

**BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS**  
**September 13, 2013**

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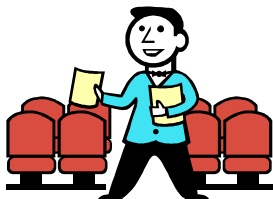
**VILLAGE WIDE FALL DUMPSTER CLEAN-UP**

Friday – 10/4 – 10am – 7 pm  
Saturday – 10/5 – 10 am – 7 pm  
Sunday – 10/6 – 10 am – 2 pm



**\*\*Village of Brooklyn residents only, please be prepared to show proof of residency.**

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**FREE COMMUNITY MOVIE!!!**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM**  
**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BLDG**  
(See inside for details)

## BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

The Village Board meeting was called to order on September 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Trustees Lust, and Frandy, McNaughton, Klahn were present. Trustee McCallum and Clark-Hanson were absent. Others present were Clerk Strause, PW Director Langer, Chief Barger, Scott Meier. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited by all.

There were no public comments.

Trustee Frandy moved, second Lust, carried to approve the 8-12-13 minutes.

Planning and Zoning Commission convened at 6 pm tonight to discuss the request by **Scott Meier, Parcel #23-109-0050.0, 94 W Main St. regarding an amendment or modification of his existing conditional use permit for Brooklyn Storage, LLP.** The original CUP was taken out in 2000. Meier now wants to expand the storage units and also build a commercial building on the front of the lot. The storage units would be slightly smaller units. The old lumber storage building will be removed from the property. The electrical service will be moved to the new building. The commercial building will be of a depot-like design to replicate Brooklyn's old depot building and allow for at least two professional type businesses. The PZ Commission felt the use has not changed from the original CUP which also allowed for a commercial building fronting St. Hwy 92. There was no public comment and no further questions of Meier. Trustee Frandy moved, second McNaughton, carried to approve an update to the original CUP as presented for Parcel #23-109-0050.0, 94 W Main St.

President Walsten attended the League of Municipalities' Chief Executive's Workshop on Aug 21-23 with many discussions, i.e., social media policies, communications. Walsten will be attending the annual League's Conference in Green Bay on Oct 16-18. Britt, Heather and Walsten met with Judy Knutson, Oregon Chamber Director, on Aug 27 to discuss working together and what the Chamber can do for us. The Oregon Chamber will be publicizing all of our events and be involved in marketing of our Business Complex. They have changed their name to Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce of which Brooklyn is a full partner. On Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, the new Brooklyn/Rutland Storm Water Commission met with Steve Lust representing the Board, Dale Arndt property owner representing the Village, Dale Beske Town Chairman, Kevin Klahn property owner representing Tn of Rutland. A letter will be going out to all property owners that front the project identifying the nature of the agreement, and if there is a desire to run tile line to the system (which needs commission approval). Public Works will be checking the storm water system every spring and fall. An Oregon Senior Center work group meeting will be held on Wed, 9-11, to continue discussion on the 2014 budget.

Clerk Strause gave the monthly finance report with July revenue \$159,813.66 which includes \$41,406.36 shared revenue; expenses were \$125,348.66 with end of month balance \$1,182,504.74 for all funds. The Village's net new construction shows an increase of .278% giving an adjustment on the levy limit worksheet of \$1,685. Strause will be attending a levy limit seminar in Waunakee on Sept 11 as the formula has again changed with deducts to the levy due to increases in designated covered services.

**Public Works:** Director Langer reported on the **MSLIP application** that is due Oct 4<sup>th</sup> awarding money to Villages and cities for street improvements. Village received funds from this program with half in 2012 and half in 2013 for Holt Road and Teddy St. Other possible projects and costs were discussed some needing infrastructure replacement. Because of the timing of the application, Langer asked the Board to approve having the Public Works Committee vote on the project at their next meeting. The total MSLIP is \$54,000 and may be shared with another community. Project applications are voted on by those attending the Green County Highway meeting. The improvement project has to last 10 years to qualify for funding. Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to apply for these funds and have PW Committee designate the street project from the list. **Ground water (Inflow/Infiltration)** coming into the WWTP has decreased with manhole repair work. More grouting will be done soon with the decrease in water tables. A 2014 budget item may include the cost to line a segment between manholes that had the emergency repair this summer. **WWTP chemical feed building roof** is in need of replacing and the heater was a problem all last winter. The roof was new in 2008 with the new plant. Crane Engineering is the middle man working with the roof company in Tenn. Crane felt roof damage was from hail. The cost for the roof is \$4700 without

