

210 Commercial Street - PO Box 189 – Brooklyn, WI 53521

## August 2025 Village News

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**The Clerk's Office will be closed on Tuesday, August 19, through Friday, August 22, 2025, for training.**

**The Clerk's Office & Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, September 1st, in recognition of Labor Day.**

**The Clerk's Office will be closed on Thursday, September 18, through Friday, September 19, 2025, for training.**



*Food Truck Night*

*3rd Tuesday of the Month*

*May through September*

*Starts at 5pm - Legion Park*

## **We are looking for an Assistant Teacher**



Brooklyn Recreation Ballet is looking for a student with dance experience to fill their volunteer hours as an assistant dance teacher

**Wednesday & Thursday**

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 - Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 2025

Brooklyn Community Building

If interested please contact Jessica  
[klahnj@zoho.com](mailto:klahnj@zoho.com)



## **COMMUNITY POTLUCK**

**Thursday, August 28, 2025, At Noon**

**Brooklyn Methodist Church**

Everyone, all ages, welcome. Bring a dish to pass.  
Table service and beverages are provided.

# Brooklyn Labor Day

## TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th - SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st  
- BROOKLYN LEGION PARK -**

### Friday, Aug. 29th

- 6:00pm - Steak Sandwiches - Oregon/Brooklyn VFW
- 6:00pm - CATP Antique Tractor Pull [tractorpullers.org](http://tractorpullers.org)
- 6:00pm - Bean Bag Tournament (See Website for Pre-Registration)
- 7:30pm - 11:30pm - Music by: Buck Neck-Ed

### Saturday, Aug. 30th

- 11:00am - PULLS START
  - P.I. Motorsports - Pro Farm Tractors
  - Hot Farm, 12, 500 Tractors Enhanced
  - Super Stock Truck's
  - 2.6 Diesel Trucks
  - Farm Tractor & Amateur 4wd Truck Pull
- 12:00pm - Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls
- 9:00am-3:00pm - Fall Arts & Craft Fair at the Brooklyn Community Building
- 7:30pm-11:30pm - Music By: Railhopper

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
CHICKEN BY:**



### FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

15 minutes south of Madison off Hwy 14

### BEER & FOOD TENT - ALL 3 DAYS

**Absolutely No Carry in Beverage or Food**

### Sunday, Aug. 31st

- 8:00am-10:30am - Pancake Breakfast
  - Sponsored By Lakeridge Bank
  - Featuring "Uncle Pancake LLC"
- 11:00am - PULLS START
  - Badger Truck
  - Southwest Pullers
  - South Central Wis. Tractor Pullers
  - Farm Tractor & Amateur 4wd Truck Pull
  - Small & Big Block Gas Trucks
  - Hot Open Diesel Class & Altered Diesel Trucks
- See website / Facebook for classes
- 12:00pm - Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls
- 7:30pm-11:30pm - Music By: Super Tuesday

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MORE INFO AT [WWW.BROOKLYNSNOHORNETS.WORDPRESS.COM](http://WWW.BROOKLYNSNOHORNETS.WORDPRESS.COM) & [WWW.OREGONSNOBLAZERS.COM](http://WWW.OREGONSNOBLAZERS.COM)



# THE METHODIST CHURCH



## Serving Lunch & Bake Sale AT THE CRAFT FAIR

AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH

9 AM TO 3 PM

We look forward to seeing old  
customers and meeting new ones.

**HAPPY LABOR  
DAY!**



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JOIN US for our ANNUAL  
FALL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

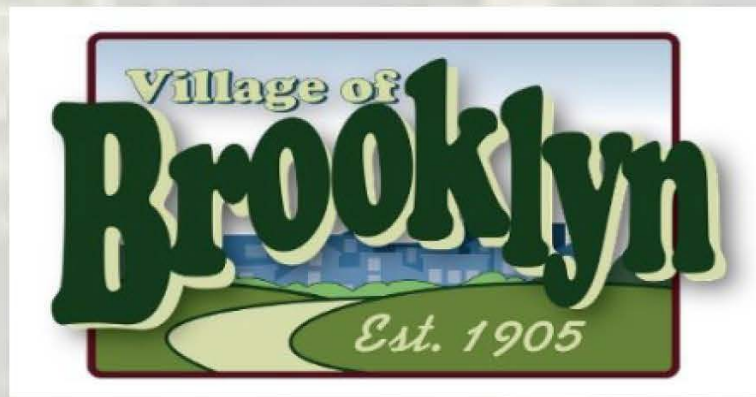
Saturday, August 30th

**9am-3pm**

Location: Brooklyn Community Building

Support Your Local Businesses





**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**Monday, September 8**

**4 – 6 p.m.**

**@ Village Hall**

**210 Commercial Street**

**We're proud to open the doors and  
welcome the community to tour the remodeled space**

**And while you're here, check out the new parking lot,  
outdoor space, and upgrade of Hotel Street**





Flyer generated by Chatgpt



Due to the Holiday, your Garbage Pick Up will be on Thursday, Sept. 4th.  
Please make sure that your cans are at the curb by 7 am.

## Water Leaks in your home

Did you receive an abnormally high water bill? Do you keep hearing water running, and you can't put your finger on it? If the answer to either one of these questions is yes, then you might have a water leak.

Step 1 – Make sure all your faucets are off – remember to check the ones outside as well.

Step 2 – Find your water meter. It is usually in the laundry room or utility closet. Check close to the hot water tank if you are having problems locating it.

Step 3 – With all known sources of water off, does your meter show that water is being used? You might want to write the number down and then come back in 15-30 minutes without using any water and see if it has changed. If it has, your leak probably has gone up.

Step 4 – Start to look for your leak. The most common water leak is due to the toilet. The second most common leak is in faucets.

To calculate the water loss or for more information, go to <http://www.awwa.org/> or their [drip calculator](#)



**Drip Calculator** <http://www.awwa.org/resources-tools/public-affairs/public-information/dripcalculator.aspx>

## 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.



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## HYDRANT FLUSHING – SEPTEMBER 2 through the 12, 2025



During Hydrant flushing, temporary discoloration may appear in the water due to loosened iron, sediment, or air bubbles. Residents should refrain from washing laundry or using a dishwashing machine when flushing is occurring in or near their neighborhood, as the temporarily discolored water may cause staining. Also, a more pronounced chlorine taste or odor in the water may be noticed just after flushing.

When flushing is completed, it is recommended to run the cold water taps until the water appears clear prior to use. This will help clear out any sediment and air bubbles that may have entered the water lines inside the home. Any increase in chlorine taste and odors will dissipate after a couple of days. If water pressure seems low, check faucet screens for trapped particles.

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## Village of Brooklyn Dumpster Days -Residents Only

**\*\*Be prepared to show proof of residency. \*\***

**Unloading items will be your responsibility.**

Friday – 9/19 – 2 pm – 7 pm,

Saturday – 9/20 – Noon – 5 pm

Sunday – 9/21 – 10 am – 2 pm

### ITEMS **NOT** ALLOWED:

- ROOFING SHINGLES
- CONCRETE OR STONE
- GRASS/WEEDS/BRUSH/LEAVES
- FLUORESCENT BULBS & FIXTURES
- RECYCLABLES (CARDBOARD OR BOXES) PLASTICS/GLASS/TIN CANS/BOTTLES
- 55 GALLON BARRELS/DRUMS
- PAINT
- ELECTRONICS/COMPUTERS/TV'S
- HAZARDOUS/INFECTIOUS MATERIALS OR THEIR CONTAINERS
- \*\* OIL, BATTERIES, TIRES, APPLIANCES

**\*\* NOTE:** Oil & batteries can be brought in and placed in a separate area. No Freon or hazardous-containing appliances (refrigerators, AC units, etc.), microwaves, or dehumidifiers. Other appliances can be placed in the recycling dumpster. If you have any questions, contact Public Works at 608-455-1842.

