



## BROOKLYN VILLAGE NEWS

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Safety – Sue McCallum, Chair

Join us on November 8th  
for our annual **Fall Arts & Crafts Fair**, held at  
the Brooklyn Community Building at 9am-3pm.  
**Local Crafters, Artisans  
& Direct Home Businesses**  
from the local area will be present  
Great idea for holiday shopping!  
Did we mention the Raffle?!

**Donate \$1 or more to Brooklyn Recreation  
and/or Bring a Canned Food to donate  
to the Oregon/Brooklyn Food Pantry**

**BAKE SALE**

**& Luncheon!**  
Hosted by the  
**Methodist Church**  
In the Lower Level  
of the Community Bldg

## BROOKLYN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2014

The Village Board meeting was called to order by President Walsten on Oct 13, 2014 at 6:35 p.m. with Trustees Hawkey, McNaughton, McCallum, Leavy, Klahn, Frandy present. Others present were Diane DiSalvo, Roland Arndt, Clerk Strause, Chief Barger, PW Director Langer. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited by all.

Oregon Youth Center Director, Diane DiSalvo, gave an update on activities, data on youth attending programs, and funding partners. Fitchburg has a number of youth attending the **Oregon Youth Center**; however, they have yet to contribute to the program. The YMCA will no longer fund the center as of Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. A new local group to support the center has formed a 501 C(3) to have non-profit status. The new group is passionate about keeping the center open and sustain a healthy environment for local youth. DiSalvo reported 2013 and 2014 data regarding numbers of youth attending; there are 25-35 youth a day attending with numbers higher in the summer. Current operating budget shows a \$15,000 deficit. Village contribution will remain the same at \$3800 in 2015. Operating budget is \$52,000 with revenue of \$37,000. The goal is to cut down expenses to \$45,000 with equal income. The hours are M-F, 3-6 pm during the school year and 10 am—5 pm in the summer. The Center is very dependent on donations from Municipalities. Without municipal support, Dane County will not give the center \$8650 (currently) a year.

Adopted **Fire and EMS budgets** were presented by Roland Arndt. Because of a shortage of volunteers, especially M-F from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., EMS will be hiring 2 part time temporary employees from January to September at \$9/hour. The Fire and EMS departments will hire two permanent full time (36 hours a week) cross trained employees to start in September, 2015. Preliminary budgets were reduced with unallocated reserve funds from both departments reducing the financial impact to all municipalities in the district. Equalized values for the Village increased while decreases are shown for the other municipalities as compared to prior years. Consequently, Brooklyn's share of the Fire Dept budget based on equalized value is \$84,873.30 an increase of \$5722 from last year. The Fire dept 2015 budget is approved at \$285,687.25 less drawn down funds of \$10,940.57. The EMS budget is calculated by population at \$40 per capita. The Village's share of the EMS budget is \$56,600 an increase of \$26,927 from last year. Both budgets consider the hiring process to take nine months with 25% of the employee wage included in the 2015 budgets. The EMS budget is \$226,433.65 less draw down funds of \$25,733.65 leaving an allocated budget of \$133,200. Village is required to provide these services. The EMS sweep account will no longer be a source of draw down funds in 2016.

Trustee Hawkey moved, second Leavy, carried to approve the minutes of 9-8-14.

