

DECEMBER 2019 VILLAGE NEWS

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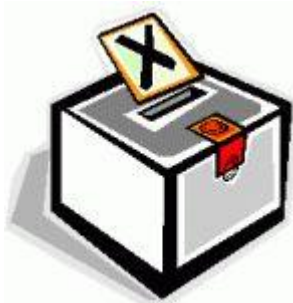
Last day to pay 2019 Taxes in December is 12/30.

The Clerk's Office will be closed on Tues., Dec. 31st.

(Taxes due by January 31, 2020)

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### **THREE TRUSTEE POSITIONS**



Three Trustee Positions are up for election in the spring.

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please obtain nomination papers at the Village Clerk's Office.

The final day for filing nomination papers is 5 pm on January 7, 2020. If a primary is necessary, it will be held in February.

## ***2020 BUDGET APPROVED***

The 2020 Budget was approved by the Village Board on November 11. This is a recap of some of the line items that have been increased, reduced, discontinued or removed totally from the 2020 budget.

### **Total Budget increase from 2019 of \$64,801.39**

**Wages & Benefits** – increase of \$5,462.33 (we have currently a clerk, deputy clerk, police chief, full-time police officer, two part-time police officers {and hiring 2 additional in 2020}, one part-time police secretary, public works director, public works assistant director, two public works employees and one seasonal public works employee.

**Public Works Budget** – increased \$10,468, mostly due to equipment costs rising, street sweeping contract renewal, dumpster costs increasing for Dumpster Days

**Safety Budgets** – increased \$29,317, mostly for hiring additional part-time officers and equipment costs

**Clerk/Village Board budget** – increased \$16,008, mostly due to wages, general contracted expenses, and purchase of a new accessible election machine

**General obligation debt** – increase of \$56,205 due to payments starting on Clean Water Fund loan for the treatment plant upgrade of the required DNR phosphorus changes.

**Water and Sewer debt** – remain very close to previous year

**EMS** – Total budget impact for 2020, \$77,705.41 – increase of \$6,661.30 from the 2019 budget

**Fire** – Total budget impact for 2020, \$54,468.72 – increase of \$1,780.17 from 2019 budget

### **Items of interest happening in 2020:**

**TID #2 (Business Complex)** – all lots were sold in 2019. O&A Manufacturing is in the process of building, as you might have seen. Northern Metal and Roofing has purchased the last lot and will be building in the spring.

**Public Works** – work will finish on the treatment plant upgrades before summer

**Public Safety** – hiring at least two part-time officers early in 2020

**Debt** – Two general obligation debts will be paid off in 2020

**Fire** – as of August 31 had an unallocated fund balance of \$243,000. \$175,000 of that will go towards the purchase of a new fire engine in 2020. Fire engine total cost will be \$659,392. Subtracting the \$175,000 of fund balance, leaves \$484,392 to be paid by the municipalities. Village's portion is \$147,416. A loan was taken out to pay our portion; with first repayment to be in 2021. \$110,000 from a CD will be used to purchase new SCBA equipment.

**EMS** – as of August 31 had an unallocated fund balance of \$290,000. The Village voted to have this fund balance returned to the municipalities. That motion was not passed at the annual with all municipalities in the district.

The 2020 budget is under the formula for **Expenditure Restraint Program** with DOR's recent release of growth factor data with the Village having to remain under 2.3% expense increase in the General Fund to qualify for ERP funds in 2021. The current 2020 General Fund proposed expenditure is at \$1,375,737 which is over the 2019 expense of \$1,299,279.

The **levy will be \$895,650.16**, less exempt computer aid. It is an increase of \$52,709 from last year. The allowable levy will have a **mill rate of \$8.48/1000**, which is an **decrease from last year of \$1.04/1000** assessed value. This does not account for any TID increment values. We do have TID 1 increment value of \$24,794.73 and TID 2 increment value of \$17,150.07.

Any questions regarding any items on the 2019 budget, please contact the  
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# TAX COLLECTION 2019 PAYABLE 2020

You should have received or will receive this week your 2019 real estate/personal property tax bill (s) payable 2020. If you mail your tax payment and would like a receipt, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. A December 31st postmark will be receipted as a 2019 payment. If you prefer to pay in person, bring your tax bill so that we can stamp it paid. Since everything is computerized, our office no longer has duplicate tax bills. You are able to log on to each county's website and get tax info/receipts throughout the year. The websites are: Green: [www.co.green.wi.gov](http://www.co.green.wi.gov) followed by clicking on "Land Records System"; Dane: [AccessDane@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:AccessDane@co.dane.wi.us) and search for name, address or parcel number. This is very helpful for those that need copies during income tax filing time.

Our office hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday, with the exception of December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> we are closed all day for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and December 31 and January 1st we are closed all day for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. We will not be open any Saturdays for tax collection. **Tax payments are due in our office by 5:00 p.m. January 31<sup>st</sup>. Tax payments received in our office after 5:00 p.m. January 31st have to be turned over to the county. Tax payments postmarked on or before January 31 will be marked as received on time.** The Village will not receive their portion of funds received after January 31 from the county until August. Timely payment received in the Clerk's Office on or before January 31<sup>st</sup> helps the Village's cash flow.

