

**BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS**  
**February 16, 2017**

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**Village Board Meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month at 6:30 pm. Agendas, Minutes & Packet Information can be found under the Government Tab on the Brooklyn Website.**

**Reminder: Everyone is welcome to attend board meetings.**



**SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION**

**FEBRUARY 21**

**POLLS OPEN 7 AM TO 8 PM**

**\*\*PHOTO ID REQUIRED\*\***

**Special Joint Board Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2017**

The January 18, 2017 Special Joint Board Meeting with the Village of Brooklyn, Town of Oregon, Town of Brooklyn, Town of Rutland, and Town of Union and Brooklyn Fire and EMS Protection District Commission was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Town of Oregon Town Hall, 1138 Union Road, Oregon, by Town of Oregon President Wayne Ace.

Each Board was called to order. Members absent were James Lunde, Town of Rutland, and Todd Klahn, Village of Brooklyn.

Attorney Lawrence Bechler, Town of Oregon went over his background in writing contracts for fire districts and gave background on the current agreement. He then proposed his changes to the contract page by page.

Attorney Gesina Seiler, Village of Oregon, presented the changes that the Village of Brooklyn would like to make to Attorney Bechler's proposed contract.

The boards discussed changes to the contract.

Attorney Bechler will write up a new version of the contract incorporating the changes that were discussed at the meeting.

A second meeting was set for March 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of Oregon Town Hall to discuss the remaining issues (elected officials versus appointed on the Fire/EMS Board and the withdrawal language) and to agree to a contract.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Linda Kuhlman  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Brooklyn

**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2017**

The January 23, 2017 Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Community Building by President Pat Hawkey. Trustees present were Kyle Smith, Heather Kirkpatrick, Todd Klahn, Bruce Crubaugh and Sue McCallum. Trustee Russell Cazier arrived later. Others present were Mark Langer, Chief Barger and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**President Hawkey stated** on January 18 the joint meeting was held at Town of Oregon Town Hall and **the contract is still in negotiation.** The Town of Oregon's attorney will write up a new draft and send it to all the municipalities before the next meeting on March 1 at 6:30 p.m. She also stated in regard to the slip of paper filled out at the joint meeting, the \$60 per capita item is incorrect. The \$60 is the current operating expenditure right now for EMS. Fire department is billed per equalized value. The Village has budget documents available for review. Klahn stated no one on the Village Board is fighting over the \$60. The Village is fighting for proper language in the Fire/EMS District contract. The \$60 is budgeted and the Village will pay the full amount once a legalized contract is signed. Hawkey stated the municipalities are working together to finalize the contract. The Village owes \$391,734.74 for the fire/EMS building. The Village owes \$33,019.42 on the new tender. (Trustee Cazier arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

**Kirkpatrick stated an Informational meeting will be held on January 24** at the Community Building. There will be a PowerPoint presentation to list our concerns and what was accomplished at the joint meeting and what is left to be accomplished. There are two items left to come to agreement about at the March 1 meeting. The

presentation will also include what's going on around the state with fire and EMS and how procedurally things work.

**Hawkey discussed the Legislative bill drafts** that were approved by the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technical Shortages. The issue of fire department volunteerism has been going on since 2008 or so. The State Legislature established a committee to study the issue, and they proposed seven bills. Once the Village knows the status of these proposed bills, we will send out a resolution in support of these bills. The bills were discussed and will be put on the website.

**Public Comments – Mike Brusberg** stated he had a few questions after attending the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Regarding the Village asking for elected officials on the Fire/EMS Commission, he asked why the emphasis on elected officials. Hawkey said the Village had an appointed person on the Commission previously, but the Village Board was not getting information. It's important to have connection between the two boards so the Village board gets the information. The Village feels elected officials know the rules, for example, on open records. Right now, there are no minutes, no agendas on their website, but it's posted on the Village website. Brusberg asked, if it's a case of others unwilling to budge and get a consensus, what would be the next course of action, could it be possibly adding language to the contract for clear expectations on what is expected to be provided back to their boards. Hawkey stated she doesn't know what the options will be, but it's important for boards to hear the issues. Smith stated it's not an uncommon practice. ~~Belleville, Oregon, Evansville are all elected.~~ {Corrected to the following at 2-13-17 board meeting: The municipalities with Belleville are all elected officials. On our Fire/EMS District Board, Town of Rutland and Town of Union are elected officials; Town of Brooklyn and Town of Oregon are not elected officials.} Brusberg said the other issue seems to be disagreement on access to assets at time of withdrawal. He can see where the lawyer was going to make the parties work to resolve their differences. Kirkpatrick stated the Village will wait to see the dispute resolution language that Attorney Bechler is adding and how that will affect the withdrawal. Smith talked about having the assets for the lender and how it will affect the municipality getting money in the future. Brusberg said he wants to make sure Brooklyn continues to have service. Smith agrees. Hawkey stated the Village did not come to this decision easily. The Village has asked since last September for a meeting and is happy all the boards came together and are committed to making this work. Hawkey thanked Brusberg for coming and asking questions.