President Walsten reported on several meetings she has or will be attending as follows: League of Municipalities Annual Conference, October 15-17, 2014, Middleton Marriott; Heather Kirkpatrick and Walsten will be staffing the Brooklyn Business Park Exhibit Booth, at InBusiness Expo, Alliant Center, October 22; Clerk Strause and Walsten met with Linda Fuller and other representatives of the Oregon-Brooklyn Food Pantry as they are in need of more space for the pantry; an InBusiness Magazine Business Mixer, Edgewater Hotel, Madison, 9/10/2014; Trustee McNaughton, Dep Clerk Brewer, and Walsten met with Belleville officials regarding the Municipal Court Agreement Meeting, Belleville, 9/11/2014; Met with Prospect for Business Park, 9/12/2014; Senior Center Work Group Meeting, Budget, 2015, 9/16/2014; Presented Village President Role and Responsibilities, 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes, Brooklyn Elementary, 9/17/2014; Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Oregon, 9/18/2014; Attended Boardman & Clark Seminar, on Personnel Policies on Social Media, Alcohol Use, Supervision Mistakes, etc., Alliant Energy Center, 9/19/2014; Met with Village Engineer, Josh Straka, 9/19/2014; Teleconference, League of Municipalities Board, 9/24/2014; Dane County Cities & Villages Meeting, Marshall, WI, 9/24/14; DOT Meeting for Hwy 14 Redesign Plans, Madison, WI, 9/29/14; Heather Kirkpatrick and Walsten met with Paul Jadin, Executive Director, Madison Regional Economic Development Partnership, Madison, 9/30/14; Met with Kirk Penney, Capstone student, about his Downtown Revitalization Student Project and Planning Commission's expectations, 10/3/14; Met with Dave West and Rafael Curutchet, prospective members for EDCommittee, 10/3/14. Walsten handed out copies of the proposed Veterans Memorial rendering and the poster for the fundraiser dance on Oct 25<sup>th</sup> and raffle. Volunteers are needed. Oregon Senior Center auction will be on November 1<sup>st</sup>. An Oregon School District referendum book is available at the Clerk's Office for anyone to review regarding the Nov 4<sup>th</sup> referendum. Walsten supports passing the referendum.

Clerk Strause gave the August financials with revenue of \$232,197.74, expenses of \$113,221.64 and a balance for all funds as of 8/31/14 of \$1,451,896.11. As of today, photo ID is not required for the Nov 4th election. New signs stating the opposite arrived last week, the day before the Supreme Court ruling. The proposed personal property tax abolishment is again being discussed as it has many times over the last few years. The abolishment of this tax would place the burden on residential property.

**Public Works:** Director Langer requested approval per the committee's recommendation to **add a street light on the south side of W Main St across from the fire station in the area of the proposed Veteran's Memorial**. There is no charge to install; however there would be a monthly usage fee, guesstimated at \$10/month. It is very dark on this corner and there are concerns of vandalism of the memorial. Klahn moved, second Frandy, carried to approve adding a street light after the memorial is built and if needed after the memorial lighting is installed. **RFQ's for loader tires** were sent to six tire companies with two responding. There is \$4500 in the 2014 budget for tires and the balance would be paid in 2015 if \$3567 is budgeted. Frandy moved to postpone until budget discussions are held, second Hawkey, carried. Klahn moved second McNaughton, carried to take the old tires to surplus and sell when the loader tires are removed. The three year **street sweeping contract with C&C Johnson** ends this year; however, they will extend the contract until 2017 keeping the rate the same in 2015 at \$1050 per sweeping, \$1090 in 2016, and \$1090 in 2017. The streets are swept three times per year. McCallum moved, second Leavy, carried to accept the three year addendum to the contract as stated above. **PW & Utility reports.** Hydrants are being flushed, equipment is still being replaced at the WWTP from the lightening strike, public education "what to flush" is on the website, wet testing, required by DNR, still having trouble with overnight delivery. Shipper, DHL, may be contacted if another shipment is delayed. DOT local road certification has been mailed, storm drains/inlets are being cleaned and one repaired at Douglas/Juniper. Lincoln St pond was again pumped 9-10-14. Mowing is going well and ending soon. New mower has been received. Urban Forestry grant application done. Tree maintenance per the 2012 tree survey is being worked on.

**Safety:** Chief Barger presented a sheet on Halloween safety tips. McCallum moved, second Leavy, carried to have **Trick-or-Treat hours the same as last year from 4-7:30 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to postpone discussion on the **after action report for Labor Day**. Sherri Arndt attended a committee meeting to discuss this report. Barger met with the **Oregon School District's Safety Committee** on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the use of their new identification system, rail safety, and school emergency response plans. **Squad car data terminal** no longer is working and a loaner is being used until it can be replaced. Barger is working on a grant through WISDOT TraCS to replace the squad data terminal and printer. Problems continue with **NewWorld/LERMS**. Lack of coordination and communication created a problem with connectivity and virus control. Request by Dane County Executive, Joe Parisi, to change the **Public Safety Communications Center Board to an Advisory Committee** was discussed. Barger is in the process of providing protective information to his staff regarding the **Ebola Virus**. After attending a training conference in Ohio, Barger will be **reviewing department driving policies** and probably make changes based on what was learned at the conference. **Background information for a part-time police officer position** is being worked on. A Monroe company has developed a **patch badge for outer garments** for the department and will save money rather than buying metal badges.

