



## BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS

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Saturday June 14th, 2014 • 8am (Walk is 8:05am)  
The 5K Run / Walk will commence at the Legion Park and travel through Brooklyn ending back at the Legion Park.  
\*Special\* Yoga session will start at 7:30am at Legion Park.  
Cost is \$25 to register  
(or \$20 for early bird signup before May 30th).

Want to Sponsor?

If you would like to make a monetary donation,  
AND/OR

Donate items for our Goodie bags for runners  
please contact Brooklyn Recreation via email at  
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**BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 12, 2014**

The Village Board meeting was called to order on May 12, 2014, at 6:33 p.m. by President Walsten with Trustees McCallum, Leavy, McNaughton, Hawkey, Klahn, Frandy present. Others present were Clerk Strause, Public Works Director Langer, Chief Barger, Tara Bast, Lyle and Ann Wanless, Jerry Elmer. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tara Bast, Auditor, Johnson Block & Co., Inc., presented the **Village's 2013 audit report**. An overview was given on the Government Wide Financial Statements, Fund Financial Statements, budget to actual schedules, non-major Fund Statements, long term debt schedules, with comparisons to previous year's statements. Bast stated the General Fund financials look good; however, the future needs of the water utility may determine the need for a rate increase. Trend of expenditures was reviewed.

Ann Wanless, President of Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, presented the planned activities along with several requests for **Green County Dairy Days, June 20-22** that will be held in Brooklyn. It is Brooklyn's turn to host Dairy Days, which happens every 10 years. The weekend will have numerous events: Village wide garage sales, Friday night street dance, car show on Saturday, walking tours, geo caching events, and a Green County Dairy Queen competition. The cattle show will be on Saturday at the Green County Fair Grounds. Sunday will have a pancake breakfast & open house sponsored by Friends of Brooklyn Fire/EMS at the Fire Station; tractor pull, a parade at 11:30 a.m. ending at Legion Park, and the Queen Coronation ceremony. Trustee Klahn moved, second Frandy, carried to approve closing the 100 block of Hotel St. Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm for a street dance and for the car show on Saturday with overflow if needed on Commercial St. Trustee McCallum abstained. A beer permit for this area will be discussed at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Frandy moved, second McNaughton, carried to approve use of the Community Building at no charge June 20-22. Trustee McCallum abstained. Klahn moved, second Frandy, carried to approve the use of the Village's vacant lot on Hotel Street as needed for Dairy Day Events. McCallum abstained. Frandy moved, second Hawkey, carried to approve closing streets for the Sunday parade with Chief Barger and PW Director Langer to review the parade and traffic detour routes for barricades location and safety. McCallum abstained. Klahn moved, second Frandy, carried to approve an amplification permit for Friday night's street dance, Sunday during the parade, tractor pull and the coronation program at Legion Park. McCallum abstained.

Lyle Wanless gave a presentation and brought the Board up to date on the **Brooklyn Veterans Memorial Fundraisers and Field of Flags**. For \$5 per flag, a flag will be placed on N. Rutland by the fundraiser thermometer. About forty flags have already been placed at the site and it is hoped many more will be purchased for Memorial Day, showing support for our local veterans. The flags can be purchased at local banks, businesses and the Village Hall and will be returned to the purchaser after Memorial Day. Anyone wanting to support this cause should contact Lyle Wanless at 455-8784. Wanless stated the proposed monument will tell the story about Brooklyn and the families who have given so much to our country along with it being a place of healing. Laser etching of some scenes from each war will be on the monuments. Britt Springer is creating a website, [www.BrooklynVeteransMemorial.org](http://www.BrooklynVeteransMemorial.org) for local stories and information. The project will cost \$60,000 and is slated to be located by the Town of Brooklyn Town Hall on land currently owned by the Teeter family. The site is circular in design and will have solar lighting. Three flag poles (one sold), granite benches and engraved paver blocks (all available for purchase at various funding levels) will be on the site. Pavers, one set for residents/businesses and the other for names of veterans, are on sale. Funding the memorial will have ongoing activities until the money is raised. Currently there is a raffle with extensive prizes, and the tickets sell for \$5 each or three for \$10 with the drawing to be held at the October 25<sup>th</sup> dance at the Community Building. Donation canisters for the flags and raffle tickets will go out soon to businesses. All donations are tax deductible as the Veteran organization is a 501(c)(19). The proposed monument will honor all Brooklyn area veterans with a zip code of 53521, those that have moved here, and are currently serving in the military.

There were no public comments.

Frandy moved, second McNaughton, carried to approve the **Village Board minutes of 4/14/14**.

