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## February 2026 Village News

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**March 8<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Time**  
**Change the batteries in your smoke detector**  
**and carbon monoxide detectors.**

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**NOTICE: In 2026, the Village of Brooklyn is conducting**  
**a Market Revaluation of all properties.**  
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## RECENTLY PURCHASE A HOME?

Your **recent purchase is used to set fair and equitable assessed values** in your community.

When you fill out a sales questionnaire you **help us maintain accurate market data.**

Please visit [accurateassessor.com](http://accurateassessor.com)

**Click:** PROPERTY SEARCH  
**Select:** Your Municipality  
**Enter:** Your address or parcel  
**Click:** Sales Questionnaire



Please fill out a sales questionnaire online!

If you've recently purchased a home and received a Sales Questionnaire, please visit our website to complete the Sales Questionnaire. Your response helps us maintain accurate and up-to-date market data for your community.

## ASSESSING ROADMAP



## 2026 Assessment Timeline!!

This timeline will help you better understand what assessors do throughout the year. Assessors will be using sales up to January 1, 2026, to determine values for this year.



Want to take a night off from cooking and help feed Brooklyn Elementary teachers at the same time? On February 26, the Oregon Papa Murphy's Pizza will donate 20% of all online orders with the code SCHOOL entered at checkout to the Brooklyn PTO. The PTO will use the funds to feed the teachers dinner at Spring Conferences in March. Thank you for your support!



# JOIN US IN SUPPORTING

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## Brooklyn Elementary PTO

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**Thursday February 26, 2026**

# 20%

of your total online purchase  
will be donated to the fundraiser!

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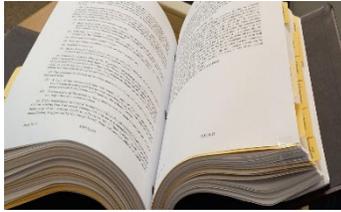
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## **PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEWS at Village Hall 2026 OPEN BOOK**

**Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am to Noon & 1-5 pm**

**Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 3 pm**

## **2026 BOARD OF REVIEW**

**Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8 pm**



## **FIBER COMING TO BROOKLYN**



As part of a village-wide project, Frontier will be installing fiber-optic cable over the next several months. There will be multiple crews working simultaneously. Cable will be installed both overhead, where power poles are available, and underground near the

current Frontier copper cables. Once the fiber optic cable is installed, you can contact Frontier to inquire about rates and service, if interested.



***All Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Building***



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

# 2026 Summer Youth Recreation



**RATE FILE**

Sheet No. 1 of 1

Schedule No. Mg-1

Amendment No. 15

**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

**Brooklyn Water Utility**

**General Service - Metered**

Monthly Service Charges:

5/8 - inch meter:	\$ 10.22	4 - inch meter:	\$ 110.44
3/4 - inch meter:	\$ 10.22	6 - inch meter:	\$ 143.57
1 - inch meter:	\$ 13.26	8 - inch meter:	\$ 182.23
1 1/2 - inch meter:	\$ 16.56	10 - inch meter:	\$ 215.35
2 - inch meter:	\$ 33.14	12 - inch meter:	\$ 276.10
3 - inch meter:	\$ 71.78		

For PSC use only: base 5/8-inch meter charge for SRC purpose - \$9.25

Plus Volume Charges:

First	2,000	cubic feet used each month:	\$2.94 per 100 cubic feet
Next	2,000	cubic feet used each month:	\$2.65 per 100 cubic feet
Over	4,000	cubic feet used each month:	\$1.66 per 100 cubic feet

Billing: Bills for water service are rendered monthly and become due and payable upon issuance following the period for which service is rendered. A late payment charge of 1 percent per month will be added to bills not paid within 20 days of issuance. This late payment charge will be applied to the total unpaid balance for utility service, including unpaid late payment charges. The late payment charge is applicable to all customers. The utility customer may be given a written notice that the bill is overdue no sooner than 20 days after the bill is issued. Unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next 10 days, service may be disconnected pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 185.

Combined Metering: Volumetric meter readings will be combined for billing if the utility for its own convenience places more than one meter on a single water service lateral. Multiple meters placed for the purpose of identifying water not discharged into the sanitary sewer are not considered for utility convenience and shall not be combined for billing. This requirement does not preclude the utility from combining readings when metering configurations support such an approach. Meter readings from individually metered separate service laterals shall not be combined for billing purposes.

