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May 2026 Village News

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**NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS
WEEK MAY 17-23, 2026**

Public Works Information

Village of Brooklyn 2026 Spring Dumpsters

**Be prepared to show proof of residency.
Unloading items will be your responsibility.**

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

@Public Works Building, 102 Windy Lane

ITEMS **NOT** ALLOWED:

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

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

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## Brush Pickup

### 2nd Tuesday of each month

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



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Community Activities



COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Thursday, May 28, 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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All Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Building

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



Food Truck Night

3rd Tuesday of the Month

May through September

Starts at 5pm - Legion Park



Memorial Day Ceremony
May 25, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.
Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial
(400 W. Main Street – Brooklyn)

Keynote Speaker – Larry Jackson
President of Ben Jackson Foundation

Additional Services:

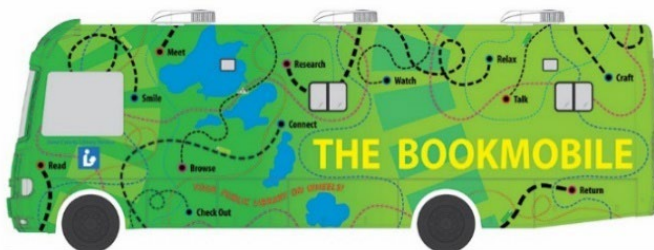
11:00 a.m. – Oregon @ Oregon WWII Monument, Janesville Street

12:30 p.m. – Fitchburg @ Schley Memorial, Gorman Wayside (2377 S Fish Hatchery Road) or in case of inclement weather @Fitchburg Fire Station Lacy Rd

Join us after the ceremony for cupcakes & coffee.

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The Dane County Library Service Bookmobile - Thursday evening stops (6-7:30 p.m.) 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).

# Ice Cream Social

Thurs., June 4th, 2026

4:30 pm to 7:30 pm



Brooklyn Dairy Queen  
Crowning at 7 pm



Brooklyn Methodist Church

*Serving*

Barbeque, Hot Dogs, Pasta Salad,  
Chips, Pie, Brownies,  
Angel Food Cake, Ice Cream,  
Water, Soda, Milk

All Welcome!

# Pellitteri Waste System Information

*Never miss  
trash day again!*



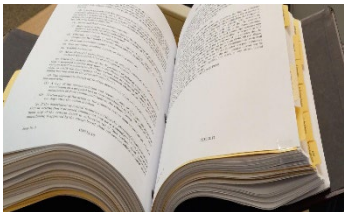
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Accurate Appraisal Information

NOTICE:

In 2026, the Village of Brooklyn is conducting a
Market Revaluation of all properties.
Notices will be sent out at the end of June.

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### **UPDATED DATES**

### **PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEWS**

**at Village Hall**

### **2026 OPEN BOOK**

**Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am to Noon & 1-5 pm**

**Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 3 pm**

### **2026 BOARD OF REVIEW**

**Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm**

# WHAT IS OPEN BOOK?



Open book is a period of **time to discuss your property value** with an assessor.



A typical **open book meeting** lasts about 15 minutes.



Share a recent appraisal, evidence of value, and any recent sales. The assessor will share their **sales analysis** and explain how they came to your new value.



A roll book of all property values in your municipality is available for your review. **The roll book will be posted online** for your convenience.



In lieu of attending **open book** you may submit a **Request For Assessment Review** form online through our **Open Book Assistant**.



To learn more about the assessment process you may visit [accurateassessor.com](http://accurateassessor.com) then **simply click ASSESSMENT EDUCATION**.



## What is Open Book ?

Open Book is a period of time to discuss your new value with an assessor. The Open Book process starts as soon as you receive your notice and ends before the Board of Review, usually 30 to 45 days.

To set up an appointment for an open book, please visit our website [accurateassessor.com](http://accurateassessor.com) and simply click the 'Appointments' section.

# WHAT IS BOARD OF REVIEW?



**Before signing up** for Board of Review, please either attend the Open Book or submit a **Request For Assessment Review** form on [accurateassessor.com](http://accurateassessor.com).



**Board of Review** functions like a court and is required to **evaluate using evidence based on facts**.



You or your representative must provide **factual evidence** that your property is inequitably assessed.



