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October 2026 Village News

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**ABSENTEE VOTERS:
PLAN AHEAD!**

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**REQUEST
YOUR BALLOT EARLY.**



**BE SURE TO ALLOW
ENOUGH TIME
FOR MAILING IT BACK.**



**YOUR VOTE.
YOUR VOICE.
YOUR FUTURE.**

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EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

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—★— IN-PERSON —★— ABSENTEE VOTING

Village of Brooklyn

Vote Early — In Person at the Clerk's Office!

****The first day and last day to vote an absentee ballot
in the Clerk's Office of your municipality are:****



DATES & TIMES



OCTOBER 20–22

TUESDAY–THURSDAY
7:00 AM–4:00 PM



OCTOBER 23

FRIDAY
7:00 AM–NOON



OCTOBER 26, 27, 29 & 30

MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY & FRIDAY
7:00 AM–4:00 PM



LOCATION

**Village of Brooklyn
Clerk's Office**

210 Commercial St.
Brooklyn, WI



Questions?

Please contact the
Village Clerk's Office for more information.

GET YOUR UTILITY BILL FAST BY GOING PAPERLESS

Sign up for e-billing today



Call Clerk's office at
608-455-4201 or send an email to
deputyclerk@brooklynwi.gov

Brush Pickup

2nd Tuesday of each month

Please place brush on the terrace, parallel to the curb, and in separate piles. Stay away from any electrical/telephone equipment. Place all cut ends in the same direction.

Leaf Collection

Public Works will be collecting leaves as time and weather allows.

Place your leaf piles into the street gutter area.

Do Not mix twigs, branches, or other debris in with the leaves.



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**FREE PUBLIC WIFI IS NOW AVAILABLE
AT LEGION PARK AND GAZEBO
Log in to Brooklyn Public Wifi**

COMMUNITY POTLUCK



The picture was generated by Gemini.

**Thursday, October 22, 2026
at Noon**

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.

Bring a dish to pass.

Table service and beverages are provided.



The picture generated by ChatGPT

Brooklyn Area Chamber Santa Day

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026

10 am to 1 pm

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Corner of Rutland & Hwy 92

****Sign up for Giveaway****

Take a photo with Santa

Free Regifting Center

Methodist Church's children's free store - shop for family members -
gift wrapping included (Children 12 and under)

***Requesting new/like new items to be donated to the regifting center.**

Please contact Cleo 608-455-8595.



**Thank you to American Legion
Post 160 for the new signs on the
Legion Park shelter**

Pellitteri Waste Systems



How do I dispose of carpet?

Pellitteri offers bulky item pickup in most of the residential communities we serve. Depending on your municipality, there may be a fee. Visit your community's page at pellitteri.com to view bulky item pricing and disposal information.

Pickup must be scheduled in advance.

To prepare carpet for pickup:

- Roll carpet into sections no more than 4 feet long and 2 feet in diameter.
- Make sure the carpet is dry to help reduce the weight.
- Keep it covered with a tarp or wait until your scheduled pickup day to place it curbside.



Did you know that cardboard tubes for paper towels, toilet paper, and wrapping paper can go in your recycling cart? Thanks for recycling!



ANTIFREEZE DISPOSAL REMINDER

— Please Remember: —

PUBLIC WORKS
does **NOT**
collect antifreeze.



DO NOT
place antifreeze at the
curb for pickup.



Please dispose of antifreeze properly
through an **approved disposal facility.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

Thank you for helping us keep our
community safe, healthy and clean!



TOGETHER,
we make a difference!



Local
People.
Stronger
Community.

Get Involved!

JOIN OR VOLUNTEER FOR THE **BROOKLYN RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Help us plan, support and grow recreational opportunities for all ages in our community!

The Brooklyn Recreation Committee is looking for community-minded individuals who want to make a positive impact in Brooklyn, Wisconsin.



PLAN EVENTS

Help organize community events, programs and activities.



IMPROVE SPACES

Support park and recreation improvements for our community.



BUILD COMMUNITY

Work with others to create fun, healthy and inclusive opportunities.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your time and ideas help shape a stronger, healthier Brooklyn!

All Are Welcome!



Contact us at
recreation@brooklynwi.gov
if you're interested or have questions.



Brooklyn, Wisconsin



PART OF THE

GET FIT PROGRAM

BY BROOKLYN RECREATION

BROOKLYN,
WISCONSIN

Our community. Our strength.