**James Hynes** asked about what's happening at the Business Complex. He had a letter sent to him. Hawkey explained that the Planning & Zoning Commission told residents the Village owned the berm, but it does not; that's owned by the businesses. The Planning & Zoning Commission asked for fast-growing arborvitae instead of fencing. Hynes stated he's in favor of arborvitae as the best option. Langer stated it's faster growing. Hawkey said each business has to give a landscape plan when they get to that point and that is the intent of the Village. Discussion continued on placement of trees on the berm. Kirkpatrick stated it will be a quality tree that will grow big and will be a visual and soundproofing screen and they will be continuous down the whole length. Hawkey said the businesses are nice people and want to work with the community. The businesses will have to come back to Planning & Zoning for final approval.

**Hawkey made a motion to approve minutes of 12-21-16 and 1-9-17.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. McCallum abstained.

**President's report** -- Meeting Friday at Green County Courthouse regarding discussion on policing forces if anyone is interested in attending.

**Clerk's report – Poll workers** are needed to work the elections. Please contact the clerk's office if interested. The **website was updated to include a section under the Community tab for the Fire/EMS District** and we will be adding minutes and agendas as we receive them. The **Emergency Management section was updated** as well. There are four board members that need to finish ICS 100 and 200 training. There are classes being held in Monroe in February. December ended with \$1,165,532 in income, mostly due to taxes coming in in December. Expenses in December were \$112,107, so total in all funds at the end of December was \$2,732,354. There was approximately \$1.2 million in taxes collected in December, which represents 35% of Green County and 60% of

Dane County taxes collected by January 1. The **January tax settlements** were made to MATC, \$46,997; Green County, \$52,347; Oregon School District, \$570,867; and Dane County, \$146,919. **The Robert Anderson case was dismissed** by the Labor and Industry Review Commission. **The election open records requests made in December have now been withdrawn** by the parties since the recount. We received an **open records request from TransUnion**, working with insurance companies, and they requested all our traffic and criminal citation information in electronic format. We informed them there would be a cost. The Village received the **DNR water system sanitary survey report**, which stated there are no significant deficiencies identified with the water system. The report is quoted as saying, “Your system has an excellent record of compliance with monitoring and reporting requirements for the last five years. We appreciate your sampler’s continued efforts in complying with these Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. There are no current water quality concerns with the Brooklyn water system.” The next survey is scheduled to take place in 2019. Hawkey asked to have this report put on the website, because there were residents who asked last month about the water quality. Langer stated Public Works did not receive any phone calls since the last meeting. Smith asked to put on next budget cycle the recommendations that are stated in the report. **Hawkey made a motion to approve Clerk Kuhlman to attend with pay the Ehlers Wisconsin Public Finance Seminar in Wisconsin Dells on February 16.** Cazier seconded. Motion carried. **Hawkey made a motion to approve Clerk Kuhlman to attend with pay the Municipal Treasurers Association of Wisconsin Spring Conference in Elkhart Lake on April 26-28, with hotel stay on April 26 and 27.** Cazier seconded. Motion carried.

McCallum had a question from the minutes of the last meeting where it talked about completing the infrastructure in the Business Complex. Was there a discussion about the financing, because the Village received payment for the land and she would suggest using that first. Hawkey said financing wasn’t discussed, but will figure out engineering first, get bids, and then costs can be figured out.