installation and \$2300 to replace the hater. Other options will be looked at for the roof and heater. **Weed & grass violation letters** have been sent with Public Works mowing these lots and bills sent. Four lots were mowed last week. Those not paying will have their bill taken to the tax roll this fall. An owner on Pine St has claimed damage to his house siding and broken glass basketball backboard from rocks being thrown from mowing the vacant lot next door. Clerk has turned this claim over to the insurance company to investigate. Langer suggested possibly charging a fee for the first letter that goes out because of all the time of his department taking pictures and the Clerk's Office for sending the letter. Most of the violators are the same property owners year after year. Committee will discuss this possible charge at their next meeting. Langer reported on **ordering new generators** having taken the old to Wisconsin Surplus two weeks ago. They have not been listed yet on their website. Langer reported water valve turning (annual) has been completed; phosphorus planning/sampling for next year is being worked on. **Labor Day event has been added to the Dept of Homeland Security large area events list with no previous discussion with this agency.** **Tree City application** is being worked on; preconstruction meeting was held on 8-28 for the **Business Complex** with equipment being moved in today and contracts arriving for signature before attorney review. An **EAB** meeting in Fitchburg on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> will discuss methods to combat ash tree damage/infestation, injecting chemicals, scope of infestation, management options, and funding for local governments. It costs \$200 per tree per year to inject chemicals.

**Public Safety:** Chief Barger reported the **Labor Day** event was of lower key this year with parking being a moderate issue. Issuance of alcohol ID wrist bands was inconsistent and Barger will work with the Fire Dept to expand that program next year. Barger gave the dept. several ideas for next year's event. Signage not allowing carry in of beer was discussed with warnings for next year and citations issued the following year. List of equipment for 2014 budget was discussed. Barger is working with **Brooklyn EMS for radio communications** with DaneCom and WISCOM. Committee talked about the **space needs study** with consideration given in the five year planning of the Board. Walsten questioned outfitting the **old squad** that was not discussed at Board previously. Barger stated the intent was always to prepare the old squad for an unmarked backup. Equipment for the old squad is in the 2014 budget. Trustee Lust reported work continues on the special events policy.

**New Business: Capital Improvement Plan** from 2006 reviewed and discussion initiated on creating a 2014 capital requests "wish list" and a new 5 year plan for capital projects, so planning can begin for anticipated needs. Langer presented the Public Works 2014 five year Capital Improvement Projects in which he listed upgrading Community Building entrances, kitchen, refinishing gym floor, as well as additional repairs/replacement/expansion of old public works buildings; street reconstruction, etc.. Highlighted items were completed this year. Police Dept's listing includes a new radio for the unmarked squad \$4500, data terminal cost \$1275 with DOJ grant, two new PC office computers \$5,151 which will rework the entire computer system. The donated computer from the Monroe Police Dept will be used as the server computer, which will build in extra security systems that cannot be done now. Also listed is a rifle suppressor for \$850. Long term need is to address space issue and accessibility limitations with existing space. Village Hall currently is on a five year lease and long term location options need to be addressed. A new copy machine and computers are in the 2014 budget for the Clerk's Office with reserves being utilized. A server for all departments to connect to will be investigated. Additional parking lot is needed for downtown because events at Village Hall use available parking spaces. Community Bldg insulation, repairs from water damage in Police Dept, and other repair work was discussed. Village's insurance company will repair water damaged area but there is a need for more work in the same area in order for the building to be more weatherproof. Clerk Strause was requested to ask the insurance company if they will send the funds for the water damage so that the Village could incorporate this work with more extensive repair work. If they will not send the funds, authorize the insurance company contractor to do the water damaged repair work. All items will be listed and ranked by trustees as the most urgent to least and brought back to the Board for further discussion next month.

The description of services for the **volunteer Village Historian position** was not discussed as Walsten commented this had already been approved Feb 2011 and was mistakenly put on the agenda.