YOGA *Slow Flow*

COMMUNITY CLASS

WEDNESDAY • 6:00 PM • 45 MINUTES

Led by Hope | Certified Yoga Instructor



SLOW-PACED FLOW

Gentle movement with mindful transitions and deep breath.



ALL AGES & FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME

This class meets you where you are.



MODIFICATIONS OFFERED

Options provided to support your body and your practice.



COME AS YOU ARE—

LEAVE REFRESHED, GROUNDED, AND CONNECTED

A space to unwind, reset, and move with intention.



GET FIT PUNCHCARDS ACCEPTED



**MONDAY
YOGA SCULPT**

IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Strength. Sweat. Feel Strong. ♥



**WEDNESDAY
YOGA SLOW FLOW**

NO CLASSES DEC 16–DEC 30.
CLASSES RESUME JAN 6.

Breathe. Move. Be You. ♥



**MONDAY NIGHTS
6:00 PM**

Get Fit



Yoga Sculpt ♥ **COMMUNITY CLASS**

Strengthen. Stretch. Sculpt. Smile.

A fun, moderate-intensity class that combines yoga, bodyweight exercises, and free weights for a full-body workout you'll love! ♥



BUILD STRENGTH
Tone muscles and boost endurance with weights and bodyweight moves.



IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY
Flow through yoga poses that enhance mobility and balance.



FEEL YOUR BEST
Leave class feeling strong, refreshed, and energized!



ALL AGES & FITNESS LEVELS
Modifications offered so everyone can participate at their own pace.



Please bring your own hand weights if you have them!

We will do our best to provide equipment for all participants, but availability is not guaranteed. ♥

Get Fit Punchcards ♥
may be used for both
YOGA SCULPT & YOGA SLOW FLOW
on Wednesdays! ♥



ALL CLASSES HELD AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING
102 N RUTLAND AVE, BROOKLYN, WI 53521



Happy
HALLOWEEN

★ **TRICK** ★
OR
TREATING

ON OCTOBER 31ST

4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

★ BE SAFE • BE KIND • HAVE FUN! ★

Senior Center Information

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

Oregon Senior Center Newsletter – at

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

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Green County Residents – ADRC of Southwestern WI Resources and Events

Green County ADRC - The Bridge 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

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Senior Center Director Spotlight Information

- Medicare Part D Open Enrollment season begins in mid-October and continues through early December. We encourage everyone to reach out to our case managers to schedule time to review your Medicare Part D options. Insurance is not a one-size-fits-all option for older adults, so it's important to select the best coverage for you. Please call the Center to make an appointment with Jennifer or Noriko.
- We enjoyed getting an up-close look at the new building taking shape. From digging and pouring concrete, to bricks being added to the gymnasium walls, steel beams getting raised, and window framing being completed...with more to come. Due to construction, access to the east driveway and east portion of the parking lot will be closed. You will need to enter the main doors from the other side of the patio. One driveway will remain open and will serve as the entrance and exit. Limited parking will be available along the south side of the building. We understand that this may pose additional challenges and increase vehicle congestion. So please be alert, drive slowly, and allow yourself extra time.
- Individuals frequently ask us how our Senior Center is being used. An important element in telling our story is sharing data on the programs and services being used. We appreciate that you scan your card each time you're at the Center, as it helps us show the impact of our programs and secures necessary funding that keeps our Senior Center thriving.

Senior Center Case Management Updates

As leaves begin to flutter to the ground and the aroma of pumpkin spice fills the air, we know that fall is undeniably upon us. Each season comes with a unique set of challenges concerning safety and health, so we thought we'd share some tips on keeping older adults safe in autumn.

Fall-Proofing: Fall is a gorgeous time, but it can sometimes create a slippery mosaic on sidewalks and paths, especially for people with mobility issues. Ensure walkways around your home and your loved one's homes are kept clear of foliage and debris. Also consider investing in shoes with good traction. Families, care partners and neighbors – please consider lending a hand by sweeping and raking front walkways and neighborhood sidewalks. Keeping these walkways clear is a huge help for older adults and people with disabilities in your community.

Dress for Weather Changes: The temperature can be unpredictable during the fall. Mornings can be chilly and afternoons warm. Dressing in layers is key this season. Lightweight, warm clothing that can be easily added or removed allows for flexibility and comfort. Don't forget to bring a sweater!

Home Safety: Did you know that the majority of accidents occur at home? It's essential to ensure living spaces are well-lit and free of tripping hazards. Also, because we're all starting to use our heaters on chilly mornings and cold nights, be sure your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms are functioning correctly.

