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March 2026 Village News

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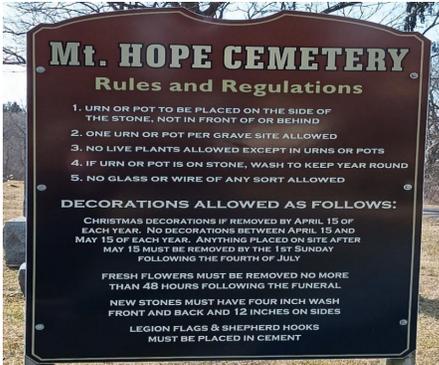


SPRING ELECTION APRIL 7

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Village Hall.

Accessible parking is in the lot behind the Hall.

**Annual Meeting of the Jug Prairie Cemetery Association
will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2026
at the Brooklyn Township Hall
400 W Main Street, Brooklyn, WI at 1 pm**



Reminder to remove all decorations by April 15.



**Brush Pickup
2nd Tuesday of each month**

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



**STREET SWEEPING
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026**
Please remove all vehicles from the streets by 4 am. Thank you

With the warmer weather, comes children playing outside, people walking their dogs, and enjoying being outdoors.

Please remember the speed limit in the village is **25 miles per hour.**
DRIVE CAREFULLY

CONGRATULATIONS

Deputy Grumke on your promotion to Sergeant. Thank you for your service and dedication to the village over the last 5 years. We wish you continued success in your new position.



BROOKLYN FIRE & EMS CARD PARTY

March 21st 2026

Sandwiches & Refreshments

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Euchre - 6:30 p.m.

Euchre Tournament

\$5.00 Entry Fee

Silent Auction



401 W. Main St.
Brooklyn, WI



March 28

EASTER EGG HUNT

**9 a.m. at gazebo on
Commercial Street**

**Facebook:
Brooklyn Area Chamber
of Commerce**

Sponsored by:



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COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, March 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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Village of Brooklyn 2026 Spring Dumpsters Available Only on the Following Days & Times

Saturday, May 16 – Noon to 5 pm

Sunday, May 17 – 10 am to 2 pm

Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 22 – 8 am to 1 pm

Saturday, May 23 – Noon to 5 pm

Sunday, May 24 - 10 am to 2 pm



All Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Building



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

NOTICE: In 2026, the Village of Brooklyn is conducting a Market Revaluation of all properties.

Accurate Appraisal LLC – Educational Corner

The responsibility of an Assessor in the field is to gather extensive data, conduct inspections, and assess your property. We strive for quality and precision in our work. When you see a vehicle with "Accurate" on it, rest assured that you will be treated with candor, respect, and kindness. Assessors aren't tax collectors, or even tax setters; we're just fellow taxpayers trying to make everything fair and equitable.

DURING AN INSPECTION WE...

1. Bring up a photo and sketch of your property to ensure we are at the correct location.
2. Look over the current property conditions in our database.
3. Review the notes on the property to prepare for our visit.
4. Look for permits in the windows or on the property.
5. Knock or ring the doorbell as we approach. Leave a door tag if no one is there.
6. Explain why we are visiting; remodel, new construction, permit.

COMMON INSPECTION TYPES:



Exterior

Most Common

- Validate measurements
- Verify recent enhancements
- Check property data
- Take new exterior images



Interior

Least Common

- Validate measurements
- Verify any recent enhancements
- Inspect condition of interior
- Review property data
- No images taken inside



New Construction

- Verify percent complete
- Flag for another visit if not complete
- Review the construction plans
- Create a sketch of the property
- Measure and list the property
- Take exterior image



Permits

- Verify when permit was complete
- Flag for another visit if not complete
- Update sketch of property
- Take exterior image if complete



UPDATED DATES

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEWS

at Village Hall

2026 OPEN BOOK

Monday, July 13th, from 8 am to Noon & 1-5 pm

Tuesday, July 14th, from 9 am to 3 pm

2026 BOARD OF REVIEW

Wednesday, August 26th from 6-8 pm

CURRENT HOUSING MARKET

State of Wisconsin Statistics

Why are property values going up?

Due to low quantity and high demand in the housing market, you will more than likely see an increase in your property value.

Assessed values will rise and fall to reflect the previous years market. Our mission is to fairly determine property values for municipalities. Assessors will use comparable sales from last year to best determine your new assessed value.