**New Business:** **Auditors for the Village, Johnson Block and Company, Inc.** offered an audit contract for 2014 and 2015 with a 2.5% increase each year. 2014 will cost \$17,585 + \$2500 for special audit for TID #2. 2015 audit will cost \$18,020. Klahn moved, second McNaughton, carried to approve the 2014-2015 audit contract with Johnson Block and Company. **Resolution #2014-06 amending the General Fund 2014 budget taking \$50** from 100-51410-316 software support to 400-53311-824 Capital Projects Reserve Fund-Undesignated so that total General Fund 2014 expenditures will be at \$954,485 qualifying for the 2015 expenditure restraint program was moved by Trustee McNaughton, second Frandy carried to approve.

**2015 Budgets:** **Resolution #2014-07 Adopting Employee Wage and Fringe Benefits for 2015** was presented and recommended by the Personnel Committee giving the employees a 2% wage increase and having employees taking health insurance pay for the increase in the base plan, Unity, of \$11 per month over last year's rate. This \$11.00 per month or \$5.08 per pay period is in addition to the current 2014 employee contribution of \$11.26 per pay period. Unity Health Insurance's family plan for 2015 is \$1410 per month per employee. Recommendation is based on a 1.2% CPI and .8% increase in insurance. Klahn moved, second McNaughton, carried to approve this resolution. Clerk Strause presented and discussed the **Levy limit worksheet and debt service schedules**. Levy limit can be raised \$2,272 for 2014 levy payable 2015. Debt service has increased \$71,670 due to TID #2 debt that will need to be paid because of no tax increment coming from TID #2. Two special Board meetings

will be held next week on Monday , Oct 20 and Thurs , Oct 23 starting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss 2015 budgets.

Klahn moved, second Frandy, carried to approve the **Budget hearing on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Ordinance 50.02 Amending Annexing Territory description from 2012 with an effective date of November 5, 2014.**

The annexed territory is located in a separate Supervisory District #32, Assembly District #43, Senate District #15 and also creates Ward #3 in the Village. There is no population, however, in this district. McCallum moved, second Leavy, carried to approve the Amendment of Chapter 50.02 with an effective date of Nov 5, 2014. Clerk will record at Register of Deeds and Dane County Clerk's Office.

**Unfinished Business: Capital Improvement Plan will be discussed during the budget sessions.**

McNaughton moved, second McCallum, carried to postpone. **Recodification of Ordinances Update:** Walsten reported she continues to **edit and prepare ordinances for the Board to review** and then sent to Municipal Code. **Municipal Court update:** McNaughton, Walsten, and Dep Clerk Brewer met with Belleville officials to continue to work on the cost sharing agreement for a Municipal Court System. No changes were made during the discussion. The \$128 per month rent remains in the contract. When drafting the Municipal Court Referendum Information Sheet for the November election, Walsten identified the village court budget of \$7900 included \$1000 for attorney and did not include required costs cited in the proposed Belleville agreement, resulting in a corrected budget figure of \$8080 plus \$1000 attorney costs. The Referendum Info Sheet was revised to say "the final annual costs are unknown and should be reduced, but may be higher." The draft **RFP for assessment maintenance services** was reviewed and approved per motion by McNaughton, second Klahn, carried. RFPs are due Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Consent agenda:** Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the following: Payment of October 2014 invoices as listed; Resolution **#2014-08 Urban Forestry Grant.**

**Committee Reports: Planning & Zoning-Resolution #2014-05 Approves with conditions a Conditional Use Permit for Matthew Goble, DBA, Against the Grain, for 114 Hotel Street, property owned by Sandra Mortensen.** Hearing was conducted by the Plan Commission with recommendation for approval. Frandy moved, second McNaughton, carried to approve the Resolution. Walsten announced the resignation of Rob Roth, zoning administrator , from General Engineering. Temporary zoning administrator will be Jerry Foellmi, President, General Engineering, until a new consultant is hired. **Ordinance**-no meeting. **EDC**-Walsten moved, second Klahn, carried to approve Dave West as a committee member. InBusiness Expo is Oct 22 at the Alliant Energy Center to market the Brooklyn Business Complex. **Recreation**-Frandy reported all is going well.