Mental Health: The shorter days and longer nights can lead to feelings of isolation or sadness, a condition known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Mental health is just as important as physical safety, and they are often interconnected. Here are a few tips to help:

- Stay connected with loved ones, whether through phone calls. Text, video chats or in-person visits.
- Try to stick to your routine and stay active.
- Get as much natural light as possible.

Nutrition: A healthy diet plays a significant role in overall well-being, helping to bolster the immune system, maintain energy levels, and support cognitive function. Enjoy the fall harvests by incorporating some colorful fruits and vegetables into your diet, and don't forget to stay hydrated!

COVID-19 and Flu Shots: Getting vaccinated is a small but critical step in protecting your health, especially for older adults.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy everything this beautiful season has to offer!

Source: <https://neighbornv.org/embracing-autumn-essential-safety-tips-for-older-adults/>

WE WELCOME YOU TO JOIN US:

VETERANS DAY

2026

HONORING THE BRAVE
November 11

11:00am

WWI Monument Ceremony at Waterman Park

11:30am

**Presentation from Heather Young
at the Senior Center.**

**Nathaniel Ames - Oregon's only
Revolutionary War veteran.**

Come learn some quick history with
Heather Young from the Oregon
Area Historical Society.



11:50am

Lunch at the Senior Center

Complimentary meal for veterans, all others over the age of 60
suggested donation of \$5.

Regular Lunch:

- BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich
- Vegetable Blend
- Hoppin John Beans
- Apples
- Lemon & White chocolate Cookie

Meatless Option:

Plant Based BBQ Sausage
Vegetarian Baked Beans

Salad Option:

Italian Salad (Salad Mix, Tomato,
Banana Pepper, Black Olives, Salami,
Mozzarella)

Sugar Free Dessert: Sugar Free Cookie

RSVP with Danielle by Thursday, Oct. 29,
call 608-835-5801 to reserve your spot for the
presentation and lunch.



Welcome Home, Green County! GCDC kicks off this brand-new program!

The program offers **\$10,000 grants** to First-Time Home Buyers to be used toward their new home down payment. In return, the homeowners commit to volunteering in the community for 20 hours per year for 5 years. We want to see people getting involved in their community and finding their place to belong! Green County is a great place to **work, learn, play, and thrive**, with welcoming communities, career opportunities, great schools, outdoor recreation, community events, and an affordable quality of life. Whether you're already here or looking for your next place to belong, **there's opportunity waiting for you.**

Learn more: [Welcome Home Green County | Green County Development](#)

#WelcomeHomeGreenCounty #GreenCountyWI #FindYourOpportunity

Fall Back!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1,
2026

Remember to
turn your
clocks **BACK**
one hour!



Before you go to
bed Saturday night,
set your clocks
back one hour.

Enjoy the extra hour of sleep! ..zzz

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK:



CLOCKS &
WATCHES



ALARM
CLOCKS



VEHICLE
CLOCKS



HOUSEHOLD
TIMERS

IMPORTANT REMINDER:



CHANGE THE
BATTERIES
IN YOUR
SMOKE & CARBON
MONOXIDE
DETECTORS



A little reminder today can **KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE!**

Village Board Meeting Minutes

On September 14, 2026, Clerk Linda Kuhlman called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were Jake Bachim, Christian Allen, Mike Gehrmann, Todd Klahn and David Berland. President Mike Brusberg and Trustee Frank Seitler were not present. Also present Pat Hawkey and Ananya Hoffman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Klahn nominated Berland to chair meeting. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Pat Hawkey read the following statement: To whom it may concern:

My name is Pat Hawkey and I have lived in the Village for almost 40 years. I have been a member of the Recreation Committee for over 15 years. At the Recreation meeting of August 12th, our Village Board representative Trustee Seitler informed the committee that the Village Board was discussing merging the funds from the Recreation Bank Account of approximately 25 thousand dollars with the Park Bank Account of approximately 48 thousand dollars. All members of the recreation committee told our representative that we did not want the funds intermixed with the Park Bank account. On September 9th, Seitler and The Village Board President attended the meeting and informed the committee that these funds were merged with the Park Bank Account. In reviewing the Village Board minutes, it was found that on August 12th when the Recreation committee was informed by Trustee Seitler of this being discussed and the committee was under the impression that they were being included in this discussion that in fact it was already voted on by the Village board on July 13th and the motion was seconded by Trustee Seitler and the funds were merged without any consideration or discussion with the existing Recreation Committee. The Village President and the Village Clerk have stated that the Recreation Committee is not doing anything beyond continuing the current programs of Yoga, Ballet, Craft sale and Pickleball.. This committee has always been made up of volunteers concerned for bringing programs to the Village. Any new ideas and suggestions by people have been considered and several of them incorporated. The following program/events were started and maintained by the Recreation Committee; Movie night, Christmas tree lighting, Easter Egg hunt but were unsustainable because of lack of participation by the public. The committee has been concentrating their efforts on continuing the existing programs that run daily and weekly which includes Yoga, Ballet and Pickleball. These programs have been very successful and gotten a lot of participation and support by the public. They have also received a lot of compliments from the participants. Yoga and Ballet have provided a consistent opportunity for residents and nonresidents to enjoy these programs which require the recreation committee to hire teachers to provide this service. Pickleball started 7 years ago with no funds from the Village and donations by the participants have been used to pay for a portion of the net that is now located at legion park and for the practice board. The Recreation committee encouraged the previous Village Board to install a permanent pickleball court at Legion Park which has been used by several people. The food truck event was created by the suggestion of a previous Village Board member and supported by the Recreation committee. In this September 9th Recreation meeting the Village President stated that the committee has not been doing anything to assist with this event this year. I found this to be incorrect since at the end of last year I gave all the vendors a folder with the needed contracts included. This event is very hard to split duties between the committee and the clerk's office. The Clerk's office is in charge of receiving the contracts and the committee is not involved in any of the instructions to the vendors to avoid confusion. The committee cannot put information on to the Village website or the Village message board regarding the Food trucks because those are controlled by the Village Clerk's office. I am not sure what other activities are needed to be completed by the Recreation Committee. The other comment made to me by the Village Clerk is that these are all Village funds so it should not make any difference to the Recreation Committee if they are merged. There is no dispute that these are Village funds but the ones located in

the Recreation Account include funds raised or donated specifically to be used by the Recreation Committee and considering the actions by this Board to exclude any comments from the committee prior to the merging of these accounts I do not think the committee will be involved in how funds will be spent. According to the minutes this appears to be an effort by the Village Board to push out the current Recreation Committee as stated in the Village Board minutes of July 13th to rebrand the committee and potentially lead the committee to be reconstituted. This is upsetting because of the time and commitment the current committee has given and does not encourage others to get involved in donating their time to the Village at a time when volunteering is already lacking. It is also disappointing because it could have been avoided with more respect, inclusion, and support by this Village Board. I reviewed the Village Ordinances in regards to money currently held in the Park Bank Account . In reviewing the Village Ordinances this portion of the Village of Brooklyn ordinances clearly states that these funds should be accounted for separately from other funds of the village. In merging these funds I believe you are in violation of the Village ordinances. That is why originally these accounts were held in separate accounts and should remain in these separate accounts by reversing the merging decision made by this Village Board. Reviewing the Village Ordinances: **Sec. 111-27. - Dedication of lands for streets and public ways. (g)** Funds collected under this section shall be held in a segregated, interest-bearing account and shall be accounted for separately from other funds of the village. These funds, and all interest earned thereon, shall be expended only for capitol costs for parks and playgrounds. Any funds collected and not used for these purposes within ten years of approval of the final phase of any subdivision shall be refunded to the then current owner of the property with respect to which the funds were collected.

Berland thanked Hawkey for coming. Ananya Hoffman stated she joined three months ago and was wondering what was being considered, and here for support. Board thanked her for coming.

Berland made a motion to approve the minutes of August 24, 2026. Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Gehrman reviewed bills and wanted to confirm the end loader was the correct amount, because it was a larger amount. Kuhlman confirmed. **Gehrmann made a motion to approve the bills as presented.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried. Klahn abstained.

Berland clarified that the Resolution number should be 2026, not 2025. Kuhlman explained this has been done in prior years to allow us to use an increase in fire and EMS budgets on our levy limit. All five municipalities must have resolutions to use this option. **Klahn made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-05.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Bachim abstained.

Kuhlman explained Resolution 2026-06 was requested by Wisconsin DOT for crash responders safety week. It is to acknowledge and remind people to slow down when going past first responders and construction crews. Berland is in favor of promoting safety for law enforcement. **Berland made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-06 Crash Responders Safety Week.** Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman explained that we are in the process of moving the fire/EMS service award program funds from Lincoln to UBS, and Lincoln is requiring Resolution 2026-07, which authorizes the village as trustee for the Fire/EMS Service Award Program. We recently signed a similar resolution for UBS. **Klahn made a motion for Resolution 2026-07, Authorizing Village as trustee for Fire/EMS Service Award Program.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried. Bachim abstained.