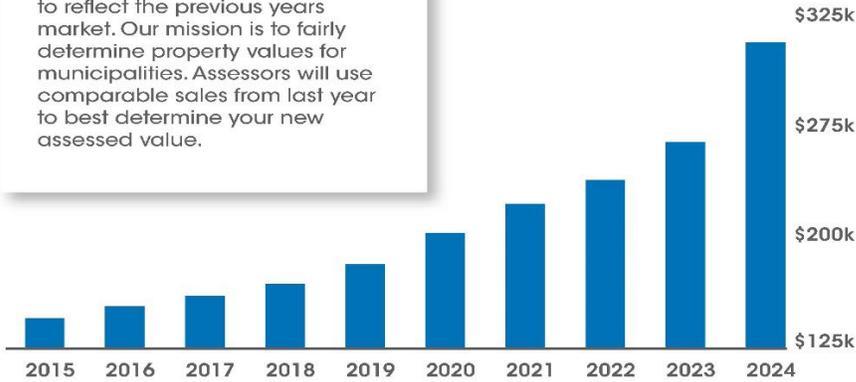


\$285,000 IN 2023



\$315,000 IN 2024

Property values have increased by 10.5% in one year. When property values are re-assessed, your assessment changes to mirror the current market.



MEDIAN PROPERTY VALUES INCREASED BY **103%** FROM 2015 to 2024



Presented by: Accurate Appraisal

STATE'S VALUE

Set Annually
Based on Sales Annually
Whole Community

MARKET VALUE

Set by Open Market Sales
Based on Sales Daily
By Style, Location, Age, etc.



Set During Market Update
Based on Sales Over Time
By Style, Location, Age, etc.

ASSESSED VALUE

REAL ESTATE VALUATION



Pellitteri Waste Systems



Prevent Fires: Take Batteries To Drop-Off Sites

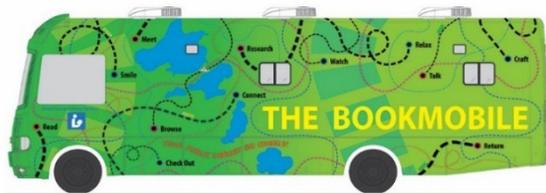
On National Battery Day, Pellitteri customers are reminded that **rechargeable batteries, regular (single-use alkaline) batteries, and any devices containing batteries should never be placed in their trash or recycling carts or dumpsters.** Batteries can start major fires.

To reduce the risk of fire, consumers should follow these three easy steps to turn in their batteries.

1. **Tape the Terminals.** Cover the ends of your batteries with clear tape, especially the contact points. This helps prevent sparks and keeps everyone safe.
2. **Make a Plan.** Different batteries may need different return options. [Find drop-off locations near you](#) or order a certified safe return box. Most battery stores and [Clean Sweep locations](#) accept rechargeable batteries.
3. **Turn them in.** Now that you know where to go or how to return them, it's time to take action! Drop off your taped batteries at a local battery return site.

Battery fires pose significant risks to our employees, facilities, and communities. Pellitteri hopes that by sharing this information, we can begin to make returning batteries to a collection site a common habit.

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.

OREGON SR CENTER PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION

Construction will begin on the new building soon! Fencing has been placed around the construction area. Unfortunately, this will significantly impact our parking. A map showing alternative places to park can be found on the Senior Center page of the Village of Oregon website and at the Senior Center. If you are able, please park further away from the Senior Center and walk into the building, leaving the spots closer to the building for those with higher mobility needs.

March 2026 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

The Senior Center staff focuses on making sure that everyone knows all the ways we can help people. We talk about our meal program, transportation, case management, the Adult Day Program, blood pressure checks, medical equipment available to borrow and foot care. We talk about a lot of other vital services available here as well.

Perhaps we get so focused on services that we forget to highlight another very important reason for coming to the Center: Because it is fun! The amount of laughter heard in this building every day is impressive. People who come to the Center consistently tell us that they come for the fun.

Remember when you were younger (or maybe think of your children or grandchildren) and you had the chance to take a class or pursue a hobby simply for the fun of it? Maybe it was a summer school class that did not look much like school at all. Perhaps you decided to pursue a subject for no other reason than that it interested you. Maybe you were motivated by the pure joy of learning. Or maybe you just wanted to hang out with your friends. Either way, you were doing it for fun.

The Senior Center can be a grown-up's way of reclaiming that feeling. The Senior Center isn't just about solving people's problems. It is also about pulling people together in settings that encourage them to have fun. A lot of people thrive on the camaraderie of game groups—we offer everything from dominoes to euchre to pool.

One of the most common responses I get when I ask our volunteers why they volunteer is: "Because it's fun!" If you observe any exercise class, you cannot help but notice how much fun the participants are having. The people who meet at the Center to knit or crochet, to discuss books they have read, or to make greeting cards are all having fun pursuing hobbies they enjoy.

The Senior Center is a great place to connect with resources, but it is also a great place to have fun. Please consider coming in and having a little fun, even if you have no current need for the resources available here.

