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## July 2025 Village News

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# **BROOKLYN NIGHT OUT**

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**AUGUST 7TH**

**4:30PM – 7:00 PM**

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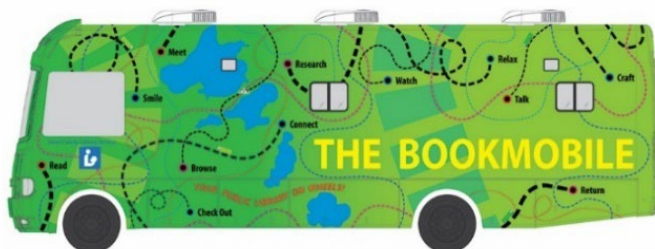
Call Clerk's office at  
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## Brush Pickup 2nd Tuesday of each month

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.



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](mailto:bookmobile.dcl@gmail.com).



# Clean Tap, Clean Water

Maintaining high-quality drinking water in your home



## Where to get more information

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



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Association**

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

The solutions to these issues may be in your hands.

Your water utility wants you to enjoy a high-quality tap water through every tap.

Use this brochure yourself, or use it to work with a licensed plumber, to inspect your faucets and water use areas, such as sinks used to tap drinking water and for food preparation, to find areas for improvement.



## Top faucet tips for homeowners

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





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



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

### The kitchen sink

The cleanliness of the kitchen sink

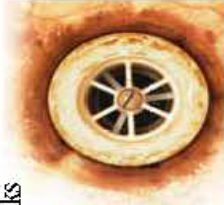
is important because it is where you get water for drinking and cooking. Chemicals and bacteria



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

### Sink drains

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



and backed up water in which

bacteria can grow and contaminate

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

### Faucets, screens and aerators



Aerators are located on the

tip of faucets and can collect

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



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

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



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

### Water treatment devices

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

A smell of rotten eggs can be a sign of



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

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

### One last point

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



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## COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, July 24, 2025

At Noon

**Brooklyn Methodist Church**

Everyone of all ages, is welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.



## July 2025 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

The second half of July and the first half of August have several free, fun and interesting activities scheduled at the Oregon Area Senior Center.

On Friday, July 18 at 1:00 there will be a presentation by a dermatologist, Dr. Apple Bodemer, about skin care for seniors. This presentation will cover common skin conditions that show up as people age, including benign skin growths, when to worry about skin cancer, and how to navigate dry skin and itch.

Summer seems like the perfect season to enjoy listening to the happy sounds of ukulele music. Mad City Ukes will be performing at the Center at 10:45 on Wednesday, July 23. Everyone is welcome.

Another educational program is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30. Audiologist Dr. Alli Anderson will be here at 10:45 to talk about hearing and cognitive decline. There is a definite connection between hearing and brain function, and this presentation will address a variety of subjects, including how to reduce your risk of developing dementia and how to stop the ringing in your ears.

Encompass Health will be at the Center on Wednesday, August 6, at 10:00 to talk about home navigation. This presentation will cover strategies for reducing the risk of falls in the home, as well as inexpensive ways to make your home more accessible as you age.

Entertainment takes us over again on Friday, August 8, at 1:00, when local actress Gail Shearer appears as Abigail Mitchell, a fictional character from colonial New York.

Local historian Bob Block will be presenting a program about the Janesville 99 at the Center at 1:00 on Friday, August 15. The Janesville 99 was a Wisconsin National Guard Tank Company whose members were taken prisoner during WW II. They endured the Bataan Death March and years of hardship in Japanese POW camps. Only 35 of the original 99 members survived. Their story will be told on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the surrender of Japan at the end of the war.

Please consider joining us for one or more of the programs above. We would love to see you!

