

BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS

February 15, 2013

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Recreation - Jill Van Den Eng, Chair
Safety - Steve Lust, Chair

PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, February 19th
Brooklyn Community Building
(102 N. Rutland Ave.)
Polls are open 7am-8pm



BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2013

The Village Board meeting was called to order on February 11, 2013 at the Village Hall Conference Room at 6:30 pm by President Walsten. Trustees present were Dean Van Den Eng, Dorothy Frandy, Sue McCallum, Steve Lust, and Todd Klahn. Trustee Jessica Hawkey was absent. Others present were Clerk Strause, Police Chief Barger, Public Works Director Langer, Kyo Ladopoulos, Josh Straka, and Dana Leikness. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments offered.

Rae Vogeler, candidate for Oregon School District Board, was ill and unable to attend. Frandy moved, second Lust, carried to approve the minutes of 1-14-13. Trustee Klahn and Van Den Eng abstained.

President Walsten attended a League of Municipalities (LOM) Board meeting on 2-1 and met with Assembly Majority Leader to discuss items before the legislature. Returning the State's surplus funds back to communities by reinstating shared revenue funds was discussed. LOM is having a lobbying day on Feb 13th and she will meet with Assembly Representative SONDY POPE-ROBERTS and Senator Jon Erpenbach. Walsten reported she will be talking to them about the impact on local communities to control phosphorus limits and the negative effect if new rules are adopted that disallow delinquent utility bills to be taken to the tax roll. Further discussion will be had next month with the final article on Economic Development: Putting it Together: Attitude, Business, and Communities. The Economic Development Professionals meeting was held on Jan 24th and discussed marketing and networking for a business park. Habitat for Humanity is in need of volunteers on Saturdays for the Brooklyn home on Second St.

Clerk-Treas. Strause reported on the final tax collection process with 72% collected in Green County and 75% in Dane. Delinquent taxes for Green is 2% and Dane 3%. Total collected \$1,666,637. The December income was \$1,068,777 with expenses of \$285,578, leaving an end of month balance for all funds at \$2,106,838.

Public Works: Director Langer reported there was a request by the new owner at **205 Church St.** who appeared before the Public Works Committee asking the Village to reimburse him about \$1300 to cover the cost of digging a second hole to **replace his sewer lateral**. The previous owner hired a company to video the lateral and the camera became stuck in the line and abandoned. The Village field cards showed the lateral to be 12-15' from the actual location with the contractor needing to dig a second hole. The new owners were taking the issue to the bank that handled the foreclosure for lack of disclosing the camera left in the lateral. The same company that dug for this repair was also the company that did the digging to replace the laterals for the Village when St Hwy 92 was reconstructed and didn't finish the lateral field card identifying the location at this address. Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to postpone further discussion until and if more information is received. Dana Leikness appeared before the Board as she did at the public works committee meeting requesting to extend the base line ball diamond fences and do field improvements on the small ball diamond at Legion Park which would be paid for by the **Oregon/Brooklyn Youth Softball Association**. Dana said she is thankful they can use Legion Park four nights a week for fast pitch practice and games and want to bring more activity to the Village. The teams are very appreciative and want to spruce up the park system and put rehab dollars in the big diamond as well. Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to approve their request. Public Works will work with the group on these projects.

Well #1 repair update – The well has been off line for about a week with Water Well Solutions working on pulling the pump for repairs. The pipe broke several hundred feet down making the removal difficult. Debris has been removed, the line videoed, and it is expected to have the pump pulled by Tuesday. The cost to repair will not be known until the pump is out but could be about \$55,000. This well, rehabbed in 2006, pumped about every third day and was expected to be rehabbed in 2017 with \$8,000 budgeted the last two years. Well #2 is the main pumping well and was last rehabbed in 2009. Well#1 has always had sand infiltration. **Sewer Connection Fees** will remain the same per motion by Van Den Eng, second Klahn, carried. Fees were reviewed by the Public Works and Finance Committees. The **draft WPDES permit** was received last Monday with one week to review and return to DNR. Langer, Spilde, and Strand Engineering reviewed the draft permit with suggested changes sent back to DNR. The permit process will begin public notice in about two weeks. The Village and the public will have 30 days to comment. The permit will be for five years from the date of issuance. No funds have been received from the **2012 Urban Forestry Grant**. There is no update on the **2013 \$5,000 UFG**, and also no news on an award for the **UFG catastrophic grant award** to pay for cleanup of the cemetery trees from ice/snow

damage from Dec 2012. PW monthly report was reviewed. Well #2 walls were painted. There was a power outage at the WWTP on Dec 20th requiring use of the generator. No FEMA dollars were awarded for the December winter storm.

