

BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS

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Public Works - Todd Klahn, Chair
Recreation - Jill Van Den Eng, Chair
Safety - Sue McCallum, Chair

Winter Parking Enforcement Now in Effect

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)

**BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2012**

The Village Board meeting was called to order by President Walsten on Nov 12, 2012 at 6:33 p.m. Trustees Lust, Frandy, Van Den Eng, McCallum, Hawkey, Klahn were present. Others present were Clerk Strause, PW Director Langer, Chief Barger, Heather Kirkpatrick, Dawn & Terry George, and Attorney Christopher. All stood for the Pledge of allegiance.

A PUBLIC HEARING was conducted at 6:30 p.m. for the 2013 BUDGETS: General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Fund, Water Utility, Sewer Utility, and TID Fund. The 2012 levy is presented at \$657,036 before exempt computer aid. This is the same levy as 2011. Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to close the public hearing at 6:35 pm.

Safety: The agenda was amended to allow Chief Barger to give his report so he can leave for a class. A grant was received to purchase a bullet proof vest for one officer. Barger reported on his schedule the next few weeks. A college student is doing a report on small town law enforcement and is doing ride alongs. In service training was done last week to be in compliance with Dept of Justice. Trustee Lust reported they are working on a policy for alcohol and public events.

Public Comments : Bill Buglass, Payne & Dolan representative, talked about the **upcoming public hearing to review the conditional use permit at the Klahn Gravel Pit, 157 County Hwy MM, Brooklyn.** In late 2004, a permit to operate was granted for ten years. They are now asking the county and Town of Oregon to extend the termination date another ten years, same as the first term. Buglass stated if they complete their operation before the term expires, they would leave the site. The hearing is 11-19 at the Town of Oregon with the Dane County public hearing Dec 11th. The reason for the extension was caused by the downturn in the economy with not as much fill removed as planned the first ten years. They are also asking for two extra hours of operation time for trucking during non-school days in the summer.

At 6:49 pm, Trustee Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, unanimously carried by voice vote to **convene to closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(e) to negotiate the possible purchase of property for the Brooklyn Business Complex.** Trustee Klahn moved, second Lust, carried to reconvene at 8:55 p.m.

Trustee Hawkey moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to approve the minutes of Oct 8, 2012. Trustee Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to approve the minutes of October 15, 2012. Trustee Frandy moved, second Hawkey, carried to approve the minutes of Nov 5, 2012. The 10-22-12 minutes listed in error were those of Planning and Zoning.

Village President's report will be given at the next meeting. Clerk Strause reported on the **November election** with 764 voters with 97 absentees. Green County had 84% voting with 89% voting in Dane County. The **nomination process** for Village President and three Village Trustees begins on December 1st with papers to be filed with the Village Clerk by January 2, 2013. Non-candidacy papers are due December 21st.

Public Works: Trustee Van Den Eng, moved, second Frandy, carried to accept the recommendations presented at the September 10th Board meeting by Rad Hawkos, ASLA, Strand Assoc, regarding the **Village's Tree Inventory/Management Plan which incorporates recommendations for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).**

Trustee Hawkey moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to present for sale the **old snow plow truck at Wisconsin Surplus** in Mt Horeb. Other miscellaneous items have been sold this year through them.

Director's report-DNR will do an inspection at the WWTP plant next week; sludge hauling is being done; Focus on Energy grant was denied; LRIP funds for Teddy St were received; leaf pick up is almost done; Forestry grant will be closed out in the next two weeks; the department will be closed on Nov 22-23.

Unfinished Business: Municipal court – Walsten has drafted an agreement for the Village's court system to join Belleville's system. The agreement needs to be reviewed by the District 5 Court Administrator. After this review, the agreement will be given to Belleville for their review.