The following chart shows tax levies in comparison to last year:

|                | 2018        | 2019        | Increase/Decrease |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| State          | \$ 0        | \$ 0.00     | ---               |
| Dane County    | \$ 251,598  | \$ 267,211  | + \$ 15,613       |
| Green County   | \$ 156,686  | \$ 164,887  | + \$ 8,201        |
| Village        | \$ 852,718  | \$ 909,060  | + \$ 56,342       |
| Oregon Schools | \$1,162,289 | \$1,240,069 | +\$ 77,780        |
| MATC           | \$ 92,876   | \$ 97,825   | +\$ 4,949         |
| TOTAL LEVY     | \$2,516,167 | \$2,679,052 | +\$162,885        |

The Village's mill rate is \$8.406033 in Green County and \$8.682562 in Dane County. The net combined rate for Green County is \$24.39/\$1000 and Dane County is \$23/\$1000 of assessed value. The First Dollar credit for this year is \$79.50 and lottery credit is \$220.58.

## **DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR LOTTERY CREDIT?**

1. You must own your home in Wisconsin  
AND
2. You must have occupied that home as your primary residence on January 1, 2019.
  - a. A primary residence is the home in which a property owner lives for more than six (6) months of the year.
  - b. If temporarily away, a primary residence is the home to which the owner returns. If you feel that you qualify for the credit, and there is not a Lottery Credit on your tax bill, contact our office for a claim form before January 30th. You may also print a form from the Wis. Department of Revenue website at: [www.dor.state.wi.us](http://www.dor.state.wi.us).

It is your responsibility to notify the County Treasurer within 30 days if the property no longer qualifies for the Lottery Credit.



## **DOG & CAT LICENSES (Paid by separate check from taxes)**

All dogs and cats five months and older, kept within the Village, must be licensed each year by January 31st. License fees for 2020 are as follows:

DANE: \$22 for unaltered dog  
\$17 for spayed/neutered dog  
\$5 for cats

GREEN: \$17 for unaltered dog  
\$12 for spayed/neutered dog  
\$5 for cats

You will need to bring proof of current rabies vaccination. Village Ordinance Chapter 6 states it is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor more than 3 dogs or 3 cats over ten weeks of age within the Village. "Person" is defined to include collectively all persons residing within a residence.

**NOTE: Tax payments need to be separate from other payments to the Village, i.e., dog and cat licenses, utility payments. Also if you have property located in both counties, separate checks are required.**

Check out the Village website at [www.brooklynwi.gov](http://www.brooklynwi.gov) underneath the Budget page for the 2020 budget.

**Pay your tax bill or utility bill online with your credit card, using the Payment Tab on the Home page of the website, then click on Official Payments or GovPayNet. There is a fee from both companies for this service.**

Call us at 455-4201 if you have questions.

It is a pleasure to serve the residents of this community.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE  
VILLAGE BOARD AND VILLAGE EMPLOYEES**

## **Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes**

### **November 11, 2019**

The November 11, 2019, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Hall by President Brit Springer. Trustees present were Pat Hawkey, Kyle Smith, Sue McCallum, and Dan Olson. Trustee Heather Kirkpatrick arrived late. Trustee Todd Klahn was absent. Also present were Jennifer Endres Way, Director of Oregon Public Library, Emilie Heidemann, Chief Wade Engelhart and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Springer convened the **Public Hearing on the 2020 Budget at 6:30 p.m.** No comments in person or written. Springer **closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.**

**Jennifer Endres Way, Director, Oregon Public Library** gave a presentation regarding the new library to be built in Oregon. She's been with the library for about a year. Brooklyn is 5<sup>th</sup> highest for municipalities using the library. They took feedback from the public to do some plans. They're fundraising for the library and waiting to see how much they raise before finalizing the architectural plans. The estimated cost is about \$10 million. Village of Oregon is committing \$6 million, and the library is fundraising for the rest. The plans are on display at the library and on their website if anyone is interested. They've had an anonymous donation of \$500,000. They would like to be finished fundraising by next summer. It will take about six months after that to finish the plans and bid the job and another year for construction. They have about three-quarters of a million in fundraising right now, and they started in about August. The board thanked Ms. Endres Way for her time.

**Public Comments** – Pat Hawkey would like to thank the Public Works Department for cleaning the streets so well this morning. Happy Veterans Day.

**Smith made a motion to approve the October 28 minutes.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried. Springer abstained.

**President's report** – Springer wanted to thank the board for understanding why she was not at the last meeting. Hopefully it won't happen again. O&A's building construction is going up. She noticed they have walls and windows done.