Strand's Task Order No. 12-03 for TID#2 design services, bidding-related services, and construction-related services was presented again with the removal of services for Holt Rd. This contract is a part of the CDBG grant submittal; however, is not a part of the CDBG funding. Awarding this contract will have no impact on the CDBG funding which is expected to be finalized by the end of February. Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to approve contract #12-03 for an estimated \$46,600.

Kio Ladopoulos, Prairie Home, LLC, appeared before the Board requesting approval for a **minor land division on Holt Road, under the Village's Statutory Jurisdiction**. This parcel #6-20-32, Town of Union, Section 5, is 3.44 acres, and will be rezoned to A3. Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to approve this land division of 3.44 acres.

Safety Committee: Policy 101, Citizen Complaint Procedure, was presented. Several questions were discussed on the process once the complaint against the chief, an officer or the department is filed. Van Den Eng moved, second McCallum, carried to postpone until next month to address the concerns. The new squad has been ordered with no delivery date yet. Changeover to the updated NewWorld RMS is still in progress. Newly purchased Digital Ally software upgrade for \$395 is not compatible with the old computers. Chief Barger will be checking prices to replace the computer system. Three part-time officer candidates have moved forward to the interview process.

New Business- The Second Amendment (from original contract of 1995) and Agreement Relating to Contract for Funding of the Oregon Area Senior Center was presented. The Village's 2013 contribution is \$13,279. The Town of Dunn has withdrawn from the contract. Frandy moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to approve the Second Amendment. Frandy moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to approve Walsten and the Chair of Economic Development Committee, Heather Kirkpatrick, to attend the **annual Awards Dinner, March 16th sponsored by the Oregon Chamber of Commerce** at a cost of \$130. **TID#2 Street naming** was discussed. Clerk Strause suggested a contest to name the street. Trustee McCallum suggested the winner receive a gift basket made up of items from local businesses. Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to have a contest for residents to suggest names for the new street with the winner receiving a gift basket. **2012 Final Report of Board and Committees' Activities** was presented listing two and a half pages of accomplishments throughout the year. The report will be put in the newsletter and on the website. **Oregon Chamber of Commerce requested the Village's support of 20 playing fields to be added to Anderson Park Master Plan** for soccer, lacrosse, rugby, ultimate Frisbee, etc. A map and letter was reviewed. The Board passed declined to make a recommendation at this time. Pres. Walsten requested a **Committee of the Whole be utilized to complete the ordinance recodification** process. Some ordinances need to be approved yet before being sent off to Municipal Code. An **Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Rutland is being required of the CDBG subcommittee relating to the approval of the recently annexed fifty acres from the Town of Rutland**. The Town Chair has stated the subject was discussed with no objection; however, there was no formal motion. Their next meeting is March 2nd. CARPC minutes will be checked as Town of Rutland Chair, Dale Beske, spoke to the commission about the annexation.

Unfinished Business-Because of a mix up on available dates for a joint meeting, Walsten is waiting for the Belleville municipal court clerk to set the date for the next meeting to discuss a **joint municipal court system**. **Brooklyn Chamber membership**-Klahn moved, second Lust to approve \$35 to join the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Walsten stated she was in opposition to joining because there is no indication the Chamber is active and how it will serve the Village's need to promote our business park, have input from Brooklyn's business community. The motion was denied with voting as follows: Nay: Walsten, Van Den Eng, Frandy. Aye: Klahn, Lust. Abstained: McCallum. **Community Building Policy review** will be done by a subcommittee formed of members of various local entities which use the community building, i.e., Methodist Church, SnoHornets, Fire dept, Chamber. Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to postpone. **CDBG subcommittee meeting** was held on Feb 8th in Stoughton with their recommendation going to the CDBG Commission on Feb 28th to approve the Village's Business Complex infrastructure grant of \$261,000. Two things are still needed by the subcommittee by Feb 28th: 1) An agreement with the Town of Rutland as discussed previously and the cost of maintaining the new street on an annual basis which will be drafted by Public Works and Josh Straka, Engineer.

