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March 2025 Village News

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2025 Spring Election

Tuesday, April 1, 2025, from 7 am to 8 pm

In-Person Absentee Voting

March 18 -20 (Tues.-Thurs.) 7 am to 4 pm March 21, (Fri.) 7 am to Noon & 1 pm to 4 pm March 24 – 27 (Mon.-Thurs.) 7 am to 4 pm March 28, (Fri.) 7 am to Noon & 1 pm to 4 pm



Reminder to remove all decorations by April 15.

Brush Pickup 2nd Tuesday of each month

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



Village of Brooklyn 2025 Spring Dumpsters Available Only on The Following Days & Times

Saturday, May 3 – Noon to 5 pm Sunday, May 4 – 10 am to 2 pm Friday, May 9 – 2 pm to 7 pm Saturday, May 10 – Noon to 5 pm Sunday, May 11 - 10 am to 2 pm



Street Sweeping - March 18th

Please remove all vehicle(s) from the street before 5 am.

2024 Consumer Confidence Report Data BROOKLYN WATERWORKS, PWS ID: 12300750

Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Leif Spilde at (608) 455-1842.

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality

The Village of Brooklyn Board meets on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month at 6:30pm 210 Commercial Village Hall.

Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
1	Groundwater	616	Active
2	Groundwater	670	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, Leif Spilde at (608) 455-1842.

Educational Information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products
 of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater
 runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HA and HAL	HA: Health Advisory. An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information. HAL: Health Advisory Level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. Health Advisories are determined by US EPA.
НІ	HI: Hazard Index: A Hazard Index is used to assess the potential health impacts associated with mixtures of contaminants. Hazard Index guidance for a class of contaminants or mixture of contaminants may be determined by the US EPA or Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If a Health Index is exceeded a system may be required to post a public notice.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Term	Definition
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
PHGS	PHGS: Public Health Groundwater Standards are found in NR 140 Groundwater Quality. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
RPHGS	RPHGS: Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standards: Groundwater standards proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.008	0.006 - 0.008	3/14/2023	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.1	0.1 - 0.1	3/14/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)		100		5.6000	4.3000 - 5.6000	3/14/2023	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)		10	10	0.09	0.06 - 0.09		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	3.00	2.80 - 3.00	3/14/2023	No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.5300	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	7/17/2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	0.78	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	9/5/2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Radioactive Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2024)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)		15	0	2.0	1.8 - 2.0	7/7/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	0.9	0.0 - 0.9	7/7/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a)		n/a	n/a	2.4	2.2 - 2.4	7/7/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l)		30	0	0.7	0.6 - 0.7	7/14/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Additional Health Information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Brooklyn Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

March 2025 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Three mornings each week the Senior Center hosts a program called The C.L.U.B. (C.L.U.B. stands for Cheerful, Lively, United Bunch). The C.L.U.B. is a state-licensed adult day program.

Sometimes as people age, they become more isolated. This can be caused by many factors, but the result is often that people find themselves spending too much time in front of a television for company. That sort of isolation actually speeds further decline.

Brains and bodies need stimulation to thrive. Studies show that the brain is less active while watching television than while staring off into space. Passively sitting isn't very good for our bodies either.

The C.L.U.B. is focused on helping people make social connections, keeping bodies moving, providing intellectual stimulation, and having fun. The group meets three mornings each week and can accommodate up to 16 participants. There are two staff members, and two to three volunteers involved each day as well.

The people who come to The C.L.U.B. vary in age from their fifties to their nineties. Many no longer drive. Some live with family members. They all share a need to get out of the same four walls and enjoy different people and activities at least once each week.

A typical day in The C.L.U.B. includes chair-based exercise, a morning snack, an adapted large motor game, conversation, time for crafts or music or pet visits, or guest presentations, etc. The morning ends with lunch, which is served here at the Center.

In addition to benefitting the person who comes to The C.L.U.B., the program can also provide benefits to an attendee's caregiver. Knowing that their loved one is in a safe, supported environment can allow a caregiver to take some time for themselves, which is vital.

There is a charge of \$35 per morning to attend The C.L.U.B. That helps defray some of the costs of the staff, the food served, etc. If someone is interested in attending but struggles with the fee, we encourage the person to reach out to the staff, as there are various grants that can help cover the cost.

Most attendees are reluctant to come to The C.L.U.B. when they first learn about it. People generally want to stay in their comfort zones, and new things can be scary. However, once a person starts attending, they usually fall in love with the program and look forward to coming back each time it is offered.