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## Oregon Senior Center Available Support Services

- **MEALS**—Nutritious lunches are offered at the Senior Center Monday through Friday. Home-delivered meals are also available Monday through Friday. Suggested minimum donation for those 60 and older is \$5.00 per meal, but please pay only what you can afford. Anyone under 60 must pay the full amount of the cost to provide the meal, which is \$13.56. Lunch at the Senior Center is served at 11:45 AM. Home-delivered meals generally arrive between 11:00 AM and noon. Reservations and cancellations should be made by calling 608-835-5801 two business days before. See page 10 for more information.
- **FOOD PANTRY**—The Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry, at 107 North Alpine Parkway in Oregon, is open every Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, every second and last Thursday of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, and every first Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Please call 608-835-5801 to arrange transportation.
- **LOAN CLOSET**—You must have an appointment to pick up or return equipment. If you live in our service area and need durable medical equipment, such as crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, canes, etc., you may borrow equipment for short-term use. This service is available to all ages. Call 608-835-5801 and ask for Carol or Noriko to schedule an appointment. **Walking sticks are available for 3-week loans.**
- **LEGAL COUNSELING**—Several local attorneys offer free consultations to local seniors. Please call Carol or Noriko at 608-835-5801 for this information.
- **LGBT SENIOR ASSISTANCE**—Call the Senior Advocate from the OutReach LGBT Community Center at 608-255-8582.

## Oregon Senior Center Regularly Scheduled Activities

More activities can be found on the Oregon Senior Center Website or in their newsletter:

<https://www.vil.oregon.wi.us/inhttps://www.oregonwi.gov/219/Senior-Center>

### **Silver Threads Among the Gold Club**

**Tuesday, July 15, 11:30 AM**

Silver Threads is a group that meets for social time and entertainment (not a sewing group). After our business meeting and potluck meal, we will enjoy a performance by Celtic Harp Choir and BalletU Swans at 12:45 PM. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and their own place setting.

Yearly dues are \$12 per single and \$18 per couple. We welcome and encourage new members. Guests are welcome and asked to contribute a donation to the entertainment. If you have questions or concerns, please call Barbara Ballen (608-213-5290) or Toniann Pica (845-821-3268).

*August: Kristin Campbell with UW Health Care Direct - Thriving at Home: From a Therapy Perspective*



### **Great Beginnings Book Club with the Oregon Public Library**

**Second Monday of each month at 1:00 PM**

July's book is *Freezing Order* by Bill Browder. Can't make the afternoon meeting? The book is also discussed at 6:00 PM the same day at the Oregon Public Library. The library reserves copies of the books. For a list of future books, contact the Oregon Public Library or check out the library's website.



#### **Free Weekly Game Groups**

- Bridge: Mondays at 1:00 PM
- Pool Players: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 AM
- Mexican Train Dominoes: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
- Euchre: Wednesdays at 1:00 PM
- Mahjongg: Thursdays at 12:00 PM

*Don't know how? Players are happy to teach you!*



#### **Monthly Card Party**

The next Third Thursday Afternoon Euchre Card Party is **July 17 at 1:00 PM**. Cost is only \$3.00. Treats are compliments of the Lake Ridge Bank—Oregon.

#### **On-Going Activities and Groups**

- **RSVP Create to Donate:** Fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 PM.
- **Crafty Stampers:** Third Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM. Bring your own supplies.
- **Knit/Crochet Group:** Second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM.

#### **Stamp Camp - Cards with Terry**

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, July 15, 1:00 PM**

Create six handmade greeting cards. Bring your own adhesive. Great for unleashing your creativity...you learn a new skill each month. \$18.00 per person.

**Call Terry at 608-712-0572 by the Wednesday before.**

### **NEW! Join Us For Pinochle**

**Second Tuesday of the Month, 1:00 PM**

Did you play Pinochle back in the day? Melding? Dix (pronounced "deece")? Declaring out? Do these sound familiar? Come join in the fun of this new card group. Don't know how to play? We can teach you! Our first meeting had six people...





## Accurate Appraisal LLC – Educational Corner

### Key Steps in Special Assessments

- 1.) Need Determination - Municipal body identifies the need for improvements like street paving or sewer construction.
- 2.) Resolution of Intent - Declares intent to levy special assessments, detailing the improvement and affected properties.
- 3.) Preliminary Report - Outlines project costs, benefiting properties, and proposed assessments. Available for public inspection.
- 4.) Public Hearing - Property owners can voice opinions and objections. Notices sent by mail and publication.
- 5.) Final Resolution - Governing body confirms project details and assessment amounts.
- 6.) Assessment Roll - Lists properties and assessment amounts, open for public inspection.
- 7.) Payment Options - Pay upfront or in installments with interest.
- 8.) Lien & Collection - Assessments become a lien until paid. Municipality can enforce the lien like unpaid property taxes.

# DID YOU KNOW?

**Special Assessments** ensure that the costs of public improvements are borne by the properties that directly benefit from them.