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Check out the Oregon Senior Center Newsletter for more events.

[Oregon Senior Center Newsletter – March 2026](#) or at

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

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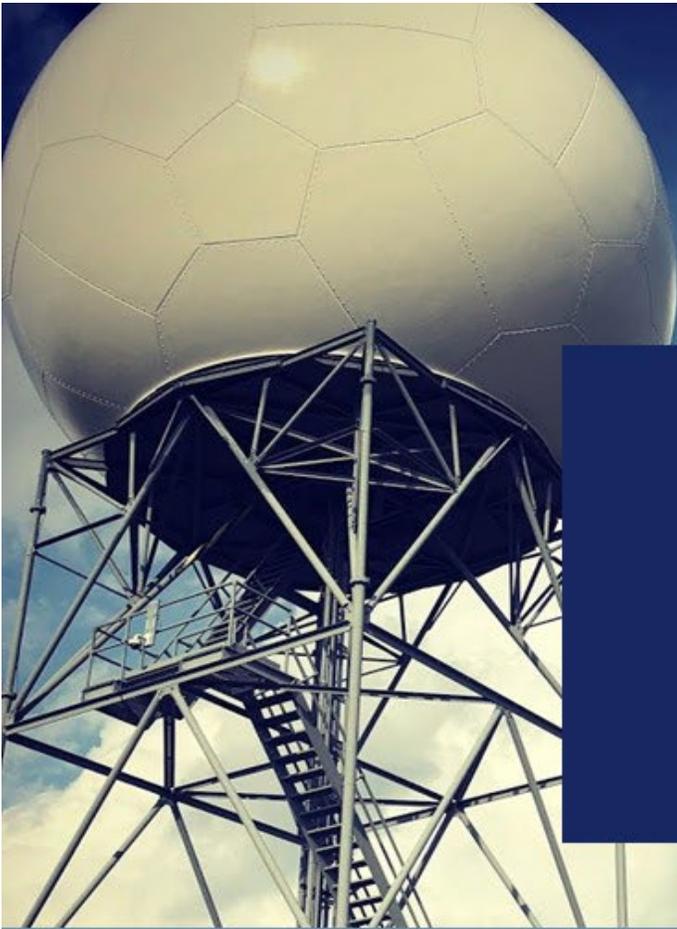
Green County Residence – ADRC of Southwestern WI Resources and Events

[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



JOIN US FOR FREE
**STORM SPOTTER
 TRAINING**
 Tuesday, April 28th, 2026
 1:00-3:00pm
 Green County Justice Center
 2841 6th St, Monroe, WI

Come Learn About:

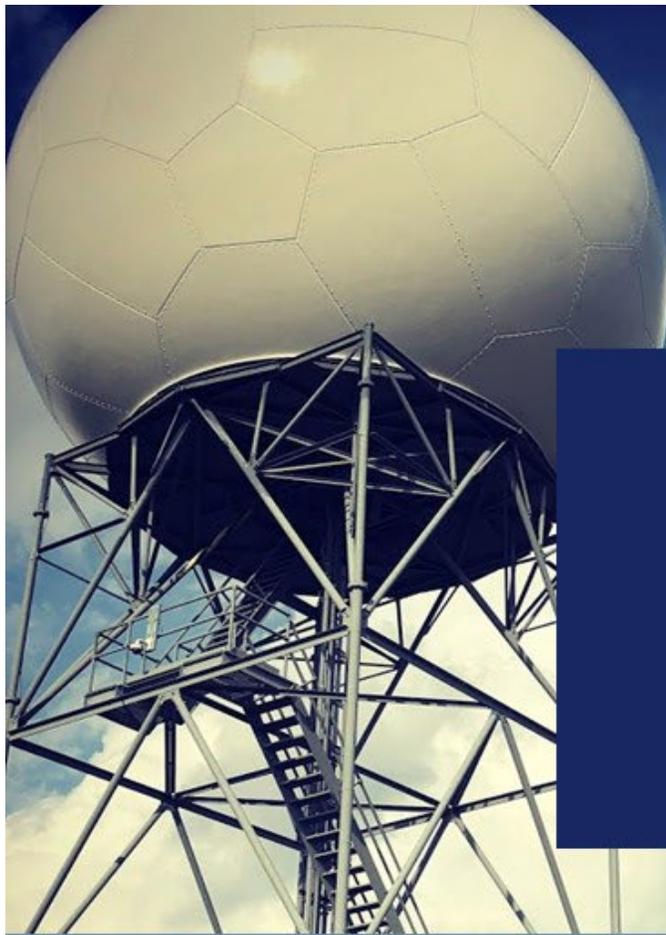
- Severe Weather & Weather Safety
- How to be severe weather aware
- Severe Weather Watches and Warnings
- How you can help the National Weather Service as a Trained Spotter