Bachim explained we need to approve a new sludge hauling contract with Bytec. There are not many people that do sludge hauling. We could send out for bidding, and there is another company out of Milwaukee, but last time they were substantially high. Berland remembers we've talked about this over the last several years. **Bachim made a motion to approve the contract for sludge hauling from Bytec.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman explained O&A Manufacturing in the Business Park asked if we could change an area on Prosperity Place directly across from their new loading dock entrance into a no parking area. Recently there was an issue where a truck couldn't get in to unload because there were vehicles parked on the street directly across and they couldn't back up. Spilde has requested, if approved, we paint the curb yellow instead of getting new signs. **Klahn made a motion to make 50 feet on the other side of the road in front of 124 Prosperity Place no parking with yellow paint.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion on budget for fire/EMS. Reminder there's a joint municipality meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 6 p.m., and this was just for the board to discuss if there were any questions on the budgets. Bachim stated they are supposed to have pricing for a possible new tender. Kuhlman said fire didn't increase much, and EMS went up slightly, and total increase for both together was 3.67% increase from this year. Increase in EMS was mostly for personnel. Gehrmann asked about fuel costs and if we get a discount. Bachim said they fill up locally and so whatever the price is. Gehrmann asked if it would be a problem in the budget if prices stay high. Kuhlman said Brusberg had said the commission would review accounts at the end of first quarter of 2027 and might have to move funds from account to account. Allen asked if they heard anything more about a possible rebate that they applied for and were holding off to see if they would get a grant. Bachim said he hasn't heard about that. They recently got one for the ambulance, so it's unlikely they will get another one; especially with the income in the area, but they do try. Allen asked him to see if it's still something they're exploring, or if it isn't happening. Bachim said he will.

Clerk's report – Financials were handed out. For end of August there were a total of \$366,723.96 in deposits, which included the last taxes paid by end of July, which was \$279,037.31. We had total withdrawals of \$133,927.91, which included \$22,962.50 for a loan payment. We ended August with a total in all accounts of \$2,766,240.32. Food truck night is tomorrow, but it depends on the weather. It might rain a lot tonight, so we will talk in the morning about where to park trucks. Berland asked if it is possible to stage the trucks in the small parking area by Railroad Street. Kuhlman said it was discussed, but there's quite a few trucks so they might not fit, and with the 92 detour, there's a lot of traffic on 104 and a lot that goes down Railroad Street. Discussion of possible locations for trucks. The Board of Review met the 26th of August. We had seven objections, but three were same owner and different properties. Three objections were denied and the assessments stayed the same. Three were reduced by the assessor based on evidence produced at the hearings, which was different than the assessors had in their records. We had one that revoked, because it was the other side of a duplex where the other side was one of the objections that was reduced, but the decrease was still over his assessment, so he withdrew his assessment. She looked up assessments this year compared to last year – Green County total assessment was raised about \$20,985,900; and Dane County was raised about \$54,686,900. Klahn asked about the average percentage. Kuhlman said we were told it was about 67% average increase. Gehrmann asked when the adjusted mill rates will come out. Kuhlman said we received the levy limit worksheet on Friday. Our levy based on net new construction is raised about \$6,500. Our debt service should be about the same as last year. So tax levy should be close to last year, so hopefully the mill rate will go down. She will have a better idea by the next board meeting. The loader will be picked up this week. Election is coming up November 3, and absentee ballots on file will be going out tomorrow. Two weeks before the election starts absentee voting starts. We hosted the Dane County Cities and Villages meeting last Wednesday. It went well. We had about 20 representatives from the municipalities in Dane

County at the meeting. October 15 we will have another blood drive. The last one was successful, and they were close to their goal. The public wifi to the park is in the process of being set up. They are hoping to finish soon. Allen asked if we will put out notice or signage to the public. Kuhlman said as soon as it's working, we will put signs up and get a message out to everyone. It will work at the gazebo as well. The broker has had a few calls for the Business Park parcels. He will be sending out a postcard this week to about 138 industrial businesses. She talked to Groenier, and they're going to meet with the engineer to discuss putting in the gravel driveway. They have a plan to put in the business condo/incubators. It sounds like just some of the roadwork so they can start to put in roads and see what parcel configurations will be. There's a Green County Zoning meeting on data center moratorium. The meeting will be in October. The treatment plant upgrades will be using a Clean Water Fund loan, which comes with principal forgiveness. The state doesn't have a lot of funds for principal forgiveness and might go away by 2028/2029. If the engineers can get the design done by the end of September, we can meet a deadline to get some principal forgiveness. There is a Public Works Committee Meeting next Monday at 5 p.m. The joint Fire/EMS meeting is Wednesday. Allen asked about Northern Metal. Kuhlman said they have their permits and are ready to go. Allen asked if they needed to go back to PZ Commission. Kuhlman said it just needs to go back to zoning and building inspector, along with completed lighting plan and landscaping. It doesn't have to go through PZ anymore, as long as reviewed by zoning administrator. Kuhlman is starting to work on budget and asked if finance wanted to meet to review employees or do it at a board meeting. Berland said the committee should meet, and he will get something set up. Ordinance committee has a few ordinances to finish up in October.