EFFECTIVE: February 2, 2026  
PSCW AUTHORIZATION: 770-WQ-102

## Pellitteri Waste Systems

### Tips for Successful Waste Collection

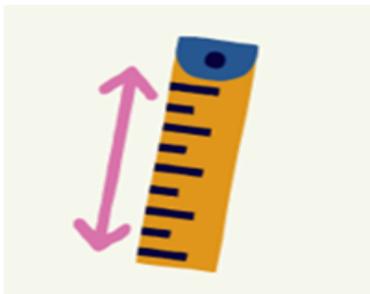
Here are some tips to ensure successful waste collection in the New Year! Learn more at [pellitteri.com/tips](http://pellitteri.com/tips).



Set carts out the night before or **by 6 a.m.** on your collection day (some communities have later times, but we always recommend 6 a.m. to be safe). **Pickup times vary from week to week** due to factors such as weather, route changes, and substitute drivers. Find your collection calendar on your community page at [pellitteri.com](http://pellitteri.com) under residential trash pickup or recycling.



Be sure carts are not overloaded and **lids are closed**. This helps reduce windblown litter and prevents materials from falling out when carts are emptied using the truck's automated arms. Closing lids also helps prevent rain and snow water from contaminating paper recyclables.



Place carts **4 feet from each other** and cars, mailboxes and trees. Do not place carts in the street. The best placement is on opposite sides of the driveway or on the grass within two feet of the street. In the winter, shovel out an area for the carts and do not place them in the street or on snowbanks.



View the [list of acceptable recycling items](#). You can also download our mobile app at [pellitteri.com/recycleright](http://pellitteri.com/recycleright) to verify whether items are recyclable, to sign up for collection reminders and service alerts, and to view your collection calendar.



# COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, February 26, 2026

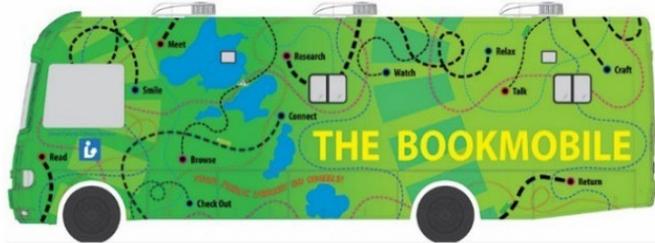
At Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church

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

Table service and beverages are provided.

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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).

Oregon Area Food Pantry  
107 N. Alpine Pkwy, Oregon, WI

New & Expanded Guest Shopping & Donation Drop-off Hours for 2026!

***New Hours!***

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Every Tuesday:	<b>8:30am to 11:00am</b>
1st and 3rd Thursday:	<b>11:00am to 2:00pm</b>
2nd and 4th Thursday:	<b>4:00pm to 7:00pm</b>
5th Thursday:	<b>No pantry</b>
1st Saturday only:	<b>8:30am to 11:00am</b>

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**OAFP**  
OREGON AREA FOOD PANTRY

# February 2026 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

February is National Heart Health Month, and the Senior Center can help you show your heart some love this month.

High blood pressure negatively impacts heart health, but many people who have high blood pressure are unaware they do as it has few symptoms. Other people know they suffer from it, and take medication for it, but do not always know how effective the medication is.

If you are curious about what your blood pressure is, you can stop in the Senior Center on Friday mornings between 9:30 and 10:30 for a quick check. Retired medical professionals volunteer at the Center during that hour each week and can check your blood pressure for you. There is no need for an appointment, and the service is free.

You can also keep your heart strong by engaging in regular exercise. There are several exercise classes at the Senior Center each week. Exercising in a group provides a layer of social engagement that exercising alone does not. Many people much prefer a group setting and are more likely to continue to exercise if they are part of a group.

You can find a listing of the many exercise classes offered in the Senior Center’s newsletter, or on the Village of Oregon’s website, under the Senior Center tab.

A healthy heart often reflects a healthy diet, and that is another way the Senior Center can be helpful. Well-balanced, nutritious, and tasty meals are available each weekday at 11:45. Every day except Friday one of the meal choices involves a salad, which can be a very healthy option. Meals must be ordered two days in advance so correct meal numbers can go to the caterer. Call 608-835-5801 with questions or reservations.

The cost for a meal is a donation. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per meal, but people are asked to pay only what they can afford, and the donation box is confidential and not observed, so donations are all made in confidence. (In other words, nobody will know how much you donated or even if you donated.)

