndt and Jacob Bachim. Also present were Neal Patten (via Zoom), Shirley and Dean Pernot, other citizens, Deputy Jacob Zilli, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

**There were no public comments. President's Report** – Bruner would like to thank very much the citizens of Brooklyn for electing him and the others. He appreciates their confidence in them. He would like to thank the outgoing board members for their service to their community. He would like to congratulate Bachim, Brusberg and Arndt on their wins. He's looking forward to working with Brennum, Smith and Olson. They all have a vision to move the village forward.

Kuhlman explained she had the wrong date on the agenda for the prior minutes. **Bruner made a motion to postpone the approval of the minutes of April 12.** Smith seconded. Motion carried. **COVID 19** – Green County is having an open vaccination time on Wednesday and Friday.

**Safety** – Deputy Zilli stated there have been thefts happening in the neighboring areas, so he would recommend closing garage doors and locking vehicles. He has been talking to the MATE deputies to come down for ATV enforcement. He said they are able to do enforcement on the Dane County side of the village but not the Green County side unless they're sworn in. **Bruner made a motion to postpone the swearing in of the MATE deputies.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman explained that as stated at a previous board meeting, we received a free speed board from All Traffic Solutions as part of a grant program. We received one free year of software service which includes hooking up to the cloud to get data off the board. We have a second speed board. Do we want to have that one hooked up as well? It is \$1,500 per year. Deputy Zilli said All Traffic Solutions would pay to have them shipped back to be upgraded. Brennum asked how we were downloading before. Zilli said they would take it down, plug it in at the office and download the data. Deputy Zilli said they will need to switch the modem inside to AT&T. Kuhlman said they use Verizon right now and that doesn't connect very well, but All Traffic Solutions will switch them out for free. Smith would feel more comfortable waiting until we know the new modems will work. **Brennum made a motion to postpone the purchase of software support until we know the new modems work.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report** – The League of Wisconsin Municipalities sent out a promotional brochure entitled **So You've Been Elected**, if any of the new board members are interested. The League also sent us a **safety grant** to promote safety for the employees. Public Works bought some ergonomic chairs. It's a 75-25 \$500 grant. The chairs were \$750, and we have received the \$500 from the League. Kuhlman did some **Wisconsin Government Finance Officers Association** training last week that had to do with cybersecurity and social media. They stress to be careful not to open any links or attachments unless positive who it's coming from. Social media and texting should not be done by board members and employees regarding village business, because your personal equipment would then be subject to open records requests. The board talked in the past about designating a second trustee as a secondary signer on the checking account in case the president isn't available. Smith asked when the last time is we had to put someone in place to sign checks. Kuhlman said a year or two ago we had to put Klahn on the account. Bruner thought it would be a good idea. He would nominate Mike Brusberg. Brennum seconded. Smith asked how the process would work accountability wise. Bruner said he would be primary, and the second trustee would be backup if the president isn't available. Kuhlman stated there's no policy at the present, but the board can do a policy or resolution. Bruner withdrew the motion. Smith asked if the audit talks about anything regarding this. Kuhlman said the audit usually talks about separation of duties. She will put together a policy for the next meeting. Brennum withdrew the second. **Smith made a motion to postpone assigning a second signer on the checking account.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman stated the League also sponsors a **Local Government 101 webinar** each year. The information was given to all the board members. They are doing the presentation by Zoom with four different sessions on different days. It is \$70 per person. If anyone is interested, please contact the clerk's office. Arndt asked what's covered. Kuhlman stated they cover basics of being a new board member and basics of government. It's not required but is offered every year to board members. Olson said it's a very good class. Brusberg stated he called the League to see if a recording would be available to listen to. He will let people know what he hears. Kuhlman said the League will usually record sessions that can be listened to at a later time. Olson agreed.

Kuhlman stated the **lease payments we will be receiving from State Bank of Cross Plains will be \$2,000 per month.** Does the board want the payments received under the general fund to be used for any expenses or received into the debt fund to be used against any debt. Bruner asked if we have a building fund. Kuhlman said we have a capital projects fund. Smith asked if we could create one. Kuhlman said we could create an account. Smith stated we bought the building recently and there are improvements needed. Some were included in the loan but not all. He asked if we can create something to offset for those type of expenses. Kuhlman said we don't need a separate account necessarily, just a line item in the budget. Bruner would like to keep that money segregated from the rest of the debt service. Smith agrees.