This method promotes **fairness and equity** in funding local improvements.

The municipality must follow these steps and procedures to initiate and process special assessments for improvements.

1. Determination of Need

2. Resolution of Intent

3. Preliminary Report

4. Public Hearing

5. Final Resolution

6. Assessment Roll

7. Payment Options

8. Lien & Collection



For the most up to date information on Special Assessments, please follow the link below:

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/66/vii/0703>

Stay informed and engaged with your community's development!


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# DID YOU KNOW?

The "Fair Market Value" on your tax bill is based on the assessment ratio. Fair market value is calculated by dividing your property's total assessed value by the average assessment ratio.

The assessment ratio is calculated by taking the total assessed value of the community divided by the state's determined value. The ratio is updated annually to determine fair and equitable taxes throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Basically, the value you see on your tax bill labeled "Fair Market Value" may not be a true current value of your home unless there has been a recent market update in your area. To learn more about ratios and how they affect your taxes please review the link with this post.



### FAIR MARKET VALUE

The fair market value listed on your tax bill isn't the actual market price of your property—it's based on the assessment ratio!

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

## Village Board Meeting Minutes June 9, 2025

On June 9, 2025, President Mike Brusberg called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were Mike Gehrman, David Berland, Dan Olson, Jake Bachim, Todd Klahn, and Christian Allen. Also present were Donovan Johnson, Sue McCallum, Jeff Groenier, Mark Mortensen, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

**President's report** – Brusberg stated it's the first time in the new space of village hall. It's nice to be in a different room that doesn't have paneling. He thanked the employees who helped make it happen.

**Olson made a motion to approve minutes of May 5 and May 12.** Gehrman seconded. Motion carried.

**Council on Aging** – Sue McCallum talked about the March and May meetings. They held their annual election at the May 21 meeting for the executive board offices of vice president is Anne Delleman, treasurer is Marilyn Rebman, and member at large is Ann Benedict. She presented the \$500 scholarship to Oregon seniors, which was given out on May 14. Current fundraisers – pancake breakfast at beginning of March. They noticed fewer people eating but the bake sale was huge. Most recent fundraiser was the brat bash on May 9, which had a \$200 higher profit over 2024. Part of that came from nice donations from Hyvee and a \$250 gift card from Thrivent Mutual, which bought the chips. Their next one is an ice cream social on July 10. That's more of a social event than a money-maker. Financial report - they have taken the legal fees out of their budget, which was about \$600 in the previous year. Those are now being done by the executive director. A new program at the senior center will begin on June 27, and is help with Android phones. It's conducted by the reference assistant from the Oregon Library. The Senior Center also hands out free hearing aid batteries, which are donated by community members. Village of Oregon update – where the nursing home was, the people that own the nursing home are rehabbing it for Main Street Senior Living. They're taking all the rooms from the nursing home and have added showers and making a total of 40 rooms. All will have showers, limited services, three meals per day and light housekeeping but no medications, no personal care. There will be no age limit. She thinks they will take anybody. It was not filled up at the time of the report. Rent will be \$2,300-2,500/month. The big apartments where Methodist Church sat are all income based. One of Council on Aging member did research on demographics, and 2025 will be largest cascading of retirements – 11,400 retiring/month. The board thanked her for her report.

**Dane County Urban County Consortium** – Brusberg said there's no cost to participate, and it allows access to CDBG or home programs through Dane County. One downfall is it potentially precludes us from participating in state run programs. **Berland made a motion to renew membership.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

**Extra-territorial CSM in Town of Oregon** – Johnson stated he lives on the home farm. He bought a lot 7 years ago and got the opportunity to buy an additional 20 acres in front and will divide that into 4 lots. Berland asked how will they be zoned. Johnson said R-4. There were no concerns from the board. **Klahn made a motion to approve CSM for the 4 lots.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

**6 pm siren** – Brusberg mentioned this has been on the agenda a couple times. Dane County Emergency Management has asked us to eliminate the 6 pm siren due to wear and tear on the siren and costs associated with maintenance. If we continue it, maintenance costs will be borne by the village. Klahn doesn't want to lose it but doesn't want to pay for maintenance. Olson agreed, if we have to pay for maintenance. He hopes the siren works when we need it. Gehrman would like to see spreadsheet on costs but doesn't want to get stuck paying for it. Berland would stop for different reasons, but he's glad this came up. Brusberg said there's a nostalgic aspect. **Berland made a motion to discontinue the daily 6 pm siren.** Gehrman seconded.



