



BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS

December 13, 2013

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Personnel – Nadine Walsten, Chair
Planning/Zoning – Nadine Walsten, Chair
Public Works – Todd Klahn, Chair
Recreation – Stacey Hardy, Chair
Safety – Steve Lust, Chair



Holiday Lights Contest!

Help the judges and nominate your favorite
Holiday Lights Display at:

www.brooklynrecreation.org/events/holidaylights/

and send us a picture!

All lights **MUST** be up and on
by **December 15th**

BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Village Board meeting was called to order on December 9, 2013, at 6:35 p.m. by President Walsten with Trustees Frandy, McCallum, Lust present. Trustees McNaughton, Klahn, and Clark-Hansen were absent. Others present were Clerk Strause, Public Works Director Langer, Police Chief Barger, and Jerry Bollig, Dane County Supervisor. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no Public Comments.

Trustee Frandy moved, second Lust to approve the minutes of 11/11/13.

President Walsten thanked the Board and employees for the poinsettia memorial on the passing of her brother. Thank you also to Seneca Foods for their large donation of cases of canned foods (through Mark Langer) to Pellitteri's food pantry collection at the Clerk's Office. A letter from Roger Ellis was read thanking Public Works Director Langer for pursuing a grant that provided funding for cleanup of damaged trees in the cemetery due to the 2012 snowstorm damage. Dane County Cities and Villages Association meeting was held on Nov 21st in Middleton. An article from the Municipality monthly magazine on Frac sand mining preemption bill interfering with local control was handed out by President Walsten. This bill and several others proposed takes away local municipalities' control over management on the local level. Next month a resolution to register in opposition to this proposal will be presented.

Clerk Strause reviewed the monthly financial reports and final mill rate worksheet. October revenue was \$175,935, expenses \$189,494 with an end of month balance of \$1,239,028 for all funds. Final net mill rate for Green County is \$25.94, down \$.24/1000 of evaluation and Dane county is \$23.46, down \$.04/1000 of evaluation. This is all before lottery credit and first dollar credit. The nomination process for three Trustees is now open and closes on Jan 7, 2014 at 5 p.m. Notification of Noncandidacy is due Dec 26th. Information on the Village's website, how to get the monthly newsletter, how to sign up for NIXLE for emergency messages, residential water user cross-connection hazards for bathrooms & kitchens, and what to flush and what not to flush is included in this year's tax bill along with tax related data.

PUBLIC WORKS: Langer reported the **Business Complex** is done except for a small punch list and landscaping (trees) in spring which was not included in the construction contract. EDC is working on a sign for the Business Complex. The **Urban Forestry Grant for a matching \$5,000** has been sent in for reimbursement. The **Catastrophic Forestry Grant** will be sent in soon with contractor payment in the December bills. Changes to the **Policy for Public Nuisances** were presented. Repetitive violators will receive an additional \$25 administrative charge when a letter is sent. If the Village abates the nuisance, a \$25 administrative fee will also be assessed. Frandy moved to approve the changes to the Nuisance Policy, second Lust, carried. There was no committee meeting this month so there are no monthly Director or Utilities Superintendent Reports. Walsten asked how much have the marketed "flushable" wipes cost the village due to obstructed lift stations, etc. Langer estimated "thousands if you consider the cost of new pump motors." Walsten requested Langer contact the state Consumer Protection department and report what is happening as a result of these wipes causing sewer/wastewater treatment obstructions. Walsten felt there should be some redress to communities who are experiencing these costs from inaccurate marketing.

Jerry Bollig, Dist 31 Supervisor, spoke to the Board and showed preliminary plans for the Anderson Park. He also discussed EAB that is now in Dane County in the northern part of Madison and expected to spread throughout the area. More information on the EAB is on the Dane County website. Langer and Walsten reported on the proactivity of the Village regarding the invasion of the Emerald Ash Borer with an inventory done last year of all Village trees using the Urban Forestry Grant and this year using grant dollars for maintenance work. Other discussions were on bike trails, Health Care regulations, and development of the Business Complex for relocating or new business.

SAFETY – Chief Barger reported on the DaneCom upgrade that has been postponed into January. Officer Burns is working solo. Officer Neubert is off duty on medical leave. Barger stated the complaint on abusive language being used in the park is by youth who do not live here. The part-time patrol budget was stretched through December. The WIDOT BOTS grant for the new digital traffic sign has been filed. The department will be participating in the "Boose and Belts" program from Dec 13-21, 2013. Most Dane County Law Enforcement Agencies have tentatively agreed to participate in the Capitol Area Police Mutual Aid Response network (CAPMAR). The CAPMAR committee will now begin developing the protocols and agreements to formally establish this process through the Dane County Chiefs of Police Association.