To file for Board of Review **you must contact the clerk no later than 48 hours before** the hearing.



The burden of proof is solely on you the taxpayer. **The assessor's value is presumed correct by state law until proven otherwise.**



To learn more about the assessment process you may visit [accurateassessor.com](http://accurateassessor.com) then **simply click ASSESSMENT EDUCATION**.



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# Senior Center Information

## May 2026 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

After sixteen years at the Oregon Area Senior Center, I am going to retire in early June. It is time for someone else to carry the Senior Center forward into a new chapter. It has been an honor to serve the Oregon/Brooklyn area throughout these years, and I have enjoyed getting to know local older adults, their families, local elected officials, and others during my tenure here.

Prior to my work at the Senior Center, I spent a couple of decades working as a geriatric nurse. Much of my career has been spent with people over the age of sixty, and now I am blessed to join the ranks of people who have reached a point where they can retire.

I have learned many lessons from a career supporting, enjoying, and observing older adults. I hope that I will benefit from those experiences as I enter this new phase.

At the Senior Center, a new Director will take my place and lead the staff and community into an exciting new chapter that will involve a new, much-needed, larger building. The ranks of older adults will continue to grow over the next decades, and the Senior Center will be here to provide the services needed to help older adults stay in their homes for as long as possible.

Many of those services are made possible through the efforts of the many amazing volunteers whose dedication to the Senior Center has impressed me ever since I first came to work here. I have seen firsthand the difference a volunteer can make, as well as the positive effect volunteering can have on an individual. Those generous souls will always have my gratitude, respect and awe.

As I start a new chapter, I want to thank all of you whose paths have crossed with the Senior Center over the past 16 years. It has been a joy to work with you! Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Senior Center in the future. I am sure you will be in good hands.

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Check out the Oregon Senior Center Newsletter for more events.
Oregon Senior Center Newsletter – May 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



# Green County Tech Connect

Bringing refurbished computers and similar devices to Green County residents to ensure all in our communities can connect to the internet.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

- ▶ Free, refurbished computers & similar devices
- ▶ For individuals, entrepreneurs, non-profits
- ▶ Application process required\*
- ▶ \*documents available online at the link below, or by calling 608-328-9452 or by email at [gcdc@greencountydevelopment.com](mailto:gcdc@greencountydevelopment.com)

Eligible individuals or entities:

- Low-income Individuals receiving or eligible for assistance programs
- Individuals 60+
- Veterans and students
- Businesses in existence less than 1 year
- Non-profits



[Individual Application click here](#)

[Business Application click here](#)



\*subject to  
availability of  
devices

GREEN COUNTY WI



**GREEN  
COUNTY**  
WISCONSIN

# Home Internet Reimbursement Program

for Seniors and  
Individuals with Disabilities

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Assisting qualified Green County residents with in-home internet costs  
**\$150 reimbursement for 3 months of paid home internet bills**

For application or questions, email  
[gcdc@greencountydevelopment.com](mailto:gcdc@greencountydevelopment.com)  
or call 608-328-9452

### Reimbursement Process:

first-come, first-serve. Can re-apply every three months as long as funds are available

1. Submit application to GCDC office
2. Application qualifications verified and confirmation from GCDC
3. Provide the last 3 months of paid internet bills for your home.
4. Reimbursement check will be mailed to your home address.





# ZOOMERS FOR BOOMERS

Zoomers for Boomers provides **FREE** online, one-on-one tech support to answer all your questions. Open to adults of all ages!

We can help with:

- Managing passwords
- Learning new software
- Photo storage
- Word processing
- Email basics
- Staying safe and avoiding scammers online
- and more!

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OR VISIT  
DANENET.ORG



# Village Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2026

On April 13, 2026, President Mike Brusberg called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 7:18 p.m. Trustees present were Dan Olson, David Berland, Mike Gehrman, Christian Allen, Todd Klahn, and Jacob Bachim. Also present were Jim Brown, Trenton Diehl, Sheri Arndt, Frank Seitler, Leif Spilde, Anna Seidenstricker, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments** – Spilde would like to thank Dan Olson as public works chair and for being on the village board. It's been great working with you.