Trustee Leavy abstained. Hawkey moved, second Leavy, carried to approve the **reorganizational minutes of 4/15/14**. Trustee Frandy abstained. Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the **minutes of 4/24/14**.

President's report: Walsten reported on the statistical data provided by the Oregon Senior Center. A review for the new trustees, Walsten reported a new contract was created and signed in 2013 with costs to the Village based, in part, on how our residents use the center. The League of Municipalities Board meeting on 5/9 in Madison introduced the new executive director and conducted planning for the upcoming year. A public informational meeting regarding Highway 14 was held on 4/30 in Evansville. There are no four lane developments planned but safety changes will be made in high accident areas. The planned straightening of Highway 14 from Highway 92 to Highway 138 is now slated for 2018. The First Nail celebration for Habitat for Humanity was held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 326 Second St. Annual DCCVA meeting was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. There is a Capital Area Regional Planning Commission hearing tonight to address the planned charging for approvals for urban service area extensions.

Clerk Strause gave the financials for March with income of \$61,245.81, expenses \$130,790.64 and end of month balance for all funds at \$1,716,700.55. For informational purposes, the letter and map from DOT showing Brooklyn being added to the Oregon-Fitchburg urban area was reviewed. In the next couple of years, DOT will be considering revisions to the functional classification of roadways. The functional classification of the roads does determine funding eligibility. At this time, there are no proposed changes in the street classifications in the Village.

**Public Works:** Klahn moved, second McNaughton, carried to approve the **committee minutes of 3-25-14**. Trustees Hawkey and Leavy abstained. Sealed bids for various street projects were reviewed. Klahn moved, second Frandy, carried to approve the committee's recommendation to **hire the lowest bidder, Green County Highway, to patch per specs various water repair areas at a cost not to exceed \$3365. An RFP/sealed bid for chip seal of various streets was discussed**. After bids were opened, a contractor suggested the Village may be interested in black coal slag rather than chip seal. Langer stated he was familiar with chip seal (oil down first followed by imbedding of pea gravel) of certain streets that have been crack filled in the past years. Black coal slag uses less oil and black slag for aggregate which heats up quicker in winter months. Black slag is smaller so thickness of the oil is not as much, and is smoother than pea gravel. Pea gravel stone is a little larger, but the disadvantage is it is a little rougher for bikes, skate boards. Trustee Klahn felt pea gravel based seal coating should be done every 5-7 years, is the cheapest and best maintenance for extending the life of blacktop. If black coal slag is a consideration, current bids should be rejected and rebid. Green County Highway is the lowest chip seal bidder for items 5,6,11,12,13 of the RFP with hopefully enough funds for #3 of the RFP. The project budgeted amount is \$45,000 with some needed for post-project street sweeping and street markings. Klahn moved, second Leavy, carried to **accept the low bid from Green County highway for chip seal with pea gravel for items 5,6,11,12,13 and possibly #3 on the RFP**. Langer provided a collection report on **dumpster days**, with brisk turnover of the items brought for reuse to the collection site. Tonnage was about the same as last year at 25 tons of refuse and trash and 3.69 tons of metal. Utility Reports: water-generator is up and running with training next Monday; lift stations were cleaned, Spilde attended Emergency Management training and Red Cross meetings. PW report: Annual fire inspection was completed with no issues. Legion Park pavilion roof will be done for Dairy Days. Next PW meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup> not May 15<sup>th</sup> as previously reported.

**Safety:** Chief Barger reported the squad video camera was repaired at a cost of \$425 to replace the camera eye. Barger nominated Officer Engelhart to be recognized by the American Legion Post and he has been selected for the award. Radars and squad speedometer have had their annual certification. Bike Safety Day was held May 7<sup>th</sup> at the school by Officer Neubert. Work continues on the department IT updates in office and squad, trying to work out the connectivity issues. Officer Cornell, who recently completed his law degree, has been hired by the Naval Criminal Investigation Service and will request a leave of absence until further notice. The Safety meeting will be rescheduled as there was no quorum.

**New Business: Computer/IT upgrade planning** conversations continue. Trustee McNaughton will follow up with another IT company. Public Works is working on specs for their department and equipment purchase will include specs for the Clerk's office. Walsten investigated the purchase of

refurbished equipment and felt it wasn't a good option. Chief Barger is still working on what equipment is needed in the Police Dept., saying a new data terminal may be needed for the squad. Trustee Hawkey stated the Village should plan on purchasing all new equipment every two years. Whether a server is needed is still being discussed.