Gehrmann added to make sure when it's posted in the newsletter, it was at the request of Dane County. Brusberg agreed. **Berland amended his motion to be no later than July 1.** Gehrmann seconded amendment. Motion carried.

**Invoices** - Kuhlman mentioned there are new bills. We needed to rewrite a check to Brian Johnson and add the first payment to Speedway Sand & Gravel for the Hotel Street project in the amount of \$370,999.43. Olson also mentioned there are several instances where we paid tax on a few items -- one was village hall supplies of \$18.64 in tax and village hall supplies of \$3.86 tax, and another one for public works office/shop of \$4.91. Kuhlman said they would be for Wayfair and Lowes, which were one-time purchases online. The public works invoice from Autumn Supply is refunding the tax amount. **Klahn made a motion to approve bills as submitted.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda** – Alcohol Licenses for 2025-2026 – **Berland made a motion to approve all of the annual 2025-2026 license applications as presented.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried

**Clerk's report** – Financials for April and May were handed out. Kuhlman stated there were total deposits in May of \$1,033,602.32, and \$920,000 were loan proceeds for the Hotel Street project. We had withdrawals of \$281,652.72. The ending balance for all accounts at the end of May was \$3,202,118.66. We sold the antenna from village hall for \$1,337. Board received the TID 2 annual report, and the joint review board meeting will be in September. Dane County Cities and Villages did a wage report, and that was emailed to the board members. It includes all different employee categories, including trustee numbers. It can be brought up again at budget time. Berland said DCCVA will do it annually. Dumpster Days information was passed out. Green County Development Corporation May agenda and minutes were emailed to board members. The Town of Cottage Grove comp plan is being reviewed by the county. Clerk's office started using VOIP for phone instead of Charter. We are waiting for sheriff's department to set up internet to move into the clerk's office. Village Hall is now remodeled. She received Green County Extension meeting information on renewal energy projects and large-scale solar projects in Green County. She asked the board to allow the clerk and deputy clerk to attend the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association annual conference from August 19 through 22 in LaCrosse, and the office will need to be closed during that week. **Bachim made a motion to allow clerk and deputy clerk to attend the conference.** Berland seconded. Brusberg added the office will be closed on those dates. Olson abstained. Motion carried.

**One Community Bank** – Brusberg stated we received a letter from the bank basically getting us to the rate we were looking for of \$4.65%. **Berland made a motion to invest funds at One Community Bank at the aforementioned rate.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried. **Berland made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-10 Investing of Public Funds.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

**Recreation Committee** – Gehrmann does not have a rec update. He was unable to attend the last meeting. He will contact Hardy. Klahn said food trucks are next Tuesday.

**Fire/EMS District update** – Brusberg stated they had a meeting on May 28. Discussion was around the old ambulance. Direction provided was to reach out to local fire/EMS districts to see if any partners are looking for potential replacement and look on various websites and do some research. They will make a decision at the June meeting. It's the shell. Bachim said mileage is low 50,000. Brusberg said they did a review of all compensation for all employees, and they will possibly be making an adjustment for fire/EMS calls and shifting that slightly. Materially, it would be less than \$2,000 for EMS and less than \$1,500 on the fire side. No rate changes for some time. Fire went to \$17/call versus \$15/call and it's \$12/hour paid. For EMS they're looking to make adjustments for basic and AEMT per call. No decisions have been made yet. They are doing a review of the billing company with some of the volumes they saw for ALS versus BLS. It could equate to additional

revenue for the district. Rest of details were handed out in the packet. Looking down the road at potential sign options. One is to sand and repaint the existing outdoor sign, another is a zip channel board, and the last is an LED sign, but that's over \$35,000. Zip channel is \$5,000-7,000. Barber will talk to the membership. HVAC is getting old there and could be one of those projects that comes down the pipe. They will look at funds through the district, but the initial quote is \$30,000. Allen asked about heat and AC. Bachim said boilers run the bay area, and just the boilers need to be replaced. Bachim said the building was built in 2006-2007, and it's been repaired a number of years.