**President report** – Brusberg thanked all the poll works for their work at the election. He appreciates what they did in terms of getting things done timely. Thanked Dan Olson for his dedication on the board. He's pleased with all the contributions he made to the community. His amount of knowledge of Brooklyn will be hard to replace. Don't be a stranger. Brusberg said they won't discuss committees tonight but take a look at the committee assignments and either reaffirm, or if you need to change, they can talk it through. Welcome to Frank Seitler and congratulations for being elected to the board.

**Allen made a motion to approve minutes of March 23.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Bachim abstained.

**Sno Hornets/Sno Blazers Labor Day Tractor Pull Application** – Sheri Arndt and Trenton Diehl were present. They will have the same format as last year. Nothing is changing. **Klahn made a motion to approve the application of special events permit for Sno Hornets and Oregon Sno Blazers snowmobile clubs for the Brooklyn Labor Day Truck and Tractor Pull.** Berland seconded. Motion carried. **Berland made a motion to approve the amplification application for the Labor Day Truck and Tractor Pull for the Brooklyn Sno Hornets.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried. Trenton Diehl would like to **donate to the village \$500** from the Labor Day Truck and Tractor Pull Committee, and they ask the village put it towards upgrades at the park. They appreciate what the village does for them. The board thanked them.

**Jim Brown** – The American Legion Post 160 proposes signage dedicated to the American Legion that they would like to place in the park. The park shelter has a gabled roof on it, and their latest recommendation and proposal from the sign company was placing an oval up in that space in the gable on either end that could be read from both sides, and they're wondering if that would be acceptable to the village board. Brusberg asked what would be included on it. Brown said the signage they would like to put in place is something commemorative of the formation of the Legion Post originally going back to 1919. It was one of the first in the nation and chartered in 1920 and six acres of land was purchased early to mid-1930s. They would like to include a little bit of the past history of the post, not going into too much detail. The post was originally the Benjamin Johnson Post 160. Later more recently it was changed to the Brooklyn-Oregon American Legion Post. They're working with a sign company to keep it as simple as they can and maybe a 3-4 foot oval. They're working out the details. They mainly wanted to ask if it's acceptable to use either end of the gables. Klahn asked that they send a picture to the clerk when they get the sign finished, and the board will review it and approve it.

**Klahn made a motion at 7:28 p.m. to go into closed session.** Gehrman seconded. Ayes -= Klahn, Bachim, Olson, Gehrman, Brusberg, Berland, Allen. Noes – none.

**Klahn made a motion at 7:55 p.m. to return to open session.** Bachim seconded. Ayes -= Klahn, Bachim, Olson, Gehrman, Brusberg, Berland, Allen. Noes – none.

**Berland made a motion to recommend the preferred sheriff's deputy to Dane County Sheriff's Office that was discussed in closed session and agreed upon by the interview panel.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

**Sidewalk in front of Anchor Club** – Brusberg and Allen met with Marshall on Thursday. Allen said in the end they strongly recommended our decision will be adding a sidewalk cut to pretty much guarantee there are no further issues there, and they gave him an opportunity to look into expanding his drain to a wider one with no grate, if he feels the one that's there isn't sufficient for his roof, and then also the recommendation if that's done, take that french drain, take a chunk of it to 90 degrees at the end of his alley and have that take the drip from his alley and roll it into his new wider French drain, if that's what he wants to do. Marshall wants to get a second opinion from Roneck. If they agree with that, they told him they'd update the board on the recommendation and then come to a final decision after he tells them what came of that discussion. Brusberg said the intention once he gets back to us is to meet again, gather his thoughts and get an ultimate suggestion of action from the board. It was told whatever they do will be taken to bid. Bachim said it sounds good, and there's a plan, and if he agrees on it, that sounds good. Olson said to get it in writing. Brusberg said whatever we do will be in writing signed by him. Allen said they went a little further and they talked about possibly four or six slabs. They're already pitching in front of the alley, but they can take a little bit in front of Goble's garage, Allen won't disagree with that. It's arguably even flatter there than in front of his alley. The concrete that got poured back in the alley was high compared to the existing slab, and it does catch water there, so they could take a six-inch grinder to grind off that high edge. Klahn asked if we can fill in the rest of the sidewalk down the block. Brusberg said they will look at that. Klahn would like to see it done. Brusberg asked Spilde if he's okay if that gets filled in all the way down. Spilde said that's fine. The original plan was those property owners wanted it like that. Brusberg doesn't want to overpromise, but Marshall said he would donate towards that. Brusberg said it's on the list. Ultimately they got to an agreement. Brusberg thanked Allen for his assistance.