**Safety Report** – October had 102 calls from Brooklyn PD, and along with Dane and Green Counties there were a total of 129. Brooklyn PD had 112 with traffic. There were 10 calls by Green County and 7 calls by Dane County. 7 open records requests, 1 assist with Oregon PD on a bar fight, a missing person was located, five parking violations and 3 resulted in citations, 32 traffic incidents with 5 citations, speeding and two school bus violations and insurance, one juvenile, 3 ordinance non-traffic citations. **Community policing** -- October 4 was Walk to School day and Officer Kosharek and Chief Engelhart assisted on Main Street. Chief Engelhart, Officer Burns and Police Secretary Hartwig passed out light sticks and necklaces for Halloween. They went through 200-250. A lot of kids were out for the night. **Training** -- Officer Burns on October 14-17 certified as an instructor through instructor development training. October 17 and 18 the Chief attended internal investigations training at MATC, which resulted in a few items that he implemented in the department. DAAT training for their training group was held at the Community Building. October 29 Chief Engelhart attended the Stolen Vehicle/Vandalism Vehicle Task Force with all jurisdictions in Dane County. They discussed the number of stolen vehicles in the county, and the numbers since 2017 were staggering, and it's not getting better. There's an increased number of people involved, and the criminals have progressed to breaking into houses. Brooklyn PD is working with the Task Force and will have information coming from that group. The Task Force is developing a media campaign, and Brooklyn PD will participate in disseminating the materials. McCallum stated when it comes to fruition, she'd like to put it on our website. Chief Engelhart agreed. Representatives from Sauk, Dodge and Columbia attended the Task Force meeting was well, and Green County will start to send a representative also. In the last two months he's investigated two fraud cases. Smith asked if there is an after action report for Labor Day. Engelhart stated he gave a verbal report at a previous meeting. Hawkey requested a written after action report. Springer asked if there's any new update on the vandalism in the village. Chief Engelhart said they're still investigating and still taking information.

**McCallum attended a fire and police commission workshop** hosted by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities in Stevens Point last week. They went over the nuts and bolts and what a commission is. She would like to go over the documentation in a personnel committee meeting to explain more of the roles and duties of the commission. (Trustee Kirkpatrick arrived at 6:55 p.m.) They defined the hiring process, and the Commission is responsible for that and any disciplinary issues and promotions, to review and sign off on them. It's done outside of the elected municipal body. The members are appointed. It's a way to keep elected officials out of the process. They talked about the limited qualified pool of candidates for officers and showed videos of how they're promoting their departments to get people to come to their community to work. You need to promote your department in a positive light. McCallum printed off the police department portion of our website and compared it to other communities. Ours is much more engaging with the Law of the Month and police stats, etc. The Village of Oregon is a little more but they're a bigger department. Other communities around us aren't as developed on their websites. There may be other things we can do to outline the positives in our

community. The seminar also talked about the disciplinary process, and there's two kinds of input, complaints and charges. Complaints are handled internally without community involvement. Charges are when an officer has violated police policies or rules, and those can lead to dismissal. She looked at the Facebook comments regarding the recent issues and saw only about five negative comments about the police department on Facebook. Springer has noticed that we're trying to place more photos on the Village's Facebook page of the police department. McCallum said they talked about using all avenues available to the department.

**Hawkey made a motion at 7:03 p.m. to Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental entity has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Police Dept.)**

Kirkpatrick seconded. AYES – Hawkey, Smith, McCallum, Olson, Kirkpatrick and Springer. NOES – none. Motion carried. **The board reconvened to open session at 7:23 p.m.**

McCallum and Springer reviewed the bills. McCallum stated Olson approved her reimbursement. **Springer made a motion to approve the bills.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. McCallum abstained.

Kuhlman stated she was emailed information from UW Local Government about a year-long **leadership academy**. She asked if it was the program Smith and Kirkpatrick have mentioned in the past. They stated it was not.

The Green County Matching Road Funds resolution was read by Springer. **Hawkey made a motion to accept Resolution 2019-10, Green County Matching Road Funds.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2019-11, Assignment of Funds to 2020** was read into the record by Springer. The resolution is to carry over funds to 2020 in the election equipment account and the mower account. **Hawkey made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-11.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

McCallum had some questions about the **Suez contract**. She would like to see credentials on their engineers. Also, the Scope of Work talks about it being our responsibility to drain the tower and refill and also do water testing going in and out. She would like to know what kind of testing they're talking about. Regarding pressure relief valves on page 3, #8(7) do we need pressure relief valves. She would like an explanation regarding Page 2, K, in the Master Services Agreement regarding ability to change the annual fees. On pages 6 and 7 of the Scope of Work, what's the difference between interior wet and interior dry. Hawkey suggested getting the questions to Spilde for answers at the next board meeting.

**Budgets were discussed at the last meeting.** No one had additional questions or comments. The combined Village mill rate will be \$8.48, which is down from \$9.52 last year. In response to questions from the last board meeting, Kuhlman prepared a sheet showing what an average home in the Village cost last year as compared to this year and what the difference in taxes will be due to the revaluation. The average assessment in 2018 was \$153,849 and average assessment this year is \$184,813. The average home will have an increase in taxes of about \$100-200. The General Fund budget increased \$41,053 from last year. The increases included normal increases in supplies and wages, \$6,000 increase in the Village's portion of the EMS budget, increase in police part-time hours, increase in equipment costs. The debt also increased about \$57,000 from last year due to the needed phosphorus upgrades to the treatment plant. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the budget for General Fund, Cemetery Fund, Special Revenue Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Project Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman explained that the board can't approve the TID budgets at this time, because we're still waiting on the county budgets to determine tax increment.