Crafters are still needed for the craft show. McNaughton moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the committee minutes of 8-14-14. McNaughton moved, second Klahn, carried to approve the resignations of Tari Lust and Summer Harnack. McNaughton moved, second Hawkey carried to appoint Hope Mikkelsen, Emmi Schriener & Jessica Klahn as new committee members. Trustee Klahn abstained. Movie night started in October. **Emergency Management**-no report. **Personnel**- Five attorneys returned **RFP's for Village attorney**. Proposal packets were given to all Trustees. Committee reviewed the proposals and three firms will be invited for an interview by the committee: Boardman and Clark, Axley Brynson, and Kasieta Legal Group.

Committee will reduce to two and bring to Board for a second interview. Policy for Prevention of **Work-Acquired Infections and Blood Borne Diseases** was presented, reviewed/discussed. McNaughton moved to approve as written, second Frandy, carried. The policy may need to be updated and will be amended if needed. A **Non-discrimination policy** was presented. Frandy moved, second Klahn, carried to approve as written. The policy will be sent to Green County Extension as requested by them. **Finance**-McNaughton reported the Clerk's budget was reviewed, along with the expenditures restraint formula, Fire/EMS budgets, and legal services RFP's. Walsten stated IT work that needs to be done in 2015 needs to be placed in the budgets.

At 9:03 p.m., Klahn moved, second Frandy, unanimously carried by voice vote to convene to Closed Session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85 (1)(b) consideration of dismissal, demotion, discipline, or investigation of charges of a public employee. Klahn moved, second McNaughton moved to resume to open session. Approved unanimously. Motion made by Hawkey/McCallum to issue a verbal warning to Chief Harry Barger for violation of the Department Head Policy for Communicating Extended Time Off. Hawkey, McCallum voted aye. Klahn, McNaughton, Leavy, Frandy, Walsten voted nay. Klahn/McNaughton motioned to issue a written warning to Chief Harry Barger for violation of the Department Head Policy for Communicating Extended Time Off. Klahn, McNaughton, Leavy, Frandy, Walsten voted aye. Hawkey, McCallum voted nay. Motion carried. Motion to adjourn Klahn/McNaughton was approved unanimously at 9:50 pm.

Carol A Strause, MMC, WCMC, CMTW

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

I said last month that I will not be running for re-election in April and the “goodbyes” have begun. On 10/16/14, my term as a Member of the Wisconsin League of Municipalities Board, a state association for cities and villages, will end. I have been truly honored to represent Brooklyn on this state organization’s Board. When I began my first term 5 years ago, the organization was more focused on cities greater than 10,000 than small villages. I’m pleased to report I was a part of the League’s recent 3 year strategic planning process and this Plan is being presented to the League members in 10/16 for approval. The three major initiatives are: 1. Create a stronger League presence in the State Capitol (this is where financial, among other, decisions are made, folks!!); 2. Enhance communication and education services to its members; and, with my encouragement: A renewed emphasis on assisting small villages with an elected official training track, small villages advisory council, and a new collaborative relationship defining village needs and possible League solutions. Becoming a Board member gave me a voice to speak for all small villages, but equally as important, the League conferences and workshops gave me the latest knowledge and tools I needed to become an educated trustee and informed Village President. My hope is future Boards will recognize how essential it is to be educated by the League in the role and responsibilities of an elected official, and to understand how to govern our village. I thank the residents of Brooklyn and its trustees for making it possible for me to attend. I couldn’t have done what I have without my League education and the information I brought back for the Board to digest.

The Village is working on a 2015 budget and the levy limits and significant increases in mandated services have pushed our budget into a corner and I’m not sure what we are going to do. One example is our EMS does not have enough volunteers to staff our EMS during the week which means other communities have to respond. I had a stroke 7 years ago and our EMS was at my house in 4 minutes. Now it could easily be 10-15” or more. To meet this need, EMS is hiring individuals in 2015 to provide coverage and this has increased our portion over \$26,000. The per capita cost will be \$40/person/year in 2015. (It is still an amazing bargain for \$40/person.)