### Did you know...

Your water can become contaminated if connections to your plumbing system are not properly protected!

The purpose of the local Cross-Connection Control Program, as required by State Plumbing Code and Regulations, is to ensure that everyone in the community has safe, clean drinking water.

### Public Health & Safety...

To avoid contamination, backflow preventers are required by state plumbing codes wherever there is an actual or potential hazard for a cross-connection. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires all public water suppliers to maintain an on-going Cross-Connection Control Program involving public education, onsite inspections, and possible corrective actions by building owners if required.

### More Information

WI Department of Commerce  
[www.commerce.state.wi.us/](http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/)

WI Department of Natural Resources  
[www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

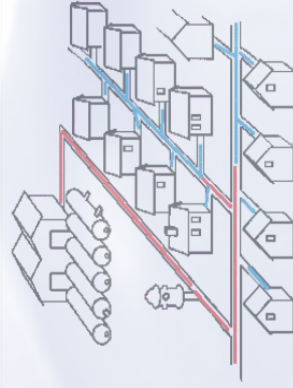
Cross-Connection Control / Backflow Prevention  
[www.hydrodesignsinc.com/wiccc.html](http://www.hydrodesignsinc.com/wiccc.html)



### Drinking Water Information

## Residential Water User Cross-Connection Hazards

## Bathrooms & Kitchens



We're All Connected.....

Maintaining the integrity of your  
public drinking water system.



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## What is a Cross-Connection?

A cross-connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of contamination or pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection and use. Cross-Connections must be properly protected or eliminated.

## How does contamination occur?

When you turn on your faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant. However, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to contaminate your own drinking water or even the public water supply.

Water normally flows in one direction. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is known as Backflow. There are two situations that can cause water to flow backward: back siphonage and backpressure.

## Backsiphonage

May occur due to a loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a fire fighting emergency, a water main break or system repair. This creates a siphon in your plumbing system which can draw water out of a sink or bucket and back into your water or the public water system.

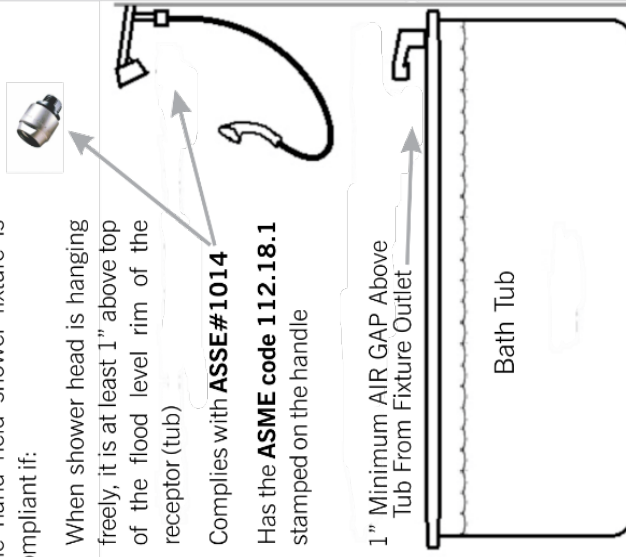
## Backpressure

May be created when a source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the public water system. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross-connection.

## In the Bathroom - Hand Held Shower Fixture

The hand held shower fixture is compliant if:

- When shower head is hanging freely, it is at least 1" above top of the flood level rim of the receptor (tub)
- Complies with **ASSE#1014**
- Has the **ASME code 112.18.1** stamped on the handle



1" Minimum AIR GAP Above Tub From Fixture Outlet

Bath Tub

## Insights to protect your drinking water

### Do...

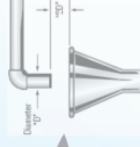
- Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
- Make sure dishwashers are installed with a proper "air gap" device.
- Verify and install a simple hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home.
- Make sure water treatment devices such as water softeners have the proper "air gap", which is a minimum of one inch above any drain.



Hose bibb Vacuum Breaker

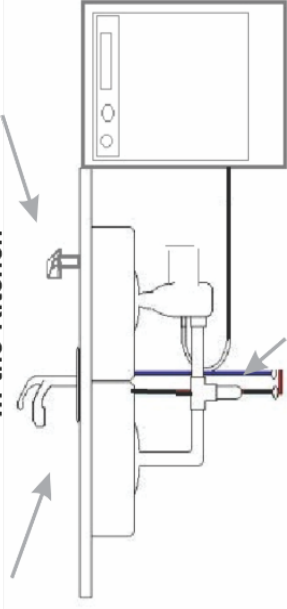
### Don't...

- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or ponds.
- Use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device.
- Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems directly to the sewer or submerged drain pipe. Always be sure there is a one inch "air gap" separation.



Air Gap

## In the Kitchen



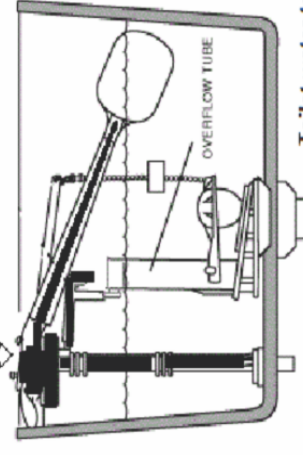
Hoses and water treatment devices may create a potential backflow hazard if not properly isolated with backflow prevention methods.

## In the Bathroom - Toilet Tanks

There are many unapproved toilet tank fill valve products sold at common retailers which do not meet the state plumbing code requirements for backflow prevention.

- Look for the **ASSE #1002** Standard symbol on the device and packaging
- Replace any unapproved devices with an **ASSE #1002** approved anti siphon ball-cock assembly. Average cost is typically \$12 to \$22 at home improvement stores
- Verify overflow tube is one inch below critical level (CL) marking on the device

ASSE #1002 Approved Ball Cock Assembly



Toilet water tank



# Villagewide Garage Sale



**SEPTEMBER 19-21**

Clothing      Vintage Decor  
Furniture    Tools  
Books  
And more



**BROOKLYN METHODIST CHURCH  
PRESENTS**

## **BOOK SALE, BAKE SALE & LUNCH SALE**

**Friday & Saturday,  
September 19–20**

**BROOKLYN METHODIST CHURCH –  
DURING VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALES**

Come browse our gently-used books, grab  
a sweet treat or homemade lunch, and  
enjoy the community spirit during the  
garage sales!

**We're hoping for a great turnout—  
don't miss it!**





# BROOKLYN, WI AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

## **Support Local Farmers!**

Enjoy all that Brooklyn has to offer!

Veggies | Fruits | Flowers | Meat | Eggs | Honey

## **Saturday, September 20th**

10am - 3pm at Legion Park

### **Family-Friendly Community Celebration**

garden supply swap | produce judging | taste tests | food  
trucks | community art project | harvest themed Bookmobile |  
kids activities (story time, scavenger hunt & more!)



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# DANCE

## SESSION SIGN UP

Fall dance session will be on Wednesday or Thursday starting October 1st and end December 11th 2025— 10 Classes, 1 Class as an informal performance (No class November 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>). Listed below are the classes that will be offered this fall. Please select which class your child(ren) will participate in.