Show your heart some love this February. It has been working for you for a long time.

**Check out the Oregon Senior Center Newsletter for more events.**

[Oregon Senior Center Newsletter – February 2026](#) or at  
<https://www.vil.oregon.wi.us/219/Senior-Center>

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**Green County Residence – ADRC of Southwestern WI Resources and Events**

[Green County ADRC - The Bridge.pdf](#) or at  
<https://adrcgreencounty.org/>

**ADRC Green County – Local Phone # 608-328-9499 or Toll Free 888-284-2132**

**Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 am to 430 pm**

# March 28

# EASTER EGG HUNT

**9 - 11 at gazebo on  
Commercial Street**

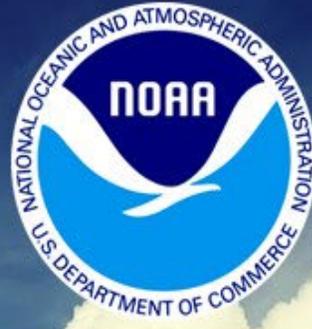
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# JOIN US FOR FREE STORM SPOTTER TRAINING

Tuesday, April 28th, 2026  
1:00-3:00pm  
Green County Justice Center  
2841 6<sup>th</sup> St, Monroe, WI

## Come Learn About:

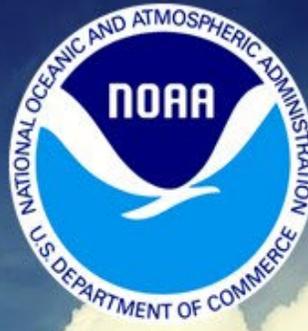
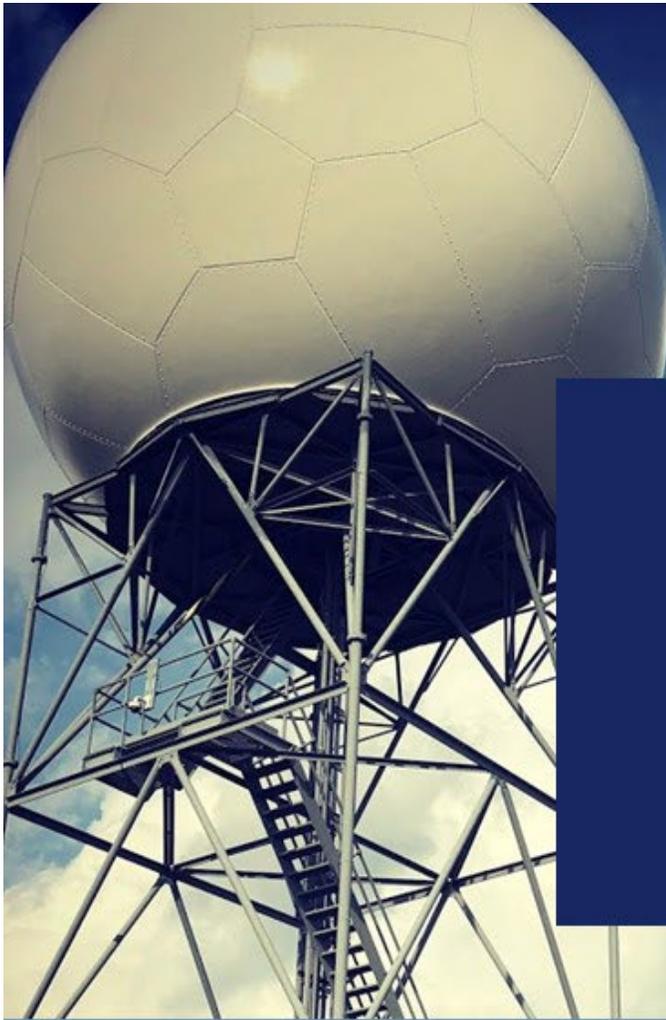
- Severe Weather & Weather Safety
- How to be severe weather aware
- Severe Weather Watches and Warnings
- How you can help the National Weather Service as a Trained Spotter

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No pre-registration  
required.



## Sponsored by Green County Emergency Management



JOIN US FOR FREE

# STORM SPOTTER TRAINING

Tuesday, April 28, 2026  
6:00-8:00pm  
Brooklyn Fire Station  
401 W Main St, Brooklyn, WI

## Come Learn About:

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No pre-registration required.



