

BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS

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Finance – Tim Belter, Chair
Ordinance – Steve Lust, Chair

Personnel – Appointment pending, Chair
Planning/Zoning – Nadine Walsten, Chair
Public Works – Mark Bruner, Chair
Recreation – Janeen Podgorski, Chair
Safety – Todd Klahn, Chair

6th Annual Brooklyn Bluegrass Festival

Fri., June 11th-7 pm, Sat., June 12th-10 am (music starts at 2 pm), Sun., June 13th-9 am
Legion Park – Railroad St.

\$10/Fri., \$20/Sat.(after 6pm \$15) - \$10/Sun., \$20/Sun. family pack, \$30/weekend pack
(Handicap accessible.)

Food vendors, beer tent, jamming, workshops, open mic, camping (\$10/night) 11 bands in all will be performing Friday-Sunday. Mekan River Ramblers, The Bluegrass Tribute Band, Oak Street Ramblers, Old Tin Can String Band, Pike Creek, Spare Time Bluegrass Band, Truman's Ridge, Audie Blaylock & Redline, Krause Family, James Creek Road, and Jerry Wicentowski & Lucky Break.

Visit the Bluegrass website for more information: www.brooklynbluegrassfestival.com

(Sponsored by the Southern WI. Bluegrass Music Association, Wisconsin Arts Board and WORT 89.9 FM.)

BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2010

The Village Board meeting was called to order by President Walsten on May 10, 2010 at 6:31 pm. Trustees present were Mark Bruner, Tim Belter, David Natzke, Steve Lust, Dean Van Den Eng. Trustee Klahn arrived at 7:13 pm. Others present were Clerk Carol Strause, PW Director Bob Anderson, Chief Barger, Helen McCord, Traci Schaefer, Susan Gallmeier, Judy Birnbaum. No public comments were offered.

Approval of April 12th minutes was tabled until the arrival of Trustee Klahn. Upon his arrival, Trustee Natzke moved, second Belter, carried to approve the April 12th minutes with Trustees Bruner, Lust, Van Den Eng abstaining. Trustee Bruner moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to approve the minutes of April 20th, 2010.

President Walsten reminded Trustees of the May 14th public officials workshop in Madison. Walsten stated that because Trustees are non-partisan, this is an advantage in solving Village problems with economic development being a critical issue. Refinancing through the DNR's Clean Water Fund distribution and refinancing by August 2012 the 2009 BAN for WWTP construction requires all of us to work together to move forward in terms of expanding our economic base. Brooklyn has a 93% residential tax base while other municipalities our size have a 65% residential tax base. How do we meet this particular goal in a way that is the best for our budget and our taxpayer? We need to remain focused on our goals we have set and challenges that are in front of us. We need to spend our energy on dealing with solutions to our problems. We need to work together regionally, supporting one another. Our options are good in creating a business park with our proximity to Madison and Hwy 14.

Clerk Strause reported on the 2010 distribution of shared revenue and the net loss to those municipalities in Dane County. The state per capita is \$136.00 while Brooklyn's per capita of shared revenue received is \$125.00 or a net loss of \$13,695. This is based on the money collected by the State and returned to respective municipalities. SB 640, proposed election law changes, has failed to pass the senate this session. It is expected to be presented in the next Legislative session where it will be amended in some form.

Unfinished Business: Bruner moved, second Lust, carried to postpone approval of the **Village Historian job description. Special assessments discussion continued for N. Rutland.** Trustee Bruner, chair of the PW committee, stated the committee's recommendation is to split the curb and gutter cost 50/50 with the property owner. PW Director Anderson stated a review of special assessments on past projects indicated 100% of the cost was paid by the property owner. Curb and gutter on N. Rutland is not fully being replaced with only spot repair work determined. Dane County will be paving N. Rutland sometime in July. Bruner stated the Ordinance needs to be more clearly defined regarding charge back of cost at 100%. The Hotel St. storm water project will not have any C&G special assessment because it is fairly new and not in need of replacement except for the storm water project. It is not cracked, deteriorated, or settled. Trustee Klahn arrived. Jurisdictional transfer of N. Rutland from Dane County to the Village will be done once the road is repaved. Bruner stated we should defer to precedent of charge back at 100% and put on the next ordinance meeting to create policy for special assessments. Klahn stated if the property owner pays 100% this time and the curb and gutter is again replaced before depreciated, the property owner should not have to pay 100% again. Anderson will get a list of property owners and footage to the Clerk. Because of the depressed economy, contractor bids for the project are very reasonable at this time. Trustee Bruner moved, second Natzke, carried to go 10 years on special assessments for 100% of removal and replacement of curb and gutter on N. Rutland. The preliminary hearing will be held at a special Board meeting on May 26th at 6:30 pm. Clerk Strause will prepare for the hearing and notices to property owners. Other property owners requesting curb and gutter replacement have contacted Anderson. They will be allowed to have this done under this same contract as the bid was per linear foot.