**Klahn motion at 7:07 p.m. to go into closed session.** Bachim seconded. Ayes – Bachim, Olson, Gehrmann, Brusberg, Berland, Klahn, Allen. Noes – none.

**Klahn made a motion at 8:38 p.m. to convene back into open session.** Bachim seconded. Ayes – Bachim, Olson, Gehrmann, Brusberg, Berland, Klahn, Allen. Noes – none.

**Allen made a motion to give the offer back to the attorney with terms discussed.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

**Klahn made a motion at 8:39 p.m. to adjourn.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCPC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer

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**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 23, 2025**

On June 23. 2025, Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were Mike Gehrmann, David Berland, Dan Olson, Jake Bachim, and Christian Allen. President Mike Brusberg and Trustee Todd Klahn were absent. Also present were Norma Botma, William Brockman, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Olson made a motion to have David Berland chair the meeting.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Comments -- William Brockman** asked about the ruling of law in the village on ATVs running on the streets; do they need to be licensed, lights, anything special. Berland stated based on signs posted, all streets are legal for ATVs. Allen said we will have to check with ordinances. Olson said they have to follow DNR requirements and follow speed limits. Brockman stated on Saturday night he was at Main Street Music, and there was a kid in front of Main Street Music zipping around. Berland suggested to call the police. He did but it took over an hour to get there. He called today and an officer is supposed to call him back. Gehrmann said he's seen the same frustration on Highway 92. Brockman said it's been going on for a number of days, and his son has had issues with the person a lot. He talked to Green County who might have an officer here tonight. Olson said there is an ATV enforcement division through Dane County who has sat in the village before. Brockman's other issue is with a truck in the village. Kuhlman said Deputy Grumke is aware of that and working with other deputies. Brockman said the other issue is the village is up to his property line, and people are coming into town and using jake brakes. They don't start until after King Lake Road, and that's an issue that needs to be addressed. There needs to be fines and enforced. By the time they're going out of town, by time they hit his driveway, they're going 60-70 mph. Olson suggested to call owners of the trucks. Berland said they appreciate his comments and will follow up.



**Norma Botma** – she's here in regards to Mt Hope Cemetery and perpetual care and several family gravesites. The main issue involves a flat plaque, and she understands we contract out mowing and weed trimming at the cemetery. She said it leaves a lot to be desired. On May 17 there was no weed trimming for 2-3 weeks, and she has pictures and gave them to the board. With regard to the stone, they have used the weed eater to the point it's taken all the enamel finish off the stone. There's an outline of a tractor, but that stone was placed at an angle on the cement base of the gravestone. Another issue is the stone next to one of her family's is too close, and why is there a discrepancy. She needs a proper answer about what she believes to be wrong placement. Secondly, at her uncle's site there was a cemented stake in the ground, and it was bent and pulling out of the ground. She was there earlier today and saw the stake has been replaced. She talked to the American Legion today about it. There is a flag on the stake so she's satisfied with that. Three to four years ago she talked with the clerk about planting a peony by her parents' grave site, and was told it would be mowed down. But it happens to be in the same area where there are hostas planted on each side of a gravestone. Why can't she have peonies planted on the side of her parents' grave. She has family members and they need answers to these apparent problems. Berland said we can't give you answers tonight, but we can ask public works. He asked her to please leave contact information with clerk so we can contact her. Olson said we can take it back to the public works committee. The board thanked them both for coming. One of the board members stated to go through photos and see if it was one of those vandalized.

No president report. **Allen made a motion to approve minutes from June 9.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