**Brennum made a motion to create a new line item for the State Bank of Cross Plains lease payments.** Bruner seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business** – Bruner asked if we got a discount for the streetlights from Alliant when we switched to LED? Kuhlman will check. Olson reviewed the bills and found an 8-cent error on the Spee-Dee Delivery bills. Kuhlman also stated that the Dane County bill last month included a Net Motion license. Dane County sent the check back saying the Net Motion license was previously paid. After doing research, it was actually the fire department's Net Motion license. Kuhlman voided the original check and remade the check for just the Dane County officer charges. That is an additional check for approximately \$2,200.

**Smith made a motion to approve bills as presented with the two changes noted above to Spee-Dee Delivery and Dane County.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee assignments** – Bruner put the list together based on talking to the trustees. They are not set in stone and are open for discussion. Brennum asked if we're creating a safety committee. Bruner doesn't know if we need one, since we're now with Dane County. We'll still touch base with the deputies, but he doesn't see a need for a safety committee. He also put recommendations for frequency of meetings – ordinance, personnel, media and EDC, he would leave to committees to set their own schedule and probably would not need to meet monthly. Finance and Public Works should meet monthly. Smith commented that one of the reasons we got away from committees was the issue of people not showing up and so not getting a quorum. The other issue is only two people are needed to block anything on a committee, and if it's sent to the board, nothing could get blocked because you have seven people instead of two. Public Works switched from committee to board because of everything going on with the phosphorus changes, and as Spilde said at the last meeting, there are possibly other changes coming. Bruner thanked Smith for his input. Bruner stated one issue is the ordinance was never changed to allow for two board meetings per month. He is more inclined to go with committee meetings and one board meeting per month. He understands the point of two people being able to block something, but there are options to submit things to the board by two trustees, and it doesn't have to be two on the committee. Smith doesn't care either way, but he wanted to point out the past reasoning. He asked if Planning & Zoning Commission are term limits. Bruner said two terms have expired, so there are two vacancies. Smith asked about Recreation Committee and doesn't a board member have to be on it. Bruner said it is a good idea to have board member on Recreation. Arndt volunteered. Brennum asked do we increase the number of people on committees. Bruner stated we can't because four or more is a quorum, so we're limited to three trustees. Smith asked Kuhlman how it would look on budget if we have a meeting for finance, Public Works and others. Kuhlman stated it's hard to tell. There have been PZ meetings every month lately, but that may taper off. It could affect the budget, but if we only go to one board meeting a month, that could make up the difference. It could be \$100 extra a month possibly, but it depends. Arndt asked if we can try it for a few months. Bruner said if the board votes it in, it would be that way until it's brought back and voted again. Brusberg would like to keep the frequency of the board meetings. He would like someone to take his place on ordinance and he'd like to go to EDC. Smith said it makes it a lot easier for the village to get all of the information at board meetings. Bruner said instead of two board meetings, it would be one board meeting and one committee, possibly a third depending on the committees. Kuhlman said no one is listed for Fire/EMS District Commission rep or Fire/EMS Strategic Planning Committee rep. Bruner is open to suggestions. They are Wednesday nights for District Board, once a month. Smith said they don't have to be together; the district and strategic plan can be two different people. Brennum asked if we are going to keep Kirkpatrick as strategic plan representative because she's been doing a good job organizing that, and then keep a board member on the committee. Kuhlman reminded the board that the village did specify quite sternly that the rep had to be a board member for the strategic plan committee. It was specifically stated at the last annual municipalities board meeting that the strategic plan committee rep had to be a board member. Brennum is willing to sit on that board if Kirkpatrick will still be chair. Kuhlman said it would be up to the committee and if she still wants to do it, as long as we have a board member. Brennum would be the rep on it if she would sit on the board. Kuhlman said the strategic plan meeting is the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday and when the plan is done that committee will be done. The district board meeting is every third Wednesday. Bruner nominated Brusberg to be the rep to the Fire/EMS District Board. Smith seconded. Bruner stated Arndt is on Recreation, Brennum will be on ordinance and Brusberg on EDC. Brusberg said it would be nice to do a few months of two board meetings and then revisit it at that time. Bruner said at the next board meeting they will set committee dates and then discuss frequency of board meetings at a future date.