**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

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2025 Consumer Confidence Report Data BROOKLYN WATERWORKS, PWS ID: 12300750

Water System Information

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

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality

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

Health Information

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

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

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

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

Educational Information

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

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

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

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

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HA and HAL	HA: Health Advisory. An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information. HAL: Health Advisory Level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. Health Advisories are determined by US EPA.
HI	HI: Hazard Index: A Hazard Index is used to assess the potential health impacts associated with mixtures of contaminants. Hazard Index guidance for a class of contaminants or mixture of contaminants may be determined by the US EPA or Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If a Health Index is exceeded a system may be required to post a public notice.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Term	Definition
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
PHGS	PHGS: Public Health Groundwater Standards are found in NR 140 Groundwater Quality. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
RPHGS	RPHGS: Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standards: Groundwater standards proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants

which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2025)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.008	0.006 - 0.008	3/14/2023	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.1	0.1 - 0.1	3/14/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)		100		5.6000	4.3000 - 5.6000	3/14/2023	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm)		10	10	0.10	0.00 - 0.10		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	3.00	2.80 - 3.00	3/14/2023	No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	Range	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2025)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.5300	0.0260 - 0.6000	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	7/17/2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	0.78	0.00 - 10.00	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	9/5/2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Additional Health Information

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Brooklyn Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Brooklyn Waterworks (Leif Spilde at (608) 455-1842). Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Additional Information on Service Line Materials

We developed an inventory of service lines connected to our distribution system. You can access the inventory by following these instructions: To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, Leif Spilde at (608) 455-1842.

Village Board Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026

On February 9, 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, Jacob Bachim, Dan Olson and Todd Klahn. Also present were Noah Hurley, Sue McCallum for Council on Aging, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – Noah Hurley spoke to the proposed subdivision on Highway 92. In his opinion there is better suitable land that is closer and has easier access with municipal streets, sewer and water. If the village needs lots, the next route is to contact local people that have land that touches the existing streets. It doesn't seem like smart growth to have a subdivision out there, along with whole possible issues with the land as it is.

Gehrman made a motion at 6:32 p.m. to open the public hearing on Ordinance Chapter 108 for Floodplain updates. Olson seconded. Motion carried. There were no written comments and no one present with comments. **Berland made a motion at 6:33 p.m. to close the public hearing on Chapter 108 Floodplain ordinance.** Gehrman seconded. Motion carried.

President's report – no major updates.

Bachim made a motion to approve minutes from January 26. Allen seconded. Motion carried. Olson and Klahn abstained.

Council on Aging report – Sue McCallum reported they've had some personnel changes. Assistant director Trisha Nichols started in January. She benefitted from working with the previous employee. Rachel Brickner, the executive director, is retiring in June. Brickner felt it's better to get someone new started early in the process of the new center. She will be missed. Senior Center plans were released for bids on February 2. The naming is still in process. All suggested offerings from Thyse, the Oregon village board didn't like. There was also public input. The Oregon village board put out an RFP for a fundraising entity for fundraising for the senior center. Those decisions haven't been made. Brusberg asked what percentage are they seeking to fundraise. McCallum didn't know, probably not for the structure, but all extra items like furniture and landscaping, etc. She hopes they can get an endowment set up to continually fund the center. The gift shop made \$5,374 last year. All the items are donated or made by volunteers. Dane County contacted the Village of Oregon, and they have monies that they want to give to the Village of Oregon to enhance the park space by the new income-based housing by Kwik Trip. Dane County has funds for income-based housing to put in these types of things. The pancake breakfast was good. Board thanked McCallum for coming.

All Star Properties – Bachim stated there's a lot of information they need to get first. That's a wet field. He wouldn't want to say yes or no until they come up with an idea and have a plan. Kuhlman stated the board needs to decide if they will consider it, if all the plans line up. Board discussed that they're not against it if they can make things work. The village needs to be involved in plans, but they have stated the village will not use any taxpayer funds for any of it. We're not sure if the state will allow access from the highway. Allen is not against it by any means, if they can make things work. The company has owned the property for quite some time, and they've been farming it and kicking the tires for a long period of time about turning it into development. The board has been candid it's on their dime and not the village, and we can provide oversight and guidance to protect homeowners and with the water and sewer. Everything is conceptual. There's a lot of diligence that needs to be done. Brusberg reached out to Town of Rutland, and their chair had nothing to offer. It was news to them that this was being considered. Because of proximity to the village, it behooves us to have that engagement. There's concern if the village doesn't do something, they will go back to Rutland for a rural subdivision, which would limit the village's involvement. Board discussed lot sizes, price of lots at \$90,000, also

there's a lot of wet land. Allen said the bottom line question is whether or not they should do the testing and reports and engineering, and we're not going to just say no, if it makes sense.