**Hawkey made a motion to approve the levy limit worksheet with a total Village levy assessed of \$895,051.55.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. **Resolution 2019-12, 2019 Tax Levy Payable 2020**, was read into the record by Springer. The proposed levy this year is \$895,051.55, which is broken down with \$640,632.51 in the General Fund, \$247,803.85 for debt payments and \$7,213.80 in the Cemetery Fund. **Hawkey made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-12.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. **Hawkey made a motion to accept the Expenditure Restraint formula.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report – Financials** were handed out for October. Total deposits of \$222,905.80, which included \$94,000 in loan proceeds on the CWF. Total withdrawals were \$241,478.72, which includes a disbursement to Joe Daniels for the WWTP project. Total in all accounts at October 31 was \$1,322,564.06. Kuhlman asked about **opening the community building for people to walk in inclement weather.** The board agreed to allow people to walk and give them a key; they didn't want to keep the building open all day. **The Oregon Youth Center has a new director.** **Kuhlman attended the WMCA District Meeting in Portage.** There was an election security tabletop exercise and discussion about the 2020 Census and how important it is for everyone to fill out the census. **We received our Wisconsin Elections Commission Grant money** of \$600 for a new computer. The election equipment software was updated last month. At the next meeting the board needs to **certify election workers for the 2020-2021 term.** We have about six workers and are always looking for more. Hawkey stated her understanding if you're a state employee, you will get paid your regular pay that day, but it should be verified with supervisors. Kuhlman also stated students 16 and over

can be poll workers, with permission from their parents and their principal. There are **three trustee positions up for reelection in April**, and nomination papers can be picked up after December 2. Non-candidacy forms are due back by December 27. **O&A** sent in paperwork for their third employee. **Northern Metal & Roofing** is still working with CARPC. **Fire and EMS income statements and balance sheets** were handed out. December 31 is a holiday for Clerk's office. Does the board want the clerk's office to be open to collect taxes on that day, being the last day of the year. Board stated they can **close the office, as long as they let residents know they will not be open on the 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**Recreation Committee** – Hawkey reported that **December 7** is movie night. They'll have cookies, hot chocolate, activities for kids, starting at 5 p.m., and the lighting of the Christmas tree. The **holiday decoration contest** has started. There are no set categories this year, but the top three getting the most votes will win. Check the recreation page for judging date. They have a new **Get Fit** class called WERQ. **Pickleball** is going well. They had 13 people last Thursday, and still looking for more people. The gym is open from 8 - 10:30 a.m. weekdays. **New karate class** started today for 14 and up. Springer will bring the photo booth to the tree lighting. The tree lighting is the same day as Chamber's Santa Day.

**Smith made a motion at 8 p.m. to adjourn.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes November 25, 2019

The November 25, 2019, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Village Hall by President Brit Springer. Trustees present were Pat Hawkey, Dan Olson, Kyle Smith and Todd Klahn. Trustees Sue McCallum and Heather Kirkpatrick were absent. Also present were Public Works Director Leif Spilde and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

No public comments. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the minutes of November 11.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Klahn abstained.

President's Report – The tree lighting is December 7.

PW Report – Spilde reported DNR is close to accepting the first phosphorus trade. He will know more in January. SCADA has been updated. They put up the Christmas lights, plowed snow, and salted earlier in the month. Had three cremations and a grave opening. Did welding on plow with new welder and the employees love having the new welder. They are still working on leaf pickup. DOT multi-modal road grant application is finished and sent in. They swept streets. Tree City USA application is finished and sent in. Spilde sent out responses to questions from the last board meeting on the Suez contract. They'd like to get the contract signed, and they will start painting in the spring to have it all done prior to summer. Olson thought the comments were self-explanatory. Hawkey had no questions. **Hawkey made a motion to accept the Suez contract for water tower maintenance and painting.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. Spilde stated Hollis passed his two water exams, so that will take care of his last incentive on his wage scale. **Hawkey made a motion to increase Hollis by 75 cent incentive raise.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Hawkey made a motion to accept Disbursement No. 4 for the WWTP CWF loan. Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Hawkey made a motion to adopt the Wisconsin Municipal Records Schedule from the State Historical Society pending creation of an ordinance. Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated we have received the budgets from the counties, so the TID budgets are completed. There is a \$24,794.73 increment in TID 1 and a \$17,150.07 increment for TID 2. **Hawkey made a motion to accept TID 1 and TID 2 budgets as presented.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. **Hawkey made a motion to accept the 2019 mill rate worksheet for Dane and Green Counties.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried. Kuhlman stated tax bills will be going out after the first of December.

Springer and Smith reviewed the bills. **Smith made a motion to approve the bills and approve the NAPA bill even though it's not on the list of vouchers.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried. UW Local Government Leadership Course was discussed at the last meeting. Springer stated Kirkpatrick is interested in attending. It's an 8-month long process with 2-day conferences every other month. It wasn't budgeted. **Smith made a motion to approve sending Kirkpatrick and any other board member interested in attending at a cost of \$1,200 each.** Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – Kuhlman attended the **GCDC meeting** on November 21 in Monroe. Agenda, financial reports and minutes were provided to board members. They're working with Bug Tussell for broadband grants to expand throughout Green County. We have been approved for the **Board of Commissioners of Public Lands loan** for our portion of the fire engine and should receive the money the first part of December. The district secretary emailed that the fire chief would like to get our order in before the end of the year to get in line before most put in their orders in January. She is checking with all the boards on when they will have their funds. The **Veterans wayfinding signs** have been approved by the state and are being ordered. There will be a panel added to the sign by the Post Office, and the sign on N. Rutland heading south will be changed to accommodate the Veterans Memorial line. Received an email from Green County Highway Commission sent an email that the **Highway 11 project will be shut down uncompleted for the winter season**. There will still be detours throughout the winter.