**Brennum made a motion to approve the committee assignments with changes of Brennum on ordinance committee, Brusberg on EDC, Arndt on Recreation, and Brusberg added as Fire/EMS District Commission rep.** Bruner seconded. Motion carried. (Adopted committees attached)

**O&A Landscaping plan** – Kuhlman stated O&A has been working for about six months to get their landscaping plan approved. Shirley Pernot from O&A is present. They have been before PZ four times, and every time PZ wants more and different information. PZ asked for more trees, and they put in more trees, and then PZ asked for the specific species of the trees and then asked for them to fence in their air conditioning unit. O&A is getting frustrated. Pernot stated the air conditioning units are huge, and if they put a fence around it, it could do damage to the system. Messner's will be putting tall grass around it. She met with Dale Arndt and Dan Olson, and they walked the property and decided on places for more trees. They will put some trees back from the snow storage area, and they're hoping the snow doesn't kill them. It's been discouraging. They want to work with the board. Kuhlman stated the color pictures with the full-grown trees, Springer photoshopped to show what the trees will look like when full grown. Pernot said they will be four feet when planted, and they have put some maples and will put in the evergreens suggested.

**Brennum made a motion to approve the proposed landscaping for O&A.** Smith seconded. Motion carried. Board and O&A thanked Olson for his help.

**Sale of 2013 squad** – Olson said they made a motion to send the squad to surplus to be sold at the last board meeting. Smith agreed and also other parts and miscellaneous items. Bruner said it's not been listed yet, and the fire department reached out to purchase it from us, and since it's not been listed, he brought it up to sell directly to fire department. He asked what the reason was it wasn't discussed. Brennum and Smith said it wasn't brought up before. Brennum asked what they are offering. Bruner asked if we have a price value. Kuhlman said they looked at blue book but haven't talked about price. Brusberg asked if we have a depreciated value. Smith no, and it's hard to come up with one. Bachim stated the fire department will have to buy all new equipment for it. Discussion on selling price and selling to fire department. Bachim said this would be for a chief or commanding officer to use as a command vehicle. Smith said a vehicle like this was turned down at the all-municipality meeting. He's not opposed to it, but taxpayers will take a double hit if we sell to the fire department. Olson asked why interested in a vehicle with over 180,000 miles on it. He doesn't care if they want to buy it. Smith said 180,000 with the idle hours. He said he'd like to figure out a price and if it will be a double hit to taxpayers. Bachim said the association might use their money for it and not district money. It would be nice to hear from the association on what their plans for it are. Olson would like some more information from the district. Brennum made a motion to postpone the sale of the squad. Bachim seconded. Smith asked if they have another board meeting until the end of next month. Kuhlman said the third Wednesday, but if the association is paying for it, does the district have anything to do with it. Bachim said the second Tuesday is the association meeting and members can discuss it. Kuhlman said it would still be our second board meeting of next month. Smith said we can send it to surplus, and they can take their chances buying it from there, and they might get a better deal. Brennum withdrew his motion. Bachim withdrew the second. **Brennum made a motion to send the 2013 squad to auction at Wisconsin Surplus.** Smith seconded. Motion carried. Bachim abstained.

**Fire/EMS District Meeting**—Kuhlman reported that there wasn't anything substantive discussed. She has asked the district secretary to send the 2020 year-end reports and the packet from the meeting, but we haven't received it yet. They discussed the strategic plan committee meeting. At the last meeting they sent out a survey to fire and EMS members and board members to take the survey and other boards and peer agencies. It will be open until the end of the month, and the committee will discuss the results at their May meeting. And they will also discuss in May a survey for citizens. She reached out to Marx about running the next meeting, since we don't have a board member assigned yet. Brennum asked if the board wants to reach out to Kirkpatrick to see if she's interested in continuing. Bruner agreed.

**Smith made a motion at 7:36 p.m. to adjourn.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

## May 2021 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Every month the Senior Center publishes a Newsletter, which has sixteen pages full of information relevant to local older adults. Unlike most area senior center newsletters, ours contains no advertising.

In addition to information about what events and activities are going to happen at the Senior Center in a given month, the Newsletter also contains information about services such as meals, transportation, blood pressure checks and foot care and other services, all of which are available at the Center.

The Newsletter also contains broader information about Medicare and Social Security, about frauds and scams to be alert to, and about health issues that impact older adults.

In short, the Newsletter covers a wide range of topics that older adults, their families and support people should be reading.