**Unfinished Business:** Walsten reported the **Robert Anderson lawsuit** continues with depositions still being taken. Van Den Eng, Strause, and Walsten are last to be scheduled this month. **Business Complex**—Preconstruction meeting minutes were available. Extensive reporting is needed to get the actual CDBG

funds. Clerk Strause asked why financing for this project was not on the agenda as the contractor will begin work any day and a pay request is expected for the October Board meeting. Walsten/McNaughton stated this was discussed at the finance committee meeting that McNaughton, Walsten, and Clerk Strause would get together to further discuss options and bring back to Board. Strause reported the timing is not right to delay action as money will be needed by the middle of October and she has not been directed to seek proposals by the Board. Consensus was to have a special Village Board meeting Thursday night at 6:15 p.m. at the Community Building to authorize Strause to get proposals for financing. EDC will be meeting at 6:30 that same date. **Street Naming:** After reviewing many contest submittals, EDC recommends "Prosperity Place" for the new street name in the Business Complex. Frandy moved, second McNaughton, carried to approve this name. Walsten stated the name may need to be revisited if "place" means a determined size area.

Walsten reported the **Municipal Court agreement** with the Village of Belleville is almost in final draft form. A meeting soon with Belleville's Municipal Court Clerk and Judge will review and approve. The contract will then be forwarded to our attorney and hopefully this agreement can be approved at the Nov board meeting. Judge Glasier called someone to work on her phone this week. **Ordinance recodification-** Walsten & McNaughton will meet on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> to sort and prepare final ordinances. **Community Building policy review ad hoc committee** will meet soon. Sharon George will be the Methodist Church representative, John McNaughton will represent the Fire Dept, Larry Arndt the Sno Hornets. Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the three members for policy review.

**Consent Agenda:** Klahn moved, second Frandy, carried to approve payment of all bills as listed.

**Committee Reports: Planning and Zoning-** Scott Meier's CUP previously discussed. Meier also owns property on Market St that he wants to regrade in the future so he will be back with another development plan. **Ordinance-** Walsten and McNaughton will be organizing completed ordinances and the committee will meet in October to continue working on other ordinances. **FIRE/EMS-**John Marx, Fire District Board, reports work is continuing on organizational and fee structure for the department. **EDC-**Meier is working on marketing his proposed business center. **Recreation-**Frandy reported a loss for the committee on the bounce house for Labor Day weekend with a rental cost of \$125 and income of \$80. The recreation committee was not informed there was no volleyball/baseball scheduled for the weekend. The committee will be serving pizza on movie nights and they are considering a bingo night which will require a state permit. More crafters are needed for the November craft show with information to be put on the LED this week. **Emergency Management-**Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the Public Information Officer job description and task checklist adding wording on #10 of the checklist "Provide statement to Emergency Operation Center". **Personnel** met to discuss recommendations for wages and benefits. ETF rates were released the day after the committee meeting and show a 11.5% premium increase for Unity Insurance with all currently enrolled employees taking this plan. Recycling and Website Committees have not met. **Finance-**2014 Budget timeline was reviewed. Committee budget requests are due now.

**Resolution #2013-09 Supporting the Preservation of Tax-Exempt Financing** was approved upon motion by Frandy, second McNaughton, carried. Clerk will forward to Congressional Representatives and the League of Municipalities. McNaughton moved, second Klahn, carried to postpone approving a Simplified Water Rate Case (SRC). Clerk Strause reported the Village's rate of return filed with the PSC may be higher than the maximum rate of return available filing a SRC.

Klahn moved, second Lust, carried to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.  
Carol Strause, MMC

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[www.brooklynwi.gov](http://www.brooklynwi.gov)

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**\*"Like" us on Facebook!**

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

## **President's Letter September, 2013**

**Nadine S. Walsten**

Congratulations to Amanda Shippee for submitting the winning selection, Prosperity Place, in our business park street naming contest!! This selection was made by the Economic Development Committee 8/15 and approved by the Village Board on Monday night, September 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 28 nominations submitted and many could easily have been the finalist. The Board and EDC thank you for taking the time and submitting your nominations. It was great to have our request answered with so many creative names!

We are in another budget season and the decisions are going to be especially difficult this year. Critical staffing needs for the Senior Center and the Fire/EMS will be increasing both of their budgets which incorporated into the Village budget means there will be a greater squeeze--but that is true for every year. The items we put off during the past Recession years are catching up with us which is a factor. Health insurance premiums, like each year for the past several years, have increased another 11%. This increase is not related to the Affordable Care Act which was a potential concern. The Board is in the process of setting priorities for 2014 and I would like to have your recommendations. What would you like to see in Brooklyn that is missing? We will be creating our goals for next year as a guide to our budget priorities so your recommendations would be welcomed.