Personnel Committee – Smith stated they had a meeting on November 19 and will have another meeting next month. It was closed session. **Fire/EMS District** – Springer handed out year-to-date budget updates as of September 19. The district board discussed **moving the EMS unallocated funds into a CD**. She requested they table that discussion to the next meeting. The unallocated funds for EMS after the 30% is \$223,628.91. If you look at the EMS budget, the salaries could potentially have another \$50,000 going into unallocated funds at the end of the year. **They could be sitting on \$300,000 of taxpayer money just sitting there**. Hawkey stated at the annual meeting other boards wanted to hold on to that money in the EMS department. That's a lot of money sitting there. She thinks taxpayers should contact their Fire/EMS district representatives. If there is an emergency, you can't access the CD. Smith would vote no against putting the money into CD because it's locked in. He would like to see a plan for the use of the money. Springer also stated our portion of the fire engine loan is approximately \$147,000. They wanted to check on getting the funds from all the boards in December so they can put the order in before the end of the year. O'Brien brought up at their meeting using the EMS unaccounted funds but the district board said no.

EMS – Dan Dean handed out an **out of service report for 2019**, and Springer asked him to break it down monthly. Image Trend documents were handed out highlighting the busiest times for calls, which is between 9 and 9:59 in the a.m. and around 6 p.m. Runs are done by the city, and the number of calls could be off or more than expected, because it's based on addresses and how the address is read into the system. Hawkey asked if someone called in that they were out of service. Springer thinks so. Hawkey asked if they did any evaluation as to why they were out of service at certain times; are there coverage, no coverage days. Now that they have part-time people working certain hours, does the board need to evaluate that. She doesn't understand what the On Duty At column means. Smith stated there are many reasons why someone will be out of service, and if someone is on, are they getting paid for the hours they're out of service. Would like to find out if they get paid for volunteering if they're out of service, and who do they need to run. Hawkey asked if they have a printout of who is on duty. Klahn asked if it's clocked out at the county level if they don't have enough people.

Lightning struck the building and took out a **light control panel**. The total cost is \$3,376, which will be reimbursed by insurance. If it gets damaged again or malfunctions, they will have to invest in a new system. Hawkey asked to find out what the cost is to replace and put it in the budget for next year before something happens. Smith stated if the issue is it's outdated, they should do something about it. MATC is making it more difficult to get volunteers. If they have a degree that's over 10 years, they have to retake an English and math class. **The county medical director is new**. After **January 12 the CAD will no longer work in the fire engine and the squad**. It's not a budgeted item. It will be a total of about \$9,000-10,000. They also recommend to get the cradle, which is additional \$1,000 each. The District will pull from the municipalities' 2% dues to pay that cost. Village Board asked what the 2% dues is usually used for. Smith recommended using carryover from 2019 first. They have **several positions in EMS to fill**. **Out of service is 5% to date**. Oregon responded to calls when we were out of service. **Wegner CPA is doing the audit**. **The SCBA equipment total is \$116,933, but the tool adapters at \$510 each, they renegotiated the contract and Brooklyn will get two for free, so \$1,020 will be subtracted from total**. They will use CD to pay \$110,000 and any unallocated funds will be pulled for overage. Chart shows January to October all calls for EMS, Fire, and Springer highlighted that calls to Village of Oregon were the majority of calls.

Economic Development Committee – Springer said they talked about writing up what to do with downtown. They discussed having an anchor type building and potential new clerk/police department building. It would be a building where people could use conference rooms, like an incubator, to bring in extra income for the village. Smith stated he thought the reason the village bought the land in front of public works was to build a Village Hall/Police Department. Springer brought it up and Kirkpatrick thought while that's a good spot, it's too far from downtown. There was a developer at the meeting, and he was interested in doing something downtown. No one was present from **Planning & Zoning** so the report is postponed to the next meeting.

Smith made a motion at 7:20 p.m. to adjourn. Hawkey seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC
Clerk-Treasurer

Overview of Census Bureau Programs

CENSUSES

- The **decennial census** is the once-a-decade population and housing count of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas. The results of the census determine the number of seats for each state in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. Federal agencies use the results to distribute more than \$675 billion in federal funds each year.
- The **economic census** measures the nation's economy every five years, providing vital statistics for virtually every industry and geographic area in the country.
- The **Census of Governments** provides comprehensive data about the 90,000 state and local governments in the nation every five years.

SURVEYS

- The **American Community Survey (ACS)** is an ongoing national survey—sampling approximately 3.5 million addresses annually—that provides vital information about our nation's housing and people. The ACS is the only source of comparable, quality information about the people in all our communities. These data show what the U.S. population looks like and how it is changing. ACS data are used to assess the past and present and to plan for the future.
- **Demographic surveys** measure income, poverty, education, health insurance coverage, housing quality, crime victimization, computer usage, and many other subjects.
- **Economic surveys** are conducted monthly, quarterly, and yearly. They cover selected sectors of the nation's economy and supplement the economic census with more-frequent information about the dynamic economy. These surveys yield more than 400 annual economic reports, including principal economic indicators.
- **Sponsored surveys** are demographic and economic surveys that we conduct for other government agencies. They include the Current Population Survey, the National Health Interview Survey, and the National Survey of College Graduates.