**Pre-Ballet**  
**(Wednesday)**  
5:15-5:45 (ages 3-4)  
30 Mins

**\$50**

**Ballet**  
**(Wednesday)**  
5:50-6:20 (age 4.5-5)  
30 Mins

**\$50**

**Ballet / Jazz Combo**  
**(Thursday)**  
5:30-6:15 (ages 6+)  
45 Mins

**\$70**

### Parent/ Guardian Information:

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### First Child's Name

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

### Second Child's Name

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Health Concerns we should know about:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Health concerns we should know about:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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(ren)'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)  
Payment Method \_\_\_\_\_ 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/BrooklynRecWI  
www.Twitter.com/BrooklynRecWI

## **CLASS DISCRIPTIONS & NOTES**

### **Pre-Ballet – 5:15-5:45 (Wednesday) (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 - 5:50-6:20 (Wednesday) (age 4.5 - 5) 30 mins**

- Children age 4.5-5 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 (Thursday) (ages 6+) 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 skills, including 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.

### **Parent Viewing Days (IN Class)**

- First Class
- December 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> (informal performance)

### **Classes will be held in the Brooklyn Community Building basement**

- 102 N Rutland Ave, Brooklyn

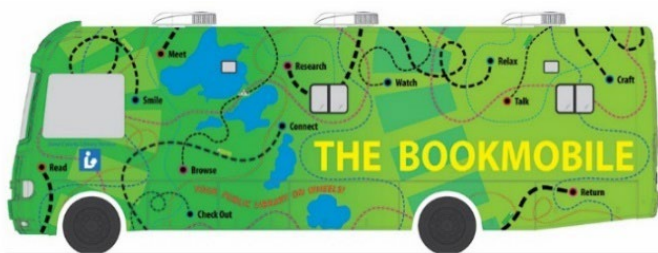
### **Check & registration forms may be mailed or dropped off at the Village of Brooklyn**

- PO Box 189, 210 Commercial St, Brooklyn

Make checks payable to – **Brooklyn Recreation**

Classes may be delayed or canceled if there is not enough students to fill the classes.  
Next Ballet session will be Spring 2026

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).



Aging & Disability Resource Center

**608-328-9499**

[adrcgreencounty.org](http://adrcgreencounty.org)



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ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin

The Aging & Disability Resource Center in Green County provides information, assistance, and services to help older people and people with disabilities remain healthy and independent.

## **BROOKLYN – GREEN COUNTY RESIDENTS: Ways to contact us!**

Website - [adrcgreencounty.org](http://adrcgreencounty.org)  
Facebook - ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin  
Email - [resourcecenter@gchsd.org](mailto:resourcecenter@gchsd.org)  
Phone – 608-328-9499

Look for the ADRC Green County newsletter, “The Bridge,” monthly in the Great Dane Shopping News

## **August 2025 News from Your Senior Center**

By Rachel Brickner

The Senior Center has been providing services in this area for over 45 years, but many people do not fully understand what the Senior Center is about. This month, we are going to address a few myths about the Senior Center.

### **Myth #1—People live at the Senior Center.**

There are people who are under the mistaken impression that the senior center is a residential facility. We are often confused with a nursing home or assisted living. In fact, we are quite the opposite. The Senior Center focuses on keeping people in their own homes, in the community, and offers services to help keep people independent.

### **Myth #2—If you go to the Senior Center, everyone will know your business.**

The Senior Center operates under the same sort of confidentiality expectations that a health care provider must follow. Personal information is guarded, not shared.

### **Myth #3—Senior Center services are only available to people whose incomes fall below a certain level.**

While there are some programs that the staff can connect people with that do have income restrictions, much of what the Center offers is available to all older adults regardless of income. The Senior Center offers valuable services and connections to all older adults. Transportation to the grocery store or a medical appointment, for example, is not dependent on a qualifying income level. The opportunity to share your experiences at a support group, or play dominoes, or enjoy a meal with others, is not related to income at all.



Myth #4—I am not old enough to go to the Senior Center.

Very few people over the age of 60 perceive themselves as being their actual calendar age. We all think of ourselves as being younger than we are, which is positive in many ways. We don't belong with the "old" people. The reality is people of all sorts of ages are here having fun with other people. They are attending exercise classes and programs that help them avoid becoming "old". Sitting at home in a chair will make you "old" faster than coming to the Senior Center will.

Much of what the Senior Center offers is free of charge. All of it is meant to help people stay independent. If you are curious about what we offer, check us out online, give us a call at 608-835-5801, or stop in at 219 Park Street in Oregon.

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A Great Scam Resource

The BBB Scam Tracker is a free online tool anyone can use to report suspected scams. Your reports warn others so they can avoid similar cons. On their website you can:

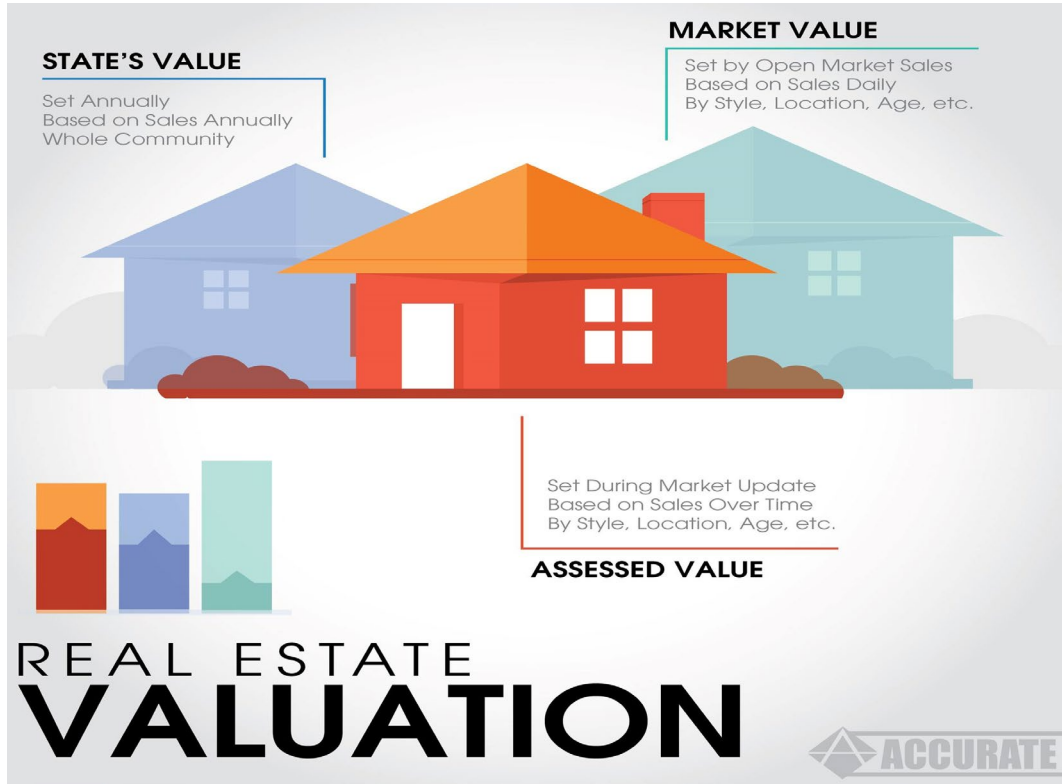
- Report a scam
- Look up a scam
- View scam research
- View tips for avoiding scams
- Sign up for scam alerts
- Find resources for what to do if you have been a victim of a scam

If you have been the victim of a scam you can call Carol or Noriko at 608-835-5801 to help you get connected to resources.