Klahn made a motion at 7:09 p.m. to adjourn. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

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On September 28, 2026, President Mike Brusberg called the Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were Frank Seitler, Christian Allen, Mike Gehrmann, and David Berland. Trustees Todd Klahn and Jake Bachim were absent. Also present Justin Sullivan, Pat Hawkey, Jessica Thompson, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments-** - Justin Sullivan introduced himself as new interim fire chief. Board introduced themselves. Sullivan said if anyone has questions, to ask through Brusberg. Board appreciated him coming in.

**President's report** – Brusberg thanked public works for weekend prior. There were a lot of items that caused public works to pull extra hours and deal with the rain. He appreciated them for having to deal with alarms. On October 11 the fire/EMS is throwing its annual pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. at the fire station.

**Allen made a motion to approve minutes of September 14.** Berland seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg abstained.

**Recreation committee** – Brusberg stated he apologized for the communication and how the committee was made aware of things and apologized for not recognizing the events they hold in the community -- craft fair, pickleball, ballet, etc. That's on him. It sounds like they have record high registrations for ballet, and that's a testament for the effort and advertising. He heard the craft fair went well and a large volume of vendors and attendees, which is great to hear. It sounds like pickleball is about to kick into gear. He apologized regarding the park and rec funds. The intention was to provide a bigger pool of funds to use to reinvest back into the community. Outside of Berland and Bachim, the other board members aren't the best demographic to decide what should go back into the parks. He's looking for thought leadership on this, because they know it won't be the best to unilaterally decide. He's going to own the fact he didn't know the ordinance. Thanks for providing that information. The park fees have an expiration date by 2028. The thought of having ideas specific to the park fees would be helpful and also the rec fees. We want to be diligent and mindful on how

we handle capital versus ongoing budget. We don't want to levy more debt if we have the capital that can help fund the needs we have across parks and community building. The board needs to balance. That's the ask. No dollars have been consumed from either account since they've been merged and totals are being tracked. **Gehrmann made a motion to segregate the park fees and recreation fees back to the way they were before we made the resolution to separate.** Allen seconded. Motion carried. He'd like to have the rec committee put together five to 10 options on how those dollars could be used. Allen added the park funds expire and can be used for any of the parks. Brusberg said Legion is where equipment is dated. Allen suggested getting info on what's the most used, and being the newest doesn't mean it's what the residents want. The big thing is there is money sitting there, and we're trying to invest it, and the people tied to the community know the best way to use it. Thompson said that's the direction they were heading. They've had discussions on fixing sand and they'll push a little harder to get an answer. They need a clearcut response on having grass or something else, what can we afford. Brusberg mentioned there's a small park in Stoughton with handicap accessible items different levels of age-appropriate equipment, so it might be something fitting. Allen asked if there is a market for secondhand equipment. Thompson said the biggest thing is having discussions and talking to them, like, hey, we have these funds and what can we do before anything is done.

Brusberg mentioned there's a big need in excess of \$300,000 for maintenance on the community building. We can't do everything all at once, and we want to be mindful of what to levy. If the committee has thoughts and ideas on how to generate revenue and make the community building more sustainable, let us know. We're looking to put together a community action committee, specifically for people in trades in Brooklyn, to prioritize and make connections to allow us to do fixes but at a lower costs. That's something the board is doing. If you have ideas, even down to only charging X amount for this, let us know; or people frequently update kitchens and would anyone like to donate lightly used appliances. Hawkey's concern on building is when it's rented out, there's a lot of damage that happens, and we don't know who goes in and out at all times. When they go in for pickleball, they keep people off that floor. When it's rented out, there's food and people on that floor, and there's basketball, so they're better off downstairs than upstairs. In the wintertime, there's salt on the floor. The pickleball people pick up items. That's something to consider also if renting the building. Brusberg doesn't disagree. Do we need to increase signage about shoes. Hawkey said they did that last year and people ignore it. There's no one consistently there to manage who's coming and going. Discussed rekeying the building and is it cost effective and for people to check out keys. Allen asked about smart locks like on homes. Thompson suggested someone doing pictures before and after. Hawkey said that could be more staff time. Thompson said in the long run, we're not spending for building repairs, etc. Brusberg goes back to trying to see what we can do through community action committee and get some donations to help fund it, but any ideas within the committee will be appreciated. Gehrmann said the big thing we need to figure out what to do with the building. Is it an asset used for all things, but if we don't do something to take care of it, it will be gone for everything. Brusberg rekeying will be an easy option as well.