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Thomas Jefferson directed the first decennial census in 1790. As required by the U.S. Constitution, a census has been taken every 10 years thereafter. In 1840, the Census Act authorized the establishment of a centralized Census Office. In 1902, the Census Office became a permanent organization within the Department of the Interior. A year later, it was renamed the Bureau of the Census and moved to the new Department of Commerce and Labor.

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News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

Happy Holidays to all of you! The Senior Center wants to help you give yourself an important gift in the New Year, one that might help you meet a New Year's Resolution as well. (Statistics show that most New Year's Resolutions are health related.)

That gift is a proven way to reduce your risk of falling.

Did you know that Wisconsin **leads the nation** in the number of seniors who die as a result of a fall? It is a sad distinction to have, but one that should wake us up. Nobody wants to be part of that statistic, but unfortunately, plenty of people are.

So what is the gift you can give yourself? That is proven to reduce your risk of falling?

The answer is attending a "Stepping On" class. Stepping On meets one afternoon a week for two hours at a time, and goes for seven weeks. That is a significant commitment of time, but investing time in your health is the best time investments you can make.

Stepping On is an evidence-based class, with research behind it that proves that completion of the class can reduce your risk of falls by up to 50%. That is a dramatic reduction.

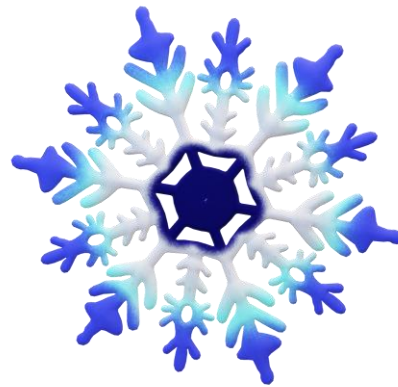
How does the class achieve such amazing results? Stepping On leaders help you recognize your risk of falling, and help you build the physical strength and practical skills you need to avoid falling. More specifically, you will learn:

- To identify and remove fall hazards from your home
- To see and avoid fall hazards out in your community
- To get back on your feet the right way if you do fall
- How vision and hearing affect your risk of falling
- To use walking aids the right way
- To choose safe footwear for all of your activities
- Strength and balance exercises you can adapt to your individual level
- How medications play a role in your risk of falls

The class at the Senior Center will be held on Thursdays from 1-3 pm starting Jan. 9, with the last class held on Feb. 20. Classes are not held if the weather is too inclement. Class 835-5801 and ask for Anne to register.

There is a \$35 dollar fee for the class series, but scholarships are available to those who need them.

Give yourself the gift of a lower risk of falling. You don't want to be a statistic.



ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED FOR 2020



**CONTACT THE
VILLAGE
CLERK'S
OFFICE FOR
MORE DETAILS 455-4201.**

**(High school students aged 16 and
over are welcome – excellent
community service hours)**



Snow Removal from Sidewalks

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours of snowfall ending. Snow **may not** be put into the street.

Snow Blowing or Shoveling Snow back into the road is not legal - Per Wisconsin State

Statute 346.94 (5) PLACING INJURIOUS SUBSTANCE ON HIGHWAY. No person shall place or cause to be placed upon a highway any foreign substance which is or may be injurious to any vehicle or part thereof.

We ask that you be considerate and not place snow back into the road when cleaning your sidewalks/driveways. This causes a financial burden and can cause accidents with injuries. Thank you for your help.



The owner or user of each mailbox shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of each snowfall, remove all snow and ice which has fallen or accumulated in front of said mailbox, and shall remove the snow and ice away from the curb or area in front of the mailbox a minimum of fifteen (15) feet on each side of said mailbox.



Please clear snow from around fire hydrants.

2020

PET LICENSE FEES



Dog license fees for 2020 have changed.

Dane County tag costs have increased to \$17.00 per spayed or neutered dog and \$22.00 per unaltered dog.

Green County tags will be 12.00 per spayed or neutered dog and \$17.00 for unaltered dog.

Cat license fees remain the same at \$5.00.

Licenses for 2020 can be obtained from the Village Clerk's office beginning the week of December 9th.

Current rabies vaccination information needs to be provided to obtain license.

If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's office at 455-4201.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Jan. 23rd at Noon

Brooklyn Methodist Church

Bring a dish to pass – table service and beverages are provided.

All ages welcome.



Police Department

Monthly Activity Report

Calls for Service	Nov.	Jan – Nov.
Burglaries	0	0
Thefts	0	6
Suspicious Activity	3	22
Animal	0	4
Damage to Property	5	36
911 Disconnect/Misdial	1	7
Open Records Request	7	58
Assist Citizen	3	18
Assist Fire Department/EMS	1	14
Assist other agencies	8	42
Assist Village Departments	0	44
Traffic Incident		
Total Traffic Crashes	0	9
Traffic Incident	43	385
Traffic Citations	3	64
Traffic Warnings	7	69
Enforc. /Gen. Activity		
Misc. Comp/Arrests	0	0
Drug Charges/Comp	0	1
Referral to District Atty	1	4
Phone/Internet/Social Media	0	1
Domestic / Family / Assaults	0	5
Disturbance/Disorderly/Threats	0	16
Financial/Fraud	0	6
Missing Person/Check Welfare	0	9
Municipal Ord. Comp/Violation	1	35
Alarms	1	2
Juvenile Offenses/Comp	1	27
Found Property	0	8
Community Policing	3	48
Parking Citations/Comp	0	57
Court Orders/Warrants	0	2
Total Calls:	88	999

December

Brooklyn Police Department
reminds drivers that snowplows
require extra room to operate

With another winter travel season underway, the Brooklyn Police Department is reminding motorists to be extra cautious when driving near snowplows - and to consider staying off roadways when winter storms make travel treacherous.

