



SEPTEMBER 2020 VILLAGE NEWS

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Cream Puffs, Ice Cream, And Sundaes



**Saturday, Sept. 19th
from 10 am to 4 pm
at Legion Park**

Green County Ag Chest and
Brooklyn's 2020-2021

Community Dairy Queen would
like to invite you to visit our Ag
Chest Trailer in Brooklyn. We
will be selling our famous Cream
Puffs, soft serve ice cream and
delicious Sundaes in a drive

through setting. The Green County Ag Chest supports the Ag industry and our youth of Green County. Come on out and meet myself Taylor Kramer, Brooklyn's Community Dairy Queen, and other Green County Community Queens, our Green County Dairy Queen and Princess.

Also, we will be supporting the Oregon FFA Food Drive so please drop off your donations when you stop by. All proceeds will go to the OAFP.

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes **August 10, 2020** **(via online and telephone)**

The August 10, 2020, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by President Brit Springer. Trustees present via online and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Pat Hawkey, Dan Olson, Kyle Smith, Sean Brennum, and Todd Klahn. Also present via online or telephone were Chief Engelhart and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

No public comments. **Olson made motion to approve the minutes of July 27. Smith seconded. Motion carried.**

President's report – She received an email today with further questions answered from the Fire/EMS District, and she will discuss it later in the meeting. There has been some activity at night in the community, but we'll talk about it in the safety report.

COVID – Oregon will be starting virtually, and phasing in in-person. As of now, school is going to be starting beginning of September.

Safety report – July had 93 calls for Brooklyn PD, 112 with Dane and Green County; 9 calls for Green and 10 calls for Dane. 0 open record request. 2 Fire/EMS assists. They are still not responding unless needed for anything other than EMS. Assisted Dane County twice outside the village. Assisted DPW to secure restrooms at the parks. One parking issue; all vehicles were registered so no violation. 20 traffic incidents, 3 citations. 3 speeding tickets. 1 case sent to DA. 1 juvenile referral to Green County DA. 20 ordinance violations. 11 calls for fireworks violations, which resulted in 5 citations and 2 additional citations for same calls but different violations. Speed board deployment was on North Rutland. There were over 13,666 cars in about a week. They continue to do foot patrol. It was mostly in the park but they're expanding to different parts in the village due to what's been happening over the last couple of weeks. All members qualified for 2020-2021 with training. The officers continue to get qualified. Chief Engelhart sent an email to the trustees regarding activity in the village. He will be happy to discuss if anyone has questions, so please call him. Hawkey stated she was privy to comments on Facebook by the public and she was disappointed. They don't seem to realize what the police department is trying to do. Engelhart thanked her and stated the department is working diligently on the issue and hopefully will get closer to solving it. They are also continuing to work on the incidents from last summer. They have some suspects, but they have to connect the dots, and people don't understand that. Springer stated she agrees with Hawkey. She knows they are working hard and appreciates the Chief sending out the email update. Keep up what you're doing. She's seen the officers. Engelhart reached out to Dane County to assist if needed, and he reached out to Dane County about the stolen vehicle. The vehicle was recovered. Officer Burns is still on a learning curve for investigations and interviews. He's signed up for training, and Chief Engelhart thinks he will learn a lot. Officer Burns is also working with Dane County detectives. Engelhart is hoping to have something to connect the dots sooner rather than later. He had just checked on in the morning and saw that Dane County was taking a report in the village, and he was never notified. He called Dane County.

Part-time officer – Chief Engelhart started the background investigation on Officer Yanke. As of today, he has received no negative information from the background checks. The psychological, medical and drug screen are scheduled for tomorrow. Chief met with him today to do the chief's interview and thinks he would be an asset to the village. He's a hard worker with a good head on his shoulders. Engelhart is asking the board, if nothing comes out of the psychological, medical or drug screen, instead of waiting until the 24th, he would ask to be able to move forward and get him hired and working. Smith doesn't care either way, but it would be nice to get him on the call and maybe go into closed session. Kirkpatrick would like to meet him and see him. Springer agrees with Smith and Kirkpatrick and would like to chat with him. Engelhart stated if there are no red flags and everything looks good, we will put him on the agenda for the 24th. Engelhart thanked the board. He appreciates the support.