Consent Agenda: President Walsten requested item #7 be removed from the consent agenda. Trustee Klahn moved, second Bruner, carried to approve 1 through 6 of the consent agenda as follows: payment to C. D. Smith for \$55,365.00, payment of all invoices totaling \$49,049.96; approval of a Class "B" fermented malt beverage and Class C Wine license for Brooklyn Family Restaurant, LLC, agent Agron Bekteshi, thru June 30, 2010; approval of Bluegrass Festival June 11, 12,13 for sound amplification, extending park hours, and open burning; approval of

sound amplification permit for the Recreation Committee's summer music series in Legion Park June 10 thru August 26, 2010; approval of a fireworks permit for July 4th. Walsten asked PW Director Anderson how many days he has used for attending National Rural Water meetings. Ten days were approved by the Board for 2010. Anderson stated 2 or 3 days have been used so far. Item #7 requesting June 10-11, Sept 24, and Sept 27-29th for Anderson to attend National Rural Water meetings was approved upon motion by Walsten, second Bruner, carried.

New Business: Trustee Bruner moved, second Belter, carried to postpone approval of **Chapter 33**, Disposal of Village Property, until next month as Board members did not have their copies.

Bid award for Hotel/Kerch Street storm water construction was discussed. Because the special assessment process has not been started, a bid cannot be awarded until after residents have been notified, hearings held, and resolutions for special assessments approved. Trustee Klahn moved, second Lust, carried to postpone a bid award. **Financing** for this project was discussed at the finance committee meeting and also will be postponed until the hearing process is completed. Village has sixty days from bid opening to award a contract. Bid opening was April 29th.

Sewer deduct meters – For many years, residents were given summer sewer credits even though there was no Village ordinance approving this procedure. The summer sewer credits cost the Village an estimated \$16,000+ annually in revenue not collected. The Board voted last fall during budget session that summer sewer credits would be discontinued, however, the Board realized that residents would still be filling swimming pools, water lawns, landscaping, etc. and the implementation of using sewer deduct meters was discussed. At the most recent PW Committee meeting, Trustee Bruner stated meters for outside watering would need to be purchased costing \$200 each. Bruner asked who would pay for them? Meters would have a 5-10 year life span and a monthly or annual fee could be charged to the user suggesting the rental fee could be \$40. In the past, those filling pools would call with their meter reading before and after they filled the pool in order for a sewer credit to be given. Will residents see a justified savings paying for meter rental for watering grass or flowers? Trustee Van Den Eng asked if old meters, after being tested, could be used as sewer deduct meters as new meters costing \$200 is not cost effective. Anderson asked who is going to pay for specialized fittings for the lawn meters and the labor to put them together? He anticipated it would cost about \$7 to modify an old meter plus staff time, however, adding two pieces of hose is the primary modification. Walsten pointed out that if sewer deduct meters were not implemented, the Board would be asking the residents to pay the recently raised sewer rates on all water used, even if the water does not go down the sewer. Weekly or monthly charges and deposit fees were discussed. Having ten meters on a first come, first serve basis, utilizing used meters, as a courtesy to residents for sewer credits will be further discussed at the special May 26th Board meeting upon a motion by Trustee Van Den Eng, second Belter, carried to postpone.

Trustee Bruner moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to **reschedule the hearing on the Sign Ordinance for May 24th**, 6:30 pm, by the Planning and Zoning Commission. April PZ meeting was cancelled.

President Walsten presented a **general engineering contract from Strand**. A feasibility study to be done by Strand for a possible east side business park was approved at the last meeting for \$3,000. The general contract does not bind the Village to Strand as the Village may still get quotes from other engineering firms if desired. This simply says when we have an agreement in place, general provisions as stated in the contract prevail. Trustee Bruner moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the general contract for technical services from Strand.