The C.L.U.B. is not a drop-in program. Because the program is licensed by the state, there are certain requirements that must be met, and people must enroll to attend. However, if you or someone you know is interested in seeing what the program is like, you can visit for a day to see if it would be suitable. We ask that you call in advance and talk to one of the staff, so we can plan for visitors.

If you are interested in learning more about The C.L.U.B., or scheduling a time to visit, please call the Senior Center at 608-835-5801 and ask to speak to someone about The C.L.U.B.



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COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, March 27, 2025 At Noon Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.
Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.

The Dane County Library Service Bookmobile - Thursday evening stops (6-7:30p) at the gazebo at Hotel and Commercial Streets. Library users are encouraged to place holds for items they would like or to use the library's Browse Bundle service: https://www.dcls.info/browsebundles to have library staff select titles for you.



Contact Dane County Library Service with questions at 608-266-9297 or bookmobile.dcl@gmail.com.



Come Learn About:

- Severe Weather & Weather Safety
- How to be severe weather aware
- Severe Weather Watches and Warnings
- How you can help the National Weather Service as a Trained Spotter

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No pre-registration required.











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BROOKLYN

FIRE & EMS CARD PARTY

March 22nd 2025

Sandwiches & Refreshments 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Euchre - 6:30 p.m.

Euchre Tournament \$5.00 Entry Fee

Silent Auction





Accurate Appraisal LLC – Educational Corner

Know Your Rights as a Property Owner During the Assessment Process! 🛸



Did you know that as a property owner, you have specific rights during the property assessment process? Understanding these can help you ensure that your property is fairly assessed.

Assessors aren't tax collectors, or even tax setters, we're just fellow taxpayers trying to make everything fair and equitable.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

as a Property Owner



CONTEST YOUR ASSESSMENT

ou have the right to contest your assessed value. After you receive your notice of value change you can submit during the open book process. An assessor will review your documentation. If there is sufficient evidence provided, the assessor



REFUSING AN INSPECTION

You have the right to refuse an interior/exterior inspection of your property. To do so you must contact the assessors office to confirm your "refusal of inspection." We will need to know your parcel and address information to verify



OUR SAFETY

You have the right to feel safe before, during and after an interior/exterior inspection. Accurate will send you a notice many weeks in advance via mail before the assessor arrives at your property. All of our vehicles are clearly marked and our assessors will have a company photo ID to verify they work for Accurate. If you are concerned you can contact us or the municipality at any time.



APPEALING YOUR ASSESSMENT

You have the right to appeal your assessment if you cannot come to an agreement of value with the assessor. The you to share your evidence with municipal officials of which will make the final determination of value. You must file with the municipal clerk only after meeting with an assessor and no later than 48 hours before the board of review meeting.





2025 OPEN BOOK

Wednesday, May 14th from 4-6 pm

2025 BOARD OF REVIEW

Monday, June 2nd from 6-8 pm

Watch more information will be posted on the website and in future newsletters.

BALLET – 2025 PRE-BALLET, BALLET & BALLET/JAZZ CLASSES START APRIL 8, 2025, THROUGH MAY 20, 2025

(see next page for the registration form)

CLASS DISCRIPTIONS & NOTES

Pre-Ballet - 4:15-4:45 (ages 3-4)30 min

 Children ages 3-4 will be introduced to basic ballet technique. Classes emphasize rhythm, classroom etiquette, listening, and freestyle dance with prompts. Making dance fun is essential to a happy community dance program!

Ballet - 4:50-5:20 (age 5) 30 mins

 Children age 5 will learn proper ballet technique and body placement. Classes emphasize rhythm, classroom etiquette and positive body image. Ballet builds a proper base for all other dance forms by teaching students how to move individual body parts while maintaining a graceful posture.

Ballet / Jazz - 5:30-6:15 (ages 6-11) 45 min

- Children ages 6-11 will learn proper ballet technique and body placement.
 Classes emphasize rhythm, classroom etiquette and positive body image. Ballet builds a proper base for all other dance forms by teaching students how to move individual body parts while maintaining a graceful posture.
- Children ages 6-11 will be introduced to basic jazz techniques and skillsincluding turns, jumps and across the floor combinations. Jazz dance started in African culture which emphasized low, knee-bent movements with body isolations.
 - Approximately 25 minutes for each but ballet may run a little longer

Informal Performance theme is "Under The Sea"

Parent Viewing Days (IN Class)

- First Class
- March 25th (informal performance)

Classes will be held in the Brooklyn Community Building basement

102 N Rutland Ave, Brooklyn

Check & registration forms may be mailed or dropped off at the Village of Brooklyn

PO Box 189, 210 Commercial St, Brooklyn

Make Checks Payable to - Brooklyn Recreation

Next Ballet session will be April 8th - May 20th 2025



Spring dance session will be on Tuesday's starting January 28th and end March 25th 2025– 9 Classes, 1 Class as an informal performance. Listed below are the classes that will be offered this spring. Please select which class your child(ren) will participate in.