There are two referendums on the November ballot:

1. Advisory Village Municipal Court Referendum. Please read the information sheet which outlines the pros/cons of a) maintaining our own court; b) merging our court with Belleville, or c) abolishing our court in favor of using the Dane and Green County Circuit Courts before you vote on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. I said I would oppose it if merging our court was more expensive than keeping our own. However, until we participate in a mutual sharing agreement, set to begin December 1<sup>st</sup> with Belleville (if the Board decides to do so), we won’t know. We should know by mid-January, and can complete the official merger documents by April 1, 2015. Or not.

2. Oregon School District referendum. The School Board and OSD personnel have reworked their renovation/construction plans and created a basic plan with no “frills.” The new referendum is \$54.6 million for improvements (plus \$ 355,864 annually to operate and maintain the new construction) to the 5 schools, including Brooklyn Elem, and delay the need to build a new high school. The tax increase is \$110/\$200,000 property which is a remarkably low tax increase for these borrowing packages. I’m also concerned if this fails, the next referendum will be for a new high school with a much greater tax hike. Inform yourself by checking out the information book at the Clerks’ office or the Oregon School District (osd) website so please read and inform your decision.

Some announcements:

October 22 the Economic Development Committee is an exhibitor at the InBusiness Expo, Alliant Energy Center, marketing the Business Complex.

October 25, Saturday, the Veterans Memorial Committee is holding a fundraiser dance and raffle at the Community Building, beginning at 6 pm. The Bob Klinger Band will play music for polkas, classic hits and ballroom dances. The raffle tickets (first prize is a new shotgun plus more) are 1=\$5; 3=\$10. The Memorial layout will be on display. Volunteers are needed to provide food, serve food and beverages, etc. etc. Call Lyle Wanless (516-5401) or the Clerk’s office for additional contacts. Beer will be served.

October 31 the Village has Trick or Treating from 4-7:30 pm so be careful for our kids. Turn on your light and treat yourself to visits from wonderful zombies, princesses, and popular heroes or heroines!

Oh yes—My address for my Brooklyn Village President Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Brooklyn-Village-President/477635552284242> I still want to hear from you.

Happy Halloween! -Nadine



# BROOKLYN POLICE DEPT

## \* \* \* REMINDER \* \* \*

**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)

## TRICK-OR-TREATING HOURS

**When:** Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 4:00pm - 7:30pm



The Village of Brooklyn wishes you a very safe and Happy Halloween!  
For important safety tips, please see the last page of this newsletter.

# 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.

The **Clerk's Office** and **Public Works Dept.** will be closed on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## September Activity Report

Suspicious Activity	1
Parking citations	3
Ordinance violations	2
Juvenile Off./Comp	1
Animal	1
Damage property	3
Open records request	7
Assists	14
Traffic incident	21
Traffic citations	7
Traffic warnings	14
Disturb/Disorderly	1
Misc Comp/arrests	14
Domestic/family	2
OAR/OAS	3
<b>Total calls:</b>	<b>94</b>



Fall Arts & Craft Fair  
Village of Brooklyn

**crafty?**

Brooklyn Recreation is looking for crafters & vendors for the  
**Fall Arts & Craft Fair**  
email [vendor@brooklynrecreation.org](mailto:vendor@brooklynrecreation.org)

Date: November 8, 2014 | Learn more at  
[www.brooklynrecreation.org/fallartscraftsfair](http://www.brooklynrecreation.org/fallartscraftsfair)

## \*\*SENIOR LUNCH\*\*

**Thurs., Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Noon**

Please note that there will be **NO** senior lunch in **November** due to Thanksgiving.

There will be a special senior lunch on **Thursday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** at noon in the Brooklyn Community Building.

## Oct. 2014 News from Your Senior Center By Rachel Brickner

Are YOU one of just 10% of seniors nationwide who is enrolled in the most cost-effective Medicare Part D drug coverage plan for you? How would you know? And do you realize the answer to that question changes every year? Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 is open enrollment for Medicare supplements, advantage plans and drug plans. Drug plans can change dramatically from year to year, and seniors are encouraged to use the open enrollment period every year to see what plan will best meet their needs the following year.