**Unfinished Business:** June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for Trustees to **prioritize capital improvement projects** and return to the Clerk's Office. This data along with results of EDC's community survey will be combined for the Board to review. **Ordinance Recodification**--Walsten stated she is waiting for our rep from Municipal Code to get back from vacation. **Municipal Court**--Belleville has not submitted expenses yet for the joint court agreement. Belleville will be setting up a joint meeting to discuss. Atty Christopher reviewed the agreement Belleville proposed and feels the agreement needs to become more Brooklyn friendly.

**Consent Agenda:** Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the following: payment of May 2014 invoices as listed; Resolution 2014-03 CMAR Compliance Maintenance Report for 2013; Appointment of Levi Cutler to Board of Review; Class B Temporary license to Sno Hornets for June 7-8<sup>th</sup> Tractor Pull in Legion Park; temporary operator licenses for above event: Brenda J. Denson and Sheryl A Arndt; approved Community Building Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee: Larry Arndt, Stacey Hardy, Edie Grossen, Amy Brown, Ann Wanless, John McNaughton, and Nadine Walsten.

**Committee Reports: Planning & Zoning**--No report. Dollar General is in construction. Walsten stated she was pleased with the amount of brick on the frontage. **Ordinance:** Frandy moved, second McCallum, carried to approve the minutes of 10-08-13. Hawkey abstained. Committee goals, Chapter 19 fire code and completing the recodification was discussed. Walsten stated the recodification is under the Committee of the Whole. **Fire/EMS:** The new Articles of Incorporation was presented. All Fire/EMS district entities except the Village have signed the new Articles of Incorporation. Trustee McCallum moved, second Frandy, carried to approve the Articles of Incorporation as presented. **EDC**--Vierbicher has not found a replacement for Erin Welty, our former consultant. Implementing the contract for services will be held off until a replacement is found. **Recreation:** Frandy reported about \$500 was made from Dime a Dip, the same as last year. Fireworks donations so far have been received from Union Bank & Trust Co., Marshall Bros., and Village Attorney Christopher from Dewitt Ross. Distant Cousins Band will play on July 4<sup>th</sup> in the park but cannot do the rain date of July 5<sup>th</sup>. Blue Sundays will play on July 5<sup>th</sup>, if needed.

**Finance:** Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the minutes of 4-09-14. Trustee Hawkey abstained. Trustee McNaughton reported the Public Works and Finance Committees both reviewed the 2013 Rate of Return for the water utility which is .11% due to the major repairs to well #1 while the Rate of Return in 2012 was 9.46% because of the refinancing done that year. Both Committees feel the Village should wait until the 2014 Rate of Return is determined (about April 2015) to decide if the Village should request a SRC (Simplified Rate Case) from the PSC would for a possible 3% increase in water rates. No Strand Engineering bill was received this month. No report for **Recycling, website ad hocs. The Community Building Policy Review committee is being set up** and will be meeting soon.

At 8:38 p.m., Trustee Klahn moved, second Frandy to convene to **closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85 (1)(b) to discuss Police personnel issues** with roll call vote as follows: AYE: McNaughton, Frandy, Leavy, McCallum, Hawkey, Klahn, Walsten. NAY: none. Motion carried. President Walsten stated an Aye vote to go into closed session is an agreement to maintain privacy and confidentiality of the matter to be discussed. Trustee McNaughton moved, second Frandy, carried to reconvene to open session at 9:36 p.m. Klahn moved for a verbal warning to Officer Engelhart, second McNaughton, carried regarding inappropriate use of Village credit to purchase casual shoes at the Shoe Box in Baraboo. Trustee Hawkey voted NAY. Trustee McCallum moved, second Leavy, unanimously carried to adopt counseling for Chief Barger for approving the casual shoes purchase, to produce a review of the uniform policy, i.e. what items qualify, and a review of credit purchasing procedures. The Finance Committee will review these items with Chief Barger. The counseling document is not to be put in the employee's file. In response to Hawkey's concern, Walsten stated any employee given discipline always has the opportunity to file a rebuttal. Klahn moved, second McNaughton to adjourn at 9:41 p.m. Carol A Strause, Village Clerk-Treas.

**President's Letter**  
**May, 2014**  
**Nadine S. Walsten**

Last month I stated that one of the requirements of having been awarded the title of Tree City is having a Tree Board. Currently our Tree Board is made up of trustees but the membership needs to be made up of village citizens who advise and collaborate with the Village on the care and management of our village trees and greenspace. One of the compliments I hear about Brooklyn is the richness of our parks and trees.