The board agreed the development will need curb and gutter, sewer and water, and sidewalks. If All Star goes forward, this is the board's position, and All Star makes their decision. That makes consistency for other future developers. Hurley asked about it being annexed versus building through Town of Rutland. He said City of Evansville has extra territorial rights, and they've denied subdivisions like this in the past. Is the village in need really badly of lots for residents to come, is that why they're entertaining this. Klahn said we are running out of lots. We have land in the village, but the owner is not interested in development, and for him it's not an ideal location. It's low ground and water table issues. Going north makes sense, but they haven't offered land. Hurley said from a standpoint of building out a smart city or village, we have the industrial park, and that is working, and going due east for truck traffic, semi traffic, but if you throw some residential in there, in his opinion it's opposite. Board has seen costs only going one way and it's harder to tighten the belt. The board has tried to do that over the last few years, but we're getting to the tipping point that we need growth. We've seen some positive residential growth and houses sell quickly. We haven't had any developers. The village is not a developer. This developer approached us. It's not the first time the question has surfaced. Brooklyn is in a sweet spot. Brusberg said he's not into farmers being forced to leave their fields. Klahn said annexation needs landowner approval. There's also a piece of legislation about extraterritorial rights that might affect subdivisions. The village would prefer the lots were somewhere else, but the company owns that land, and we're trying to work with them. We need to give them stipulations of what we require, and we will work with you, but if we don't come up with an agreement, it won't work. They need to understand we need certain things to go forward and it's up to them. Here's what we're looking at and we're not funding it, and they have to make the decision if it's financially feasible. **Brusberg made a motion that we're in support of pursuing the subdivision project with expectation of water, sewer, curb, gutter and sidewalks, and any costs of our engineers will be borne by the developer, and it's contingent based on the current makeup of the board.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried. No opposed. Gehrman thinks it will be an uphill battle with DNR, the state, etc. Hurley added from a preservation of farmland view, he'd like to see buffering trees planted so it's not devaluing neighbors. Brusberg asked him to definitely stay engaged.

LED sign – Kuhlman stated Wisconsin Sign mentioned that the whole sign on the north side of village should be replaced. They are to get us a quote. **Brusberg made a motion to postpone.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Utility inventory program – Kuhlman explained this is a program through our accounting company Workhorse that will replace the program that has become outdated. It's software that keeps track of fire hydrants, meters, valves, etc., for replacement and testing that is required by the DNR. They are looking at converting the data. **Klahn made a motion to purchase the utility inventory software from Workhorse at a cost of up to \$4,200 the first year and \$600 each year thereafter.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Floodplain ordinance Chapter 108 – Kuhlman explained the board approved the ordinance in September of 2025, but FEMA noticed the citation references weren't updated. They have been fixed. **Allen made a motion to approve the changes to the Chapter 108 Floodplain Ordinance.** Klahn seconded. Ayes – Bachim, Olson, Gehrman, Brusberg, Allen, Klahn. Noes – none. Motion carried.

Bills – Question on costs incurred with Frontier to expand. Kuhlman stated they were billed back to Frontier. Brusberg asked if we have billed All Star properties for engineering time. Olson and Brusberg okayed the bills. **Klahn made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – Financials for January – We had total deposits of \$1,684,551.57, that included \$1,541,346.64 in taxes, and we had disbursements of \$1,156,438.34, which included the January tax settlements to the counties and school districts of \$872,491.54. The rest of the financials were given to the board. First half of taxes have