How do people get the Newsletter? Currently, the Newsletter is available in four primary ways. A person can stop at the Senior Center and pick one up or ask for one if they drive through the Ziggy's meal ticket pick up line. A person can request one be delivered to an email address each month. The Newsletter is available on-line on the Village of Oregon's website. Finally, the Newsletter can be mailed to people who prefer that option (normally there is a charge to cover the cost of mailing, but that has been waived during the pandemic). To receive the Newsletter via email or US mail, please call the Senior Center at 835-5801, and ask to speak with Anne.

If you had the May Newsletter in your hands, you would know about what activities and events are going on this month, and you would have advance warning about some of the dates for the big events in June. You would know what to do if you needed a ride to an appointment.

With May's Newsletter in hand, you would be able to read about vouchers that Dane County provides to qualified seniors to use at Farmers' Markets, and how seniors should go about tackling any spring cleaning projects in their homes.

The Newsletter is an important source of information—take advantage of this free resource!

Click on this link below to access Senior Center Newsletter:

[Oregon Sr Center May Newsletter.pdf](#)

## May 28<sup>th</sup> 2 pm to 3 pm Oregon Area Senior Center 219 Park St. Pay-What-You-Can Meal

Little John's is a pay-what-you-can restaurant which turns excess food from grocery stores into amazing meals.

The restaurant is now offering packaged meals seniors can pick up to reheat at home. The Oregon Senior Center is fortunate to be one of the sites where you can pick up meals.

Meals are available at no cost, although you are welcome to give a donation which goes directly to Little John's. No need to register, simply drive to our parking lot!



### **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.



**Garbage the week of Memorial Day will be picked up on**

**Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**



# **Methodist Church - Ice Cream Social**

**June 6th from 2 pm – 4:30 pm at 201 Church St.**

**Barbeques, Baked Beans, Assorted Desserts, Ice Cream & Beverages. Carryouts Available.**



**Brooklyn Dairy Queen Crowning at 4:30 pm**

## **CLERK'S OFFICE**



The Clerk's office and the Public Works Dept. will be CLOSED on Monday, May 31st, in observance of Memorial Day.

## **June is Dairy Month**

### **Dairy Breakfasts:**

**Green County Fairgrounds  
May 29<sup>th</sup> 6a-10a**

**Rock County – McNally's at  
5928 E. Bingham Rd, Milton, WI  
June 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30a – 11a**



### **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.



# NEW BROOKLYN RECREATION EVENTS COMING SOON



Check the Village of Brooklyn and Brooklyn Recreation Websites and Facebook for updates.

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

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



follow us on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI/>

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

**May 16<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – EMS WEEK**

# EMS STRONG

## This Is EMS: Caring for Our Communities

Please remember to send them a Thank you for their service and the sacrifices that they make.





*On April 14th, 2021, the Brooklyn Oregon American Legion post 160 awarded 4 personnel (2 from Brooklyn and 2 from Oregon) outstanding member recognition. The award recipients from Brooklyn were Brian Smith - Firefighter, and Justin Wicik - EMT. The recipients from Oregon were Steven Woodstock - EMT, and David Danks - Firefighter.*

*From that presentation, Justin Wicik and David Danks both continued to the Green County level of competition. Both Wicik and Danks won for their respective levels and were again awarded on April 18th at the County level.*

*From the County level, both Wicik and Danks then continued to the American Legion 3rd District level, which incorporates 7 Wisconsin counties. Both Wicik and Danks were victorious at the 3rd District level and were awarded this past weekend (April 24th) in Cazenovia .*

*The next step for both Wicik and Danks is to have their nominations and information reviewed by the State board. The state level award winners will be announced and recognized later this year.*

*Congratulations!*



Join us on Memorial Day to honor the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice



**Location: Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial**

**400 W Main Street Brooklyn, WI**

**Date/Time: May 31, 2021 at 10:00 am**

Benediction: Pastor Michael Hammond, Brooklyn Methodist Church

Guest Speaker: Dale Schultz, USMC

Special Recognition – Supporters of the Memorial in 2020

Color Guard: Brooklyn-Oregon American Legion Post 160

Firing Squad: Oregon-Brooklyn VFW Post 10272

Bugler: Misty Johnson

Note: Order of Public Health Madison and Dane County, Emergency Order #16 is in effect