Most collisions between snowplows and other vehicles occur when the snowplow is rear-ended, usually by a driver travelling too fast for conditions. Snowplow operators may need to slow down or stop suddenly if they encounter a stranded vehicle or other obstacle. Visibility is poor during major winter storms and is another reason to simply stay off roadways until conditions improve.

State law ([346.915](#)) requires drivers to stay at least 200 feet behind a snowplow engaged in snow/ice removal upon any highway with a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph. Violations can result in a \$175 fine and assessment of three demerit points. Being involved in a crash however can have consequences much more serious than a citation. Since 2008, there have been 3,459 snowplow-related crashes in Wisconsin resulting in 571 injuries and five fatalities.

As part of the December Law of the Month, the Brooklyn Police Department offers these winter travel tips:

- Before your trip, check the [511 travel information system](#) for the latest on road conditions and possible incidents.
- During severe winter storms, postpone your trip if possible. Stranded motorists and vehicles become hazards that interfere with snow removal efforts.

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- If you must travel: buckle up, turn on your low-beam headlights, slow down, allow extra time and following distance (at least 200 feet behind a working snowplow).
- If you must pass, be careful. Snowplows often create a cloud of snow that can obscure vision. Road conditions in front of the plow are often worse.
- Don't be over-confident if you operate a four-wheel or all-wheel-drive vehicle. They still require a considerable distance to stop on slick roadways.

Snowplow operators work during challenging weather conditions to help keep roadways as safe as possible for all of us. Motorists can help by giving snowplows plenty of room to operate and by staying off the roads during severe winter storms.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's [website](#) provides more tips on safe winter driving, things to consider should you become stranded, keeping your vehicle properly maintained and how to prepare an emergency winter travel kit.

Brooklyn Police Department



The Clerk's Office and Public Works Dept. will be closed on

Dec 24, 25, 31, 2019

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Jan 1, 2010



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BROOKLYN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Brooklyn, WI 53521-0189
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Fax: 608-455-1799
Email: police@brooklynwi.gov



VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN
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WADE R. ENGELHART
Chief of Police



Date: December 13, 2019

For more information contact: Chief Wade Engelhart, 608-455-2131

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Holiday Campaign: Dec. 13, 2019 – Jan. 1, 2020

- During the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Holiday Campaign between December 13, 2019 through New Year's Day (January 1, 2020), law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin will patrol in greater numbers for longer hours watching for impaired drivers.
- The purpose of these stepped-up law enforcement efforts is not to simply stop and arrest impaired drivers. The primary goal is to enhance public safety and prevent needless tragedies by discouraging people from making the dangerous and irresponsible decision to get behind the wheel impaired.

Sobering statistics

- Every 2.5 hours in Wisconsin, someone is injured or killed in an alcohol-related crash. Last year (2018) in Wisconsin:
 - there were 6,255 alcohol-related crashes that injured 3,292 people and resulted in 160 deaths;
 - nearly 28% of traffic fatalities were alcohol-related;
 - there were 22,294 OWI convictions.
- While drunk driving remains a concern, Wisconsin and many states see a growing problem with drugged drivers - people whose ability to safely operate a motor vehicle is compromised by legal medications (prescription or over-the-counter) and/or illegal drugs (heroin, marijuana, etc.).
- Wisconsin is taking several steps aimed at deterring drunk and drugged driving:
 - Nearly 6,000 (5,950) Wisconsin law enforcement officers are now trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) - enhancing the ability to detect impaired drivers.
 - Wisconsin has 301 highly-trained Drug Recognition Experts (DREs), among the most in the nation.



Continued

- Currently, there are 23 multi-jurisdictional high-visibility enforcement task forces operating around the state.
- On average, a DUI can cost \$10,000 in fines, court costs, attorney fees, lost time at work, higher insurance rates, car towing and repairs, and more.

Making responsible choices:

- If you plan to celebrate, identify a sober designated driver. If you're feeling impaired, you likely are over the 0.08 BAC limit and should not drive.
- Drivers can be arrested for OWI even if their blood-alcohol content is below 0.08 if it's determined their level of impairment makes them unable to safely operate a motor vehicle.
- Under Wisconsin's "not a drop" law, drivers under age 21 are prohibited from having any detectable amount of alcohol in their system. Drivers are also prohibited from having any detectable amount of illegal drugs in their system.
- Drivers who refuse a blood/breath alcohol test will lose their license for at least one year and may have their vehicle impounded.
- Rather than risk an arrest, take mass transit, a taxicab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- WisDOT has developed a free "Drive Sober" mobile app that can be downloaded from the WisDOT website. Since its launch on Labor Day of 2013, some 73,863 people have accessed the app.
- Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons with a safe ride home.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement by calling 911. Be prepared to provide specific information about the location, vehicle and driver.