Consent Agenda-Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to approve the consent agenda: Payment of February 2013 invoices; Temporary Class “B”/“Class B” License for Sno Hornets’ annual dance March 23-24, 2013.

Committee Reports: Planning and Zoning will be meeting Feb 25th. **Ordinance**-Trustee McCallum presented possible changes to the Village’s Ordinance on “ Class C” wine licenses. The rewrite of Chapter 19, Fire Protection, will be forwarded to the Fire District Board for review. **Fire /EMS**-no report. **EDC** will meet soon to review the economic development strategic plan. Walsten and Kirkpatrick have been reviewing the plan created by Vierbicher. **Recreation** committee accepted the resignation of two members, Valiska and Wolfe. Two new members are being recruited if anyone is interested. Frandy reported there will be a craft show from 9-5 p.m. on Nov 9th with a subcommittee formed to work on this. Letters to crafters will be sent next week. Sixty two letters have been sent requesting July 4th contributions. Dan Dean will submit a pyrotechnic contract this week. Cost this year will be \$2500 but may cost more in 2014. **Emergency Management**-no report.

Finance-Clerk Strause explained the **tax exempt status of the Feb 1st Union Bank & Trust loan for \$212,500 which included \$180,000 for the Business Complex land**. Because it is tax exempt, no money can be charged for the land cost; however, costs can be derived from the infrastructure cost, engineering, and other costs not associated with the loan. Expenses created in a Tax Incremental District are never fully charged to potential businesses as expenses are paid over a period of time by tax increments created in the district from increased assessed values. The incentive to developers/business owners is a break in either land and/or infrastructure cost. If it is deemed necessary to charge back for the land, then the recent loan would have to be refinanced without the tax exempt status. Frandy moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to approve **Clerk Strause and Deputy Clerk Brewer attending the Wisconsin Municipal Treasurer’s Conference, April 25-26th and closing the Clerk’s Office** during this time. There were no Recycling or Website reports.

At 8:29 p.m., Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, unanimously carried by roll call vote, to **Convene to Closed Session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to consider modification of hours and benefits for Patrol Officer Wade Engelhart ; and to remain in Closed Session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to review job responsibilities for Leif Spilde, Emergency Management Director/Utilities Superintendent**. At 9:37 p.m. Klahn moved, second Frandy to reconvene to open session. Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, unanimously carried to approve **increasing Officer Engelhart’s weekly hours to full time at forty hours** a week. Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to amend the motion to include the full time status retroactive to January 1, 2013 for benefit purposes. Van Den Eng moved, second McCallum to give Engelhart thirty-two hours of vacation time to be used in 2013 as compensation for completion of his probationary period in 2012 with vacation time reverting to the normal schedule as of 1-1-14 as stated in the Employee Manual. Motion was denied with voting as follows: AYE: Van Den Eng, McCallum. NAY: Frandy, Klahn, Walsten. Van Den Eng moved, second Klahn, carried to have the **Personnel Committee meet with the Fire District Board to discuss accommodation of Fire Dept and Public Works personnel needs, should Public Works employee become Fire Chief**. Klahn moved, second Van Den Eng, carried to **reinstate twenty-four hours of vacation time to employee Spilde** due to his time spent while he was on vacation coordinating the Fire Department and funeral planning with Fire Chief President Pickering, Fitchburg, in December, during the unexpected death of Fire Chief, Phil Mortensen. Trustee Frandy voted Nay.

Van Den Eng moved, second Frandy, carried to adjourn at 9:52 p.m.

Carol A Strause, MMC, WCMC, CMTW

ANNUAL GARAGE SALES

The annual Garage Sales will be held on Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th in conjunction with Depot Days. Ads will again be placed directly with the Oregon Observer. Watch for more information in next month’s newsletter.