Pre-Ballet 4:15-4:45 (ages 3-4) 30 Mins Ballet 4:50-5:20 (age 5) 30 Mins Ballet / Jazz Combo 5:30-6:15 (ages 6-11) 45 Mins

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Please make checks payable to Brooklyn Recreations

WAIVER AND RELEASE STATEMENT

(All participants must read and sign) I have read the accompanying event information and understand the policies of the event. I know that I should not enter unless I am medically able. I assume all risks associated with my child(rent)'s participation in this event, including but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, all such risk being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to use and WAIVE, RELEASE and DISCHARGE Brooklyn Recreation, Dance Instructor, Village of Brooklyn, worker or volunteers, their representatives, successors and assigns for ANY AND ALL claims of liability, whether foreseen or unforeseen, for death, personal injury or property damage arising out of, or in the course of my participation in this event. I further grant full permission to the above mentioned sponsors, organizers and or agents.

Signature:	Date
Print Name:	

(Brooklyn RecreationArea Only) PaymentMethod Date Paid



Brooklyn Recreation Committee is part of The Village of Brooklyn PO Box 189, 210 Commercial Street, Brooklyn, WI 53521 www.brooklynwi.gov www.brooklynrecreation.org www.Facebook.com/BrooklynRecWl www.Twitter.com/BrooklynRec_Wl

All Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Building



Current Class Schedule: Wednesday - 6:00pm Yoga: Slow Flow



Food Truck Night

3rd Tuesday of the Month

May through September

Starts at 5pm - Legion Park





BUSINESS FAIR 2025

May 6, 2024 * 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

"CONNECT & GROW"





MEET YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES,
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS,
SMALL FARMS/FLOWERS,
FIRE/EMS, SHERIFF'S DEPT.

NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN & FOOD

At Brooklyn Community Building - 102 N. Rutland Avenue

DOOR PRIZES

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Each child receives a "passport" - fill with stamps from different businesses & enter for a chance to win a prize.

If you're a local business and would like to participate, please contact the Brooklyn Area Chamber brooklynareachamber@gmail.com



Village Board Meeting Minutes February 10, 2025

On February 10, 2025, President Mark Bruner called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were David Berland, Chris Groenier, Mike Gehrmann, Mike Brusberg, and Christian Allen. Dan Olson was absent. Also present was Victoria Solomon with UW Madison Extension Green County, Olivia Otte with Green County Development Corporation, Public Works Director Leif Spilde and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments. Olivia Otte and Victoria Solomon introduced themselves. Bruner introduced the board.

President report – Bruner congratulated the Philadelphia Eagles as Superbowl champions, and expressed sorrow for the fire that affected a village resident last week.

Groenier made a motion to approve the minutes of January 27. Berland seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg, Allen, and Bruner abstained.

Green County Development Corporation – Victoria Solomon discussed what Green County Leaders is. It's a leadership development program in Green County. It's run through Extension Green County and GCDC. They do a lot of different programs, including first impressions. They focus on value of first impressions on a community and what people think about a community. They had 32 green county leaders come to Brooklyn and none had much previous experience here. They are young professionals to retirees, coming from different workforces and live or work in Green County. They were asked to check out the community by driving around and then answered some questions and had conversations on strengths and weaknesses and opportunities. The teams focused on visiting, entrepreneurial and living here. They've done the same with Albany and Monticello. Solomon went through some of the highlights of their results; Brooklyn is more than meets the eye, appreciation of the parks and saw value on the history and walkability. Five positive things: new development, location is great geographically, quiet and walkability and parks. Saw a few opportunities: downtown revitalization, great if more businesses and if businesses were open during hours that would work well for folks, (group was there on Wednesday), increase in signage particularly for people going through Brooklyn to make it easier to get to different locations. The group was also asked to check out Brooklyn online, and they shared great information on history, opportunity for website updates and more information about things to do.