McCallum moved, second Klahn, carried to approve **purchase of ten acres from George Bros. Farms, Inc. at \$18, 000 per acre for the Brooklyn Business Park.** Trustee Hawkey voted Nay. Klahn moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to pay for CSM costs, closing costs, and title insurance related to this purchase. Trustee Hawkey voted Nay. Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the offer with changes including changes to exhibit B pending approval by the George's attorney. Trustee Hawkey voted Nay. CARPC conducted a public hearing on the Village's USA last week and has approved the plan. Walsten stated she has responded to environmental questions from CRANE. Erin Welty, Vierbicher, will present the TIF#2 application at the December meeting. Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to postpone the

Community Building policy review/committee appointment. The Oregon Senior Center contract is being reviewed by the Oregon Village attorney and will be presented at the next meeting on Dec 7th. The Village's share of the cost for 2013 is \$12,314.

New Business: Walsten requested having the Village **join the Oregon Chamber of Commerce** for \$650 which allows a larger network of contacts for creating and promoting our business park. Discussion on also joining GCDC (Green County Development Corporation) and the local Chamber was had and will be further discussed at the next meeting. Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to join the Oregon Chamber in 2013 for \$650 to be added to the General Fund expenses. Trustees McCallum and Hawkey voted Nay.

2013 BUDGETS: Trustee Hawkey moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to approve **Resolution 2012-16 Employee Wage & Fringe Benefits for 2013.** Hawkey moved, second Frandy, carried, to **adopt 2013 Budgets for the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Water Utility, Sewer Utility, and TID#1 Fund.** The General Fund revenue balance of \$4686 (after Oregon Chamber dues) will be further discussed at the next meeting. Budgets can be viewed in detail in the Clerk's Office. The levy will remain the same as last year at \$657,036, before exempt computer aid. Trustee Hawkey moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to **approve Resolution #2012-17 for 2012 Tax Levy Payable 2013.**

Consent Agenda : Van Den Eng asked the Safety Committee if Chief Barger got approval to purchase the Ipad that is in this month's bills for \$647 as he did not see it listed in the safety minutes. Chair Lust said he was not aware of the purchase. Trustee Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to approve payment of the November bills as listed.

Committee Reports: Planning and Zoning will be conducting a TID#2 hearing on 11-28. **Ordinance-** Trustee Van Den Eng moved, second Hawkey, carried to approve **Chapter 16, Cemetery Management.** Trustee Van Den Eng moved, second Hawkey, carried to approve **Chapter 49 Urban Forest Management** with corrections. Chapter 9 Fire Protection was not worked on. Fee and penalty schedules will be gathered for creation in one section.

EDC-Meeting last week created an amendment to **Chapter 27.03(f), Alcohol Licensing** adding language regarding the \$10,000 fee paid for a "Class B Reserve" license. The proposal would refund \$9600 to the applicant for economic development. This is a onetime charge to the applicant. The Village has a request for a Reserve license pending ordinance creation. Walsten moved, second Frandy to approve the committee's recommendation. Trustee Hawkey read from the Sept 10th Board minutes "Committee (Ordinance) was directed to consult with economic development committee to design criteria which meets the economic development objective for "Class B" reserve liquor licenses" and stated EDC was not directed to create the ordinance which undermines the purpose of the ordinance committee. Hawkey asked for the motion to be rescinded and sent back to the ordinance committee. Trustee McCallum requested more time to look at material from other communities on how to handle the \$10,000 Reserve fee. She felt this ordinance should be written for all who desire a license and not just because a current business is requesting a license. President Walsten stated the existing business has been waiting all summer and felt he should not be penalized by waiting another 3-4 months. It is in our economic development's best interest to assist our businesses. EDC's recommendation to approve this amendment is being supportive of our businesses. Voting on the motion as follows: AYE: Walsten, Frandy, Van Den Eng, Klahn(in protest because of procedure); NAY: Hawkey, McCallum; Abstain : Lust. Motion carried.

Recreation-Frandy reported family movie night was well attended. There will be no holiday helping day this year because of lack of volunteers. **Emergency Management** committee will meet in January. Personnel – Currently in the process of employee evaluations.