**President's Letter
February, 2013**

Nadine S. Walsten

Valentine's Day is such a treat in the middle of any winter! The next benchmark for me that winter is passing is my son's birthday in mid-March—the weather was often sunny and mild enough so he and his friends could play outside. Might be wet and muddy, but outside was always good!!

In this issue of the newsletter is the full report of most of the accomplishments of your government in 2012. The major highlights were listed in last months' President's Letter so I won't repeat, but I encourage you to read this report because there is so much more detail about department and committee/commission activities. Whatever local governments provide, it is done in your name—the person who lives here and calls Brooklyn home. If you want to make a difference and make a positive contribution, public service in Brooklyn is a rich opportunity because we are shifting from a small village to a larger community and shaping this transition is a challenge. The decisions made need your input because they can impact on your quality of life, the value of your home, and the ability to have your most basic needs met by our public services.

If you have been reading my letters, you know that I have been ambivalent about creating and maintaining a Facebook page for the Village President for privacy and legal concerns. As I have learned more, I have decided that I am going to make a fan page for my Facebook account to send information, increase transparency, enhance citizen participation, and exchange ideas about current village business. I look forward to this interaction because your input can make my decisions better informed and solutions more creative. However, the good/bad news about being Village President is as the representative of all local government activities, when things fail, mistakes are made or services disappoint, the President is held responsible. I understand and welcome the complaints; we will learn from our mistakes. However, I will limit criticism that is personal and uncivil. We can disagree on the issues, the problems, and the solutions—I welcome that--but I will not tolerate personal attacks—your opinion can be made without being disrespectful or injurious. After a proper warning, the source of uncivil posts will be blocked. Most Village Presidents and mayors I've met who have fan pages see them as an invaluable resource. To get started, I've created a fan page and am inviting you to "like": my fan page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brooklyn-Village-President/477635552284242>. Thank you and Happy Valentine's Day!

Nadine



PUBLIC WORKS DEPT

Brush pickup will begin in April.

Snow removal: It is against Village Ordinance to blow, plow or shovel snow into or across the street. Sidewalks need to be cleared within 24 hrs.

BROOKLYN SNO HORNETS ANNUAL DANCE & RAFFLE



Saturday, March 23rd, 2013

8:30 pm – 12:30 am.
Brooklyn Community Building

Music by: DJ “Red Hot Ken Scott”

Raffle Prizes

- 1st Prize - \$1000
- 2nd Prize - \$500
- 3rd Prize - \$200
- 4th Prize - \$100
- 5th Prize - \$100
- 6th Prize - \$50
- 7th Prize - \$50

Raffle Tickets - \$5/ea. Or 3 for \$10.00

WRITE ONE LESS CHECK EACH
MONTH!

Pay your water bill automatically on
the 25th of each month. Contact Kim
at 455-4201 ext. 1 for more
information

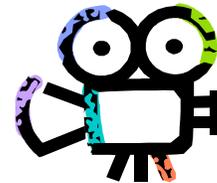
Recreation Committee FREE COMMUNITY MOVIE

Sat. March 2nd – 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 but here's a
clue. *“A childless couple with dreams of a child
bury a box in the backyard, but Timothy Green is
not as he appears”*. If you still can't figure it
out, please call

455-4201



SPRING ELECTION

Tuesday, April 2nd

Polls will be open from

7 am – 8 pm

**PLEASE COME OUT AND
VOTE!!!**

WATER SAVING TIPS OF THE MONTH



- *Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.
- *When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
- *When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Activity for January

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| Traffic Incidents | 33 |
| Traffic citations | 3 |
| Traffic warnings | 13 |
| Animal | 5 |
| Assists | 11 |
| Parking violations | 7 |
| Misc/Comp arrests | 5 |
| Disturb/disorderly | 1 |
| Open records | 2 |
| Suspicious Act | 1 |
| OAR/OAS | 1 |
| Ordinance violations | 1 |
| Thefts | 1 |
| Financial | 1 |
| Total | 84 |



No Parking on Village Streets from
1 am – 7 am. until April 15th except for
designated areas