Olivia Otte stated how these results can help move forward with different options. They can be great to use to write grants and spur business opportunities. Green County Development Corporation is a nonprofit to bridge the gap between private and public sector. They focus on business recruitment and attraction. For example, in Monticello they were asked to help with more promotion of trails and signage and downtown beautification. She helped them with grants to get new signage and beautification. She's also working with businesses they helped recruit and fill vacant spots. They help with business recruitment. They're working with Monroe to get large companies to their industrial parks. They do grant writing and low interest loans for businesses. She will look for direction from the board on what they're interested in working on. She's there to help and carry out things that came out of the first impressions and other input. Bruner asked about a fee schedule, as far as an hourly rate and what type of investment is required. Otte stated Brooklyn is already an investor, and the cost is based on population. Any projects, needs, wants, she's here to help. They're willing to be here as much as possible. Solomon also mentioned that she's also able to help with connections to economic development specialists, etc., like a downtown market analysis. She works closely with GCDC. There's no fee from them. Gehrmann asked if there's anything that would stand out from this; for example, if we would do this, we would get our best bang for the buck. Are there any suggestions that we should go after, to give us some direction. Allen heard signage, is that for local businesses, or where town hall and parks are. Otte stated where municipal services are. Solomon said there were some comments about logos as well. Otte said it is whatever the village sees as their priorities, focusing on quality of life initiatives. She said we've done great things already. As far as other communities, we have a leg up on business recruitment as well. We've had substantial

growth, but it could be higher because of the closeness to Madison. Solomon said two groups talked about living here, and one thing that came forward in terms of attracting people, as planning additional places, think about sidewalks and planting trees for quality of life. Otte said it doesn't have to happen today. They can come back to more meetings or talk to someone one on one. They want to be involved, so don't hesitate to reach out. Allen said there's a lot of valuable information to look through. Bruner thanked them for coming, and they'll be hearing from us.

Kuhlman explained Bertram asked for a letter regarding support for a BEAD grant for work they want to do in Dane County. Berland is always in favor of increasing competition. **Berland made a motion to approve letter of support for Bertram Communications BEAD funding.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Village Hall construction bids – Brusberg asked if all three bidders came in to look at the space. Kuhlman said Joe Daniels and Kaiser Construction did, but Steel Rock did not. Brusberg asked to disqualify Steel Rock for not coming in to look at the space. He thinks you can't visually get an idea from the outside of the premise. Groenier added for \$30,000 less, he wouldn't trust that bid. (Bids were \$27,431.25 from Steel Rock, \$42,000 from Joe Daniels and \$57,986.75 from Kaiser). Berland made a motion to select Joe Daniels for the village hall remodel project. Groenier seconded. Bruner asked if we wanted to talk about the electrical. Spilde said we've had a few contractors look at it, including Joe Daniels who said there needs to be an update to the electrical service coming in. Strand and building instructor looked at it, and it's up to the board if you want to tackle that or not. Allen asked if there's any concerns. Spilde said the building inspector said he would put the panel in his house, but it is old. Gehrmann asked if they had done an infrared inspection? Answer is no. Motion carried.

Plumbing bids – Bruner said we only received a bid from Swinehart. (The bid was \$6,412). **Groenier made a motion to approve the bid for the plumbing project by Swinehart**. Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Verizon – Kuhlman stated Verizon wants to put antennas on the Legion Park tower. They sent a copy of their standard lease, which will be discussed in closed session. They also have to put equipment on the ground, 21x31 space, and Spilde provided a map on where it could be built. Bruner said we own the tower. Berland asked if we'll get pushback from US Cellular. Kuhlman said their lease provides for other parties to use it as well. Bruner asked if we have an idea of what will happen with TMobile and US Cell. No one knew the answer. Gehrmann asked if there's a problem adding extra stuff. Bruner said it shouldn't be. Berland asked if there is enough power. There shouldn't be. **Berland made a motion to allow Verizon to put antennas on Legion Park tower and include space for ground equipment.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