Finance- Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to move all **LGIP funds (\$531,409) to Union Bank & Trust** who will pay 86 basis points over the LGIP rate. This rate was higher than the Brooklyn Community Bank offered. Hawkey moved, second Frandy, carried to also transfer **Sewer Connection Fees in the amount of \$67,682 from the Chase Bank to UBT.** Walsten objected as she felt this should be discussed further and the Village should be utilizing both banks. Walsten voted Nay. **Adhoc Committees-Recycling** –no report. Website-Hawkey moved, second Frandy, carried to approve hiring Brit Springer at \$25 per hr to enhance the Village's website. It is expected to cost \$300.

Hawkey moved, second Klahn, carried to adjourn at 10:13 p.m.

Carol A Strause, MMC

Village Clerk-Treas

President's Letter
November 14, 2012

Nadine S. Walsten

Once again Brooklyn was one of the communities with the highest voter turnout at 88% of eligible voters! Nice. It may be because the issues are so polarizing but it is all the more significant that people reaffirm their position on the issues by voting. To do nothing enables the cynicism to grow and change will only happen when everyone speaks up. As I said last month, the right to vote has been bought and paid for by our veterans, those currently serving and their families and the people who have come before us. Nice job, Brooklyn. You and yours should feel very proud!

Speaking of participation, December 1st is when **residents who wish to run for the Village Board** can take out nomination papers so their name is on the ballot in April, 2013. If you are interested and want to know more, I, other trustees, and the Clerks' office staff would be happy to discuss with you the role and responsibilities of a trustee. There are many exciting things happening on the local government level and we need talent, not experience, to speak for the residents. If you want to make a difference as a citizen, serving on the Board, Commission or committee in this Village is definitely worth a look.

Highlights of the past month:

1) The 2013 budget was passed with the levy for the General Fund at \$657,036 which does not include the utility budgets as they are based exclusively on user fees. The final amount levied will be a few hundred dollars less as our Clerk is waiting for some deductions from the counties. At this point, the mill rate appears to be \$7.65/\$1000 of assessed value of the property. That is 3 cents less than last year, not much change but not an increase either.

2) The business park is moving forward. The Capital Area Regional Planning Commission approved our application to bring sewer/water/infrastructure into the business park land. The purchase of 10 acres by the Village and the annexation of 50 acres is moving forward. There will be a public hearing on the annexation at a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, which hasn't been confirmed, but it looks like it will have to be 12/3/2012. There is a scheduled PZ meeting for 11/28 as well. Watch the website calendar or call if you want to attend to confirm either date.





Sat. December 1st – 7 pm

Community Building Gym
(102 N. Rutland Ave.)

Bring a blanket, bean bag, lawn chair with a blanket to put under your chair to preserve the floor to sit on. Refreshments will be sold. Due to licensing restrictions, we cannot advertise the name of the movie. To find out what's playing, please call **455-4201**

Can you guess what the December movie is?
(here is a clue)

A brave archer named Merida defies an age-old custom, which brings chaos to her kingdom. Now she must undo a beastly curse before it is too late. (PG)

SENIOR HOLIDAY POTLUCK LUNCH

Noon – December 6th
Brooklyn Community Building
Bingo after lunch –
(Bring a small gift to pass).

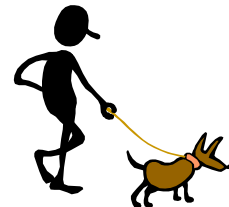


TAX COLLECTION HOURS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

The Clerk's office will be open on one Saturday in December for tax collection purposes to better serve your needs. On Saturday, December 29th we will be open from 8:00am – 12:00pm. For any questions on the tax collection process, please call the Clerk's office @ 455-4201.

2013 PET LICENSE FEES

Dog license fees for 2013 remain the same as last year. The cost is \$12.00 per spayed or neutered dog and \$17.00 per unaltered dog. Cat license fees remain the same at \$5.00. Licenses for 2013 can be obtained from the Village Clerk's office beginning the week of December 10th. Current rabies vaccination information needs to be provided to obtain license. If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's office at 455-4201.



The Public Works Department will be closed on Thanksgiving as well as Fri, November 23rd. They will also be closed from 11am on Dec. 24th to 7 am. Wed., Dec. 26th and 11 am on Dec. 31st to 7 am. Jan. 2nd.