Online resources:

- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Law Enforcement Action Kit
- TV and radio ads related to impaired driving
- National Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over logos and artwork

NEW CLASS SCHEDULE effective 01/01/2020

Monday - 6:00pm
PiYo®

Wednesday - 6:00pm
Yoga: Slow Flow

Monday - 7:30pm
Freestyle Karate
Collective

Wednesday - 7:05pm
WERQ®



All Classes held at the Brooklyn Community Building



Holiday Lights contest
is back.....get your lights
up and on by December
20th to be eligible for
the contest

check out our website for more information
<http://brooklynrecreation.org/holidaylights/>

Holiday Lights
Contest

Village of Brooklyn



Ever wanted to try Pickleball.....

Join us:

Monday through Friday

8:00am-10:30am

&

Thursday evenings

4:00pm-7:00pm

Held at the Brooklyn Community Building



Free Family Movie - January 4th

**doors open at 6:00pm |
movie starts at 6:30pm**

**check the website the
week of December 30th
for the clue!**

**[http://brooklynrecreation.org/events/movienight/
recreation@brooklynwi.gov](http://brooklynrecreation.org/events/movienight/recreation@brooklynwi.gov)**

Collection Calendar

Wednesdays

Your area will be picked up on non-holiday Wednesdays. Refuse will be collected weekly. Recycling will be collected every other week.



Refuse Pick-up Only.



Recycling and Refuse Pick-up.

For scheduling the pick-up of items too large to fit into your cart, please call Pellitteri Waste Systems at (608) 257-4285, or visit www.pellitteri.com to contact us via email.

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Please see reverse side for the updated recycling list. To sign up for email alerts regarding service changes, please email info@pellitteri.com.

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LOYALTY DISCOUNT

\$ **20** OFF!

a temporary dumpster

Expires 1/1/2021. Not valid with any other discounts, coupons or promotions.

FOR

clean ups, small remodeling, bulky items, big jobs, roofing, remodeling, etc.

Residential

COLLECTION INFORMATION

RECYCLING *Information – All recyclables should be placed in your recycling cart*

EXPANDED *Paper* RECYCLING

- Cardboard (empty)
- Catalogs, magazines & phone books
- Cereal & cracker boxes (empty)
- Computer & office paper
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Holiday gift wrapping paper (no foils)
- Newspapers
- Paper egg cartons
- Paper grocery bags
- Paper milk and juice cartons or boxes
- Pizza boxes (no food or grease)
- Shredded paper (place in clear or transparent plastic bag and tie shut; a full bag should be the size of a basketball)

EXPANDED *Plastic* RECYCLING

- All plastic bottles (no motor oils or gasoline)
- Plastic containers/cups #1–7, including #1 clamshell
- Plastic bags (grocery, newspaper, dry cleaning, etc. – no black or brown bags) – place clean, dry bags into a clear or transparent bag and tie shut; a full bag should be the size of a basketball

RECYCLABLE *Metal & Glass*

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum cans & aluminum pie plates
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, blue, brown or green translucent glass)
- Metal pots & pans
- Small metal appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.) – nothing larger than a basketball
- Small metal plumbing fixtures, faucets, valves
- Tin & steel cans

NON-RECYCLABLE *Items:*

- Brake rotors / drums
- Construction waste
- Deli containers – except #1 plastic
- Electronics
- Frozen food or microwave dinner plates
- Glassware & ceramics
- Metal items heavier than 10 pounds
- Mirrors & windows
- Motor oil & gasoline containers
- Plastic film, wrap & Styrofoam
- Recyclable containers containing liquids or food
- Misc.: Carpet, clothing, diapers, fishing line, food, hoses, ropes & shoes

RECYCLING *Tips*

- Containers containing food or liquids, construction waste or electronics CANNOT be placed in the recycling cart.
- Should you choose to bag recyclables you place into the cart, please use clear or transparent bags and leave open – do not tie or seal. Clear bags can be purchased at most grocery and hardware stores.
- Do not flatten or crush plastic or metal items. Do not place smaller items inside larger containers. All items should be loose and empty. Remove all food waste, plastic, Styrofoam & packing peanuts.
- Flatten cardboard boxes and cereal boxes to make room in the recycling cart.
- Your recycling cart will not be picked up if it contains trash, yard waste or prohibited items.
- Check out www.pellitteri.com for recycling tip videos and a 7-minute video showing what happens to your recyclables. Call (608) 257-4285 if you have any remaining questions.

January

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Yoga 6p-7p Clerk's Office & Public Works Dept. Closed	2 Garbage Pickleball 4p-7p	3 Pickleball 8a-10a	4 Free Family Movie Night Doors Open 6p Movie at 630p
5 Ballroom Dancing 630p-11p - \$10/person	6 Pickleball 8a-10a PiYo 6p Karate 730p - 9p	7 Pickleball 8a-10a Oil Pick up	8 Rec Mtg 530 p Garbage & Recycling Pickleball 8a-10a Yoga 6p-7p WERQ 705p-805p	9 Pickleball 4p-7p	10 Pickleball 8a-10a	11
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Notes:

**All Classes/Events Listed will be at Community Bldg. (except Village Board Mtg) - 102 N. Rutland Avenue
Village Board Meeting 2nd & 4th Mondays at 630 p at 210 Commercial St.**