Sponsored by Brooklyn Fire & EMS  
and Green County  
Emergency Management

## Village Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2026

On January 12, 2026, 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, Christian Allen, Dan Olson, Jacob Bachim, and Todd Klahn. Also present were Ananya Hoffman, Public Works Director Leif Spilde, Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. No public comments.

**President report** – Brusberg wished everyone a happy new year and welcome to 2026. He thanked all board members for everything they did in 2025. We will have some challenging times in 2026, including the business complex and reassessments. He appreciated the debate culture and thoughtful dialogues. Update on business complex - we have been trading emails with Mortensen. They were meeting with their bank last week, and hopefully by the 26<sup>th</sup> we will have a date for the closing. If something changes, we will let everyone know.

**Klahn made a motion to approve minutes of December 8.** Gehrman seconded. Motion carried. Bachim and Allen abstained.

**Public Works** – Spilde – all board members have year-end list. They had a lot of big accomplishments last year – Hotel Street, well 1 roof, Highway 92 project, business park finished up, some broken water mains, new sludge agreement. Gehrman asked if sludge hauling is okay for this year. Spilde said yes, we're under contract with landowners through Bytec, unless the DNR makes more changes. CMOM report was given to the board. It's DNR required for the collection system on wastewater treatment. We had five complaints about sewer backing up in basements, and had one that was a sewer main plug, otherwise it was their own laterals. They have to describe maintenance, and we had one pump failure last year on the Sunrise lift station. They are required to TV so many feet of sewer each year. This is for the DNR. Brusberg thanked him for flagging the years of install for lift stations. Board got the monthly December report. They replaced relief valve at well 1, and he thinks that caused two broken water mains. It was spiking pressure out. Software options under water -- they're required by PSC and DNR to keep track of fire hydrants, valves, water meters, laterals, and keep records of install, maintenance, testing, etc. That software is 28 years old. He got a new laptop and the program doesn't work on it. We have other programs we pay for like Workhorse, and we're meeting with them tomorrow, and GIS that we pay through Strand with mapping which has some options. They will see if that meets DNR requirements. Sewer plant – in 2026 we start new testing requirements, and there will be a lot investigation for the next permit. We now have to do an acute WET test and testing for more chemicals, which is more intense process than in the past. End of this month a temperature study has to be done per the permit. He thinks they will find the effluent doesn't affect the creek. They're doing PFAS testing more intensely, and testing every other month, and report is due in September. They're hoping to prove we don't have enough PFAS to worry about. They're now doing nitrogen ammonia testing every other month. It's very intensive new testing program for the treatment plant. April 30 we will have to have facility study done with plans for next upgrade. He's working with Strand. Emergency management had a few meetings in December. They moved the sculpture today. Plowed four times, salted two. Did furnace repairs and inspections on this building and community building. The replacement light pole that was hit on Church Street was received last week. They replaced light fixture in middle of the LED sign and are getting a price on a new sign for the south side. Last item is the water quality trade for phosphorus limits. They do a trade with Kevin Klahn and Todd Klahn, local farmers. They have to do a report for DNR every year. They trade for 224 pounds and last year we only needed to use 53 of those pounds, so phosphorus removal was pretty efficient last year. Gehrman asked if it will help in the future. Spilde said if we met all their monthly limits, we would never get to 224, so it's nonachievable because the monthly limits are so strict, but it's there in case it's needed. Spilde sent copies to the farmers involved.