For more information on the BBB Scam Tracker tool, go to [bbb.org/scamtracker](https://bbb.org/scamtracker)

## Accurate Appraisal LLC – Educational Corner



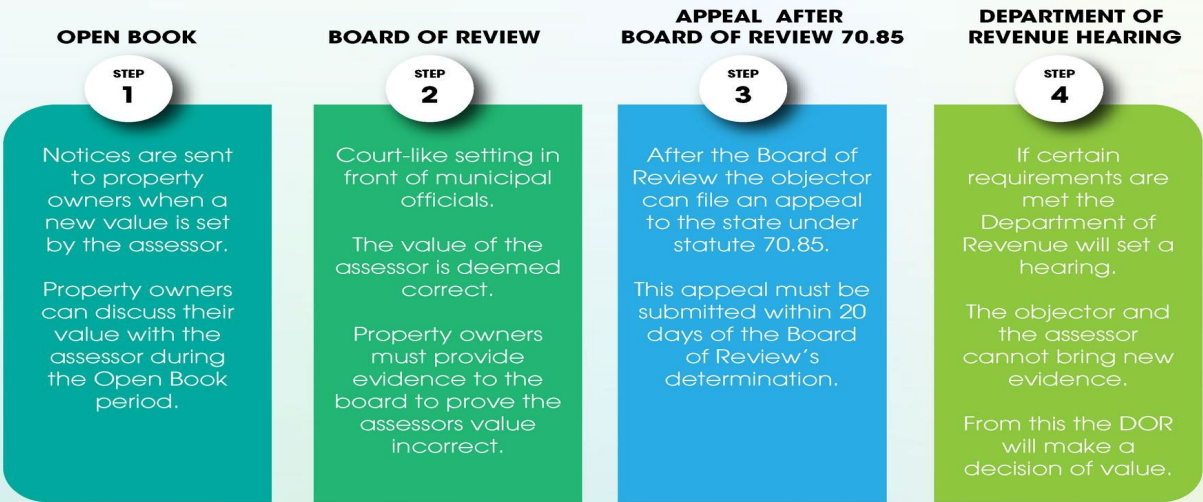
Assessors are NOT allowed to use sales from the current year to determine your property value.



"How did you come up with my assessed value without ever entering my property?" We are mass assessors who statically analyze property data that is already on file taking many factors into consideration. When determining assessed value, key factors such as home style and location carry significant weight, followed by considerations of age, size, and condition. Assessors aren't tax collectors, or even tax setters, we're just fellow taxpayers trying to make everything fair and equitable.

# 70.85 TIMELINE

To Appeal Assessment



Recent market changes have led to more property owners questioning their assessments. Before filing under Wisconsin Statute 70.85, we encourage you to talk with your local assessor.

Many concerns can be resolved in a quick conversation at the open book with the assessor, saving you time and extra steps.



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## Village Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2025

On July 14, 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 Gehrmann, David Berland, Dan Olson, Todd Klahn, and Christian Allen. Trustee Jacob Bachim was absent. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public comment** – Klahn commented that he would like to make Hotel Street two-way.

**President’s report** – Brusberg stated our thoughts and prayers are with Deputy Grumke, as he is working through a difficult time. Congratulations to Trustee Bachim and his wife on the birth of their two children. Brusberg thanked everyone for letting him be gone at the last board meeting. Food truck night is tomorrow. Brusberg spoke with Mark Mortensen regarding the TID sale. It is sitting with the lawyers to tweak some of the language. Mortensen was on vacation for the last week and a half. He will talk with his attorney to make sure they connect in the next few days. Nothing else material with the sale, just clarifying language.

**Olson made a motion to approve minutes of June 23.** Berland seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg and Klahn abstained.



**A joint Personnel and Finance meeting will take place on August 25 starting at 5:30 p.m.** before the board meeting. Trustee wages, health insurance, and employee wages, etc., will be discussed.

Deputy Grumke stated he didn't need tinted windows in the new PD office at Village Hall. **Olson made a motion not to tint the windows per Deputy Grumke's comment.** Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Olson reviewed invoices, and other than noted tax comments, he didn't see anything. Olson asked about the Public Works truck. When Public Works went to pick it up, it was white instead of red. The dealer is looking for a red truck, but there are negotiations happening between the dealers. He thinks since the dealer cashed the check, they should refund money if it doesn't arrive soon. Berland said if we don't have the truck by Friday, we want our money back until it arrives. Kuhlman will speak with Spilde. Brusberg reviewed invoices also. **Olson made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report – Financials** for June – Total deposits of \$104,276.50, total withdrawals of \$552,085.92, which included first payment to Speedway for the Hotel Street project. Ending total in all accounts at June 30 is \$2,754,309.24. Included with financials were spreadsheets showing total fund balance and expenses for inside Village Hall. We ended up using \$2,152 more than the pre-set aside funds. These will be taken from total fund balance. The other spreadsheet shows the Hotel Street project, with the loan amount of \$920,000 minus the Speedway costs and engineering costs to date. Discussion on remaining balance and change orders on the project. Klahn said there will be a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> about what's left to do, and one owner complaining about drainage. Brusberg said he spoke with Klahn, and Public Works will meet with the engineer. Klahn also said there is also a spot on the blacktop that needs to be fixed, and not sure where those came from. Kuhlman said Deputy Grumke informed us the county is working on our **new squad**. The squad we have now is ours. It's been on order for about two years, and it is budgeted for this year. **Cemetery questions** from public comments at the last meeting were resolved. The weed trimming is done every other week, so it might have been a timing issue. The flats tone that was brought in, there wasn't much we could do, but she was okay and had talked with someone about fixing it. The headstone next to her relatives was too close, so they fixed that. As far as planting peonies, those are the rules, and ones there already have been grandfathered in. The citizen was fine with the responses. **Green County is expanding their jail** starting next year, so there will be a possible increase on their taxes. There's another **innovation grant** coming from the state. There aren't any programs right now that we can do with other communities. **Youth Center** director will come at the end of September with an update for the year. Board was given update of **Legislative budget** approvals. **Funds were transferred to One Community Bank**, and current **budgets were handed out**. Brusberg asked if any issues. Kuhlman said nothing yet, but she and Spilde will continue to monitor. Received a thank you card from Spilde's family for the plant sent. Brusberg said we should also look ahead to how to be transparent regarding our **reevaluation coming up next year**. Kuhlman said we've been putting information on social media all year to help educate people.

The current company we have for email backups is coming up for renewal. Kuhlman has been speaking with Computer Know How. They're recommending a new program. We were paying \$2300 per year, and the new program is less than that. Brusberg asked what we're paying for Webroot program. It is included with their maintenance. Brusberg said all in we're about \$1,082 increase. Kuhlman agreed and said most comes from the changes to additional cybersecurity software. Gehrmann asked if there's insurance for backups. Kuhlman explained all the network information is backed up off site, and Computer Know How tests that once a month. Emails we can see, because they're backed up to the cloud through DropSuite, and we will back up for 7 years. Brusberg asked if we would keep Webroot if we didn't go with SentinelOne. Brusberg asked if it would cover public works. Kuhlman said the SCADA would not be backed up through these programs, but their individual computers are. Brusberg asked about the age of the laptops, Brusberg would like to make sure there are no performance issues with the computers before we upgrade. **Klahn made a motion to move forward with everything contingent on confirming computers can handle upgrades without an issue.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding **217 W. Main Street solar**. It was approved by the zoning administrator. Gehrmann asked if it's their own personal use. Kuhlman confirmed. Gehrmann confirmed that the ordinance talked about how large the panels can be on the ground, etc., and if the zoning administrator approved, it should be fine. Discussion regarding setbacks and if land use changes in the future, would future neighbors be able to complain. Discussion on angles and reflection to neighbors. **Klahn made a motion to approve the ground mounted solar installation at 217 W. Main**. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