New development – Kuhlman asked the board for some direction to give the developers on what the board wants to see before making a decision to proceed with the project and who they should present it to. Suggestions were layout of subdivision, lot sizes, proposed pricing, mechanism in place that guarantees timely reimbursement occurs, economic feasibility of development including the utility runs covered, what will they be covering for costs versus asking us to do, big concerns are water and sewer, and annexing a balloon. Brusberg said this has near-term benefit to the community and allow better coverage of costs. Brusberg suggested coming to a full board meeting. Berland and Bruner agreed. Gehrmann said the first thing is feasibility, if they can get sewer and water there economically. Berland added do we need another water tower. Spidle said the business park, because it's businsess, you have to guarantee 2500 gallons a minute for two hours, for a residential house you have to guarantee 1500 gallons a minute for one hour. So the water tower for residential will not be as big an issue as for the business park. Spilde said we would make them run some loops, and sewer will be interesting, and they've already talked about putting in two lift stations. Gehrmann asked how close are they to determining feasibility. Spilde said they feel it's feasible. We might be able to benefit future developments on the east and south of the village to do an interceptor line. It might be more beneficial to do that. Brusberg said maybe there's an element of cost-sharing to enter into at that point, because if it benefits communitywide. Kuhlman will contact them and let them know what we're looking for to come back to the

board to decide yes or no going forward. Brusberg would also like to know what their next steps are. Gehrmann also included what is their timeline.

Kuhlman stated one of our bonds is coming up for mandatory redemption. Ehlers can take care of this for us. We need to hire them as paying agent. The cost is \$400 per bond, and we have two bonds. **Motion to use Ehlers as the paying agent for bonds at a cost not to exceed \$800**. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg reviewed the bills. **Brusberg made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Groenier seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works/Utilities/Emergency Management – Spilde made a list of year-end projects that impacted budget. Two major items were new permit for WWTP and sludge hauling. Talked about broken water mains. The Well 1 rehab. Brusberg thanked all the members for fixing the grave sites after the spray painting. Monthly report: In January, pH meter died, which was 41 years old. On the excavation ditch, the concrete structure broke. Four inches fell out of the 12 inches of concrete. It was fixed. Bruner asked what caused that. Spilde said freeze and thaw. CMOM report is required every year, which is the sanitary sewer for things outside of the plant, and we had one sanitary sewer backup complaint. This was not our issue. We clean lift stations three times per year. We had one pump failure. Gehrmann asked why they're cleaned in December and February. Spilde siad it's based on contractor availability. It could become an issue in the future, because there's only two that do this kind of work. Added line item of sanitary cleaning, televising program, which is required now by DNR. The whole system needs to be televised in a 10-year cycle. We started this past year with the Highway 92 area because of the project from the state. No issues on the televised area. Some sections when they start doing it in the future are 70-80 years old. Water quality trade with Klondike Farms and Todd Klahn, the report needs to be done every year for phosphorus credits per our permit. We used 85.71 pounds of credit last year, and we can go up to 224 pounds. Gehrmann asked if you can bank it for future years. Spilde said you can't even bank it month to month. The monthly limit is 22 pounds and can't go over that. State is looking at lowering it.

Park items – Spilde stated past boards voted to remove the volleyball court at Legion Park. It's not used. He wanted to confirm before they remove it. Pickleball wants a backstop put up so one player can practice. Spilde said they have plywood. Smithfield Park, the basketball courts have a wood structure around it that's been there since 1986. They now have a chain link fence along Highway 92 so balls can't roll out into the highway. They're asking to remove the wooden structure. Board okay with all three items.

Ordinance Sections 24-1, 24-24 and 24-57 – Kuhlman said we don't have to approve until the 24th, but she wanted to see if anyone had any changes. Gehrmann asked how snow is reported. Spilde said Public Works checks the next day. They don't do snow complaints based on resident complaints. Lawn letters are driven by complaints. Kuhlman kept the ordinance to sending out a letter for lawns. Gehrmann confirmed with this we're allowing public works to take care of snow issues without doing letters. Kuhlman agreed, and also with the snow ordinance we added anyone on the 100 block of Hotel Street needs to shovel the area from the sidewalk through to the curb. Spilde said they're allowed to put in the street. All of those property owners will get a copy of the ordinance. Brusberg asked about special assessments. Kuhlman said it is being discussed and then it has to go to hearing and approval. Board is okay with lawn and snow changes.

Berland said we discussed the short-term rental application at the last meeting, and his concern is there is no ordinance to back it up. Kuhlman checked on that, the zoning administrator said we don't need an ordinance at this point, because everything in it is based on current ordinances. The 180 days is a reference to the fact they have live there that long to get the lottery credit. **Groenier made a motion to approve the short-term rental application changes**. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

No changes with **Business Park Ordinance.** Discussion on changes to the **driveway ordinance**. Gehrmann asked if Rob Roth can look at the current ordinance, because the way he reads it, it says may be approved by village planning commission. Bruner said they consider gravel to be a durable hard surface. Kuhlman said there's a

definition of a hard surface driveway. Berland asked if it would make sense to define a hard surface driveway is this and anything else needs to be approved. "Driveways must be asphalt or concrete driveway and anything else needs to be approved." Leave out alternate materials and just say "driveways must be uncolored concrete or asphalt and anything else must be approved."