**All Star Properties new residential subdivision project** – Brusberg said items were in board packet. Tonight is just a discussion. There is no decision or action. At a future date All Star Properties will join us, and at that point the board will need to take action. He wanted to give updates on the project. There have been multiple dialogues with All Star, Strand, Spilde, and him to review plans. The materials show conceptually a combination of multiple family, mostly single family, and some duplexes. They are pretty large lots reflected as part of the layout, but he anticipates further changes. It talks about a nature friendly street profile. It has no curb and gutter and doesn't seem like it has sidewalks. The photos shown are from a neighborhood area in Oregon that they also did with that street profile. Board has to think about what profile they want to have. Do we want to annex into the community, and before All Star spends a lot of dollars, the board needs to decide if they want to bring it into the village. Klahn asked if it is connected or separate island. Brusberg said right now a separate island, but potential in the future to connect. Before they come, board needs to decide on possible annexation and the street profile. Spilde commented about the photos. The Oregon public Works Department said they'd probably not allow it again. Every driveway has a culvert, and there's no good parking lanes, snow removal is difficult and all water runs into ditch. Allen asked what is the benefit. Discussion about the street profile. Allen said seems like a giant safety concern. Klahn said it would be more of an urban setting, but if it's annexed and village goes out there, it's not a good idea not to have curb and gutter. It will be at the expense of the people living there. Berland asked if they had thoughts on how to get water and sewer out there? Brusberg said we had a meeting with them and we set expectations that water and sewer is a must and curb and gutter. We were clear. If we grant them an exception, it sets a precedent for future development. He thinks it's important to be consistent. Allen said we want to develop Brooklyn but don't want to compromise what we see in the neighborhoods. Olson said if you look at the setup, and it looks nice on paper, but then the DNR will tell them what they need. Bachim said it's wetland. Berland asked how they are paying. Brusberg said it's on them to pay. They have talked about TIDs, but there's nothing right now where that will work. Bachim asked if any problems with the residential uses. Spilde said sewer plant would benefit from it, and water system will handle it. He said PSC sets a fire flow rating, and residential property isn't that big compared to business. Allen asked about lift stations. Spilde said Strand thinks they will have to put a lift station in, and the village would be involved with how it connects. We can safely double population with current plant, excluding business. Spilde commented on water and sewer, if we don't and the town lets them put a subdivision in, we don't have as much control. Every well drilled into the ground is a risk for us, so if they don't annex, we will want to be involved to protect our water system. Allen asked if they still can. Bachim said Rutland would have to approve it. Berland said he thinks it would behoove us to control the annex. Discussion on annexation into village versus staying in township. Kuhlman said property owner to the south is not in favor, because they're into farmland preservation. Brusberg said we might need more services in the future. Brusberg asked if there were any questions from anyone that we should look into before All Star comes to the board. Bachim said there's a lot that needs to be figured out on their end before it gets that serious. Allen said we don't really like the street profile. Board agreed we need sidewalks for sure. Allen asked how wide are the roads. Brusberg said we have a fiduciary responsibility to the village and responsibility to homeowners as well to make sure everything is built properly. Brooklyn is ripe for development. Allen said positives are there, but we need to think hard about the negatives. Brusberg said they might come on the 26<sup>th</sup> with a video presentation, so the board should come ready with questions.

Kuhlman stated **Frontier** met with us last week. They will be **putting fiber into the whole village**. It will take a month, month and a half. They are using overhead lines and underground. It will be a lot of construction. They plan to have 4-6 crews working at the same time. They will be going into easement areas. Spilde said there will be boring crews for up to three months possibly. It will be a lot of locating for public works. Berland said it will be minimal disturbance because it's boring. Berland said Verizon is buying Frontier. As part of that deal they need to expand fiber, and Verizon is fronting the money for the project. Discussion on putting out social media posts. Berland will be point of contact. They've sent permit applications, which were approved by the village zoning administrator with caveat of getting certificate of insurance, making sure we get before and after photos of sidewalks in case repairs are needed, and make sure they have a plan for pedestrian safety.

Olson would like to take a year off from **Dumpster Days**. Berland said he would be open to volunteer. Spilde said Seitler would help also. Berland will get some dates to public works and talk with Seitler.