**Open house for inside and outside Village Hall will be held from 4-6 p.m.** before the board meeting on September 8.

**Planning & Zoning Commission** – Brusberg stated they had a meeting on July 9. Talked about approving the flood plain ordinance. PZ recommends approval/adoption of this ordinance. Allen said they decided there wasn't a major flood plain in Brooklyn, so the things DNR talked about didn't need to be included, and if we annex in the future, there would be further discussions and changes. Kuhlman stated the ordinance goes back to DNR for final approval and then the board can approve the ordinance. Brusberg stated there is an open citizen position on Planning & Zoning, but Mark Bruner is willing to be on PZ. They recommend to the board that Mark Bruner join as a citizen member on PZ. **Brusberg made a motion to have Mark Bruner join PZ as a citizen member**. Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

**Fire/EMS** – Brusberg said they have a meeting this Wednesday. Their last meeting was on June 18. There is still no decision made on the ambulance sale. There are multiple communities still interested. Chief Barber is to reach out and see what they will pay and get more information to come back to the board. New sign for station was discussed, but no action occurred on that from chief, so no decision. They will talk with the association about recommendations and bring it back to the board. The board approved amended holiday pay policy, which will be considered for 8 days of major holidays. They reviewed all the pay scales – EMT basic, EMR, AEMT, and there hasn't been adjustments for some time. They will change per call to \$25/call versus \$20 across all types. Also changed basic EMT going to \$4/hour, which is \$1 increase. And AEMT stays at \$5/hour. Fire paid on call, they're taking from \$15/call to \$18/call. It's about \$7,500 of impact expected to come from this. There were some line items to budget to bring it down, so it will be resolved without budgetary increase. Gehrmann asked if there is any equipment coming up needing replacement. Brusberg said the tender is up for the replacement, but minimal discussion. Oregon and Brooklyn officers talked in May about partnering on some items, but no updates on that. The biggest item is the simulation taking place on the 24<sup>th</sup> at the school. There were other things on policies and procedures to collaborate on. They also talked about collaborating on small equipment, and sharing of big equipment was also discussed. Olson asked, as far as going back to pay scale, as far as advanced EMTs running, he noticed they're doing more intercepts with other communities. Are we being paid accordingly for run charges. If we're providing that service, should we charge more. Brusberg said there's still a level between AEMT and paramedic, but they bumped up all charges as well.

**Klahn made a motion at 7:28 p.m. to adjourn**. Olson seconded. Motion carried. 7:28 p.m.

Linda Kuhlman, WCPC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer

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**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 28, 2025**

On July 28, 2025, President Mike Brusberg called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were Jacob Bachim, Mike Gehrmann, David Berland, Dan Olson, and Christian Allen. Trustee Todd Klahn was absent. Also present were Jason Marshall, Matt Goble, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments** -- Jason Marshall stated the cut out on the plans he was given, he's not a fan of. They're wondering if someone could put in a wider drain. The drain currently there is not big enough for the eavestrough. They tore out the concrete between the buildings when they did the sidewalk, and they went back five feet. The original plan was to pitch that. They have concerns in winter with ice melting off the roof and running across the sidewalk and it will freeze up being on the north side. When they originally talked, it was a huge concern. They're happy to pay for it. He thinks the board should speak to the engineer and say they goofed up and what will they do to make it right. He called them out on it a few times, and it's still not right. He will have to take that cement out between the buildings another five feet, and if they can cut that and put a wider drain in, he'd pay for the expense. Brusberg asked how wide. Marshall said he doesn't know. He'd have to check. Right now there's a 3-inch, and he said it's not enough to run the eavestrough for the roof. Allen asked if it's a french drain or sub slab. Marshall said it's in the concrete and it's 3 inches wide and they put it to the eavestrough. Allen said it then goes to the gutter. Marshall said they will have to heat tape it in the winter but at least they won't have ice buildup on the top. You're talking about putting a swale in there, but they're not a fan. He can get information on how wide a trough. When they cut it and repoured it, it's coming out exactly -- now it's worse. They actually have a puddle there also. He doesn't know how it's built out but it's not right. Allen said they put a 3-inch corrugated pipe for drain for the downspout. Marshall said three inches from the building out to the curb. His guess is it should be wider, but all the snow runoff in the winter will create black ice. Brusberg asked if they have pictures of standing water. Marshall said he has one on his phone showing it running out and says it stays about 6 inches from the drain and it's not hitting it. He can get some more photos for the next meeting. He's not looking to spend the village's money, and the engineer should be held accountable for this. He was adamant from day one about this, but it's wrong. He's not a fan of the curb cut. Allen said snow is melting off the roof once it hits the concrete. There's no heat there, it will freeze up no matter the pitch. Marshall said water sits there now, not bad. Summer isn't a concern. It has no pitch at all. Bachim said the east side of the building, the main east and west pitch drain into the sides where the fence is. There's currently no eavestroughs on the sides. He may have to split the eavestrough to drain half forward and half backwards, so not a four-inch drop of an eave on one side if ran the whole distance. Allen asked if it currently has a gutter. Bachim said none currently. Currently there's a round cutout where a downspout will sit onto. It has an access point where the downspout is supposed to hit and the grate is for extra or excessive water, he believes. Olson said the downspout is supposed to go down there. Gehrmann said in front of double doors there was a curb cut, because that used to be an alignment rack in there, but then it got removed for parking or whatever. Goble said there's no parking there. Marshall said it was eliminated with Goble's permission, but he could put that back in if he wanted to in the future, and it basically created a parking stall. Brusberg asked how long to get an estimate to put in a wider drain. Marshall said he's fine just doing it. They can put a wider drain in there, take out what they took between the two buildings, get it to pitch so they don't have that concern with that water run out there. Brusberg said there are punch list items we're working through, so what would be your time frame. If there's a way to time this up. Marshall said it's up to the board. Allen asked part of being a punchlist, what is the civil elevations for the plans, did they install it incorrectly and that's why it's puddling. Bachim said the engineer explained the state code for sidewalk like this is no more than a one and a half degree pitch. That's flat, and it's one degree plus or minus a half degree of allowance, is what he explained is the state requirement for ADA. There are limitations to how much pitch can be put here. If he understood correctly, the one reason for a curb cut, is it would allow us, due to the curb cut, to have a slight more pitch, because once you have a curb cut different rules apply. They could adjust this because of the curb cut, but without it you're only allowed a certain pitch per state code. Olson said it would allow for more water to flow. Bachim says that's what this design was. Currently he does state it is within state specs, but one degree is still very flat. Marshall said if the board is not willing to go after the engineer, or whoever did this, he's willing to bring a couple cement guys in. The biggest problem is when they poured it, they poured the center, then the outside and then the inside, and the cement guys he talked to said it should have been started at the building and poured as one pour out. The only place it sits is from the center section to the inside. When they poured that, there's a lip, there's a hump from where they struck it off. Where if they had poured in one pour and pulled it out, it would drain fine. It was bad workmanship and kind of a bad design. The engineer knew it