Zoning ordinances for unimproved lots - Kuhlman said this will set up an ordinance to cover not living in anything other than a house on a property. Allen would like to clarify unless approved for temporary use approved by the board. Discussion. Bruner said the first draft says nothing permitted on an unimproved lot, which means you can't put a tent or motorhome, and the last paragraph at no time is a motor vehicle, including but not limited to a passenger car, SUV, pickup or semi tractor to be used for occupancy. Berland said the first is confusing with no dwelling should be permitted, is it verb or noun; maybe say no residential occupancy should be permitted on an unimproved lot in the village. Kuhlman found an ordinance from another community, which covers also regulating someone to inspect putting up tents for public use, and specify who to inspects them, whether it be fire department or building inspector. Brusberg so an inspection by fire chief or designee, and then no residential occupancy shall be permitted on an unimproved lot in the village. Kuhlman said we need a public hearing before approval, so it will be end of March. Spilde suggested when looking at the penalty, because right now we go through court system and it takes a while. Bruner suggested violation of this policy may be subject to removal of temporary dwelling. Kuhlman stated we've done procedures according to ordinances, with citations and then court, but it takes time. Allen said we're looking for some way to remove the person offending or what they're living in, so is this causing any kind of public scrutiny. Brusberg how quickly are citations. Kuhlman public nuisance ordinance is a reasonable time from 5, 10 or 45 days depending on what's there before citations. Gehrmann asked what if they set up a tent on public property. Spilde said we do have an ordinance on public property. We do have something for not hooking up water and sewer. Bruner suggested an escalation - after 3rd citation, the structure will be removed from unimproved lot. Could cite every day as a separate offense. Discussion. Allen suggested enforcement of written warning, three citations, removal of temporary dwelling, and if it comes back, there are no warnings, no citations, and it's immediately removed again at the cost of the owner. With escalating citations of \$200, \$500, \$1000, tow. Suggestions -- no residential on improved or unimproved lots, no overnight sleeping on unimproved lots, put fees on fee schedule. Allen suggested no living in temporary facilities unless approved by the board - 3 days for tents, 12 day sfor campers, after that one written warning, 3 citations and then we'll remove the temporary structure. Add to mobile homes. Set up penalties in its own ordinance. Public hearing for March 24. Groenier left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Kuhlman stated Mapping Specialists has converted the village map to jpg at no extra charge. **Berland made a motion to split the cost of the map with the Chamber**. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – Financials: total deposits of \$1,593,227.17; of that \$1,099,238.70 was taxes collected in January and \$372,762.17 were NAN loan proceeds covering costs. Total withdrawals of \$1,838,514.21; \$1,229,940.76 was for January tax settlement. February settlements are due by February 20. We have Dane County totals and Green County is behind because they are having computer problems. LiteWire did not accept our \$500 lease amount and asked for time to remove the tower so they can inform their customers. We will work with them to get it removed. Election is next Tuesday. It's a primary for state superintendent. Town of Dunn and Village of McFarland are renewing a cooperative plan. They have a joint public hearing on April 29. Kathy Pennington talked about the BEAD grant for Frontier and thanked the board for doing the letter. She is on the committee and is helping with getting the grant.

Fire/EMS – Brusberg said they saw a sizeable increase in runs relative to last year. There were 376 calls last year. No decision has been made on what to do with the old ambulance. Barber hasn't pulled together a plan on if we did transportation. Not many on the district board are in favor of that option. More than likely they will trade it in. Life pack has been ordered and will be here by the time new ambulance is in service. The out

of service hours comparing 2022, 2023 and 2024 -- 2024 was 179, 2023 was 545, 2022 was 1541. We're spending more money, especially with LTEs.

Berland made a motion at 8:10 p.m. to convene into closed session. Gehrmann seconded. Ayes – Allen, Brusberg, Gehrmann, Bruner, Berland. Noes – none.