**Chip sealing bids** – Bachim asked if there are any concerns with low bid from Fahrner at \$38,657.63. Green County was \$47,851 and Scotts was \$41,000. Gehrman asked how often we do chip sealing on each street. Spilde said every 7 years. It's the most cost effective way to maintain streets. Discussion on differences in price. Spilde said there is plenty of money in the budget to also do crack filling. Bachim asked if the bids include anything like diesel costs. Klahn said we're early enough in the program that they prebought all their oil. Gehrman asked about street sweeping. Spilde said street sweeping is on us. **Klahn made a motion to accept Fahrner's bids for the seal coating for all of the streets listed not to exceed \$39,000.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee assignments** – Brusberg asked that between now and next meeting, the board should look at the committees. We need to get Scott Maier replaced on Planning & Zoning, if anyone knows of someone in the community that would like to be on the committee. Brusberg would like to recommend Allen for public works replacing Olson.

Olson didn't see anything on the bills. Olson asked if the Village View Partnership land split that the zoning administrator looked at gets charged out. Kuhlman explained that no, that's part of questions that the zoning administrator gets from time to time. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's report** – **Financials for end of March**, there were \$93,316.81 in deposits and \$202,153.35 in withdrawals, for an ending balance in all accounts of \$2,943,637.84. Other financials were given to the board. **Election results** for the village are posted, and congratulations to Frank Seitler as new trustee, and Mike Gehrman and Christian Allen also won reelection. We have had some issues with the **Oregon Observer posting** our legal notices. They are using a new company to upload the information, and they missed putting our ballots in the paper before the election, along with the Town and Village of Oregon and City of Verona. They ultimately put them in the online version. Kuhlman is talking with the other clerks about what to do and possibly talk to Senator Marklein and

Representative Jacobson. It's not the first time this has happened. The new manager of the Observer called and said he's only been there 2-3 months but will make sure this doesn't happen and will try to get training for us on the new upload software. Brusberg asked about using the State Journal. **Green County is starting work on the new jail and costs.** They are expecting to not exceed a little over \$86 million. They aren't sure how this will affect people's taxes, because it depends on how much they borrow and the equalized value, plus they're trying to get grants. They are estimating by the end in 2028, it could be \$1 per \$1000 increase in the county portion of mill rate. Gave board the **League of Municipalities Insurance Company report of 2025.** There is a **housing summit in May** that Green County is presenting, if anyone is interested. Our **property insurance company sent an email about their increases** and how they figure out what the increase will be. **PSC has come out with a new dashboard** that the public can look at to explore water rates are in different communities. It's a current snapshot in time, and they're not sure how often they will update it. The **cradle point died in the squad** during the last two days of Deputy Grumke's time. US Cellular said the sim card went bad. The county has now upgraded the equipment to their equipment using Verizon. By the time a new deputy starts, the Verizon tower upgrades will be done. **Verizon has the ground power done and the antennas up,** but they need the antenna crew to come back and connect the two. Kuhlman will cancel the US Cellular cradle point and will set up auto payments for US Cellular. There is a **League of Wisconsin Municipalities training** on April 22 in Oregon, if anyone is interested. Seitler is interested. Kuhlman received call from someone **interested in pricing and availability in business park,** but they were talking about retail and residential. They were told residential isn't allowed, but depending on the retail, it might work.

**Klahn made a motion at 8:21 p.m. to adjourn.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer

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**Village Board Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2026**

On April 27, 2026, President Mike Brusberg called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were David Berland, Mike Gehrmann, Todd Klahn, Frank Seitler and Jacob Bachim. Trustee Christian Allen was absent. Also present were Tara Bast and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – Kuhlman noted that she received a call about speeding on Division Street. We will pass on to the PD to watch that area.