was a problem spot from the get-go and it just seems like it got threw to the wayside. He can get a couple cement guys that can guarantee the work that they can pitch that out without the curb cut. They're working with very little. When the curb got poured he called it to the attention to the engineer and got told multiple times that they're going to make this work. Now we're looking about modifying and still running the water across the top, and to him lawsuits aren't fun. He's two years on one similar situation at the Great Dane in Madison with a similar situation, which is why he was so on top of it with the engineer. It was a combination of engineer not giving the guys enough to work with and Speedway doing shady workmanship is what it comes down to. The board can talk about. We've got some time. He doesn't want to overstep his boundaries. The drain isn't wide enough, and the way they poured it isn't right, there's just so much wrong about it. Brusberg asked if there's anything more to raise in public comments. Marshall said the street looks pretty good, and there's talk about eliminating parking stalls across the road from the bar. There's three stalls missing there now. He talked to the owner, and he doesn't seem to have an issue when he's talked about it. He thinks he's voiced his opinion two different ways, and maybe we need to get him in here. We're losing stalls. He's a great guy and willing to work. If eliminated, can we do a time thing. Brusberg said we'll address that as part of the meeting. We actually have something signed by that owner. Marshall said if you're going to paint that yellow, that means anyone in the village can say they don't want parking in front of their house and put no parking. He thinks it's starting a steep slope if we allow this one to go yellow and no parking. They're happy to work with him, and we're looking at a business and hopefully more businesses, and we're looking at losing 3 parking stalls. Gehrmann said Hotel Street is a unique spot and has unique challenges. Marshall said it absolutely does, and he's talked with him and told him to come if there's a problem. Brusberg asked if there was anything else, because ideally we only give like 3 minutes for public comments. Marshall says hopefully they can think about this and hold off on decisions and figure out which way to go with it. Goble said he agrees he doesn't like the curb cut plan. It is a mess for ice. He was never given a chance to approve or decline whether or not there would be a full cut out for a driveway in the front of the building. He would prefer there not be one, but with the building having access in the front he thinks for future potential uses it would be good if it could be put back in the future, and he wondered if the village would be willing to put it back if someone wanted it. He doesn't want it personally back in there, but someone in the future might. It was a mess in the winter, but if it can be left open for someone in the future. Olson confirmed it would be for the future if he wanted to sell it.

**President report** – the main thing to report is we have a signed offer to purchase with Mortensen and Groenier in the business park. We will work on the development agreement. Looking ahead, we have Brooklyn Night Out on August 7. It would be good if everyone can come out. There's a lot of other activities in fall – truck and tractor pulls, craft fair, fall festival. Thanks everyone for your patience working through the business park.

**Olson made a motion to approve minutes of July 14.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Bachim abstained.

**Public Works** – Olson said we discussed a little bit during public comments about the cutting out for the curb, and it's not wanted, and we will discuss that at the next meeting. Brusberg asked if there is a time frame for the punchlist items and have Speedway or whomever engaged. Olson said he will have to check. Allen asked if anyone confirmed we have the percent slope we're allowed to have. Olson said the engineer checked the slope and confirmed. Brusberg said it's slow draining. He's been there. Even when it was pouring on Saturday, he said it drains but drains slowly. Biggest concern to keep in mind is snow and the fact it's north facing area and how will snow and ice be handled in the wintertime, because we want to avoid slip and fall as much as we can. He knows there's only reasonable control we can have, because it has to be shoveled to the curb and then public works will come through and pick it up. Olson said another concern with the concrete, there are different height buildings and trying to make concrete match up when one building is higher than the other. None of them are exactly the same height, and that plays a lot. Brusberg asked if comfortable to pause. Olson agreed to pause and bring it back to the next meeting. If Marshall wants to have a concrete guy look at it and bring their ideas, the board can hear them out. Brusberg suggested tackling the issues one by one, and if

possible, have motions for tonight to document, even if holding back. Allen asked if Bachim looked at it. Bachim said he looked at it with Marshall, and yes, it drains but it is very slow, and in the winter, it will be a problem. He won't argue with that. Allen asked if biggest problem is coming off roof or just general. Bachim said it would be general. Allen said wouldn't it be the whole street, because it's all north facing. Bachim said it depends on the roof pitch. Goble's building has a roof that pitches back. Olson said water runs to the alley. Marshall has a pitched roof goes east-west. Each building is different in that aspect, Being he has the pitch and layout of everything, which is how it is there, yes, there will be snow and melt from everything. This won't be the only spot. He's sure more will appear as winter happens. Of course, you can find a slick spot here and a slick spot there, that keeps coming. Brusberg asked Marshall if it is his intent to get gutters at some point in 2025 yet. Marshall said he's hoping to but has to get an opinion on the east side if it's going to ice dam up. He's looking into it. He's got a bid. Brusberg said part of that drain is to help feed from the gutter system too. Bachim said it is, but with the metal roof as flat a pitch that it is, it will go over the gutters and into the alley and still come out from between the alley under the fence and into the public way. That's just how it's going to happen naturally. Gehrmann said when you have spring melt and it freezes at night, and if you have a spot that drains slow, that's when you'll see it. Bachim agreed it is right in this area. Gehrmann said at least we're not looking at doing the whole street. **Gehrmann made a motion to send the addition of a loading ramp back to public works, and public works will seek input from property owners and engineer.** Bachim seconded. Allen said if they look at this stuff, feel free to let him know and he can come out and take a look. He works with concrete. He can help with ideas. Bachim said he can review it with him also. It's a tricky spot, with the building height and state code for ADA with limited pitch, but let's review it. Let him know who to use for concrete and he uses other. He doesn't mind hearing what they have to say. Marshall asked what is needed from him. Bachim said talk to a concrete company and get their written opinion and their thoughts, they will review it and discuss at public works. The main thing is you are willing to pay for something, but we're concerned is that's going against what ADA code is. Marshall said as a board you hired an engineer for a reason and he did not perform properly, and they have insurance for this kind of thing. The village shouldn't have to pay. Brusberg asked when next public works meeting is. Bachim said one wasn't set. They can discuss with the committee if they have time for a short one-agenda meeting. Olson said they can do a combination one. They usually meet at 6 p.m. so they could do it on a board meeting night. Brusberg said we'll let him know when the next meeting is. Brusberg said a few weeks. Motion carried.

Brusberg said there's a variety of thoughts on the two-way street. Initial thought on one-way was because we were going to have angle parking and being mindful of residents with headlights pointing into their windows. There's opinion where it's not needed and open to two-way. There's a letter from Mr. Seitler saying he's comfortable with it going back to two-way. Allen asked if any cost implications. Olson said just change of signs. Keep parking lot exit only by the building so the parking lot won't be affected. Bachim said making two-way would be great. Olson is fine with it. Gehrmann said we designed it that way and talked initially, but he knows some things have changed. Part of him is why don't leave it for winter and see how snow removal and everything else goes, unless a reason to change right away. Bachim said parallel parking on left side instead of right is very weird, and we still have people parking the wrong way. In a small community change is not liked that much. Brusberg has gotten phone calls as well. With angle it was also snow removal, plus need for emergency response, to go one way. Allen said if it's literally removal of a sign, he's not worried. **Bachim made a motion to make Hotel Street back to a two-way street in the commercial part.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg stated in regarding adding back two parking stalls, it's based on the fact we do have a resident and some of the perspective he had is struggling with garbage pick up and gaining entrance to his driveway in peak periods. He was supportive of two-way, but in his letter to the village, he would prefer to leave the current parking spaces as they're laid out now. Berland said that's a reasonable request. He talked to the wife and ,she expressed the same sentiment that it's difficult to have cars lined up in front of house. Olson said that's why we have a parking lot. Brusberg asked how many parking spots we have. Olson thought 28. Bachim thinks that's fair. **Allen made a motion to leave it as is with missing the two parking stalls.** Marshall asked if he is willing

to do anything hourly, like on a Friday night, would he consider that. Brusberg said it's all or nothing, because we would go through and paint it yellow. Marshall said he's worried about businesses. Allen asked if we are tight on parking. Marshall said at certain times. When events are going on and as business goes better with stores and whatever else happens, absolutely. Gehrmann said we did add 28 spots, 28 versus 2 is a pretty good gain. Marshall said now anyone can come to the board and ask for no parking in front of their house. Berland said the difference is a resident who has to live there, and he knows they chose it, but they live in our version of a commercial district. Brusberg said he thinks there's a give and take. As much as we talk about the water and how we rectify that for you, Jason, there's a little bit of how to make this mindful for someone who lives there. Yes, it is a commercial street, but we gained 28 in the parking lot and lost 2, so that's a net 26 add. By definition, that's a 90-10 rule, so are we going to worry about the 10% that really doesn't matter and forget about the 90% that we gained. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