In addition, we have begun the process of updating our Capital Improvements Plan so we can anticipate what major Village expenses will need to be addressed over the next 5 years. By looking at these potential costs, we can plan ahead and, as much as any Village can, avoid unexpected financial crises.

I'm looking for "friends" for the President Facebook page—I would like to take this Presidents letter to a weekly communication and that needs a tool like Facebook. Village Presidents and Mayors throughout the state are having dialogues with constituents on Facebook. We are looking to utilize our social media more this coming year and it can be helpful in overcoming our information/communication gap. My Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/page-president/477635552284242>. I look forward to hearing from you.

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPT



Leaf pickup will begin as demand requires. Residents are asked to rake leaves into the street gutter with NO twigs or other debris mixed in.

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## BROOKLYN LUTHERAN CHURCH HARVEST SWISS STEAK DINNER



Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Brooklyn Community Building

3:30 – 7 pm

Adults - \$9  
6 – 10 yrs. - \$5  
Under 6 – Free  
Carryout - \$10



Join us for a fantastic family movie  
in the Community Center

Gymnasium

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00pm**

(doors open at 6:30pm)

Enjoy hot pizza, fresh popcorn,  
assorted candy, chocolate and soda.  
Available at the concession stand in  
the downstairs kitchen.

Bring a pillow, blanket and chair.  
And get ready for a

**FREE** fun family night together.

**Do you want to know what's playing? Here's your clue:** "A teen age girl finds herself magically transported into this secret universe, she must band together with a rag-tag team of fun and whimsical characters in order to save their world...and ours"

**If you can't figure it out, call 455-4201 ext. 1 to find out!**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## August Activity Report

Suspicious activity	1
Thefts	1
Open records request	6
Assists	18
Traffic incident	9
Traffic citations	16
Traffic warnings	15
Animal	1
Domestic/family	1
Ordinance violations	2
911 Disconnect	1
Disturb/Disorderly	1
Financial/Fraud	4
Alarms	1
Parking Citations/Comp	6
Damage Property	3
<b>Total calls:</b>	<b>86</b>

## OREGON/BROOKLYN FOOD PANTRY



**CONTACT:** Linda Fuller

[oregonfoodpantry@hotmail.com](mailto:oregonfoodpantry@hotmail.com)

**LOCATION:** Hefty Warehouse, corner of Union & Lincoln, Oregon

**TIME:** 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**September 26, October 31, November 21, December 19, 2013**

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 the Food Pantry, to establish their address. If you know of someone who is in immediate need of food, please call 211. Donations accepted on the second Saturday of every month from 10am-11am.

## News from Your Senior Center By Rachel Brickner

Did you know that falls have surpassed motor vehicle crashes as the most common cause of injury-related deaths in Wisconsin? Or that Wisconsin has one of the highest rates of fall-related deaths in the whole country? September is Falls Prevention Month, and seniors especially need to be aware of the risks for falling. Nearly one in three seniors falls each year, and most of those falls happen at home. The risk factors for falling are numerous, and range from factors such as poor balance, poor vision, and unsafe footwear, to medication interactions and dementia. Falls consume a lot of health care resources: in Wisconsin, hospitalizations and emergency room visits due to falls result in charges of \$800 million each year. Over 70% of those costs are paid by already-struggling government insurance programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

Reducing the risk of falling is in everyone's best interest. The Oregon Area Senior Center has a number of resources that are available to local seniors to help reduce the risk of falling. One of the most effective resources is a seven-week class called Stepping On, which will begin on Oct. 31, and meet at the Senior Center for seven Thursday afternoons (excluding Thanksgiving). This class is taught by professionals (often physical therapists) and teaches strategies that significantly reduce the risk of falling.

The Senior Center also offers exercise classes that improve balance, and can connect you with volunteers who perform home safety assessments. The Senior Center maintains a loan closet of durable medical equipment which is available for short term use. Shower stools, walkers, canes and commodes can go a long way towards providing needed stability and preventing falls.

If you are concerned about the risk of falling, either for yourself or a loved one, please contact Rachel or Carol at the Senior Center (835-5801) to explore options to reduce that risk. If you are concerned about falling, at risk for falling, or have fallen in the past, take the time to invest in yourself and enroll in the Stepping On class. Statistics don't lie—Wisconsin's seniors are falling, and too often dying as a result. Don't become an unfortunate statistic!