President's report – Brusberg stated next week is municipal clerk's week. He'd like to say thanks to Vicki and Linda for all the efforts on a day-to-day basis for the community and the board. Next Tuesday, May 5, is the Brooklyn Business Fair from 4:30-6:30 pm at the community building.

Gehrmann made a motion to approve minutes from April 13. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Tara Bast – Johnson Block – discussed the 2025 audit. She went through the financial overview report (which can be found on the website under Budgets). The report includes the governmentwide financial statements; then breaks out the individual funds; notes to financial statements; required supplementary schedules. Other reports they assist with are the DOR financial report, the PSC water utility report, and the TIF district annual report. All have been drafted and are ready for filing. They also provide required audit statement to the village board. The one thing they always point out is the separation of duties, with only two people in the office, so they remind the

board of the need for controls in place to help; and they talk about cyber controls. The next page lists assets of cash, taxes receivable; cash includes start of tax collection for the next year. Liabilities are next, and the difference is fund balance, which is the health meter of the general fund. At the end of 2025 fund balance was \$1,154,800 approximately, which includes nonspendable which includes mainly a loan to the TIF fund, assigned fund balance which is anything over 30% over next year's budget and is for future capital projects, which leaves 30% of unassigned fund balance. Increase in fund balance was \$63,671. Gehrman asked if that's reasonable. Bast said somewhere between 20-30% is good. Ours is on the higher end of recommendation but within the range of other communities. Kuhlman stated it's also what our policy states. Bast said the rest of report looks at all the fund balances for the year in all categories. It goes through both the water and sewer utilities. Both had positive balances in the year. In the past it was negative. The report goes through the cash flow for both water and sewer. It goes through general fund expenditures and debt fund. Public safety and public works are the largest spend categories. Next is a look at general fund revenues – taxes, intergovernmental aids, regulation & compliance, public charges and miscellaneous revenue. Last look is debt capacity for the village. We have a debt limit of \$10,253,585, and we're using less than 50% of the capacity. The outstanding debt does not include revenue bonds for water and sewer and the note anticipation note in the TID. Gehrman asked how she views the debt ratio. Bast said it's hard to compare between municipalities. We have a TIF district with general obligation debt. The limit is going up but our borrowing isn't going up. Look at it in terms of infrastructure, roads, if we're able to keep that balance in keeping up with the debt. Brusberg said with the TID, then we have closer to more than 60% benefit ratio. Bast agreed. TIF increment has increased, but there is a healthy amount in the TID debt. Last page shows a graph of the taxes separated out. Brusberg said in the case of the increase from 2024 to 2025, a big reason was the debt added to the levy tied to Hotel Street. Brusberg asked if there is anything as a board that they should focus on from the audit. Bast said some of the important things is to stay on top of the utility cash flows and looking at future projects and taking advantage of simplified rate increase so we don't get into a situation we need a full rate case. She has some that do the simplified every year. Same with the sewer, it had a big rate structure a few years ago, so just understanding how that financing will affect the cash flow. On the general fund, knowing we have the fund balance, but one large item could wipe it out. Don't use it to balance a budget. Bast said keep an eye on the TIF cash flow, but the increment is increasing. We're doing the right thing with issuing debt for long-term capital projects. Brusberg said the separation of duties has come up every year because of the makeup of staff. Are there other communities with same size doing something different. Bast said they're doing everything they can, and have implemented some additional controls. Board approves all the disbursements, but being mindful of the judiciary role and question if things don't look right. Brusberg asked the same question with the IT. Bast said just being mindful. They use a service that purposely tries to fool them. They had a client get a document that looked like it was coming from them asking for a payment. Things change all the time. Brusberg asked if there was anything else or questions from the board. Bast said it's in draft form. **Bachim made a motion to approve the 2025 audit.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried. The board thanked Tara Bast.

Gehrman made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Committee assignments – Discussion on committee assignments. Confirmed Dale Arndt to continue on Planning & Zoning Commission. Discussed replacement for Scott Meier on PZ. Replaced Dan Olson with Frank Seitler on Stormwater Commission, with Christian Allen on Public Works, and Jacob Bachim will be chair of Public Works. Replaced Christian Allen with Frank Seitler on Ordinance. Replaced Dan Olson with David Berland on TID Joint Review Board. **Brusberg made a motion to approve committee assignments as discussed, with planning & zoning to be determined at the next meeting.** Klahn seconded. Frank Seitler volunteered for recreation committee, and he'll be chair. **Brusberg amended his motion to adopt committees as discussed with Seitler added to recreation.** Klahn seconded as amended. Motion carried.