**Selling F-150 to Wisconsin surplus** – Olson said the 2022 Ford when bought was \$29,880. Replacement truck was the 2025 Chevy at \$46,031. Since the new truck is in, we'd like to send the old one to surplus. Olson thinks we should get close to the amount we paid. His recommendation is to send to surplus. Gehrmann do we have to take the price from surplus. Olson said normally they can set an amount they want to hit. Bachim said with the village growing, is there any need to add a second half-ton truck for another guy; is there any need for a 4<sup>th</sup> patrol truck. Brusberg said it gets into degree of how much residential and commercial. Olson said if have to go separate water and sewer. Bachim said this is the least expensive truck, so if there's a time we needed an extra, this would be the one to keep. Brusberg said with the budget, we can take to surplus and keep the costs minimal because we don't have a lot of maintenance costs. That's not to say for future budget cycles, we can't consider that. **Olson made a motion to approve sending the 2022 F150 to Wisconsin Surplus.** Bachim seconded. Brusberg asked do we want to put a reserve. Olson thinks public works director and assistant can gauge, and if they feel it's not going high enough, they can refuse the bid. We've been fortunate so far. Motion carried.

**Public Works updates** – Olson said the highway 92 work has started. They're working on ADA crosswalk areas. Brusberg asked are they starting east and going west. Olson said they're doing all ADA crosswalk stuff. Brooklyn has the majority of that work. Brusberg asked about the mill and overlay. Olson said they are starting in Belleville and going here. Brusberg asked do they know when they will hit Brooklyn. Bachim said they will not do Brooklyn during the concert, and if so, will stop before that. Still having vandalism in Legion Park bathrooms. Deputy Grumke is working on it. They did the active shooter training at the school on July 24, and it was a great turnout and everything went well. Allen asked if any thoughts of outside the bathroom doing cameras. Olson said they put a trail camera out. They're at the dump, too. Working on semi parking on 1st and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Lincoln Street pond was pumped on July 14 and 15. New internet and phone service at treatment plant. Had a little issue at first. Brusberg asked if there were issues with SCADA during that time. Olson said there was a day or two that it wasn't connecting. Zinc sampling has to start at O&A. Yearly water samples were taken and are safe. We have a bad roof on well one and putting out an RFQ for that. Gehrmann asked how is pond level at the north side. No complaints. Bachim said it's been wet but spaced out.

Olson and Bachim saw no issues with the temporary class B license application. **Olson made a motion to approve temporary class b license for Brooklyn Sno-Hornets and Oregon Sno-Blazers for August 29-31 of 2025.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution final special assessment** – Kuhlman did take out the dates in paragraph 7 because it didn't make sense. Brusberg said there's been a lot of improvements on that street -- new curb and gutter; new road that's smooth and no potholes; larger capacity parking lot with roughly 28 parking spots; business owner now has an new ADA compliant entrance to the Anchor Club, previously you had to step up to get in; we worked with him to remove first concrete pour per his requested location for no cost to them; we added eavestrough drains at no cost to business owner, and that's where it behooves him to get gutters will help; laid conduit to put in future



lighting. That doesn't include all the improvements of water and sewer that visually no one sees underneath the street, or easements. We had an overall process that allowed public input, where other communities don't. We could have taken approach of this is how Madison does it, but we tried to tailor it and be mindful of residents and business owner concerns. That's a kudos to everyone on the board and prior boards that partook in this nice change to the community. Now we come to the special assessment for curb, gutter and sidewalks. Berland knows we have done this in the past, and it's our standard, but he fundamentally disagrees and doesn't think we should be charging homeowners for curb, gutter and sidewalk. He will vote against it. He knows other villages do it and we've done it in the past. He doesn't think it's fair. One is \$5,800, and if they don't pay up front, they have to pay 6% interest over 10 years. They have no control and didn't have a say whether it was done or not. Gehrmann said having been on Church Street for Highway 92 and S Kerch Street, he tends to agree, but without having some resolution, he thinks sidewalks and curb and gutter are a community asset, but without having a resolution that couldn't be changed every time something came up like this, he doesn't know how we solve it. He would like to spread the costs for sidewalks, curb and gutter evenly across the homeowners. He thinks that would be equitable and we would get better sidewalks, but if we did that change, the next time a board is elected or a different project, it could be undone by a different resolution and it would be a revolving thing. He doesn't know how to spread that community asset to the community. It started on Highway 92 and continued on all other projects. He feels the frustration. Brusberg understands frustration, but when a new house and residence is put in, the new homeowner might not know but it's a cost borne by the developer and paid back through the proceeds from buying the house. It gets into the responsibility of homeowner who pays for that. We had discussion about this in the spring but there is a precedent to charge the homeowner. There's been talk of doing sidewalk study across the community, and that's not to say we couldn't do that and anyone who was assessed, we could figure out a way to rebate them. If anyone wants to push that forward as an option, that would be swell. We're kind of stuck with where we're at right now. We need to be mindful of everyone's perspective. Allen said as a person looking from the outside in, poor sidewalks reflect on the community and not the homeowner. If there's a hazard, people are thinking why doesn't Brooklyn fix this. Bachim said as someone who lives in one of the worst spots, he knows. But knowing further down the road if Highway 104 has talks of doing something in the future, it would be silly to pay and pay again. What percentage of the sidewalk do we have them currently paying, is it the whole thing? Kuhlman said it's the sidewalk portion and curb and gutter. Bachim said a nice sidewalk improves home value and resale which benefits property owner. He could view it as more of a split and doing kind of partway, because homeowner does benefit. Now paying for gutter, he could argue that one a different way and say gutter is street. He thinks sidewalk improves value and he could see a split. The curb in his opinion is in the roadway. Allen said he's surprised they pay for curb. Gehrmann said he understands, but he's paid twice. That price is something that an average homeowner isn't going to get this price. Bachim said it benefits homeowner and the whole municipality. Allen asked where money comes from for streets. It could be coming out of the same fund for curb and streets. The street is paid for somehow. Kuhlman said the whole village is paying through taxes. Bachim thinks a 50-50 is better than other municipalities offer. Brusberg said it's not all in one year, it can be paid in 10 installments. Gehrmann said this is what we've always done. On a project this size, it would be hard to change right now. The trick will be to look at something going forward. Unfortunately, this is where we're at, if you've got them and they're broken down and at some point you have to fix them and we do curb and gutter, that's how it's been spread out over time. Bachim asked if it's standard for an interest rate to be applied to this. Kuhlman said interest is coming from the amount of interest for the loan. Bachim said it's a hard battle that every municipality does. It's common practice, but he's not saying it's correct. Brusberg said one way is to do a sidewalk study and come up with a resolution. The board could look at doing something in the future. He thinks we're not committed, based on budgeting. Olson said we should have had this discussion while in the process. Brusberg but we also have new board members. Allen said the whole project is new to him. Bachim asked when a state does a project, do you still pay the municipality or the state for sidewalk. Gehrmann said it was the municipality and then paid part of Highway 92. The big debate was because we can park on 92, that cost was picked up by Brooklyn. Bachim said this has been set, but maybe in the future it can be discussed. Allen said this is a sliver of \$50,000, or whatever, but for a homeowner to get a bill of \$7,600 is a

lot. Brusberg agreed. Bachim said if it will set a precedent, it will be hard to backpeddle out of it. Allen offered the idea of making the financing interest free. Brusberg said when we have time, it would behoove us to think about what standard we apply in the future. Berland would like to take up that conversation. Brusberg agreed to not charging interest. Bachim thinks it's a good start. Kuhlman stated a preliminary resolution and estimate of costs was sent earlier in the project. Suggestion to add a statement the village is willing to look past the interest that would typically be gained because of it being a mixed commercial-residential street. **Bachim made a motion to put zero percent interest for sidewalk, curb and gutter payment for Hotel Street for the property owners affected by Resolution 2025-13.** Allen seconded. Motion carried. Berland opposed.