Gehrmann made a motion at 8:37 p.m. to reconvene to open session. Berland seconded. Ayes – Allen, Brusberg, Gehrmann, Bruner, Berland. Noes – none. **Brusberg made a motion to approve what was discussed in closed session with the Verizon lease, Gobles and Storageshopusa**. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Berland made a motion at 8:37 p.m. to adjourn. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Village Board Meeting Minutes February 24, 2025

On February 24, 2025, Clerk Kuhlman called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were David Berland, Mike Gehrmann, Mike Brusberg, Dan Olson, and Christian Allen. President Mark Bruner and Trustee Chris Groenier were absent. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Olson nominated Mike Brusberg as chair of the meeting. Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg convened into public hearing at 6:31 p.m. on adoption of zoning ordinances Sections 24-1 and 24-24 Snow nuisances; 24-57 Regulation of Lawns, 117-897 Business Park, 117-1053 Driveways. There was no public present and no comments. Berland made a motion at 6:32 p.m. to close the public hearing with no attendance from the public. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

No public comments. **President's report** – Bruner is absent due to personal reasons. Board hopes all goes well.

Berland made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes from February 10 as presented. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained.

Hotel Street project – Brusberg stated we received bids from Speedway Sand & Gravel (\$722,503.55), Fischer Excavating (\$794,515.91), and Rock Road Companies (\$808,214.62). Gehrmann saw Speedway's work at Research Park. Berland read the letter from Strand stating they previously worked with Speedway Sand & Gravel. Olson stated some concern of getting change orders with the \$722,000 bid being lower than other bids. Berland said we're covered with 10% bond for an extra \$72,000 coverage. Brusberg made a motion to move forward with Speedway Sand & Gravel as responsive low bidder for the Hotel Street Project. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Berland made a motion to accept changes to Ordinance Sections 24-1 and 24-24, snow nuisances, as presented. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Berland made a motion to accept the modifications to Ordinance Section 24-57, regulation of lawns, as presented. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Berland made a motion to accept modifications to Ordinance Section 117-897 referring to Business Park as presented. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated she made modifications to Ordinance Section 117-1053 driveways this morning to 3a and 3b to match what was discussed at the last meeting. It strikes out durable hard surface and replaces it with asphalt or uncolored concrete surface. Also in Number 10 Brusberg suggested striking hereby included under the definition of hard surface. Brusberg made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Section 117-1053, driveways, as amended which also includes updating figures 6a and 6b that accompany this ordinance. Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated some recommended changes to Ordinance 32-87, winter parking. After the last snow, deputies said they couldn't enforce it as written because it seemed like tickets couldn't be written until 24 hours after the last snow. She changed the language to read over one inch of snow and during the 24-hour period after. Discussion of past versions and new language. Berland made a motion to accept the modified Ordinance Section 32-87 and 32-88 winter parking and snow emergencies as presented. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve hiring seasonal public works employee Abby Hollis. Berland seconded. Motion carried.

Olson is working with Spilde on setting up **Dumpster Days**. Olson proposed holding it for two weekends with Saturday and Sunday the first week and then Friday, Saturday and Sunday the following weekend. He will talk with public works about possibly having it open from 6a-2p during regular business hours. He would like to shorten up the time frame from the past. Allen asked if there will be signage when someone isn't there. Olson said the suggestion is if someone is not going to do the 6a-2p, public works keeps the dumpsters on the one side and run a fence across. Gehrmann asked if other communities do something like this. Olson stated he doesn't know of others that do what we do. Kuhlman said other communities have days where they pick up from the curb. The dates for Dumpster Days will be May 3-4 and May 9-11. We will not advertise the weekdays. **Brusberg made a motion to move forward with spring dumpster days on May 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 of 2025.** Berland seconded. Berland thanked Olson. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated Arbor Day will be observed on April 25 this year. Public Works usually plants at tree at the park

and invites the school kids to join. Berland made a motion to adopt the Arbor Day Proclamation, Resolution 2025-02. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated she received information regarding **borrowing for the Hotel Street Project** from Ehlers on bond costs and our current debt situation. There are costs associated with the bond for bond counsel and closing costs. She also received quotes from Lake Ridge Bank of 7.96% for 10 years and 8.27% for 20 years. She also reached out to One Community Bank for quotes. There is also the option of the State Board of Commission of Public Funds, which has a rate of 6.25% for 6-10 years, and 6.5% for 11-20 years. Olson asked if the finance committee has looked at the options. He thinks they should look at it and report back to the board. Berland said we can call a meeting after getting the information from One Community Bank. Brusberg also suggested the Public Finance Authority through the state, UW Credit Union or Summit. If we get other quotes, maybe they'll match. Brusberg said it was good to have the borrowing information from Ehlers. **The board will send it over to finance committee.**