Brusberg welcomed Seitler to his first meeting. He appreciates his diligence in advance. Seitler would love to see more community involvement. He pushes for that as a lodge member and will continue to push here. Klahn

added that's great but volunteerism is a problem. Brusberg updated on business complex - emails are being traded back and forth. They're still reviewing the right of secondary refusal. We sent an email last week to line up the closing and set a date for the week of May 18. There's a little bit of time before the loan comes due.

Clerk's report – We had one Badger Book that had a fan problem. It was sent in under warranty and was fixed. Green County Development Corporation minutes were given to board. Kuhlman attended the Clerk's Association northern conference a week ago. It was good conference with great education. This week the clerk's office will be closed for Olson and Kuhlman to attend the spring treasurer's association conference. Next week Kuhlman will be attending the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Insurance conference. Kuhlman attended a webinar about the community development block grant. She thought we could look at it as a grant to help update the community building. However, they changed the parameters this year to be for public infrastructure not public buildings, and we do not qualify for federal grants because we are too high of a percentage for low to moderate income levels. You need to be at least about 50% and we're at 33%. Kuhlman spoke with a representative from General Engineering Company, our building inspection firm, that works with grants. She said that we would be better off not being a part of the Dane County Consortium in the future, because we could apply for larger amounts through the state CDBG funding rather than just in Dane County. They talked about other grant opportunities to look for to help with the community building and other financing options for village building upgrades. Strand has the project overview for the treatment plant upgrades, and we have set a public hearing for the May 11 board meeting. The public is welcome to come and look at it and submit their comments until the end of May. The Open Book and Board of Review notices have been published and posted. Open Book will be July 13 and 14, and Board of Review will be August 26. Letters will be going out to residents at the end of June with the new assessments. We need to wait until the state comes out with their final figures before they complete our assessments, because we are in the last year of our noncompliant year. We don't want to still be out of compliance, because then the state would come in and reevaluate next year. We have been putting notices out for months to make the public aware of the reassessment. Kuhlman would like to have a finance meeting sometime in May. We will not have a second May meeting because it will fall on Memorial Day.

Kuhlman received an email from Dane County regarding **the voting machines**. We have discussed in the past that they're discontinuing our machine in a few years. However, the county discovered that the ExpressVote machine, which is the ADA compliant machine, when upgraded was having issues. And the DS200, which counts the votes, can be upgraded at the end of the year but they will be using used equipment to upgrade so we don't know how long it will last. So the board should consider upgrading both machines when we discuss the budget at the end of the year. Both machines will be going in next week for regular maintenance. To replace both machines will be about \$13,000. The machines will be okay to continue through the end of the year. Brusberg asked about grants. Kuhlman said it's tricky because organizations cannot grant funds for election-related items. Dane County is looking at whether or not the county will chip in some funds. Kuhlman will check on pricing again.

Klahn made a motion at 7:40 p.m. to adjourn. Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

June

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Tires**, Oil & Battery Pick-up	3 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6p	4 Bookmobile Gazebo 6-7:30 p.m. Methodist Church Ice Cream Social 4:30-7:30 p.m.	5	6
7	8 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9 Brush Pick-up	10 Garbage Yoga 6 p.m.	11 Bookmobile Gazebo 6-7:30 p.m.	12	13
14	15	16 Food Truck Night at Legion Park 5-8 p.m.	17 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6 p	18 Bookmobile Gazebo 6-7:30 p.m.	19	20
21	22 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	23	24 Garbage Yoga 6 p.m.	25 Bookmobile Gazebo 6-7:30 p.m. Community Potluck– Methodist Church at Noon	26	27
28	29	30				

Notes:

- Exercise Classes are held at the Brooklyn Community Building – 102 N. Rutland Ave.
- **\$10/tire disposal – Contact Clerk’s Office for more information 608-455-4201
- 1st Wednesday of the month, Dane County Emergency Management Outdoor Siren Testing