**Anchor Club II Special Event permit application** – Allen asked if there have been any problems in the past. Olson said he would like to see when departments have comments, that the comments are put in the comments section of this application or put see attached email for each comment. Bachim asked if fire and everyone else takes a look before it comes to them. Kuhlman said yes. Berland said there's emails from all. Bachim and Olson see no issue. **Bachim made a motion to approve application for special event for Anchor Club II on July 26-27.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. **Olson made a motion to approve the amplification permit for Anchor Club II for July 26-27, 2025.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried. **Allen made a motion to approve amending the alcohol license for Anchor Club II to include the alley behind the bar on the dates of July 26-27, 2025.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Stand task order** – Olson said this is to get started on work for permit for the treatment plant upgrades. We have a series of things to go through. There are deadlines we have to meet, and the Strand task order is so we can get it started and get them going so we can meet deadlines. It showed compensation amount of estimated \$70,000 for all the engineering. Gehrmann asked if they have all the stuff in here to do. Olson said it's preparing the draft for the facility plan. Berland asked if \$70,000 is a reasonable fee. Olson said yes, and down the road there will be more fees associated with this. Allen asked if there's a budget allocated for this. Olson said no. Kuhlman said it will span over a couple years. Gehrmann asked if it's general fund or sewer. Kuhlman said sewer. Gehrmann asked if we will have to bump the rates up. Kuhlman said there will probably be a future task order to look at to do a sewer rate study once they know the tasks that have to be done and the costs. Allen said if it's reasonable and we have to comply. Olson said we have to meet deadlines for the permit. **Allen made a motion to approve Strand's task order 2025-01 WWTP facilities planning.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2025-12 fee schedule.** Berland asked if it's reasonable with other communities. Kuhlman said it's the same as other charges we have. Gehrmann asked if it's per day or per time. Kuhlman and Olson said per incident. Olson said we also have a 48-hour parking law. Bachim asked if we want to post for no parking over 48 hours. Olson said it's posted in the alleyway that way. He can talk to public works about posting a sign

there. Berland said it doesn't need to be approved, it's an ordinance. We should site ordinance number on the sign. **Gehrmann made a motion to approve resolution 2025-12 for resolution of ordinance Appendix C amendments.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried. No additional discussion on parking ordinance.

Olson said he didn't see anything in the bills. Gehrmann didn't see anything. Kuhlman asked if she can have permission for her and the deputy clerk to sign the check for the truck next week. We don't have the amount yet, but it is due in next week. Gehrmann asked what the modem charge for Dane County Clerk is. Kuhlman said it's for the modem in the election machine to modem results to the county. **Olson made a motion to approve bills as presented with the addition of the check to pick up the new truck that has come in.** Allen seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's report – Hotel Street update** – dumpsters are coming tomorrow. Landscapers should finish tomorrow and fence should be put in tomorrow. Gehrmann asked about handrail in front of the apartment at the corner. Kuhlman said yes. Olson asked if the fence includes a gate for neighbor. Kuhlman said no, the homeowner got a quote to put that in separately, and the quote was higher than he received from other places. So they are not putting in the gate. But owner was asked about how far the fence should go towards the sidewalk, and he approved that location. Hoping to open everything up by end of week. July 8 **tree cutting service** will be taking down tree between Anchor Club and neighbor. Trustee members confirmed it is a civil matter. The **Railroad Street** parcel was sold at auction, and tomorrow the judge certifies the date. Green County Sheriff's Department is aware. **Assessor's plat** was given to board members for the Hotel Street Block. It goes to the state, and the state has 30 days to approve it. Once we get it back, the property owners need to sign off on the plat, which will then be approved by the board and then filed with Green County. Assessor talked to about half of the property owners when they were out here a few weeks ago, so hopefully we have everything worked out. Kuhlman will transfer funds to **One Community Bank** on July 1. Last week Kuhlman attended a **local government summit**. It's an organization that works with the League, Towns Association and Counties Association that helps with lobbying. They talked about AI in government, doing policies and letters, etc. They talked about cybersecurity and had agencies there that can help if you get attacked. One thing they mentioned frequently is if you get a ransomware attack, do not turn off your computer or touch it at all and call IT, your insurance company and their agencies immediately. The heads of the League, Towns Association and Counties Association were there and talked about collaboration between municipalities. There was discussion about possibility in the future of municipalities joining together and having a joint administrator instead of individual clerks, etc., especially of the dwindling labor force.

Berland mentioned he is attending the **Dane County Cities and Villages** meeting this week, so is there anything the board wants him to bring up. He's now on the executive board. It's a relatively powerful lobbying group. Gehrmann said we face wastewater issues. We get the regulations but with no solution and no help. He said is any farmer going to want anything on their fields unless you indemnify them. Olson said the only other alternative is to go to landfill, but then it has to be treated, and it's very expensive. Kuhlman mentioned the other issue is levy limits. Berland said he's seen in the legislature that they're pushing to increase levy limits, so they're discussing it. Berland will bring up the wastewater issues and ask them to make that a priority. Kuhlman said they did recently add funds to the clean water fund and safe drinking water programs.