NEW BUSINESS: Frandy moved, second McCallum, carried to approve the **resignation of Trustee Laura Clark Hansen**. Frandy moved, second Lust, carried to approve the **appointment of Levi Cutler** to complete the term of Trustee Clark Hansen until April 2014. Cutler, who has a financial background, will take the Oath of office in January. **Strand Engineering is requesting an additional \$3700** to their construction observation contract for the Business Complex mostly from re-engineering for the additional park infrastructure and the berm issue before the bidding process. Josh Straka did mention this several months ago but was told at a Board meeting that other parts of

the project may not need as much inspection hours saving some cost that could be added to the projected cost overrun. Langer was able to supervise some of the construction which helped to keep some costs down. Frandy moved, second Lust, carried to amend the construction engineering contract for the Business Complex to increase the contract not to exceed an additional \$3700. An offer from a prospect in the Business Complex is contingent on them selling their house and office property. Clerk Strause recommended the Village apply for revolving loan funds through **Rural Development for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant** to help new or existing businesses. Frandy moved, second McCallum, carried to make preliminary application for a revolving loan fund and refer the application to EDC for review. Trustee McCallum reported on a meeting with the **Wis River Rail Transit Commission** last week.

Wisconsin Southern Railroad (WSOR) will be re-activating the line and serving Oregon in 2014 (Feb or March). WSOR will be applying for a permit to the Federal government to operate the line. Communities Fitchburg & Oregon, currently owning the line, will be in control until then giving their authority to the Commission when the line is activated. McCallum stated Depot Days is going ahead with plans for 2014 hoping to use the rail going south of the Village that WSOR will not be operating. The local snowmobile club, Sno Hornets, is also requesting to use the right of way to connect to their trails. WSOR is planning on having all rail infrastructure intact to assist the Lycon plant being built in Oregon by June 2014. Rail repairs to operate the line will be done as far as Netherwood Road in Oregon. The Rail Transit Commission had lengthy discussion on encroachments to the right of way. The Rail Commission needs to approve allowing Depot Days to be on the track and the Sno Hornets in the ROW. Once WSOR activates the line, anyone in the rail right of way is considered to be trespassing and could be cited for such. Resolution 2013-13 was presented **Authorizing an Agreement Between the Village of Belleville and the Village of Brooklyn in which Belleville Municipal Court will provide Court Services for the Brooklyn Municipal Court**. Frandy moved, second McCallum, carried to approve this resolution. Lust moved, second McCallum, carried to set Jan 13, 2014 for a hearing for Ordinance Chapter 18 Municipal Court Shared Services and removing our current ordinance. An **offer of \$20,000 made to Billy and Marcia Hanson to purchase 23-109-23.1**, 103 Hotel St, has been accepted. Frandy moved, second McCallum, carried to approve this purchase at \$20,000, and to contact Atty Christopher for legalities with closing before 12/31/13.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Community Building policy review-no update. McCallum moved, second Frandy, carried to postpone until January discussion on the **Capital Improvement Plan**. All Trustees were directed to rank the items in the Capital Improvement document from high to low priority (or add new items) before the next meeting. Frandy moved, second Lust, carried to reaffirm the level of property assessment information previously chosen at the basic level regarding public access to records with no charge to the Village. This information will be on www.assessordata.org. Market Drive electronic records will be installed on a computer in the Clerk's Office. There was no update on Ordinance Recodification.

Frandy moved, second McCallum, carried to approve the **Consent Agenda**: payment of December 2013 bills; an **operator license** for Catrina DuBois; approve **2014-2015 Election Officials**: David & Nila Natzke, Megan Hamlette, Chief Inspector, Nadine Walsten, Helen McCord, Carol Strause, Kim Brewer, Steve & Sandy Wagner, Zach Leavy, John McNaughton, Marge Van Calligan, Paul Hansen, Laura Clark Hansen, Sharon Kovach.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning and Zoning: A request to approve a **Town of Oregon land split in the Village's extraterritorial jurisdiction** was presented to the Commission with recommendation for approval. Certified Survey Maps are for 12.83 acres for Robert Halbleib and 13.21 acres for Joanne Huston, properties of which abut Glenway Road. Frandy moved, second Lust, carried to approve these land splits. **Ordinance** did not meet.

Fire/Ems will meet on Dec 18th. Tom Bowers is now the new Fire Chief. **EDC** will meet Thursday, Dec 12th.

Recreation-Twenty-one crafters and ten vendors participated in the craft show indicating they want to come back next year. The date will be further discussed. The free yoga classes have been well attended. Three Yoga classes begin in January and are on the website for sign up. **Emergency Management and Personnel** had no reports.