**Public Works – Phosphorus trading update**, trade agreements have been sent to Village’s attorney. Once they come back, the agreements will be sent to the landowners for approval before coming back to the board. Clearas pilot test – there is a red glow at back of treatment plant. They notified the police and Green County Sheriff’s Department. It appears to be up and running. The red glow is from a trailer that was brought in to run the test. This may be used in addition to the trading agreements to help with the phosphorus removal. The test will be run for the next two weeks. They’ll be running the chemical that has been tested before at the plant with the Clearas test, because the chemical is another option, along with the trading. The board is welcome to go through anytime in the next two weeks, but Clearas is having an Open House on February 1, starting at 11:00 at the Community Building before going to the plant. **Laborer/Operator position** – Langer stated it’s been pared down to six candidates. Three interviews are scheduled for January 24 and three for January 26 starting at 4:00 p.m. each day in the Community Building. **Hawkey asked if the Village will get the results from the Clearas pilot test.** Langer said engineers will interpret the results. Clearas wants to see how it runs in our plant and with cold weather. The results will be put together and Strand will present the results in an upcoming meeting.

**Safety – DaneCom** – Hawkey stated Chief Barger wrote a detailed memo about an incident that happened recently outside of the Village and Leif Spilde also wrote a report about the incident. The Village is considering writing something to Dane County, but waiting to see how it’s still affecting the system. Brusberg asked how long DaneCom has been in effect. Hawkey said November 1. Smith said they’ve been working on it for three years. Hawkey stated it’s a concern for the Village, and the board wanted to get feedback to know if they should write a letter. Smith stated the issue is communicating with other counties here in our area. Crubaugh stated his understanding why DaneCom was started is for big multiple agency calls, to try to improve communications. DaneCom just did Dane County and now it’s just an island, and the other counties have their own radio systems so they can’t communicate like they used to. Other issue is can’t scan other channels of other departments going on at the same time. Hawkey stated the board wants to be made aware of issues to see if there’s a way the board can support our people.

**Hawkey made a motion to change the Clerk's office hours to Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting February 6.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Kirkpatrick stated that since it's a new year, all supervisors and department heads should write up a list of personal and department goals, which will come to the board for approval, so at review time, there will be clear expectations for what will be reviewed. She would like to have these goals by the last meeting in February.

**Kirkpatrick made a motion to have all supervisors/departmental heads create personal and departmental goals to be reviewed and approved by the board at the last meeting in February.** Cazier seconded. Smith asked about emergency management. Kirkpatrick said yes, it should have goals, too, even if it might only be one thing. Discussion continued. Motion carried.

**Hawkey made a motion to send out RFPs for zoning administrator.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

**Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

**Smith made a motion to adjourn.** Crubaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Linda Kuhlman  
Clerk-Treasurer

### **Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes February 6, 2017**

The February 6, 2017 Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall by President Pat Hawkey. Trustees present were Kyle Smith, Heather Kirkpatrick, Todd Klahn, Bruce Crubaugh, and Sue McCallum. Russell Cazier arrived at 6:33 p.m. Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman was also present. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Hawkey made a motion at 6:32 p.m. to convene to closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate a contract and 19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel who's rendering oral or written advice.** Klahn seconded. AYES – Kirkpatrick, Smith, Crubaugh, McCallum, Klahn and Hawkey. NO – none. Motion carried.

**Smith made a motion at 7:38 p.m. to reconvene out of closed session.** Crubaugh seconded. AYES – Kirkpatrick, Cazier, Smith, Crubaugh, McCallum, Klahn and Hawkey. NO – none. Motion carried.

**Hawkey made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Linda Kuhlman  
Clerk-Treasurer

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

**Monday - 6:30pm**  
**Yoga Bliss: Yoga 101**

**Thursday - 6:00pm**  
**FREE Beachbody®**  
**Workout**

**Wednesday - 6:30pm**  
**Cardio Jam**

**Thursday - 6:45pm**  
**Yoga Bliss: Restore &**  
**Rejuvenate**



## **OUTDOOR SAFETY**

FREE Family Movie  
Night is  
Saturday, March 4th



Clue:  
“You’re fantastic.”  
-Junior  
“Really? I just blew up  
the factory.” - Tulip

6:30pm | Brooklyn Community Building  
Doors open at 6:00pm

**Ready for some outdoor exercise and adventure? Here are a few pointers:**

- Winter's inactive muscles can take only so much strain. Don't overdo it - build up slowly so you don't have strains that can put you out of commission for some time.
- It may look appealing, but don't wander onto frozen rivers and lakes in the spring. The ice is beginning to thaw, and you never know just how thin the ice really is.
- Spring's extra rain and thawing snow can cause normally safe rivers, streams and creeks to turn treacherous. Even standing on banks can be risky, as they can be undercut by the rushing water and give in under your weight.
- Springtime can also be severe weather time. If the skies look threatening, check to see if a storm watch or warning has been issued before you initiate outdoor activities. If you're already outside and thunderstorms threaten, go immediately into a building or enclosed vehicle. For tornadoes, go to the nearest safe structure, or the basement or interior first-floor room of your home. If there's no time to follow these precautions, take cover in a ditch or depression in the ground.