Kuhlman had pricing from a few places for **e-waste collection day**, from URT out of Janesville and Pellitteri. Both companies said it would be about \$2,000 total, depending on e-waste. We would need a covered space, like at public works, and it would be too busy to do on same days as dumpster days. It would be for about 4 hours on a Saturday, and we would need a couple volunteers along with their person. Discussion on possibly charging a fee or a donation. Mentioned there are other locations for drop off, including Town of Brooklyn. **Brusberg made a motion to postpone further action.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman said we are a member of **Dane County Cities and Villages Association**. They are looking for members to host meetings, two options in person and several virtually. In person options are March 11 and September 9. We would need a projector possibly and light food, if in person, and a representative to give a short speech of what's happening in Brooklyn in either case. Discussion of where to hold it in Brooklyn. **Brusberg made a motion to approve moving forward hosting the DCCVA meeting in September.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman explained we received a rate increase letter from Roth Professional Services, our zoning administrator. They haven't raised their rates since 2023. **Klahn made a motion to approve rate increase.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated there was a change to the amount for the MetLife invoice. We were charged for single coverage for an employee, and it should have been family coverage, and gas receipts for the squad were added. Olson and Berland reviewed the bills and they are okay. **Olson made a motion to approve bills as presented with the addition of MetLife and gas receipts.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's report** – Financials for end of year were handed out. In December \$1,310,467.80, of that was a collection of \$1,217,802.18 of taxes. We had withdrawals of \$155,137.59 and ended year at \$3,759,867.41. December tax collection is down from last year. Green County is 31% versus 48% last year. Dane County is around the same. Taxes are due January 31, and make sure you mail early because the Post Office doesn't postmark at the place you drop, but rather at regional offices. Every year we look at amounts for sewer equipment replacement fund, which is required by DNR, and we need to add more money every year. This year we added \$25,000 and put that into the investment account. Michael Gehrman and Christian Allen handed in their nomination paperwork on time. Allen is first on ballot and Gehrman is second, and we have a write-in position for a board trustee. We will need a February 17 primary in Dane County only because there are three candidates for a Dane County Judge position. Spring election is April 7. The audit is scheduled for February 23 and 24. There is a new scam happening in municipalities, where scammers look at agendas and packets and send invoices to people who are doing conditional use permits or rezoning. They look like the municipality is sending but it's not, and people have paid. We don't put packets out online so it would be harder here to do that. The PSC approved our water rate increase, and it will start February 1, so will be reflected on March bills. Base water rate will go up a little under a dollar. It was a three percent increase. Brusberg added if we did a full rate case, it could potentially be a lot more than three percent. Next meeting there will be a budget amendment for 2025 because a few of the main categories we are over in expenses, so we have to amend it. We have plenty of revenue to cover the expenses.

**Fire/EMS** – Brusberg stated their last meeting was on December 17. There were a lot of year-end updates. One thing is the association has had a material impact on the fire/EMS district during 2025 with investments into the department. They purchased new Class A uniforms for members, worth about \$25,000. They are paying for new sign board out front of fire/EMS. They also purchased a binder lift for about \$2,000. Bachim said it puts a strap around a person with handles to give many handles to grab someone and lift them. The

outgoing ambulance was discussed. Mercy Health had provided a full price offer of \$65,000 for the ambulance. The boiler work is scheduled for week of January 5. Bachim said it's finished and working well. Brusberg handed out information on-call hours, etc. They approved the Service Award Program contributions for members to take advantage of the state match. The new rate is \$509, so we roughly contribute \$255 per member. They discussed the purchase of a tender. There will be multiple discussions. Mason said new trucks are about \$400,000-600,000 and it takes quite a while to build new. He's looked into used as well. It's instrumental for rural fires hauling water. 2021 price was around \$250,000. It's 3000-3500 gallon tank. If we go older, the price drops from \$150,000-250,000. Previously they haven't looked into used market. The existing tenders, one is quite old from 1996 and they have a newer one also, but they want to have a 20-year replacement schedule and are well past that. The old one is a steel tank and could rust, but it's been well-maintained and it's a good truck. No action needed tonight, but he wants the board to start to think about wanting to go new or willing to consider used. Olson said buying used, you're buying someone else's problems. Bachim said on a tender it would be pretty basic. They all make on someone else's chassis and put a tank on the back. There are some local communities that have gambled and lost on used trucks. Bachim thinks a safer option is to try with used. It could be over a year to get one made. Brusberg said they will probably talk about it at the budget meeting. With used we might be able to self-fund with fund balance and won't have to discuss with municipalities. The district needs to make sure they're diligent over what's being purchased. Bachim said the truck services other communities in the area also.

**Recreation Committee** – Gehrmann said they still don't have a chair and are looking for more people to join the committee and are trying to come up with new ideas for the direction of the committee. Ballet, yoga and pickleball are doing well. Pickleball is popular and doing well. Summer rec is being discussed, and this year the teacher is going to grad school and will not be able to teach. So they decided to get something in the newsletter right away, and if nobody responds by March 2, we would not have summer rec program. Summer sign up for Oregon School has gone out, so that would be another question if we want to have the program, but the first problem is having someone to teach it. Food trucks at end of last year were given packets for this year, so that is taken care of and will need to follow up. There is interest in the craft fair to see if it can take place at the school and doing a much larger craft fair. They asked if clerk will contact the school and see if we can host it in the cafeteria and gym. It will be the same weekend as last year. Talked about sending a survey to the community to see what they would like for parks, pickleball courts, events, and fundraising. Gehrmann will do the survey questions, to see where interest lies, and gauge energy on fundraising. Allen said when we do the survey, toss the fireworks question on there and start looking at that soon. Gehrmann said they will meet again next month on February 9 before the board meeting to go over some of these things. Brusberg said with food truck nights, maybe consider having a booth with a couple board members to do a free will donation and one or two there to do meet and greets. They can rotate. It's an easy way to get donation dollars into the community; something to consider. Gehrmann will send notes of the meeting.