When I moved here in 1993, the large maples lining Church Street created a canopy that almost touched; a beautiful sight when I turned onto Church St. each night after work. The huge maples in front of my house were a favorite stop for a great horned owl who called each night to another in the cemetery or the adjacent woodland. A large maple in my backyard, now gone, was also home to a pair of screech owls, who perched daily under the overhang of my next door neighbor's house. I didn't realize my dying tree was their home until the day it was cut down. They flew around in circles, following me from one tree to another as I walked down the street; as if trying to tell me what a tragedy had just occurred. I still feel guilty because those little guys disappeared and I miss them still. Working on the Tree Board is an excellent opportunity for residents who have limited time but want to do their bit to contribute to their community. This Tree Board appointment may not take a lot of time but it is not just a paper committee—you would have meaningful responsibility and the beauty and vitality of our village trees will reflect your participation. The missing owls will thank you with their return. Call or email the office (or me) if you want to learn more.

Each community needs its people to volunteer—and the smaller the community the more important it is for citizens to bring their support, their ideas and their participation. Brooklyn is only as strong as its volunteers. This village will only be the place you want your kids to live in, if you provide some time to make it stronger. Like all villages where 85% of its working population commutes each day, it is a huge challenge to make this village a “hometown” vs. just a place to live. But if its citizens want change, then change will happen. Civic participation isn't a waste of time: The value of your house depends on creating a community where people want to live.

Important announcements from Monday nights Board meeting:

The Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial Committee, sponsored by the American Legion, is selling flags (\$5/each) for their Memorial Day Field of Flags fundraiser. Each flag purchased will be placed at the fund raising “thermometer” at Douglas and North Rutland and after Memorial Day will be returned to you if requested. The flags can be purchased via Lyle Wanless at 455-8784. May is going fast-- Memorial Day is only about a week away!

About \$60,000 is needed to create the veteran's memorial park, currently slated to be constructed down by the Brooklyn Fire Station and Town of Brooklyn Town Hall. Brochures with full details are available at the banks, Village Hall, and other local businesses. There is a huge raffle, with great prizes and a June dance planned. Go to the website for more details or call Lyle Wanless at 455-8784

Ann Wanless, the new president of Brooklyn's Chamber of Commerce, reported on the planned events for Green County Dairy Days, June 20-22. Dairy Days celebrates Green County's rich agricultural economy and selects a Dairy Princess to compete in the Alice in Dairyland competition later this summer. There will be a parade, street dance, car show, Princess Banquet, as well as a tractor pull to name a few of the events.

If you wish to learn more details about Village activities, like my Facebook fan page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Brooklyn-Village-President/477635552284242>

Nadine

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Brush Pickup Has Begun

(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Please place brush in the terrace at the curb, staying away from any electrical/telephone equipment. All cut ends need to be placed in the same direction.

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**NOTE:** Leaves are **NOT** picked up in the spring. You can bring them to the compost pile at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on S. Rutland.

# CLERK'S OFFICE

The Clerk's office and the Public Works Dept. will be CLOSED on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day.



## Donations Appreciated



Brooklyn Recreation each year holds the 4th of July Fireworks and Entertainment Show, but it would not be possible without donations. We are currently seeking donations to continue this beloved community event. Please contact us to donate, at [recreation@brooklynwi.gov](mailto:recreation@brooklynwi.gov) to donate [www.brooklynrecreation.org](http://www.brooklynrecreation.org)

## Looking for a Summer Job?



Brooklyn Recreation is accepting Cover letters & Resumes for the positions of:  
Summer Youth Coordinator  
Summer Youth Assistant Coordinator  
Please send them/ Questions to [Chair@brooklynrecreation.org](mailto:Chair@brooklynrecreation.org)

## BROOKLYN METHODIST CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Barbeque, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, assorted desserts, ice cream, coffee, soda and lemonade.

Crowning of Brooklyn Dairy Queen  
7:00 pm  
(Everyone is invited!)



The Brooklyn Recreation Committee would like to say a big THANK YOU to all that donated a dish and/or volunteered your time for the Dime A Dip Dinner. We would also like to say thank you to all those who attended the dinner, we appreciate the support. This event raised just over \$400 which will go towards new park equipment or future Recreation Committee Events.

## SENIOR POTLUCK LUNCH

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 - Noon

Brooklyn Community Building kitchen

Bring a dish to pass and enjoy some good company!

### May 2014 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

May is Older Americans' Month, and the theme for 2014 is "Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow." The Oregon Area Senior Center will be hosting a number of programs in the next few weeks to help seniors meet the goals summarized in that slogan.