**VILLAGE HALL**  
**OFFICE HOURS**  
**CHANGED EFFECTIVE**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

The Village Clerk's Office Hours  
starting February 6, 2017 are  
**Monday thru Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



**WRITE ONE LESS CHECK EACH  
MONTH!!!**

Pay your water bill automatically on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
of each month. For more info, contact Vicki  
at 455-4201 ext. 1.



**SPRING ELECTION Tuesday, April 4th**  
Polls will be open from  
**7 am – 8 pm**  
**PLEASE COME OUT AND VOTE!!!**

**PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT**

**Spring Cemetery  
Decoration Rules & Disposal**

Decorations allowed as follows:  
Please have your Christmas decorations  
removed by April 15 each year.  
No decorations between April 15 and May  
15 of each year. Anything placed on the site  
after May 15<sup>th</sup> must be removed by the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Tentative Dates for  
Spring Village  
Wide Dumpster Days  
April 21 – April 30, 2017**



**More Info. in next month's newsletter**

**\*\*Village of Brooklyn residents only;**  
**please be prepared to show proof of**  
**residency.**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## *2017 January Activity Report*

Animal	1
Open Records	2
Missing Person/Welfare	2
Traffic Incidents	26
Traffic Citations	4
Traffic Warning	4
Misc./comp arrests	3
Community policing	1
Parking citations/comp	6
Municipal Ord/Violation	1
Assist Citizens	5
Assist Fire/EMS	3
Assist other agencies	1
Juvenile/Curfew/Alcohol	1
Domestic/Family/Assaults	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>

## **BROOKLYN POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

This past Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> late in the afternoon two younger boys were contacted by a man in our Village. According to available information, the boys were playing and the man stopped to inquire about a parked bicycle. The man apparently wanted to know if it belonged to the boys or was abandoned. The boys told the man that the bicycle didn't belong to them. The man requested that the boys put the bicycle into his vehicle. When the boys told him to do it himself, the man drove off.

This appears to be an isolated incident as we are unaware of other similar reports taken by local law enforcement. The best description that we have is as follows; A white male, possibly with some beard growth, and brown hair driving a blue colored sedan, probably a four door. The vehicle was reported to have a front license plate but not a rear license plate.

This information is being passed along to our citizens. I ask that if you know more about this, please contact the Brooklyn Police Department. I also ask that if you see something suspicious, report it to your local law enforcement as soon as possible. If you should have further questions regarding this incident, please feel free to call us.

Thank you for helping to be our "eyes & ears" in our community and helping to keep it safe.

James F. "Harry" Barger  
Chief of Police  
Brooklyn Police Department

## **February 2017 Wisconsin's 'Absolute Sobriety Law' means not a drop of alcohol for drivers under age 21**

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in Wisconsin. To prevent needless deaths and injuries during the start of the graduation season and other springtime celebrations, law enforcement agencies are reminding young motorists and their parents about Wisconsin's Absolute Sobriety Law for drivers under age 21.

The law is quite simple. Absolute sobriety for drivers under age 21 means they may not consume any amount of alcohol—not even a drop—and legally operate a motor vehicle.

Young drivers convicted of violating Wisconsin's Absolute Sobriety Law will have their driver license suspended for three months. They also will have to pay a \$389.50 citation and will have four demerit points assessed on their driver license.

"At any age, alcohol even in small amounts may impair the mental and physical skills needed to drive safely, such as decision-making, concentration, coordination and reaction time. However, teens and young people, who often are inexperienced drivers, are especially susceptible to the adverse effects of alcohol on their driving ability, we don't want young drivers or their passengers to suffer serious injuries or tragic deaths because of a disastrous decision, such as getting behind the wheel after drinking.