**Public Works Committee** – Olson updated on the **Highway 92 project**. Preconstruction meeting will be held after July 4, and they are talking about the contractor starting mid-July. Not sure which way they're starting. Allen asked if they're aware of the concert. Olson said yes, and contractor has 62 days to finish the project. Discussed **Highway 104 project**. They're going to do rumble strips, etc., and it's not affecting village much. Discussed **First Street semi parking**, and it was put into the deed that we allowed them to have one semi parked there because it's a commercial property. Problem now is multiple semis are parking there. They're working with Grumke. Gehrmann asked if it's the same person. Olson said they believe so. We had some **vandalism in**



**Legion Park** and just had some this weekend. They vandalized the men's bathroom, and public works had to lock it up on Sunday to be repaired. **Sidewalks** were discussed, and we're waiting to hear back until the next meeting. They wanted more information to update the older study. It was mentioned a new study would have to be done for the sidewalks. Bachim said it was repairing and replacing sidewalks, starting on South Rutland, and updating means going wider. Allen asked if they're improving on them. Olson said sometime there will be curb/gutter through there and then sidewalk will be done. To make them wider, you'd have to deal with easements, etc. Gehrmann said in Madison it's done with multi-use path, and they make a path knowing it's going to be ripped up and redone. Bachim said or widen the road and put in a multi-use lane. Allen, said it's a few blocks, right to the corner. Olson said it's still taking money out of homeowners' pocket. Bachim said he'd like to see a new sidewalk. Gehrmann suggested making a path instead of sidewalk. Allen asked if we know if we can pull it out and reseed it. Bachim said it might be an ordinance, state versus local. Allen suggested looking at it. Olson said it was tabled to next meeting. **Emergency management** on July 24 is doing an active shooter training at elementary school. It will be multi counties with law enforcement, fire/EMS. Bachim said a training like this has not been done and so a lot of work is going into it. PFAS and PFOS **sampling** are being done bi-monthly. Monthly samples taken and all safe.

**Planning & Zoning Commission** – Allen said they had a meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Maxwell Gartzke came about changing his duplex on Hotel Street and making the front half into a potato chip plant and manufacture out of there. One concern is zoning. Berland asked if the half facing Hotel Street would be the chip plant. Allen said Gartzke owns the whole thing, and it will be him and his wife making, so just a box truck and no semis. He is in general business, which will be commercial and some residential. Not technically zoned for shipping. We might have to do a conditional use permit or he would sell them from there as well. It seemed like a good idea. Assuring there is a fire wall between units, and with HVAC compliant and not dumping oils, etc., down the drains. Also discussion on flood plain zoning ordinance. Got email from DNR to modernize the ordinance for flood plain zones. None of them exactly understood, so hopefully someone will be there to try to explain and answer questions. As far as we can tell there isn't a flood zone in Brooklyn. They didn't want to make a decision without asking their questions. There is a vacant citizen committee member needed, so Allen suggested Mark Bruner.

**Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 21 and February 24 PZ meeting.** Allen seconded. Motion carried. Bachim abstained.

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

Linda Kuhlman, WCPC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer

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| 10                                     | 11<br><b>Village Board<br/>Meeting 630p</b> | 12<br>Brush Pickup                     | 13<br>Garbage &<br>Recycling | 14<br>Bookmobile<br>Gazebo 6-730p                                                          | 15                                                                   | 16                                                         |
| 17                                     | 18                                          | 19<br>Food Truck Night<br>Legion Park  | 20<br>Garbage                | 21<br>Bookmobile<br>Gazebo 6-730p                                                          | 22                                                                   | 23                                                         |
| 24                                     | 25<br><b>Village Board<br/>Meeting 630p</b> | 26                                     | 27<br>Garbage &<br>Recycling | 28<br>Bookmobile<br>Gazebo 6-730p                                                          | 29<br>Brooklyn Truck<br>& Tractor Pull                               | 30<br>Brooklyn Truck<br>& Tractor Pull                     |
| 31<br>Brooklyn Truck &<br>Tractor Pull |                                             |                                        |                              |                                                                                            | Exercise Classes<br>are held at the<br>Brooklyn<br>Community<br>Bldg | **\$ 10/Tire<br>Contact Clerk's<br>Office 608-455-<br>4201 |