One way that seniors can stay safe is to protect themselves from identity theft. There are a variety of ways to protect yourself from those who would like to steal your identity, and many of them will be covered in a program at the Senior Center May 29. "Protect Your Identity" will be presented by Levi D. Cutler at 12:30 that day.

Another way to stay safe is to be the best driver you can be on the road. On June 5, the Senior Center will host AARP Driver Safety's CarFit Event. This is a free, interactive and educational program that teaches participants how to make their personal vehicle "fit" them to increase safety and mobility when they hit the road. Call 835-5801 to set up your twenty minute appointment.

Many studies have shown that laughter is an important component in maintaining good health. With that goal in mind, join us at the Senior Center on Friday May 23 at 10:45, for a viewing of the Charlie Chaplin movie "Sunnyside." This silent movie will be accompanied by live music, and will remind modern audiences why Chaplin was considered to be a comic genius.

For many seniors, pets play a role in helping maintain good health. Pets can provide companionship, exercise, and a sense of self-worth to seniors. On Friday, June 6, the Senior Center will be hosting a dog show in the parking lot beginning at 10:00. To bring your pooch, please call 835-5801 in advance to register. Otherwise, come enjoy the antics of others' canine companions.

One other event of note coming up is the Senior Center's 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On May 22 at 1:00 our anniversary party will feature hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, an anniversary cake and music by The Byrd Brothers. Come join the celebration!

\*\*\*\*\*Attention Green County Seniors\*\*\*\*\*

Green County Elder Benefit Specialist, Linda Gallagher, is hosting a program at the Brooklyn Town Hall June 4, at 1:00, to learn about Medicare, as well as other programs and services. This program has limited space, and seats may be reserved by calling 608-328-9499.



## POLICE DEPT

### APRIL ACTIVITY REPORT

Domestic/Family	2
Assists	23
Open Records Request	5
Animal	1
Traffic crashes	1
Theft	1
Traffic incidents	33
Traffic Warnings	8
Traffic citations	6
Damage property	6
Disturb/disorderly	2
Alarms	1
Misc comp/arrests	4
Juvenile offenses/comp	1
Municipal Ord. Violations	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>

### BROOKLYN FIELD OF FLAGS

Help raise funds that are needed to build Brooklyn's Veterans Memorial. A \$5.00 donation will purchase a 18"X24" American memorial flag to be displayed on the lot on the corner of Hwy MM and Douglas Dr. Contact Lyle Wanless for more details at 516-5401

# Heatstroke - Parents and Caregivers

## Leaving Kids Alone in Hot Cars — Know the Risks and Consequences

Even great parents can forget a child in the back seat, but caregivers who are unaccustomed to transporting children are especially prone to forgetting.

Think about the last time your routine was interrupted. Maybe you forgot something, or were afraid you might forget something. Or maybe you decided to leave your child alone in the car, thinking “I’ll just run into the store for a minute.” In either case, it’s important to know the risks and consequences associated with leaving kids in cars — especially hot cars.

### Risks

- In 10 minutes, a car can heat up **20 degrees Fahrenheit**.
- Cracking a window **does little to keep the car cool**.
- With temperatures in the 60s, your car can heat up to **well above 110 degrees**.
- A child’s body temperature can rise up **to five times faster** than an adult’s.
- Heatstroke can happen when the temperature is **as low as 57 degrees outside!**
- A child dies when his/her temperature **reaches 107**.

### Consequences

- The heat-related death of a child
- Misdemeanor with fines as high as \$500 — and even imprisonment — in some states
- Felony, depending on the state, if bodily harm results from leaving kids alone in a hot car
- **Note:** The age of children who can be left unattended in a vehicle varies from state to state, as does the duration of time a child can be left alone in a car.

### Prevention Tips to Avoid a Tragic Heatstroke

- Never leave a child alone in a car.
- Don’t let your kids play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that a vehicle is not a play area.
- Never leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open.
- Keep a large teddy bear or other stuffed animal in the car seat when it’s empty. Move the teddy bear to the front seat when you place the child in the seat as a visual reminder.
- If you are dropping your children off at childcare, but normally your spouse or partner drops them off, have your spouse or partner call you to make sure they were not left in the car.
- Become vigilant about looking in the vehicle before locking the door. Always look front and back before walking away — always!

### Safety Advocates and Professionals

#### *Get Involved*

Join NHTSA in tackling this important safety issue. Visit our [Get Involved](#) page for downloadable materials and assets for parents, caregivers, safety advocates and all those who want to help protect children from needlessly dying in hot cars.