# COMMUNITY ANTIQUE



# T R A C T O R P U L L E R S

## 2K PULL DAY

SPONSORED BY



# SATURDAY

## MAY 29, 2021

# BROOKLYN, WI - 12 PM

3750, 4000, 4500, 5000, 5500, 6000, 6500, 7000, 7500

Farm Classes- 3mph - All normal CATP Farm Tractor rules apply

3750, 4000, 4500, 5000, 5500, 6000

Modified Antique- 4mph - All normal CATP Modified Antique rules apply

4500, 5500, 6500

6mph - All normal CATP rules apply

## FARM CLASS

4350 | 6150

Farm Payout Class Rules

Hitch- 34" From Centerline of Rear Axle or 14" from the end of the PTO & 18" High • 15.5X38 Tires in 4350  
• 18.4X38 in 6150 • No Cut Tires (if they look cut they're cut) • 10% Over Stock On RPM's • 3MPH Paced Speed



## MODIFIED ANTIQUE CLASS

4350 | 6150

Modified Antique Payout Class Rules

18" Back 20" High • 18.4X38 Tires  
Top Cut Radial or Full Cut Bias Tires • 20% Over Stock On RPM's • 4MPH Paced Speed



## Rules & Payout

For larger payout classes • \$500 guaranteed for 1st place in the 4350 & 6150 classes  
70% Entry Payout down to 5th place • \$25 Entry fee for each class

Presented by: Community Antique Tractor Pullers • [www.tractorpullers.org](http://www.tractorpullers.org)

The YV4C program engages high school students throughout the school year in monthly outdoor activities and volunteer habitat conservation projects. Join as a Conservation Volunteer or as a member of the YV4C Leadership Council.



## BENEFITS

- Make a real impact in caring for Dane County's natural habitats
- Build your college resume and earn letters of recommendation
- Enjoy outdoor adventures with students from all over Dane County
- Gain leadership skills and fulfill volunteer/service hours



## STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

- Aged 14–18 and enrolled in grades 9th–12th
- Must commit to once-per-month activities (September–May)
- An interest in environmental stewardship

## WANT TO DO MORE THAN VOLUNTEER?

Then become a student leader with the YV4C Leadership Council and help recruit new students, lead volunteer service days, and plan additional program activities.

## INTERESTED? QUESTIONS?

Find out more at [lussierheritagecenter.com/YV4C](http://lussierheritagecenter.com/YV4C) and to **APPLY!**  
Contact: Micah Kloppenburg -- [kloppenburg.micah@countyofdane.com](mailto:kloppenburg.micah@countyofdane.com)

# June

# 2021

| Sunday | Monday                                                                            | Tuesday                                                                           | Wednesday                                                                                           | Thursday                         | Friday                 | Saturday                                                                                  |
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|        | ** \$5.00/Tire<br>Contact Clerk's Office<br>608-455-4201                          | 1<br>**Tires, Oil & Batteries                                                     | 2<br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>Yoga 6p                                                                    | 3<br>Garbage<br>Pickleball 8a-8p | 4<br>Pickleball 8a-5p  | 5<br>Rock County Dairy<br>Breakfast 630a-11a<br>McNally 5928 E.<br>Bingham Rd, Milton, WI |
| 6      | 7<br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>PiYo 6p                                                  | 8<br>Brush Pick Up<br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>Fire/EMS Strategic<br>Planning Mtg 630p | 9<br>Garbage & Recycling<br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>Yoga 6p                                             | 10<br>Pickleball 8a-8p           | 11<br>Pickleball 8a-5p | 12                                                                                        |
| 13     | 14<br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>PiYo 6p<br>Finance Mtg 530 p<br>Village Board Mtg 630 p | 15<br>Pickleball 8a-5p                                                            | 16<br>Garbage<br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>Yoga 6p<br>Fire/EMS District Mtg<br>630p                       | 17<br>Pickleball 8a-8p           | 18<br>Pickleball 8a-5p | 19                                                                                        |
| 20     | 21<br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>PiYo 6p                                                 | 22<br>Pickleball 8a-5p                                                            | 23<br>Garbage & Recycling<br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>Yoga 6p<br>Fire/EMS Strategic<br>Planning Mtg 630p | 24<br>Pickleball 8a-8p           | 25<br>Pickleball 8a-5p | 26                                                                                        |
| 27     | 28<br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>PiYo 6p<br>Village Board Mtg 630 p                      | 29<br>Pickleball 8a-5p                                                            | 30<br>Garbage<br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>Yoga 6p                                                        |                                  |                        |                                                                                           |
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