**Klahn made a motion at 8:14 p.m. to adjourn.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCPC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer



## Village Board Meeting Minutes January 26, 2026

On January 26, 2026, 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, Christian Allen, and Jacob Bachim. Trustees Dan Olson and Todd Klahn were absent. Also present were Kevin Klahn, Noah Hurley, and Bryan Elliott from All Star Properties, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments** – Kuhlman read a statement from the pickleball players thanking public works for changing out the lights and cleaning the gym floor. They were very appreciative.

**President report** – Brusberg thanked public works employees for everything they've been doing with the temperatures dipping and being outside and over this winter. Thanked staff.

**Gehrman made a motion to approve minutes from January 12.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

**All Star Properties** – Bryan Elliott gave a presentation about their project east of the Village. He went through some of their developments in the area. The current parcels they have owned for 20 years along Highway 92. He showed a conceptual idea, which would be all residential including some multi-family on frontage of 92 and a few duplex lots, and the remainder would be single family, pretty large, no less than a third of an acre, with some of the corners a little over an acre, stormwater detention. They will probably see more detention along 92. Total of 60 units across the site, 70 acres total. The thought for road profile, like they did in Oregon, instead of having traditional curb, they did a flatter curb, terrace and sidewalk and a swail to handle the storm water. The DNR was a fan because it keeps more water on the site, instead of collecting and putting into a detention pond. It worked well, but they do need culverts. Discussion on when they would build and who builds. They might do all at once or in two phases, and they work with local builders. They have had some interest. Their main market is people who want to have a bit of a smaller town but close to Madison. Oregon has become quite expensive. Discussion on the nature friendly profile, but for water/sewer, what's their thought. The limit from end of business park is a third of a mile and that's the big hesitation right now. They've talked to a few people that hope a Kwik Trip will come to Highway 92, and if that happens, they'd need water/sewer, and if they get enough others to develop commercial stuff at 92, they could go in together to make it economically feasible. If it's on them to bring water, sewer and lift station, that's not feasible at this time. They're thinking \$90,000 a lot. If there's some sort of village participation, like TIF, would help, but not sure that's possible because there's no commercial. But if get other landowners, it might be possible to do a TIF. Brusberg talked about the nature friendly street profile, and in the picture it showed a sidewalk, would that be included. Elliott agreed much like they did in Oregon. He doesn't see why they would want to change from that, unless heavy resistance with curb/gutter and underground, and if engineers would change opinions on that. They haven't heard anything on feedback from Oregon on post-development as far as how it's worked. They've had two builders that didn't do what they were supposed to do and permit issuance didn't catch it. Not having curb and gutter is going to reduce amount of detention needed on site. It's a cost savings to not having underground stormwater. Comments on having to possibly redig the swails after so many years. Discussion on slope needing to be right because of wet areas. Board members mentioned it's a low area and drainage might be a problem. Discussion on costs and using TIF. Discussion on only having one entrance/exit as far as congestion coming and going and also from an emergency management standpoint. DOT has authorized only one opening onto the Highway. Board asked what makes this appealing now since they've owned for a long time, and relative to other communities, why Brooklyn. Elliott commented it's finally to that point of growth with Dane County to go this far south to buy lots. And while they're not quite there yet with water sewer, he thinks there's demand with single family homes, and Oregon is getting too expensive. People want something a little more rural and small towns but with amenities. Discussion on house prices being in the \$400,000 range. The street width would be 4 car widths. Brusberg stated tonight was for learning about the project, but what actions are they looking for the board to make in the near term in future meetings. Elliott

would like to know annexation wouldn't be a problem and it would be approved, and then just to continue to brainstorm on water/sewer issue and encourage some of the other owners along 92. There's a broker he's been talking with. Board asked if there is a plan B for the property if this doesn't happen. Plan B would be to keep farming it, and at some time they might sell. They aren't interested in asking the Town of Rutland to approve with wells and septic, and the Village doesn't want that either. Brusberg stated we want to be mindful of our neighboring townships, and we don't want All Star to get deep into engineering until it's close to village being on board with the concept. The board thanked Elliott for coming. Brusberg stated this was discussion only and hearing presentation from All Star Properties. There were no more questions from the board, and they will keep All Star Properties apprised of decisions going forward.