Brusberg read the recreation committee ordinance. The recreation committee refers to matters including and relating to maintaining, promoting, and developing village parks and recreational areas. The committee shall consist of up to nine members, up to two of which shall be village trustees and eight of which shall be residents of the Brooklyn/Oregon School District. Also Seitler and Gehrmann have been participating, so does the committee want a board member to attend or does a member want to just report back to the board. Thompson said it doesn't hurt, and it's easier to get back to the board, as long as they're willing to listen and support. Brusberg agreed good mutual communication, listening, participating and acceptance. Allen said if a board member is on the committee, it's up to the individual member to bring it to the board, and the board decides as a whole. Brusberg knows they're struggling in getting enough participants and volunteers on a regular basis. Is there any type of advertising to help to get more folks on the committee, not only to help with these requests, but having a few more to do more activities. Thompson said it's something she's been

thinking about. She will come up with something. They've reached out to others. Allen asked if you're looking for volunteers, do it in general and list the need for additional citizen members. Gehrmann said there's an election coming up with lots of people coming through the doors, maybe we get some posters about looking for volunteers. Hawkey thinks people will be distracted during the election.

Brusberg asked if they have picked a chair since Stacey left. Thompson said they haven't. Brusberg suggested it not be a board rep. He asked if there are any further questions. Gehrmann said we have funding and want to get it spent and volunteers to help. Thompson said they didn't know about the park funds. They are more than happy to have discussions and open communication. Brusberg said the discussion with the committee was on him, but it was well-intentioned. In trying to get things in Legion Park, he attended the Oregon youth baseball year end meeting, and there's a potential Kiser Park might be out of commission, and he put a plug in for Legion Park. He has no idea of what state the lights are, but for practices and games, he wants to drive people to Brooklyn. It was flagged as a consideration; and it seemed they were open. Thompson asked who's in charge of looking at the lights and pricing out. Brusberg said he was going to talk to Spilde about the lights. As it pertains to other improvements needed, that's something within this group to help figure out. He's trying not to overpromise and then not deliver. He would like to self-fund some of the baseball projects. Hawkey said Oregon softball association has been active in the past. Brusberg mentioned that to the baseball group, and they will coordinate with softball. Hawkey said to also check with smaller groups, like the Special Olympics group. Brusberg thanked them all for attending.

**Gehrmann made a motion to approve Resolution 2027-08 authorizing reimbursement to engineer for work on wastewater treatment plant.** Allen seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg reviewed the bills. **Gehrmann made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Works** – Allen presented information from the last meeting. They started with water tower contract and looked over potential new companies, but it wasn't advantageous to change. UV project, the bidding timelines haven't changed, and they're trying to get plans in sooner rather than later to help with loan reimbursement. Gehrmann asked if anything changed with temp monitoring. Allen said nothing was discussed. They discussed the collaboration with Village of Oregon, and there were different prices of what we pay currently and what Oregon could do. Street sweeping didn't make sense, but lift station cleaning was quite a bit cheaper, and Oregon said \$2000 rather than \$5000 we're currently paying. It's something we'll look into. Brusberg said there are concerns with longevity on keeping with street sweeping. Allen said there was an issue with clean out and Oregon came out and helped with their machine. He thanked them. They discussed community building windows and trying to look at prices. Bachim mentioned previously anywhere from \$30000 to \$75,000 or more. There are lots of items. They discussed finance committee results and highlighted the needs. During the construction of Northern Metal one of the sanitary sewer system lines they're tying into, they left a cap off and there was a big hole and all the water drained into that system. That was a couple of weeks ago, and there's work to do yet. They've taken accountability. That was all for that meeting. Public works report is in the packet.

**Brusberg made a motion to approve application for 2026 Tree City USA.** Allen seconded. Seitler asked what the benefit is for us. Kuhlman said it shows we take care of trees and have a tree canopy. Gehrmann said we meet certain standards. Brusberg read online that certification includes national recognition, means a structured framework in urban forest management, helps improve property values, builds civic pride, etc. Plus it's a big event with the elementary school every year. Kuhlman also mentioned the county is giving away free trees, so we asked for 24. Motion carried.