been collected, and we received the tax settlements today, so February county and school taxes will be sent out tomorrow. We have collected 74% of the Green County taxes so far this year, compared to 75% last year, and we have collected 76% of Dane County taxes, compared to 74% last year. The second half of taxes are due July 31. **Green County Development Corporation** annual dinner is March 19, if anyone is interested. Kuhlman spoke with the American Legion contact, and they haven't received enough interest in having the craft fair on July, and there is no interest from either the Legion or VFW to do fireworks, so **the July 4 event is now cancelled**. At the **Planning & Zoning Commission** will need to discuss a new member, because Scott Meier is selling his last piece of property in the village, and therefore, won't be eligible anymore to be on the commission. It's a big loss, because he's been the commission for a long time and has a lot of knowledge. Gehrman suggested doing something as a thank you. **Public Works Committee meeting** next Monday, the 16th. There will be an **ordinance meeting** before the next board meeting. **Verizon antenna** signed contracts came in finally, along with the \$2,000 signing bonus. They mentioned they will be starting work on February 14, with the ground materials and antennas. After they commence, the monthly rental fee should start the next month. Gehrman suggested putting something in the newsletter about the project so people know what is going on. Kuhlman participated in **webinars** for records management and also parliamentary procedures. Discussion on Robert's Rules of Order, and there's a version for small boards. Kuhlman mentioned the board wanted to have a resolution to let supervisors approve trainings, unless the clerk's office needs to be closed, but Kuhlman stated it's written in the employee manual that they need to be approved by the board. It was mentioned to have a personnel meeting to discuss changing the employee manual. **Berland made a motion to approve the trainings presented**. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Committee – Kuhlman stated the committee met this morning and approved updates to the Emergency Management Manual, including the emergency response plans for sewer and water. They also recommended approval on the updates to the cooling and warming policy to include the village hall, in addition to the community building, during weekday hours as a place people can go. **Klahn made a motion to approve the cooling and warming center operations to include village hall during day hours only**. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Recreation Committee – Gehrman stated the main thing to let everyone know is that we have no summer rec director so there will be no summer rec this year. If someone really is interested, maybe they will step forward and volunteer. It can't happen without a teacher and direction, and every year there's been fewer and fewer kids taking advantage. This will be the last session for ballet, as the ballet instructor is going to grad school and not available. No one has another instructor in mind right now. They've had a good turnout. Yoga Wednesday at 6 has had a steady showing of people, so the building gets used. And pickleball is steady at about 20 people. They have someone who volunteered to help with fall craft sale at the school. The school doesn't have open registration yet for when we would like to do it. They have requested that the clerk contact the school and get a firm yes, because we can't tell vendors until we have the school space reserved. The next meeting will be April 20. Gehrman is acting chair. Brusberg asked if there's any additional discussion on ways to bring money in for some of the needed work at the community building. Gehrman said they will be sending out a questionnaire to residents on parks, etc. They can add what would residents like to see and what services are you using. Brusberg would like to have a small booth or table at the food truck nights with a couple board members present and collect donations to be directed towards the community building. It's also an opportunity for them to engage with the board. The board doesn't need to decide tonight. Additional questions to ask would be what are you using community building for, what amenities would be needed to use it more, would more use it with a modern kitchen, etc.

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

Linda Kuhlman, WCPC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

Village Board Meeting Minutes February 23, 2026

On February 23, 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, Jacob Bachim, Dan Olson. Trustee Todd Klahn was absent. Also present were Tom Eithun and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – Tom Eithun had a map. Everything is 25 miles per hour now, and he proposes to make everything shown in red 15 miles per hour. He lives on Lincoln Street, and he's talked to other people on the block, and he's talked to other residents and the woman who owns restaurant next door. People don't make a complete stop at the sign when coming around the corner, and they're going 25-30 going around the corner, and also when they come off MM they're not going 25. In the first house there's a one-year and two-year-old and middle of the block has a two-year-old and five-year-old and he has five and three-year-old grandkids, and if they go chasing a ball in middle of the street, there's no way a car would stop. And they're not stopping at the stop sign, and also on Hotel Street, they get out the cars parking on the street and people are getting too close to the cars. It's a mess where the four-way stop is where 92 and 104 cross, and they should have lights. He's making a judgment, but down on Lincoln Street they would like that to be 15 and all the houses agree. They would like something done. Bachim said it's a short stretch, and it's hard to believe they can get to 25. Eithun said they don't stop at the stop sign. There's been someone on a motorcycle that comes around forever, and he had an encounter with that person about speeding. He's tired of the speeding. Brusberg said they can flag it to the village sheriff's deputy and make sure he's aware of it. Eithun would like the speed limit dropped. Summer is coming up and there's more traffic that cuts through there all the time. Brusberg said during public comments, they can't take action tonight. They have to go back and go through the process to get feedback from the sheriff's deputy and then address through the board. Because it's not an agenda item, they can't make a decision tonight. There are speeding problems throughout the village, which is on our radar as well. They will let him know when it will be on a future agenda. Eithun has been paying more attention lately. Brusberg said we'll have it on a future agenda and let him know when that will be. Board thanked him for coming.

President's report – we won't need closed session tonight. The update from Mortensen on purchase of property in Business Park is that on the surface there's no questions they have on the development agreement. Their bank has a meeting on March 12. Their attorney is working on the development agreement and right of second refusal documents and will put together an amendment to the option to purchase. They anticipate a closing date of no later than April 15. There could be the potential need of a special board meeting in March.

Gehrman made a motion to approve minutes from February 9. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Easter Egg Hunt on March 28 – Kuhlman explained the Chamber would like to hold an Easter egg hunt at the gazebo on March 28. The board has the event application and the Chamber has insurance. **Berland made a motion to approve Chamber Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman said public works would like to hire Abby Hollis again for summer help at a rate of \$14 per hour.