Trustee Natzke moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to appoint **Marge Van Calligan as an alternate member of Board of Review**. Board of Review will be meeting Thurs. night starting at 5 pm.

Committee reports: Public Works- Trustee Bruner was appointed chair. Anderson reported the WWTP construction is 99% complete with a little painting left and the odor solved caused by a venting problem. Jerry Lesko, speeder car owner, appeared before the committee to discuss a **railroad track concern when running speeder cars for Depot Days**. Lesko requested an extension of an area north of the sidewalk to be filled in for easier loading and unloading. The Chamber, who oversees Depot Days, has stated they are not paying for this extension and not interested in doing anything. The material to extend the rail would be available, but there would be a need for a sidewalk cut or driveway approach just to accommodate a one weekend event. Committee

felt the Chamber should pay for all cost as this is not a Village event. Any damage done to Village property would be paid by Depot Days. Initially, Depot Days was promoted by Green County Tourism, was county wide and supported by local municipalities. That situation is no longer true, consequently, there is a need to clarify the relationship between Depot Days and the Village. If this isn't a Village event, who is responsible, where does liability lie, etc. The issue regarding putting in additional track for the Speeder Cars, etc. will be brought back to the Public Works committee for further discussion. (The Finance Committee will define the Village/Depot Days relationship.) Committee discussed **hiring a seasonal employee** with the recommendation that Director Anderson screen the applicants and select the top three. Those three would be interviewed by a joint meeting of Public Works and Personnel Committee members with a recommendation to give authority to the joint committee members to hire. A rough draft of the job description was presented for 30 hours a week, Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 pm. Trustee Bruner moved, second Lust, carried to have both committees meet to interview and empower the joint committee to have the hiring decision for the part time seasonal PW employee. The joint committee meeting will be on Wed May 19th at 6:30 pm for interviews and hiring.

Planning and Zoning will meet on May 24th. The 4-26 meeting was cancelled.

Ordinance will meet on Wed 5/12 at 6:30 pm. Recodification process will continue including review of Chapter 20.02 for approval of food vendors at special events.

Safety –Chief Barger presented the monthly activity report which shows a spike in activity during April. Trustee Klahn was appointed chair of the committee. Chapter 32.16 was presented allowing the Village to participate in the non-moving traffic violation and registration program with DOT. Further review will be done by the ordinance committee. The program to eliminate junk vehicles in the Village is on hold until Walsten and Chief Barger can meet. The Emergency management meeting scheduled for Wed will be rescheduled because of conflicts with other meetings. Walsten stated there is a need to alternate meeting times between night and afternoon to accommodate schedules. Safety will be meeting the first Thursday of each month at the same time. Judge Glasier has prepared a fine schedule which was presented. Chief Barger requested the urgent need for the schedule to be approved. Trustee Klahn moved, second Natzke to approve the schedule. Klahn moved, second Lust, carried to amend the motion to exclude Chapter 21 and 35 from the schedule of fines as these chapters have been deleted during the ordinance revision process. Original motion carried as amended. Officer Schreven will be the OIC for the next two weeks while Chief Barger is attending a fire academy and on vacation.

Fire/EMS–No report. **Personnel** will meet on 5/19. **EDC** met and will have the east side business park land proposal examined by Strand regarding infrastructure and concept design. Next meeting is Thurs night.

Recreation had a successful Dime a Dip as reported by Helen McCord almost running out of food and earning \$481. Trustee Natzke has offered to join the recreation committee as a Trustee is needed. His appointment will be on the May 26th agenda.

Bluegrass meets tomorrow night. **July 4th** activities were discussed by the recreation committee.

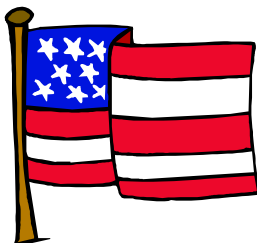
Recycling did not meet. The electronics round up is May 22 in the Village parking lot. A fee will be collected by the vendor based on what is being disposed. **Website** will be meeting on Wed at 4:30 pm.

Finance appointed Trustee Belter as chair. Belter urged the committees to work on updating the five year capital plan.

Trustee Klahn moved, second Belter, carried to at 9:05 pm.

Carol A. Strause,
MMC, WCMC, CMTW

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY!