Finance: Because of **IRS releasing Notice 2013-71 modifying the "Use-or-Lose" rule for Health Flexible Spending Arrangements (FSA)**, the Finance Committee recommends amending the Village's Health Flexible Spending Account (Health FSA) effective 2013 to allow employees to carry over \$500 of unused 2013 funds to 2014 to be reimbursed to plan participants for qualified medical expenses incurred during the following plan year. McCallum moved, second Frandy carried to approve this amendment. **Recycling and Website** – no reports.

McCallum moved, second Frandy, carried to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Carol A Strause, Clerk-Treas.

MMC, WCMC, CMTW

President's Letter
December, 2013
Nadine S. Walsten

I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Board, village staff and residents who have reached out to me at this sad time. Two days before Thanksgiving, my brother, Arlen Walsten, passed away from pancreatic cancer. He was a Marine Corps veteran who believed, like most Marines I've met, his iron will could overcome whatever obstacle was in his path. He also believed in his country and felt the liberties we have we usually take for granted. He wouldn't miss a vote, followed politics almost as much as the Packers and the NFL, and, believed we honor our liberties by volunteering, helping our neighbors and serving in whatever capacity we can to make our communities a better place to live. I'd encourage you to think about what you can do for Brooklyn when you are making New Year's resolutions for 2014. There is always volunteering or committee assignments available for people who want to bring solutions to the Village agenda. (See below for more details on running for one of the three trustee positions up for election in April, 2014. This coming term will be an exciting time to be on the Board.)

Last month I wrote about the significant increase in our Senior Center's annual payment for services provided to our residents (\$13,000 to \$19,000).

In the Misery-Loves-Company Department, I'm happy to report that all five of the participating municipalities saw an increase in their contribution when an earlier analysis indicated that only the Villages of Oregon and Brooklyn would do so.

This brings us to the tax bill which you have probably received by now. The Village had to take our full levy this year to protect the Village from major cuts in services in 2015. The final tally raises the Village taxes 58 cents/\$1000. Fortunately, your overall 2013 tax bill should be about the same or less as last year because the school, county and the vocational school system tax rates were decreased. Dane County residents will pay 4 cents/\$1000 less and Green County residents will pay 24 cents/\$1000 less, which includes the Village increase. Please call me or the Clerk's office with any questions.

Our plan to combine our municipal court services with Belleville is moving forward and a hearing on this plan will be held at the January 13 Board meeting. It is projected to become operational on 2/1/2014. Brooklyn's municipal court serves an average of 12-15 citations a month with few defendants attending.

The Brooklyn Veterans Memorial Committee has been meeting since last spring developing plans to create a veterans memorial located in the Village. The rendering of the memorial can be seen at the Village Hall—it is a modest but elegant tribute to the over 500 veterans who have served, and those who are serving or will serve, from the Brooklyn area. The location is pending but fundraising has begun and you can make a donation and/or purchase memorial bricks, benches and flag poles to contribute to this excellent project. If fundraising is successful, the Committee plans to begin construction next fall.

If you are interested in running for one of the three trustee positions open for the April election, and want to know more, please contact the Clerk's office, trustees or myself. A Handbook for Trustees is available and gives information about the Village and the trustee role. To have your name listed on the ballot, nomination papers have to be turned into the Clerk's office by January 7, 2014. A write-in campaign can be initiated after that date. The nomination packet is available at the Clerk's office.

Want to hear more "inside scoop" on Village happenings, like my Facebook page. Until I have 20 friends, you need to use this unbelievably long address: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Brooklyn-Village-President/477635552284242>

May your Holidays be bright and 2014 a blessed year!

Nadine

NOTES FROM PUBLIC WORKS

There will be no more leaf or brush pickup. Brush pickup will resume in spring.

Snow Removal

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of snowfall ending. Snow **may not** be put into the street.

The owner or user of each mailbox shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of each snowfall, remove all snow and ice which has fallen or accumulated in front of said mailbox, and shall remove the snow and ice away from the curb or area in front of the mailbox, a minimum of fifteen (15) feet on each side of said mailbox.

Please clear snow from around fire hydrants and water meter readers also.

The Public Works Department will close at 11am on Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st. They will be closed all day on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st



No Parking on Village Streets from
1 am – 7 am. until April 15th



VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

The office will be closing at noon on 12/24 and on 12/31. The office is closed all day on Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st

As an added convenience to residents this year, we will be open on Sat., Dec. 28th from 8am - noon for tax collection purposes.

*** REMINDER ***

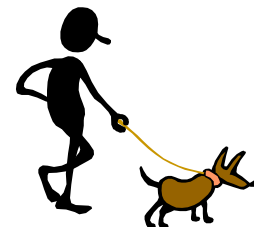
Dog and cat licenses must be purchased by January 31st. If you have not previously registered your pet (age 6 mo. or older) with the Village, please provide a copy of a current rabies certificate. Also, if your pet was re-vaccinated during 2013, please provide a new certificate. The fee is as follows:

Neutered/Spayed dog - \$12

Unaltered dog - \$17

Cats - \$5

Village ordinance states that all animals must be licensed. Only 3 dogs/cats are allowed per residence.