**LED sign** – The south side of the LED sign needs to be replaced. Cost to replace the one side is \$1,013.20. Discussion on replacing both sides at the same time if the cost is reasonable. The board decided to go ahead and replace the one side, but instructed clerk to get a quote for doing the other side and they'd make that decision at the next meeting. **Berland made a motion to approve replacement of the entry sign with the quote from Wisconsin Sign and Graphics.** Bachim seconded. **Berland amended his motion to approve the funds would come from the capital account.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

**Amended budget** – A resolution was proposed to amend the 2025 budget for expenses that were over-budget. There was enough revenue to cover the over-budget items. **Gehrmann made a motion to approve the amended budget for 2025.** Bachim seconded. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes – Bachim, Gehrmann, Brusberg, Berland and Allen. Noes – none. Motion carried.

**Bills** – There was a question on the \$4,500 invoice from Green County Highway. That was for salt. **Brusberg made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report** – The board was given the Green County Development Corporation 2025 year-end report. There is current legislation up for vote to change the ETJ rights of municipalities regarding how rural subdivisions can be built. Board suggested sending a statement to our representatives against this proposal. Dumpster Days has been set for May 16-17 and 23-24, with public works allowing drop-offs during the week also. We are waiting for confirmation from Pelletteri. Deputy Clerk Olson will be attending the Ehlers conference on February 12 and 13. Discussion on needing board approval or possibly doing a resolution at the next meeting to allow trainings, as long as it's within budget and under the threshold for our purchasing policy. The school agreed to let the rec committee use the school for the craft fair in September. We have received two registrations for food truck nights. One is a new truck selling Philly steak sandwiches, among other things. Groenier and Mortensen have financing but need their board approval and need an appraisal for their bank, and they are reviewing the developer's agreement, but hoping to close in March around the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> on the business park property.

**Bachim made a motion at 7:25 p.m. to go into closed session.** Gehrmann seconded. Ayes – Bachim, Gehrmann, Brusberg, Berland, and Allen. Noes – none.

**Allen made a motion at 8:35 p.m. to return to open session** Bachim seconded. Ayes – Bachim, Gehrmann, Brusberg, Berland, and Allen. Noes – none.

**Bachim made a motion to sell available lots in the Brooklyn Business Park at \$4.10/sq foot.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Gehrmann made a motion at 8:36 p.m. to adjourn.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

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| Sunday                                                   | Monday                                              | Tuesday                                                                                            | Wednesday                                          | Thursday                                                                    | Friday | Saturday                                   |
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| Exercise Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Bldg | **\$ 10/Tire<br>Contact Clerk's Office 608-455-4201 | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of every Month,<br/>Dane County Emergency Management Outdoor Siren Test</b> |                                                    |                                                                             |        |                                            |
| 1                                                        | 2                                                   | 3<br>Tires**, Oil & Battery Pick-up                                                                | 4<br>Garbage Ballet 450-630 p                      | 5<br>Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p                                              | 6      | 7                                          |
| 8<br>Daylight Savings Time – Turn Clocks Forward         | 9<br><b>Village Board Meeting 630 p</b>             | 10                                                                                                 | 11<br>Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p Ballet 450-630 p | 12<br>Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p                                             | 13     | 14                                         |
| 15                                                       | 16                                                  | 17                                                                                                 | 18<br>Garbage Yoga 6p Ballet 450-630 p             | 19<br>Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p                                             | 20     | 21                                         |
| 22                                                       | 23<br><b>Village Board Meeting 630 p</b>            | 24<br><b>In-Person Absentee Voting Starts -Check Website for dates and times</b>                   | 25<br>Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p Ballet 450-630 p | 26<br>Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p<br>Community Potluck Noon @Methodist Church | 27     | 28<br>Easter Egg Hunt @ Gazebo 9 a to 11 a |
| 29                                                       | 30                                                  | 31                                                                                                 | <b>Spring Election April 7<sup>th</sup></b>        |                                                                             |        |                                            |