President's Letter
May, 2010
Nadine S. Walsten

I've spoken of how important I think it is for each of us to have a sense of connection with others, to get to know our neighbors, and to bring up our kids to have a sense of place, not just a house but a hometown. Brooklyn has the challenge of making this connection happen while so many of us commute to Madison or Janesville each day and live lives primarily focused outside our Village. You know I feel strongly families are living with extraordinary stress, and that stress intensifies when we feel isolated. And then something happens, that reminds me how much the spirit of community and connection is alive and well in Brooklyn. Just when I thought I had recovered from my fractured wrist, I had a freak accident on 4/26 and fell on my left side, breaking my left hip! I returned home from the hospital and rehab on 5/10, and ever since my accident, I have been receiving phone calls, cards, flowers, assistance with groceries, etc. and the support I have received from my neighbors, Village staff, my church buddies, family and friends has been overwhelming. I can't thank everyone enough! My recovery is moving ahead faster than usual prompting a few folks to suggest I need a t-shirt saying "Superwoman." (I've agreed as long as "Super Klutz" is typed in underneath.) Trouble will always find us, the saying goes, but crisis is optional. Trouble has found me but the support and concern of the folks here in Brooklyn has made what could have been a crisis, just a detour on my way to another meeting. Give your neighbor a hand—you never know when you need the favor returned.

A couple of things have been happening that I think you should know about. First, at the last Village Board meeting (5/10), we took initial steps to implement a sewer deduct meter system whereby if you water your lawn or garden a lot, fill a swimming pool, etc., that you can avoid being charged for the water you use that does not go into our sewer (hence, creating a sewer charge—you know, those super high fees we had to implement on January 1 because the recession stopped our growth). Most of us don't water our yards because of the costs but some of us do and having a meter rental may be cost effective. We are still working on the details. Secondly, I have been approached as has the Ordinance Committee about the possibility of keeping a few chickens in one's backyard. This is an idea that is just being brought up so stay tuned and we'll see what happens.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This Saturday, May 22, 2010, 8 am – Noon, Village Hall Parking lot, is an Electronics Round Up! Resource Solutions, a recycling company, will be present to accept your electronics for recycling. Most items are without cost, but items such as monitors, TVs, microwaves, etc. have modest fees. Check out the poster at the Village Hall bulletin boards for details. **MOST OF ALL**—bring your stuff on Saturday AM. It's illegal to toss electronics into the trash so here's your chance to be good and green.

SECOND IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Brooklyn Bluegrass Festival is June 11—13 in Legion Park. Check out WWW.BrooklynBluegrassFestival.com for details. We need volunteers for 3 hour shifts to park cars, take tickets, be a camper monitor for the campground, or work security. If you volunteer, admission is free for that day and you get a great t-shirt with the new Bluegrass Festival logo! This a dynamite Festival complete with national bands, free workshop/lessons on Saturday morning, open mic, great food and Spotted Cow. All the vendors use this Festival as a fund raiser so come and support the churches, Scouts, Lions Club, 4-H club.

Take care and watch your step!!



Summer Music Series Begins!

Thursday, June 10 thru Thursday, August 26

7:00-9:00pm

Legion Park Shelter (Rain or Shine)

This free community event is held monthly beginning in June and ending in August. The outdoor event is designed to replicate the Madison Concerts on the Square event, but right here in Brooklyn. All music genres are represented and encouraged. Bring your lawn chair, bring dinner and your cooler, kick back and enjoy some great music. This is an all ages event!

Thursday, June 10 - DIG

Thursday, June 24 - The Velveetones

Thursday, July 15 - Sequoia

Thursday, July 29 - Leichen Brothers

Thursday, August 12 - The Mighty Short Bus

Thursday, August 26 - TBD

“Music is a performance that needs an audience”
-Michael Tippett

Come and join the MUSIC!



Community Walk About

It's time to bring out the strollers, kids and dogs too!! All ages are welcome to participate in the Community Walk About Starting Wed, June 2 at 7:00pm.

Meet at Brooklyn Mini Mart
Community Bike Rides

Starting Wednesday June 2 at 7:00pm.

Meet at Brooklyn Mini Mart



Registration Day!

Tuesday, June 22, 2010 - 4:00pm-7:00pm

Brooklyn Community Building

Summer Youth Recreation begins on Mon., June 28

from 1pm-4pm at the Legion Park Shelter.