Friends of Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry

Contact person: Linda Fuller

e-mail: oregonfoodpantry@hotmail.com

Location: Hefty Warehouse, corner of Union &
Lincoln, Oregon

**The pantry is open from 3-6:00pm on the
following dates:

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| February 28 | June 27 |
| March 28 | July 25 |
| April 25 | August 29 |
| May 30 | September 26 |



SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS

April 19th -28th

Friday, 4/19: 12 noon – 7pm

Saturday, 4/20: 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday, 4/21: 10 am – 2 pm

*Mon. thru Fri.: 7 am – 7 pm
(4/22-4/26)*

Saturday, 4/27: 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday, 4/28: 10 am – 2 pm

For more info: (608) 455-4201



News from Your Senior Center

Suffering from the winter blahs? Wishing you could afford a tropical vacation, or even a pampering day at a spa? The Oregon Area Senior Center may be able to help you satisfy some of those cravings without blowing a hole in your budget.

On Tuesday, February 26, the Senior Center will be hosting a Caribbean Getaway, featuring a special meal and a concert. The meal at 11:45 includes baked seasoned chicken, dirty rice, green beans, tropical fruit salad with fresh pineapple, banana bread and coconut cream pie. After the meal there will be a concert at 1:00 featuring the island sounds of Bob Milan from the OD TAPO IMI Steel Drum Band. The concert is free, but we do ask that you bring a food or monetary donation for the Oregon Food Pantry. The cost of the meal is donation-based for those 60 and over (minimum of \$3.00 suggested), and \$6.15 for those under 60.

If a day of pampering is what you long for, but the budget won't stretch quite that far, consider taking advantage of some of the wallet-friendly services here at the Center. Chair massage is offered at the Center on the second and fourth Thursday morning of each month. The price is very reasonable at \$10.00 for fifteen minutes or \$20.00 for a half-hour massage. Reflexology is available the second and fourth Monday morning of each month for \$25.00 for 30 minutes, or \$45.00 for an hour. Call the Senior Center at 835-5801 to make an appointment for either of these services and introduce a little relaxation into your winter.

In addition, foot care is available at the Center for both diabetics and non-diabetics. For dates, times, and cost of foot care please call the Center staff at 835-5801.

Remember, sometimes you can beat the winter blahs just by getting out of the house and among other people. The Senior Center is a great destination to help you forget how long it is until spring!



February Law of the Month:

Intersection crashes can be prevented by obeying traffic signals

Crashes at intersections cause approximately 20 percent of all traffic deaths nationwide each year, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. To remind drivers that obeying traffic signs and signals at intersections can be a matter of life or death.

Whether traveling on rural roads or city streets, drivers must be cautious and focused at intersections to prevent crashes. If drivers disregard the traffic controls by failing to stop completely at a red light or stop sign, they endanger themselves and others. Crashes at intersections cause many deaths and serious injuries because vehicles often are hit in the side where there is less protection for drivers and passengers.

Failing to obey a red light, stop sign or other traffic control device at an intersection is not only dangerous--its expensive. A violation for failing to stop completely for a traffic signal, sign or marking costs \$175.30 with three demerit points assessed on the driver's record, according to state law. Committing a second offense within a year costs \$213.10 with another three points.

The key to preventing intersection crashes is quite simple. Drivers must keep an alert eye on traffic moving into, through, and out of the intersection. They also must obey all traffic signals and signs. Drivers should make it a habit to stop completely at all stop signs and red lights. Preventing crashes at intersections is every driver's responsibility. Be safe and make a complete stop.