Bachim made a motion to hire summer public works employee. Gehrman seconded. Motion carried.

Gehrman made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Olson seconded. Olson can't okay the training for Vicki Olson; otherwise everything looked good, and he saw the notation for taxes for Spectrum. Motion carried.

Public Works/Utilities/Emergency Management – Olson reported on updates on the monthly report. They had cold weather issues, 4 broken water mains, one was replaced at 12 feet of water main on Railroad/104 under blacktop. The infrastructure is over 70 years old. With the four breaks, we're up to 27 bandaids in this section. Allen asked if we're looking to replace the whole thing. Olson said yes, they're going to look at it at capital projects. We're on 20 years of borrowed time on those. Well #1 the backup generator had a bad carburetor.

Had two race wires at sewer plant that had to be replaced due to cold weather. The 2026 sampling requirements, we have to keep doing the \$1000 for PFAS. We're way below the limits, but we still have to sample. WET test passed. Starting in 2026 we have new testing requirements for ammonia and nitrogen testing, so more lab costs. Goes through state lab and LV Labs. Gehrman asked if we have any idea how we'll test. Olson said it will depend, because we haven't tested a lot for those. The cold weather issues in sewer were two heat race tapes and sampler went down and something with the aerator, but everything is up and going. Emergency Management had a meeting on 2-9-26 and updated the manual. In streets they plowed 9 times, salted 4, had two graves, two cremations. They put safety fencing around the sculpture. Furnace repairs were done at village hall and community building. Light pole on Church Street was replaced through insurance. We received the wrong base, but public works was able to fix it. Had CPR training and passed. Damage to wall at community building, the plaster was coming down. They put a piece of plywood over the spot. Flag pole rope broke and was down for a week, and it was noticed through the community, and it was fixed. Public Works moved all the filing cabinets out of old police department and to village hall. Weekly checkoff sheet, they're working on a spreadsheet sign-off on the cloud.

LED sign north of the village, they're still waiting on more pricing. They have a price for both sides, but they were looking at replacing with aluminum. It's not a matter of replacing the whole sign completely. They're still waiting for pricing. Hoping by the March meeting. **Brusberg made a motion to postpone action on replacement of vinyl on the LED sign to the March 9 meeting.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Olson reported we received a letter from Strand that we didn't pass our cooling temperatures, which we find hard to believe. The temp of the effluent keeps the pipe warm and warms the dirt around it, not allowing temp of effluent to drop over the mile run to the creek. Strand and DNR do not have a fix. They have no idea. They're requiring us to do it, but no action to take for it. Olson said we have to monitor it until DNR says what we need to do. We're the first people really getting into it. He would think they won't fine us because they don't have any solutions. Bachim said he has a hard time thinking we're the only ones in the state that have this. Kuhlman said we're the first ones doing the testing, because it's a new requirement.

Ordinance committee – The meeting was cancelled because we didn't have quorum. Will meet before March 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Clerk's report – Kuhlman reported auditors were here today and will be here through Wednesday. GCDC's annual dinner is March 19. Brusberg suggested requesting two tickets for GCDC and some combination of board and clerk will go. Talked with Hawkey and Roberts about park equipment and other improvements, and talked about redoing tennis court/pickleball court, which could be about \$100,000. Roberts will get pricing, and we might have to look at donations to fund. There's about \$46,000 in park funds right now, which need to be used by 2032. We received letter from state about assessments, and we're three years out of compliance for assessment ratio. We're doing revaluation this year, because if we're not in compliance this year, the state will come in and do a revaluation next year and charge for it, which is a significant amount. Kuhlman received a phone call from property owner east of the village asking questions about proposed subdivision. She answered his questions. Public works brought file cabinets over from police department, and Kuhlman has been going through the rest of the items. There's boxes for shredding and destruction. Then the Historical Society can look at the furniture to see if they need any of it.

Fire/EMS Commission – Brusberg reported they had a meeting last week. They will use FAP rollover funds to pay for the defibrillator. They have two existing copy machines that work fine, so they're not getting a new copy machine. One of the current ones is going without support. Andy Meyer was at the fire department and they looked at the four entry posts which are starting to show age. He provided a quote, but they want to get a secondary quote before making a decision. Station sign is still in progress but should be done soon, which is being donated through the association. Boiler project started in January, and there's been a few service calls but it's now working good. One of the furnaces went out due to a failed heat exchanger, but one of the members was able to fix it. The old ambulance was sold for \$65,000, which was more than they hoped for. They need to look at the standby generator, which is having some issues. The building is over 20 years old, and they will