The Clerk's office will be closed on Fri., Nov. 23 as well as Thanksgiving Day. The Clerk's office will also be closed from noon on Mon., Dec. 24th to 7 am. Wed., Dec. 26th and noon on Mon., 12/31 to 7 am. Wed., Jan. 2nd.

LEAF PICKUP

Last pickup will be on Wednesday, November 21st.

Leaves can be taken to the compost pile at the Sewer Plant on S. Rutland Ave.

***NO BURNING LEAVES IN THE VILLAGE!!!**

BROOKLYN POLICE DEPT

Activity for October

Susp Activity	2
Traffic Incidents	24
Traffic Citations	9
Traffic crashes	2
Traffic Warnings	20
Misc Comp/Arrests	3
Assists	19
911 disconnect	5
Animal	2
Open Records	1
Drug charges/Comp	1
Ordin. violations	3
Disturb/disorder	1
Alarms	1
Park citations/comp	2
Juvenile off/comp	6
Total	97



WRITE ONE LESS CHECK EACH MONTH!!!

Pay your water bill automatically on the 25th of each month. For more info, contact Kim at 455-4201 ext. 10.



Brooklyn Area Chamber

Annual Santa Day

Sat., Dec. 8, 1-4pm

Brooklyn Community Bldg

Photos with Santa, free gift for kids, FREE refreshments, FREE regifting center, Methodist Church's

children's free store to shop for family members with gift wrapping, FREE three craft projects.

Please donate to the Brooklyn Food Pantry 455-1627

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FACEBOOK

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

Brooklyn Holiday House Decorating Contest

1. Only the Residents of Brooklyn, WI* May Enter
2. Deadline for Entry is Thursday, December 18!
3. Three ways to nominate an outstanding display(s):
Simply fill in the nomination form on the Recreation Committee website (*Coming November 29th!*), or
Email Us at:
recreation@brooklynwi.gov or
Message our [Facebook Fan Page](#)

**Last year's winners are not eligible for a prize, but are eligible in 2013. Board members and Recreation Committee members are not eligible.*



News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

November is National Family Caregivers Month, and the Oregon Area Senior Center salutes the work that is done by all caregivers, especially people who are providing care to seniors.

Caregiving is vitally important and often very demanding, and the staff at the Senior Center can connect you with resources to make the task a little easier.

The Senior Center hosts a Caregivers Support Group on the third Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. No reservation is required to attend unless you would like some help taking care of your loved one while you take part. If you would like to attend the support group but the time is inconvenient for you, let us know and we may be able to find an alternative for you.

In addition to the Support Group, the Senior Center also has a program three mornings a week

for seniors called The CLUB (Cheerful, Lively United Bunch). Caregivers can benefit from some time for themselves while the person they care for attends, and the care recipient benefits from a change in atmosphere, etc. The CLUB truly offers a win-win opportunity for seniors and caregivers.

The outreach workers at the Senior Center can help with finding resources to help fund respite opportunities and home modifications if the modifications are helpful to the caregiver or recipient. They can also help navigate the pathway to the next stage of life, if it appears that a senior may need a greater level of care than the family, friends or neighbors can provide. The Senior Center staff is familiar with a variety of options, how to assess those options, and how to fund them. The Senior Center staff can also help local caregivers find support for loved ones who do not live in the same community.

Caregivers provide a valuable service to those they care for, and we salute you for your efforts. Whether you provide care 24/7 or simply make sure that a senior has gotten their mail each day, your contributions are important, and we are here to support you. If you have any questions about how we can help you in your role as a caregiver, or for information about adult day care, case management, respite care, financial and legal issues related to caregiving, transportation or home delivered meals, please call Rachel at 835-5801.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Village of Brooklyn has paired up with Pellitteri Waste Systems to help collect food for their ThanksGIVING Back Program. Non-perishable food items are being collected to help those less fortunate. There is a collection box at the Village Clerk's office. The donations go to Second Harvest Food Bank who in turn donates to several local food pantries within Dane County and Southwest Wisconsin.