**Clerk's report** – Senior Center update was passed out. Members were also given information on new Evansville soybean plant and traffic concerns. Allen asked where it is in the process. Kuhlman said the project was approved several years ago, and they're in the process of getting permits. ARPA grant is officially closed out. With our water meter program, they are still adding meters, and it has cut down on time for public works to read meters. We can add on to the software to allow residents to log in and see their water usage, and can set limits for usage. We're exploring that option. GCDC is raising their price for next year. We received a check for the Church Street cleanup. Public wifi is now installed, and it covers the area around the gazebo and at Legion Park. Green County is offering signage, and she will ask if we can add the name Brooklyn public wifi. The League of Wisconsin Municipalities is offering two years of Business Prime for all members, so she signed us up for the free Prime. It puts all employees into one account, and we can now get invoiced once a month. She's also exploring adding the fire department onto the account.

**Fire/EMS** – Brusberg reported September 16 there was a joint district board meeting. At the joint meeting the budget was passed as recommended, based on what was originally put together. There was discussion about going up to the CPI plus 2%. Ultimately, the vote was to pass what was recommended. We're at 3.7% increase for the budget in total. The change would have been around less than \$10,000 in aggregate, levied across all municipalities. They talked about the tender. They gave approval to move forward with the process for getting a replacement and gave an amount up to \$525,000. The thought is the district will help subsidize about \$186,000 through fund balance on fire side. That leaves about \$338,000 to be financed. Chief Sullivan will look at new and used apparatus. He's getting worried about next year's chassis and emission, and he's heard it could be about \$100,000 more. The Faust one is being pursued heavily. The district board meeting followed. They went through financials, which were given to the board. Chief Sullivan and Chief Wicik provided updates. FAP money was submitted and they escrowed about \$900. They talked about some of the call metrics, and Dane County Emergency Management survey was submitted. Elections were held – John Marx was reelected president and Brusberg was reelected vice president of district board.

**Brusberg made a motion at 7:41 p.m. to adjourn.** Gehrmann seconded. Motion carried.

# November 2026

| Sunday | Monday                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                       | Wednesday                                                                                   | Thursday                                                                                | Friday                                                                                          | Saturday |
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| 1      | 2<br>Yoga 6-7 p.m.                                               | 3<br>Election Day<br>7 am to 8 pm<br><br>**Tires, Oil, Battery<br>Pickup <b>NO ANTIFREEZE</b> | 4<br>Garbage & Recycling<br>Yoga 6-7 p.m.<br>Ballet 5-615 p.m.                              | 5<br>Bookmobile – Gazebo<br>6- 7:30 p.m.                                                | 6                                                                                               | 7        |
| 8      | 9<br><b>Village Board Meeting<br/>6:30 p.m.</b><br>Yoga 6-7 p.m. | 10<br>Brush Pickup                                                                            | 11<br>Garbage<br>Yoga 6-7 p.m.<br>Ballet 5-615 p.m.                                         | 12<br>Bookmobile – Gazebo<br>6- 7:30 p.m.                                               | 13                                                                                              | 14       |
| 15     | 16<br>Yoga 6-7 p.m.                                              | 17                                                                                            | 18<br>Garbage & Recycling<br>Yoga 6-7 p.m.<br>Ballet 5-615 p.m.                             | 19<br>Bookmobile – Gazebo<br>6- 7:30 p.m.                                               | 20                                                                                              | 21       |
| 22     | 23<br><b>Village Board Mtg<br/>630 p.m.</b><br>Yoga 6-7 p.m.     | 24                                                                                            | 25<br>Garbage<br>Yoga 6-7 p.m.<br>Ballet 5-615 p.m.                                         | 26<br><b>Happy Thanksgiving<br/>Clerk's Office &amp; Public<br/>Works Dept. Closed.</b> | 27<br><b>Clerk's Office &amp; Public<br/>Works Dept. Closed</b>                                 | 28       |
| 29     | 30<br>Yoga 6-7 p.m.                                              | 31                                                                                            | <b>Exercise Classes are<br/>held at Brooklyn<br/>Community Building,<br/>102 N. Rutland</b> | <b>** Tire stickers must be<br/>purchased at the Clerk's<br/>Office **</b>              | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of every<br/>month: Dane County<br/>Emergency<br/>Management Testing</b> |          |