To do that, you can meet with the outreach staff at the Oregon Area Senior Center. Armed with a list of your medications, you can find out rather quickly just what the cost to you will be of any plan. Premiums alone do not provide all of the answers. Drug co-pays and deductibles need to be considered as well in determining the total cost to you.

The staff at the Senior Center can also provide you with information about SeniorCare, the State's Part D prescription drug plan for low income seniors.

If you are 65 or over, and do not have prescription drug coverage, you will pay a penalty when you do eventually enroll. For every month that you should have had coverage and did not (regardless of whether you even took prescription medications), you will pay a penalty every month after you do enroll. The Senior Center staff can help with strategies for drug coverage that make sense for your circumstances and help avoid a future penalty.

Call us at 835-5801 and take advantage of the open enrollment period to see how your drug coverage stacks up. Don't fall for the ads on TV or the junk mail in your post office box. Every company will tell you that they are the best for you. Marketing is very sophisticated. Come talk to the staff here. We have no financial stake in whatever decision you make, and this service is free of charge.



CLUE:

*"No matter how many times you save the world, it always manages to get back in jeopardy again. Sometimes I just want it to stay saved! You know, for a little bit? I feel like the maid; I just cleaned up this mess! Can we keep it clean for... for ten minutes!"*

Doors Open at 6:30pm

## No Voter Photo ID Required at November Election

Clerk Carol Strause advises voters in the Village of Brooklyn that they do not need to show a photo ID to vote at the November 4, 2014 Election. On October 9, 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned an earlier 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals decision which had reinstated the photo ID law. The law had been enjoined by the courts since March, 2012.

According to the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, the Supreme Court's order is not the final word on the legality of Wisconsin's voter photo ID law, but it does set the rules for the General Election. The Supreme Court halted enforcement of the law for the time being to avoid voter confusion and because some voters had already been mailed absentee ballots without instructions on how to comply with the voter photo ID law. The Supreme Court may decide to hear the case on its merits sometime after the November election.

Even though voters will not have to show an ID to receive a ballot at this election, voters who are registering between now and Election Day should be aware that they may use their driver

license or state ID card to establish their residence if it contains a current address.

“You may use a valid driver license or state ID card for proof of residence when you register to vote, either before or on Election Day” said Kevin Kennedy, Wisconsin’s chief elections officer. “But you are not required to show a photo ID to get your ballot.”

All voters must show proof of residence to register to vote, and a driver license or state ID card with a current address are just two of many documents can use to prove they are residents. A full list is available here:

<http://gab.wi.gov/publications/voter-guides/proof-of-residence>.

Also, voters who have a Wisconsin driver license or state ID card are required to provide the card number on the voter registration form. Voters who do not have a driver license or state ID card can use the last four digits of their Social Security number instead.

### **Be Prepared**

Because the Supreme Court may someday reinstate voter photo ID in Wisconsin, the G.A.B. is advising anyone who does not have a state ID card to take advantage of the opportunity to get one for free. The Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles has a process to allow people to obtain a free State ID card for voting purposes, even if the person does not have a birth certificate.

Kennedy said that process can take time, especially for people born outside of Wisconsin, so it makes sense to get started early. More information is available at the Wisconsin DMV website:  
<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/petition-process.htm>. If the voter photo ID law is not reinstated, voters can still use the state ID card for proof of residence when registering, he said.

**For specific questions about voting, please contact the Clerk’s office at 608-455-4201.**

Voters are also encouraged to visit the Wisconsin Government Accountability’s voter services website,  
[www.myvote.wisconsin.gov](http://www.myvote.wisconsin.gov), for information about voting.

## **FALL ELECTION**

Remember to come out and ***VOTE*** on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>! Polls will be open at the Brooklyn Community Building from 7:00am-8:00pm. Early voting begins in the Clerk’s office on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and ends Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Voting hours in the Clerk’s office are 8:00am-5:00pm. Please call the Clerk’s office with any questions at 455-4201.



### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ELECTION WORKER???**

Please contact Clerk, Carol Strause for details at 455-4201 X2

### **UTILITY BILLING INFO**

\*Please do not STAPLE your check to your utility payment stub! Either use a paper clip or place your check along with your payment stub in an envelope.

\*Make sure that your written amount on your check matches the number written inside of the box on your check. If these amounts are different, the bank only takes what is on the written line.

\*Delinquent utility amounts as of 9/30/14 could be placed as a special charge on your tax bill. Payments should be made by 11/1/14 to avoid a 10% penalty. Delinquent amounts not paid by 11/17/14 will be placed on the tax roll.



# Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial Fund Raiser



## DANCE-RAFFLES-FUN-REFRESHMENTS

OCTOBER 25TH, 2014, 8-11 PM  
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BUILDING  
102 N. Rutland St. • Brooklyn WI, 53521

**\$10 admission charge/donation to the Memorial**

A GREAT TIME WITH



## **Bob Klinger Band**

**RAFFLE TICKET DRAWINGS @ 9:00 PM**

**The Brooklyn Area Veterans Memorial Fund Raiser Raffle**

### **PRIZE LIST**

**1st:** Phantom 12 GA Shotgun  
**2nd:** 16 X 16 " Engraved Paver  
**3rd:** 8 X 16 " Engraved Paver  
**4th:** \$250 JL Richards Gift Card  
**5th:** 8 X 8" Engraved Paver  
**6th:** 10 Bottles of Adult Beverage  
**7th:** Weston Game Knife Set

**8th:** Print "Moose in the Wilderness  
by Michael Moore  
**9th:** Miller High Life Coleman Cooler  
**10th:** Market Square Cheese Package  
**11th:** Pair Kalahari Water Park Tickets  
**12th:** \$20 Gift Certificate Leather Goods  
**13th:** Other Items

**Additional raffle tickets can be obtained from Lyle 516-5401 or Dannie 455-5049**

*License Number R000-2047A-11041*

## **Brooklyn Police Department Halloween Safety Tips**

The Village of Brooklyn officially recognizes “Trick or Treating” to take place on Halloween afternoon and evening from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The “trick” for parents is to help their children find the “treat” in a safe Halloween so we have some suggested safety tips below.

We do think of Halloween as a time for treats and fun; however, on a more serious and important note, the National Safety Council says that roughly four times as many children aged 5-14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening compared with other evenings of the year, and falls are a leading cause of injuries among children on Halloween. Most Halloween-related injuries can be prevented if parents closely supervise school-aged children during trick-or-treat activities.

The National Safety Council suggests the following for children out on Halloween:

- ✓ Go only to well-lit houses and remain on porches or front steps rather than entering houses
- ✓ Travel in small groups while being accompanied by a responsible adult
- ✓ Bring treats home before eating anything so parents can inspect them
- ✓ Fruits should be washed before eating
- ✓ When in doubt, throw it out
- ✓ Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks and avoid crossing yards
- ✓ Cross streets at the corner only and stay together before crossing
- ✓ Do not cross between parked cars
- ✓ Walk and don't run
- ✓ Treat bags or sacks should be light colored and have reflective trim for visibility
- ✓ Wear bright, reflective and flame retardant clothing
- ✓ Costumes should not hang below the ankles to avoid tripping and falling
- ✓ Costume accessories like swords should be made out of cardboard or flexible materials
- ✓ Use face painting instead of masks as masks can obstruct a child's view
- ✓ Avoid hats that will slide over eyes
- ✓ Avoid wearing long baggy or loose costumes
- ✓ Be reminded to look left, right and left again before crossing the street
- ✓ Discuss route and return time before venturing out
- ✓ Feed children a good meal before leaving to help avoid eating treats before inspection
- ✓ Dress for the weather

The Brooklyn Police always urge children to avoid accepting things from strangers so we urge parents to explain to their children that Halloween is a special night and that accepting treats from strangers is acceptable. Parents should explain safety matters with children and what they should do in certain situations. Children will react more appropriately when armed with information rather than being scared or frightened into action.