**Brooklyn Police Department**



# A Military Tribute



Saturday, April 29, 2017  
1 pm to 3:30 pm at the  
Oregon Performing Arts Center  
inside the Oregon High School

For tickets call Danny at 608-455-5049  
or Kimberly at 608-617-0500

The Brooklyn Oregon American Legion  
Post 160 is sponsoring the event with profits  
going toward the Brooklyn Veterans  
Memorial.



## News from Your Senior Center February 2017

By Rachel Brickner

Most seniors live on **fixed incomes** that do not grow as quickly as their expenses increase. This can really squeeze resources available to pay the bills.

The staff at the Senior Center is aware of a variety of programs that can help seniors pay their bills. This help can come in the form of energy assistance or Food Share. It can be a reduction in the Medicare Part B premium. Financial help can take the form of help with the costs of prescription drugs or help with home modifications to make a house more suitable for seniors. There are many other programs as well, which we can connect seniors with to help stretch their dollars.

In order to qualify for these programs seniors generally need to share their financial information, which makes many people uncomfortable. Seniors can rest assured that the information they provide is confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than the people or organization the senior chooses to release it to.

It isn't just financial information that is confidential. The fact that you have come to see an outreach worker is confidential as well, and will not be shared with others. Your personal information is safe with us. Let us help you see if there is a way to stretch your dollars to cover your expenses.

The Senior Center has a pair of free **events coming up** in March that you might want to join us for. On St. Patrick's Day (March 17) the Center will be hosting a **barbershop quartet** at 10:45. After the group, Liquid Courage, finishes its performance, a traditional St. Patrick's Day meal featuring corned beef and cabbage will be served. Call 835-5801 by Wednesday, March 15, to reserve a seat and order a meal if you would like to join us for lunch.

On Thursday, March 23, at 1:00 the Senior Center will be hosting **Wisconsin Goes to Hollywood**, a look at Wisconsin's connections to the film industry. This program will be presented by Mary K. Huelsbeck, Assistant Director, Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research.

Join us at the Center for these events, and call with questions about issues affecting seniors: 835-5801.

# COMMUNITY POTLUCK

**February 23rd at Noon**

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Bring a dish to pass – table service and beverages are provided.  
All ages welcome.



REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR  
WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.BROOKLYNWI.GOV](http://WWW.BROOKLYNWI.GOV)

STAY INFORMED OF  
VILLAGE HAPPENINGS AND  
SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE  
VILLAGE NEWSLETTER  
ELECTRONICALLY.



No Parking on Village Streets  
from 1 am – 7 am. until April 15<sup>th</sup>  
except for designated areas.  
See website for map and specific  
streets.

**MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**



# Stay Informed with NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards

## The "Smoke Alarm" for Severe Weather



- NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) All Hazards is a public warning system that broadcasts forecasts, warnings, and emergency information 24 hours a day directly to the public.
- Radio receivers can quietly monitor these broadcasts and will alert when important (life threatening) messages are issued for your area.

"All Hazards" messages include:

- ▶ Natural (e.g., tornado, floods, high winds, blizzards)
- ▶ Accidents (e.g., chemical release, train derailments, nuclear power emergencies)
- ▶ Terrorist attacks



All schools in your community have weather radios to help safeguard your children. This program is sponsored by the Department of Education, Department of Commerce, and Department of Homeland Security. More information on the program can be found at:

<http://www.weather.gov/nwr/schools>




- **Please ensure they are used.** During an emergency, seconds count! These radios are a valuable alerting device, easy to use, and can also be used to check on every day weather, including wind chill information during the winter.
- Place your radio in areas that are constantly monitored (e.g., school office, principal's office). Remember those occasions when the school is used for activities outside normal hours and make sure the radio can be monitored during those times.

If you have any questions about weather radios, contact your local National Weather Service office.



# March 2017



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Cardio Jam 6:30 pm	2 Recreation Mtg- 6:30 pm Free Beach Body Workout 6 pm Yoga Bliss-6:45pm	3	4 FREE Movie Night- Doors open at 6 pm Movie Starts at 6:30pm
5	6 Yoga Bliss-6:30pm	7 Tire, oil, battery pickup	8 RECYCLING Cardio Jam 6:30 pm	9 Free Beach Body Workout 6 pm Yoga Bliss-6:45pm	10	11
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 	13 Board Meeting – 6:30 pm Yoga Bliss-6:30pm	14	15 Cardio Jam 6:30 pm	16 Free Beach Body Workout 6 pm Yoga Bliss-6:45pm	17 	18
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