Olson explained we're leasing a new squad from Dane County and want to sell the old one. Gehrmann stated with leasing, if something happens, we will have access to one from the county. New squad is here. Olson said we'd like to send to surplus fully loaded for another municipality that might be needing one and try to sell that way, versus having it stripped down. It would have to be sold to another law enforcement agency. Gehrmann asked if we strip it out, would we sell those pieces. Olson confirmed. Allen asked with it fully equipped, would it have to go to law enforcement. Berland asked if we don't sell, we can take equipment out. Olson confirmed. Bachim thinks sending fully equipped is good idea. Allen said if we don't like price, decline. Berland asked if we can send it forward and not specify the reserve. **Brusberg made a motion to present the squad to surplus at an amount to be determined by the director of public works and the chair of the Public Works Committee, at their discretion.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated there were seven bills added today -- two for Fischer for the business park construction; one for Speedway for Hotel Street; and four for board of review committee members. Olson said the state invoices still show Carol Straus. Kuhlman has asked before. She will try to fix them as they come in. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented with additions of board of review and Fischer Excavating and Speedway checks.** Allen seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report** – Kuhlman reported we are getting a \$600 safety grant from the League that can be spent before next June 30. This year public works got new reflective outerwear. State has changed the recycling requirements. What it involves is updating our ordinance before next April. Some of the new rules have to do with how much can be picked up and how many days, but we are above and beyond their requirements, so there's no changes we need to do. Spectrum updated public works and updated internet for clerk's office and for the sheriff's department. Village hall is ready for the sheriff's department to move here. Once the move is finished, the Historical Society will move into that space above the community building. Brooklyn Night Out is August 7. Council on Aging updates were handed out. Roberts put in some flowers around the building and bushes by the parking lot and hydrangea trees in between the buildings. He will get getting some additional plants to fill in spots. Representative Poca's field director asked if he could meet. He is coming this Thursday at 11 a.m., if anyone wants to be there. She has started to look at the parks and park equipment and is developing a plan to get information on what is wanted and needed. She will ask for suggestions at Brooklyn Night Out. Brusberg thinks it's a good idea, but also do a survey monkey as well. He also suggested getting recreation committee involved as well. Olson also mentioned a fundraiser from recreation as well. We had Dane County Clerks meeting last week, and we need to start changing out the election equipment. They have updated the DS200 ballot box and the ExpressVote. Everything is over 10 years old. They have had some failing over the last few years. We need to bring our current in for maintenance in December for some upgrades, which will be about \$400-500. Something to consider is do we want to upgrade and push off getting new; or do we want to get new and not do the upgrades. There is only a \$250 trade-in on the ballot machine and \$100 on the ExpressVote. The new ballot machine is about \$7,800 and ExpressVote is about \$5000. Upgrades aren't done that often, but we send in every other year for maintenance. It's about \$200 per year for maintenance. Olson asked if they offer a lease. Kuhlman said no. We don't have to get right now, but we will have to switch

in next year or two. We could keep them as a backup but would have to pay for maintenance. New ones have upgraded software to current standards, and everything is faster. Brusberg asked about exploring costs to get all board members tablets, instead of having hard copies. Kuhlman mentioned the other advantage is to have only village materials on them.

**Recreation committee** – Gehrmann stated they had a meeting tonight. If anyone knows of someone that wants to get involved, we should help to get the word out, and also help get word out on activities that they have. They have yoga. Piyo and pickleball are continuing in September. Food trucks, they plan to give them packets at the last food truck night in September for next year. Summer rec, they talked about trying to get word out sooner and more effectively. They have 14 kids in summer rec and last year there were 12. Kuhlman said there were 9 kids that paid, and 3-4 volunteers. They want to start advertising in February. They don't know what's the best answer for advertising – social media, school. Ballet starts in the fall. They have turnout but it's the regular people. Allen asked about digital sign on each end of town. Brusberg said it does go on the digital sign on the north side of town. Brusberg said fire department is talking about putting in a new sign. Olson said It goes out in newsletters. Gehrmann said they talked about how to reach out with community, and with craft sale, how to get more out there. Berland suggested partnering with Brooklyn Elementary PTO. Olson said if you can get information out there early enough and maybe have a pre-registration deadline, so they can get numbers to figure out if there is interest. Food truck night is a good program. There is not a next meeting date. Brusberg said there might be one in August in advance of craft fair.

**Fire/EMS District Commission** – Brusberg stated they had a meeting on July 16. The minutes show the updated pay scale. Old ambulance is being sent to Wisconsin Surplus with a reserve of \$50,000. Sign for station hasn't been decided yet. Chief wants to talk to members and bring it back. Station boilers are getting aged, and they will bring estimates back in August. They're seeing low out of service hours, and response times continue to be really good. When think about span of miles, when they depart the station, they're there within five minutes average. We had five mutual aid calls in June out of 24 runs. They are looking at what to do with billing vendor and are struggling with appropriate billing taking place because of staff turnover. They might look for a new provider. Next meeting is August 20 at 6 p.m. Annual meeting date has not been set. They're starting some budget discussions.

Brusberg stated as an extension of the president's report, he likes debates and having thoughtful dialogue is great. He thinks taking a step back, having thoughtful conversation, hopefully leads to best outcomes. He appreciates everyone's time tonight.

**Brusberg made a motion at 8:38 p.m. to adjourn.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCPC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer



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| Sunday                                             | Monday                                                                                             | Tuesday                                                 | Wednesday                                                | Thursday                                                                             | Friday                                                                           | Saturday                                                                                |
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|                                                    | 1<br>Labor Day<br><b>Public Works &amp; Clerk's Office Closed</b>                                  | 2<br>Tires**, Oil & Battery Pick-up<br>Hydrant Flushing | 3<br>Yoga 6p<br>Hydrant Flushing                         | 4<br><b>Garbage</b><br>Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730p<br>Hydrant Flushing                  | 5<br>Hydrant Flushing                                                            | 6                                                                                       |
| 7                                                  | 8<br>Hydrant Flushing<br><b>Village Hall Open House 4-6p</b><br><b>Village Board Meeting 630 p</b> | 9<br>Brush Pick-up<br>Hydrant Flushing                  | 10<br>Garbage & Recycling<br>Yoga 6p<br>Hydrant Flushing | 11<br>Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730p<br>Hydrant Flushing                                   | 12<br>Hydrant Flushing                                                           | 13                                                                                      |
| 14                                                 | 15                                                                                                 | 16<br>Food Truck Night<br>Legion Park                   | 17<br>Garbage<br>Yoga 6p                                 | 18<br>Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730p<br>Luke Bryan Concert<br><b>Clerk's Office Closed</b> | 19<br>Village Garage Sales<br>Dumpster Days 2-7p<br><b>Clerk's Office Closed</b> | 20<br>Village Garage Sales<br>Dumpster Days Noon – 5p<br>Autumn Fest Legion Park 10a-3p |
| 21<br>Village Garage Sales<br>Dumpster Days 10a-2p | 22<br><b>Village Board Meeting 630 p</b>                                                           | 23                                                      | 24<br>Garbage & Recycling<br>Yoga 6p                     | 25<br>Community Potluck Noon at United Methodist Church<br>Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730p  | 26                                                                               | 27                                                                                      |
| 28                                                 | 29                                                                                                 | 30                                                      |                                                          |                                                                                      | Exercise Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Bldg                         | **\$ 10/Tire<br>Contact Clerk's Office 608-455-4201                                     |