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November 4, 2014  
**VILLAGE ADVISORY REFERENDUM**  
**Village of Brooklyn Municipal Court**  
▪ **INFORMATION SHEET**

Three questions on the November 4, 2014 election ballot pertain to the Village of Brooklyn's Municipal Court: Maintain our independent court? Merge our court with Belleville? or Abolish our court? Please read carefully and contact the Clerk's office if any questions at 455-4201. We appreciate your opinion.

Because of the following issues, the Village Board has been evaluating what court options exist:

- resignation of the Village's elected Municipal Court Judge a year ago
- difficulty in finding a qualified person to stand for judge 3 years ago
- inability to hire a permanent court clerk
- costs to train clerk or judge, especially if inexperienced, as knowledge of the law is becoming more complex
- costs to upgrade our current court record system

The term for a Municipal Court Judge is four years; a substitute Judge has been appointed by the District V Court Administrator to complete Brooklyn's current term, which expires in May 2015. The Brooklyn Municipal Court processes an average of 12 citations/month or 144/year, prompting the Village to have discussions with the Belleville Municipal Court, Belleville Village President and Village Board about creating a merged court. The option of abolishing our court was also explored and would require utilizing Dane and Green County's Circuit Courts. The **Pros** and **Cons** of each option are listed below.

**QUESTION ONE:**

Should the Village of Brooklyn continue to have its own Municipal Court?

**PROS:**

- Presided by a locally elected Judge
- Monthly evening court sessions
- Free parking
- Court session averages 30 minutes
- The defendant can discuss 1:1 with the Municipal Judge a plea agreement or special circumstance due to hardship
- All local ordinances are enforced as well as traffic code and state law violations
- The Village attorney becomes involved with pre-trial conferences (usually by phone) or, rarely, prosecutes a trial
- Forfeiture schedule set by local court
- Local police officers do not travel elsewhere to court, if needed
- Local control maintained because the Village Board writes and approves its own ordinances

**CONS:**

- The current Municipal Court budget is \$7900 less revenue from citation court costs plus needed IT upgrade costs
- Due to resignation, Brooklyn has not had its own elected Municipal Court Judge since September, 2013

- It is difficult to find a qualified resident to be elected judge for a four year term who has the time available to meet the annual mandatory education required by the State
- It is difficult to recruit a permanent certified municipal court clerk (certification now required by the State) who is able to meet the mandatory education requirement

### **QUESTION TWO:**

Should the Village of Brooklyn Municipal Court merge with the Village of Belleville Municipal Court or another Municipal Court?

#### **PROS:**

- The “**Pros**” are the same for merging with the Village of Belleville Municipal Court as maintaining a Brooklyn Municipal Court
- The pool for more qualified candidates to run for judge is greater (a combined population of 3700 vs. 1400 for Brooklyn alone) because one judge is elected for the merged court
- The newly elected judge may live in Belleville or Brooklyn
- Quality of service should remain the same
- The Village of Brooklyn retains its own ordinances and forfeiture schedule

#### **CONS:**

- The elected judge may live in Belleville or Brooklyn
- If the court is merged, evening court sessions would be held in Belleville (10 miles from Brooklyn), for defendants who attend
- The final annual costs are unknown and should be reduced, but may be higher

### **QUESTION THREE:**

Should the Village of Brooklyn Municipal Court be abandoned and administered by Circuit Courts in Dane & Green Counties?

#### **PROS:**

- There would be no need to hold an election for Judge every four years
- The administrative costs for the municipal court would be eliminated

#### **CONS:**

- For Dane County, local ordinances would not be enforced unless the Village Attorney would prosecute, at hourly rate, the ordinance violation
- If the court commissioner approves, the case is referred to the District Attorney’s office for a decision whether the DA’s office will litigate the case which is unlikely because of the high caseloads
- Dane County Circuit Court forfeiture is double the cost of the Village local court; for example, a speeding ticket for <10mph over limit is \$175 vs. \$89 at a local court
- Accessibility is a problem as Dane County Circuit Court is held twice a week during work day; location is downtown Madison by City-County Building with limited ramp parking, \$1.75/hour meters and expired meter tickets issued every half hour for \$25 and \$35 each
- No Municipality in Dane County is using the Circuit Court to enforce its local ordinances
- Green County Circuit Court handles all types of citations for Green County residents
- Police officers, defendants travel to either Monroe or Madison to attend Circuit Court, if needed