## **Oregon Rotary Club hosts computer, electronic, and appliance recycling event**

Resource Solutions will again be in Oregon collecting computers, electronics, and appliances for recycling on Saturday, October 12, 2013. Residents of Oregon, Brooklyn, and surrounding communities may bring these items to Holy Mother of Consolation Church, located at 651 N. Main Street in Oregon, from 8am-noon.

Resource Solutions is ISO 14001:2004 Certified and is also an E-Cycle Wisconsin registered collector and recycler. At Resource Solutions, all computers and electronics accepted for recycling will be recycled for their base metals, glass, and plastics.

### **\*\*SPECIAL EVENT PRICING\*\***

**No Charge for These Items:** Computer Mice, CPU's, Laptops, Keyboards, Computer Cords, Circuit Boards, Flat Screen Computer Monitors (LCD), UPS, Power Strips, Scanners, Printer Cables, Printers, Copiers, Telephones, Cell Phones, Fax Machines, VCR's, DVD Players, Stereo Equipment, Remote Controls, Calculators, Lead Acid Car Batteries, Rechargeable batteries from laptops, cell phones, and power tools.

**Lead Acid Car Batteries: No charge**

#### **Recycling Fee for These Items:**

**Televisions - \$10 - \$20 each**

**Appliances - \$5 each** (microwaves, stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, lawn mowers (oil must be drained and tires removed))

**Freon-containing Appliances - \$10 each** (air conditioners, dehumidifiers)

**Fluorescent Light Bulbs: 4' and 8' - \$1 each**

**\*\*Please call Resource Solutions for a price quote if you don't see your item listed\*\***

**For more information, please call Resource Solutions at (608)244-5451 or visit [www.recyclethatstuff.com](http://www.recyclethatstuff.com)**

## **SENIOR LUNCH**

*Please join us for a Senior Citizen Lunch potluck on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at noon in the Brooklyn Community Building kitchen. Bring a dish to pass if you can, and come enjoy the company!*

### **The Brooklyn Community UMC.**

**@ 201 Church St. would like to invite you to join in open worship Sunday, and a Sunday school enrollment event Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for anyone looking for warm and welcoming worship experience and exciting Sunday School programs. Sunday School is at 8:30 with worship @ 9:30. Call #(608-558-8700) Blessings to all; Pastor Dave Pluss**

Dust those sneakers off,



For the return of **ZUMBA!**

Classes Start Oct. 3rd at  
Brooklyn Community Building  
**REGISTER TODAY @ [www.brooklynrecreation.org](http://www.brooklynrecreation.org)**

Sessions: Thursdays, Oct 3-Oct 31

Time: 6:30pm

Classes: Zumba

Discount rates for 5 weeks

Single - \$25 Couple - \$45

55+Seniors - \$20

Drop Ins - \$7

Free admission for kids age 9 and older accompanied w/parent. For more info, call Steve/Tari Lust at 455-1326



## September Law of the Month

23.15 Obstructing street and sidewalks prohibited.

No person shall stand, sit, loaf or loiter or engage in any sport or exercise on any public street, sidewalk, bridge or public ground within the village in such a manner as to prevent or obstruct the free passage of pedestrian or vehicular traffic thereon or to prevent or hinder free ingress or egress to or from any place of business or amusement, church, public hall or meeting place.

## Brooklyn Police Department

### BROOKLYN METHODIST CHURCH

### DONATION STATION

Located in the parking lot of Brooklyn  
Methodist Church

A drop off center to donate items needed  
in our community  
October Collection

"Love our Schools Project"

Requested items are:

Winter Hats, Gloves, Mittens

## Water Saving Tips

\*Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler and rainfall is more plentiful.

\*Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.

\*Use a water-efficient shower head. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.

## WRITE ONE LESS CHECK EACH MONTH!!

Pay your water bill automatically on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month via bank direct debit.

You can also make your payment online at

[www.brooklynwi.gov](http://www.brooklynwi.gov).

Contact Kim at 455-4201 ext. 1 for more information or e-mail

[deputyclerk@brooklynwi.gov](mailto:deputyclerk@brooklynwi.gov)

## WATER METER REMINDER

All temporary lawn meters need to be returned to the Clerk's office no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>. Damaged meters due to freezing, or non-returned meters, will result in a non-return of your deposit check.