Property Tax Payments

The first installment of your property tax bill must be paid to the Village Clerk by January 31st. A 1/31/14 postmark will be honored. DO NOT put payments in the drop box after 5 pm on the 31st.

News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Happy Holidays from the staff at the Oregon Area Senior Center! For most people, the holidays represent a blend of positive and negative emotions. On the negative side, many people fear gaining unwanted pounds during the last weeks of the year. Increased calorie consumption between Thanksgiving and January 1 is one of the reasons why so many New Year's resolutions involve diet and exercise.

If you are looking for ways to add exercise to your routine, the Senior Center has a variety of options for you to try, with more choices coming in January. The Senior Center currently hosts four fitness classes: Get Fit, Stretch & Strengthen, Zumba Gold and Tai Chi. All of the classes are available on a drop-in basis, and the cost is \$3.00-4.00 per session. For more detailed descriptions or information about when each class is held, call the Senior Center at 835-5801, or check our newsletter (which is available at local businesses or can be found on-line at www.oregonareaseniorcenterwisconsin.com).

In mid-January, the Senior Center will begin hosting two new classes which focus on the connection between mind and body in achieving and maintaining good health. Mindfulness for Older Adults and Gentle Yoga will both begin on January 16, and will be held on Thursday mornings. Call or check the website for more details.

Finally, for boomers who want to get in a serious work-out before the day gets started, the Senior Center will be offering Boomer Boot Camp starting Jan. 7. This eight week class will be held from 5:30-6:30 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$70 for the whole series, or \$5.00 per class. Please pre-register for this new offering, so that we know there are enough participants to host the class.

The holidays are a season of giving, and you give yourself one of the best gifts of all when you invest time in your own well-being. The Senior Center will partner with you to find the right class for you—one that will motivate you and inspire you to commit to yourself. Don't dread those extra holiday treats. Fight back with an exercise class!

TRASH & RECYCLING SOME WINTER REMINDERS:

DO NOT put bins on top of snow banks or in the street. Please place in the driveway apron. Christmas wrapping paper is recyclable. Remember to always have bins out by 7 am

BROOKLYN POLICE DEPT

Activity for November

Thefts	4
Traffic citations	7
Traffic warnings	10
Assists	14
Suspicious activity	2
Financial/Fraud	1
Traffic incident	23
Misc/comp arrests	2
Open Records	4
Disturb/Disorder	0
Ordinance violation	1
911 Disconnect	0
Domestic/family	1
Parking citations	0
Alarms	1
Other	0
Juvenile off/comp	0
Total	70

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE
AT WWW.BROOKLYNWI.GOV

STAY INFORMED OF VILLAGE
HAPPENINGS AND SIGN UP TO
RECEIVE THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
ELECTRONICALLY. YOU CAN ALSO
"LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK

<http://www.facebook.com/brooklynvillagewi>

SENIOR POTLUCK LUNCH

Noon – January 23rd
Brooklyn Community Building
Bring a dish to pass and enjoy some good
company with Brooklyn residents!

WINTER PARKING

New parking regulations: Between the hours of 1am and 7am, Nov. 15-April 15, on-street parking is only allowed on the north side of Sunrise Dr, the west side of N Kerch St north of Douglas Dr, the north side of Marcie Dr west of Pine St, and the north side of Daisy Lane west of Fourth St. On-street parking from 1am-7am during these months on any other street in the Village is prohibited. *(100 Block of Hotel St is 3am-7am)

Three Trustee positions are up for election this Spring

Tuesday, April 1, 2014



If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please obtain nomination papers at the Village Clerk's office.

The final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. If a primary is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.



Introducing
YOGA

Get Fit
Village of Brooklyn

Starting in mid January 2014. Three Classes will be offered weekly.

YOGA 101 | YOGA BOOTCAMP | YOGA FLOW

For more information please contact
Stacey Hardy
at recreation@brooklynwi.gov or
www.brooklynrecreation.org



Upcoming Events
for Early 2014

February 1st - Movie Night

Movie starts at 7pm but the doors will be open at 6:30 at the Community Building

March 1st - Movie Night

Movie starts at 7pm but the doors will be open at 6:30 at the Community Building (BUT time is subject to change)

May 1st Dime a Dip

Our Annual Dime A Dip is back! BUT we NEED Volunteers & yummy dishes - Please Contact us if you are interested in helping us at recreation@brooklynwi.gov

Want to join our committee and help plan events? Contact us today to find out how!