Cost: \$15.00 per child, \$5.00 for each additional child. This fee will help us with a multitude of expenses necessary for providing this program.

The Summer Youth Recreation Program runs 6-weeks, Monday through Thursday. Children who live in Brooklyn are welcome to spend time in this program where we provide a safe place to have fun, socialize and learn a little during the summer.

Sign-up sheets will be available on Registration

Day, June 22, 2010 from 4:00-7:00pm at the

Brooklyn Community Building and on the Brooklyn

Web Site: www.brooklynwi.gov

What can you expect from the program...lots of fun! Our program includes all kinds of activities for your child that range from Arts & Crafts to a variety of sports and physical activities. Our program is well rounded to provide learning skills, exploration and of course field trips!

We look forward to another great summer and meeting all of the kids interested in the program. For more information please contact the Brooklyn Recreation Committee via email at

brooklynrec@verizon.net



The Recreation Committee wishes to thank everyone who donated a dish to the Dime A Dip Dinner on May 6th. And to everyone who attended the dinner, we appreciate your support. This event raised \$480.00 dollars towards future Recreation Committee Events.

PUBLICWORKS

Brush Pickup Has Begun

(2nd 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.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Please note that hydrants will be flushed from May 17-28.

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.

PLEASE

Do not mow grass into the street!

CLERK'S OFFICE

The Clerk's office and the Public Works Dept. will be CLOSED on Monday, May 31st, in observance of Memorial Day. The Clerk's office will also be closed from 8:00am-2:00pm on Thursday, May 20th for a district Clerk's meeting.



BE CONSIDERATE WHEN WALKING PETS

The Clerk's office has recently received a few complaints from Brooklyn residents in regards to dog feces in their yards. Please, when walking your pet, be sure to bring a baggy to dispose of the waste. Thank you!

Brooklyn/Oregon Rotary & Resource Solutions

**Electronic Recycling
Annual Round Up 2010
Saturday, May 22, 2010**

8:00 AM--Noon

**Village Hall/Community
Building Parking Lot**

102 N. Rutland, BROOKLYN

No charge unless: CRT
Monitors (\$10); TVs (\$30 or \$50);
Appliances (\$5); Freon-
appliances (\$15) & Fluorescent
bulbs (\$3)

?s--www.RecycleThatStuff.com

**BROOKLYN METHODIST
CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL
June 3rd, 2010 - 4:30 - 7:30 pm**

Barbeque, brats, hotdogs, baked beans, pie,
angel food cake, brownies, ice cream, coffee,
and lemonade.

**Crowning of Brooklyn Dairy Queen
7:00 pm**

(Everyone is invited!)





WEATHER RADIOS FOR SALE

NOAA All Hazards weather radios are for sale at the Dane Cty Emergency Management office – 115 W Doty St room 2107, Madison. The cost is \$25 (tax included).

OREGON/BROOKLYN FOOD PANTRY

Contact: Joyce Larson, 222-3399
Joylars1@aol.com

Location: Hefty Warehouse, corner of Union & Lincoln, Oregon
Open on last Thursday from 3-6pm on the following dates:

May 27	September 23
June 24	October 28
July 29	November 18
August 26	December 16

**** Anyone living within the Oregon School District is eligible to use the Food Pantry. New clients are requested to bring a utility bill with their name and address on it during their first visit to establish proof of residency. If you know of someone who is in immediate need of food, please call 211. The Food Pantry is open to receive donations on the second Saturday of every month from 10am-11am.**



Brooklyn Arts & Crafts Festival

There will be NO Arts & Crafts Festival this year in Brooklyn. The Recreation Committee decided not to have it this year due to the dying interest and decreased revenues. If you have comments/ideas or suggestions on this, please contact the Recreation committee at brooklynrec@verizon.net

COME GET YOUR POSTER!

The 2010 Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission art poster is available at the Clerk's office for a small donation. We still have a few left so come and get yours today!

WATER SAVING TIPS OF THE MONTH



- *Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temps are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- *Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.
- *Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.

Ordinance of the Month

25.02 Animals at large.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any animal to permit the same to run at large in the village. Such animal shall be deemed to be at large unless under the control of a person by means of a chain, rope or cord of sufficient strength to control the action of the animal. For the purpose of this section, the phrase "running at large" embraces all places within the village except the owner's or keeper's premises, and includes all streets, alleys, sidewalks or other public property which may be about the owner's premises. **(This includes cats.)**