encounter more issues in the future. Gehrmann asked what generator is used for. Bachim said it's the building backup generator, to get the garage doors open, if it has to be an extra shelter in a disaster, it's able to heat water, for example. District Secretary gave year-end financial statements. Had \$38,000 more revenue on fire side, and also had expenses track favorably by \$18,000. When we remove memorial fund dollars on fire side, which is the CD and dollars for funeral expenses, they're trying to exhaust that balance. They ended \$21,499 favorability on expenses. Total carryover was \$38,359, and the 30% reserve and carrying over the accountant fees, we had \$30,841 that went to unallocated balance on fire. They have \$167,000 in the unallocated account. The EMS budget has been increasing each year. Last year year-end revenues were \$145,560 favorable, and some is due to how they recognize revenue tied to Luke Bryan farm tour, which offset those expenses, and FAP income of \$44,928. They saw significant overage of \$39,000 in run revenue, which was \$114,000. Budget in 2026 is \$85,000 in runs, but they are tracking higher in that run revenue. Expenses for 2025 were about \$99,000 unfavorable, and there were some one-time items like \$18,000 for the defibrillator and \$26,000 for Luke Bryan. That leaves about \$30,000, where LTEs and volunteer wages are two biggest things to watch for. Other piece was similar to village but ongoing talks about capital item needs and trying to prioritize. One thing discussed was to update the cot system, but in the near term it's not that urgent. The tender had a lot of discussion, but the direction the district gave to Chief Barber was get more specific estimates. They only had ranges so far. They would like to get estimates on all-in costs, financing terms, and also understand what is the duration to get delivery, to be more informed on the new costs. He will look at used and get a better feel on what those are going for. Because of the unallocated balance and 2% dues, there's the unlikelihood they can finance with the balance and will probably need some financing from each municipality. This board talked about new versus used; other municipalities are talking about that as well. The village wants to be cost effective, but the village has hydrants so we need to be mindful of that; so they need to look at something used that's cost effective. Olson said that's fine as long as prices aren't close to new prices, because why spend \$400,000 on used when get a new for \$550,000. Brusberg said some manufacturers provide a discount based on what you pay up front. Gehrmann asked if there is more than one place buying used fire equipment and refurbishing it with some type of warranty. Bachim said there's one and it's grown quite large as a brokerage. They're not refurbishing them, though. Because of our NFPA standards, there's issues with dates of trucks, so they try to keep it more current. Discussion on specs to refurbish. Brusberg said they asked the chief to talk to other municipalities as well.

Also had a discussion on the Oregon-Fitchburg RFP, which has been in the news. They are looking for a consultant to consolidate services, and they're talking with Stoughton, Verona, McFarland also. Berland asked if it includes municipal services. Brusberg said no, it's specifically for fire-ems. Part of Brusberg's frustration is that fire-ems should never be a political topic. They should find a way to manage, but not political. The RFP is not done through the Oregon district, but through the village president of Oregon, the mayor of Fitchburg, and other leaders, and minimal discussion throughout the other district members. He's talked with Rutland president and Oregon village president, and the district board, and it behooves them to have a seat at the table to see where it's going, but not necessarily to participate. It's in the district's best interest to get the district boards together. Brusberg wants to be clear, we're supportive of the district, but because of the way the times are evolving, we need to hear where this goes. There's always opportunities for improvement, but we need to appreciate what makes others successful. Gehrmann asked if there is a way for someone to make money but cost us more. His guess is this has a six-figure price tag, and the pricing is based off of population size and each municipality's portion. Bachim said we should just gather more information. Olson thanked Brusberg for the update.

Bachim made a motion at 7:34 p.m. to adjourn. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Exercise Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Bldg	**\$ 10/Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455-4201	1st Wed. of every Month, Dane County Emergency Management Outdoor Siren Test				
			1 Garbage Ballet 450-630 p	2 Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p	3	4 Jug Prairie Cemetery Assn. Mtg Brooklyn Township Hall at 1 pm
5	6 Village Board Meeting 630 p	7 Tires**, Oil & Battery Pick-up Election Day 7a-8p	8 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p Ballet 450-630 p	9 Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p	10	11
12	13	14 Brush Pick Up	15 Garbage Yoga 6p Ballet 450-630 p Clerk's Office Closed in afternoon	16 Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p	17	18
19	20 Village Board Meeting 630 p	21	22 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p Ballet 450-630 p	23 Bookmobile Gazebo 6-730 p Community Potluck Noon @Methodist Church	24 Clerk's Office Closed ARBOR DAY	25
26	27	28 Storm Spotter Training 6-8p Brooklyn Fire Station	29 Clerk's Office Closed Garbage Yoga 6p Ballet 450-630p	30 Clerk's Office Closed	May 1 Clerk's Office Closed	