Olson reviewed the bills and found a few items with some tax added on. One was Johnson Tractor and the other for some signs bought online. Public Works used the credit card, and if it's a new company, there's tax. Kuhlman stated she has spoken with Johnson Tractor, and they have our information for nontaxable. Other

than that, Olson said the bills were fine. Brusberg also reviewed. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented**. Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Commission — Olson said the PZ Commission made a motion to send to board as they accepted the rezoning of the parcels from agriculture to business park. Olson made a motion to approve the rezoning of the parcels 0510-313-8300-1, 0510-313-8315-1 and 0510-313-8330-1 from agriculture to business park. Berland seconded. Gehrmann asked when they see the parcel numbers, how do the board know they are correct. Olson said we use Access Dane or they come from the CSMs. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report - Kuhlman reported the auditors were in the office on February 17 and 18. They will complete their work and present the audit in either April or May at a board meeting. The February election turnout was 11%, 109 total voters; 31 in Green County and 78 in Dane County. The next election is April 1 and races are state superintendent, state supreme court, state court of appeals, county judges in both counties, Oregon school district and our local Brooklyn president and trustees. Mike Brusberg is on the ballot for president. Jacob Bachim is on the ballot for trustee, and we have two open trustee positions that will be write-ins. Anyone wishing to run for president has to register. Anyone wishing to run for trustee does not have to register. Berland asked what the deadline is to register. Kuhlman stated noon the Friday before the election. Berland said he would accept the position if he was written in. Kuhlman attended the Ehlers conference a week ago. Seminars were mostly on TID and economic/housing development. They talked about formula for paying back developers. There were two counties that presented information on their housing projects, and starter home prices there are \$325,000-340,000. One of the counties even offered smaller lots, which still the minimum starting price was \$300,000. The counties also do incentive programs for new buyers. There was a legislative update from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. They are focusing on 5 topics over the next two-year legislative sessions – infrastructure, transportation, economic development, housing and community first, which is more local control. There are currently three bills circulating that would restrict local control. One has to do with prohibiting community gardens, one has to do with what flags can be flown at municipal buildings, and the other would prohibit municipalities from prohibiting up to 4 chickens or quail. But there is also a bill circulating for wind and solar projects, asking to give municipalities first right of refusal before the PSC approves, and comments from the senators were "we elect local officials to make decisions on issues at local level," etc. So they contradict themselves.

The village hall remodel is starting soon. Swinehart Plumbing will be starting this week with the sink in the back and then coordinate with Joe Daniels on the toilets and sinks. Joe Daniels will start on about April 2. Olson asked if we're taking out the urinal. Kuhlman said no, because it is cemented into the wall and would be very expensive to remove. Joe Daniels is coming this week to select countertops and the front glass window. Kuhlman attended the GCDC meeting last week. They are monthly, usually on Thursdays at 8 a.m., and anyone on the board is welcome to attend. They do hold them in person and by Teams. GCDC updates on programs that they're doing for the county and for municipalities and businesses and then all members, which are municipalities and businesses, go around and update on new things happening. Kuhlman is still working on the new zoning ordinance draft and will send it out as soon as it's done. Deputy Grumke will be back next week. LiteWire will remove the tower in April.

Allen made a motion at 7:20 p.m. to go into closed session. Gehrmann seconded. Ayes – Allen, Gehrmann, Brusberg, Olson, and Berland. Noes – none.

Berland made a motion at 7:32 p.m. to exit from closed session Gehrmann seconded. Ayes – Berland, Olson, Brusberg, Gehrmann, and Allen. Noes – none.

Berland made a motion that we send the modified terms to Verizon as discussed in closed session. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Gehrmann made a motion at 7:33 p.m. to adjourn. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Spring Primary Election 7a-8p Tires**, Oil & Battery Pick-up	Garbage Yoga 6 pm	Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	4	5
6	7	8 Brush Pickup Ballet	Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6 pm	Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	11	12
13	Board Meeting 630 pm	15 Ballet	Garbage Yoga 6 pm	17 Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p	18	19
20	21	Ballet	Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6 pm	Bookmobile- Gazebo 6-730p Community Lunch – Noon at Brooklyn Methodist Church	Celebrate Arbor Day! Legion Park 10a Brooklyn 4 th Grade Students will help plant trees.	26
27	28 Clerk's Office Closed	29 Ballet	30 Garbage Yoga 6 pm			
					Exercise Classes held at Brooklyn Community Bldg	**\$ 10/Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455- 4201