Brooklyn Police Department

**NEW FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR VILLAGE PRESIDENT
NADINE WALSTEN**
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brooklyn-Village-President/477635552284242>

**Report of Accomplishments by the Village Board, Committees and Departments
Village of Brooklyn
2012**

Business Park=Brooklyn Business Complex (east side of Brooklyn, Highway 92);

- TIF #2—creation of tax incremental financing district; allows village to recoup its expenses as park is developed
- Purchased 10 acres for development
- Annexed 50 acres
- Re-zoned the annexed land from agriculture to business park
- Approval of extension of sewer, water services to proposed business park land by the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC)
- Highway 92 access permit by DOT obtained

Clerk's Office

- Kim Brewer, completed Municipal Treasurer's course; became Certified Municipal

Clerk, 10/2011

Community Building:

- New railings on south side of the building, double door railings donated by General Engineering Company
- Community Room for meetings created out of the former Village Clerks' office
- Village Hall moved to Union Bank & Trust

Economic Development:

- Community survey, fall 2011, utilized for community and economic development planning in 2012
- Hired Economic Development Consultant for creation of Economic Development Strategic Plan; development of business park
- Village of Brooklyn joined Oregon Chamber of Commerce
- Application to Community Development Block Grant Commission for \$261,000 infrastructure grant for proposed business park; anticipate funds in spring, 2013

Emergency Management:

- Developed and implemented Cooling Center policy, opened Community Building for residents needing respite from the heat
- Developed and implemented Nixle policy (replaces reverse 911) for social media notification of emergencies, Green County
- E-Sponder (online interactive emergency communication tool) training: Police Chief and Emergency Management Director
- Implemented Emergency Management updates on www.brooklynwi.gov
- Leif Spilde appointed to Green County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Finance:

- Refinancing of remaining WWTP loan for \$2 million w/o raising sewer rates; obtained \$203,050 loan forgiveness deduction
- Village taxes for 2013, 3 cents less /\$1000 than last year, therefore, no increase

Municipal Court:

- Currently exploring a joint municipal court services agreement with Belleville Municipal Court

Ordinances:

- Chicken keeping (new)
- Public Nuisances (revised)
- Cemetery management (new)
- Tree Ordinance (Urban Forest) (revised)
- Concealed Weapons (new)

Personnel:

- Trustee Orientation Handbook adopted, with emphasis on professional conduct expectations, open meetings law and Roberts Rules education
- Implemented Act 10, state statute

Planning and Zoning Commission:

- Appointed Zoning Board of Appeals
- Approved rezone and site plan for two Habitat for Humanity lots
- Revised Zoning Code
- Revised Stormwater Ordinance
- Comprehensive Plan Revision completed

Public Works:

- Wisconsin Rural Water Association District Operator of the Year, Leif Spilde
- Mark Langer, completed Certified Tree Management Course; completed Wastewater Treatment Plan Operators' licenswe
- WWTP renewal permit approved by DNR
- Water capacity study completed
- Teddy Street resurfaced; Crack sealed 9 streets, cemetery and community building lot
- Urban Forest grant—completed plan for urban forest management and Emerald Ash Borer response
- Highways 14/92 Flooding Remediation Project—intergovernmental commission created between the Village and Town of Rutland for lifetime maintenance
- Purchased a new (used) snow plow truck
- Cemetery Survey, Phase I completed
- Legion Park wireless scoreboard installed, donated by Pelliterri Waste Management Company
- New signage installed: Wayfarer signs to direct visitors; hours of use in parks; recycle/refuse signs in public use areas
- Replaced 6 trees in tractor pull area in Legion Park
- Replaced tool cat per state replacement program
- Conducted fire flows inspection
- Implemented new ordinance: Cross Connection and Backflow Prevention program to protect Village water supply
- Cleaned and rechipped trails in woodland area south of the cemetery for nature walks

Recreation:

- Christmas lighting contest
- 7/4 Fireworks and fun activities
- Zumba classes
- Movie nights
- Dime a Dip Dinner
- Summer Recreation Youth Program
- First Annual Fun Run fundraiser
- Initiated Craft Show planning for 2013

Police Department:

- Chief Harry Barger, nominated by Brooklyn's American Legion Post for district award for Law Officer of the Year
- Speed monitoring radar program implemented
- Dane Com emergency communication radios
- Grants obtained for Laser Speed Monitoring sign and new radar
- WI OJA (Office of Judicial Assistance) grants for:
 - Evidence refrigerator
 - Camera and monitor for front door to Police Department
- Remodel former Municipal Court Office into Chief's Office and secure property storage
- Policies completed:
 - Records Retention
 - Open Records Request/Inspection
 - Parking Enforcement