Springer stated she is moving the Public Works report to before closed session. Kuhlman stated that nothing showed up in background check for the alcohol operator license for Dawn Ring. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the Operator License for Dawn Ring.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Olson and Springer went through the bills. Olson talked to Kuhlman about Amazon taxes. Kuhlman is in the process of trying to get those refunded. **Springer made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated she found some additional resources to post on the website for residents and businesses during COVID. She will get them listed on the website.

Clerk's report – July financials were handed out. Deposits in July totaled \$166,913.06, with \$45,081.89 from state shared revenue payment and \$4,698.41 from CWF loan proceeds. Withdrawals totaled \$193,743.82, with \$11,746.13 in debt service payments. The total in all accounts on July 31 was \$1,511,310.68. The August Partisan Primary is tomorrow. Community building is set up to keep everyone safe – plexiglass shields, hand sanitizer, someone will be wiping down everything in between voters, we will keep the doors open if possible, masks are recommended but can't be required due to it being a federal

election. We sent out 180 absentee ballots, and 102 were returned. Kuhlman will start looking at the budget next month. ETF will have health insurance figures by the end of August.

Committees – Fire/EMS District Commission – Springer stated in the last meeting it was discussed that with hiring a fire chief, there would be less lieutenants, but it's less officers, not lieutenants - 13 officers reduced to 9. She went through the hierarchy, which they said was distributed in July of 2019, but there was no meeting in July. Kirkpatrick stated as far as the strategic plan, she got the same answer in February. They don't understand the importance. She's frustrated with the group. She volunteered to help with the plan because there was a reluctance to do that. Their own associations recommend it. Springer stated the Chief description was sent with the hierarchy chart. She went through the questions she sent to the board and municipalities and the answers from John Marx. Board had a discussion on the position, and if supervising fire and EMS, is it required for the chief to be certified in EMS. The departments stated they don't need it, but if get it in one year, the salary will increase. Hawkey asked If EMS is in the building most of the time, would the fire chief take over EMS people. Springer stated she will ask at the next meeting. She was told in February, the chief would have supervision over all, including EMS, but how could they do that if not certified in EMS. Klahn asked about splitting the cost 60% fire and 40% EMS, so would the chief be in charge of both. Springer said according to Marx, 60% would be paid by EMS and 40% by Fire. District Secretary had mentioned in the meeting that everyone was getting an extra \$3/hour pay for COVID. Springer doesn't recall the District Commission approving it. Smith stated he would hope someone at a higher level would be approving it. That's a pretty significant amount of money. Kirkpatrick stated it should have been discussed by the district board. Brennum asked how many employees. Smith stated anybody who runs would get a \$3/hour raise. Hawkey asked what kind of management doesn't look at their budgets before approving that. Springer stated they have currently spent \$85,000 right now, and that's what they spent for the entire year in the past. Springer will ask how it got approved. Springer understands why they gave the extra but doesn't understand how they felt they could give that much. Kirkpatrick figured they thought they could go over budget because of the fund balance. Smith would like to know who is getting that. Springer explained they have fund balance of about \$300,000. She will ask further follow-up questions at the meeting. If anyone has questions, she will ask at next week's meeting. Springer stated the all-municipality meeting is September 8. Hawkey said the board needs to get together and decide what to do. Kirkpatrick would like to share the responses with the other municipalities. Klahn asked about applying for COVID grants. Springer stated our clerk and Town of Brooklyn clerk had been asking, and haven't received anything until now. Kuhlman explained that under the Routes to Recovery grants that we can include pay for safety employees, which would include Fire and EMS, and we will probably have some left over and the Town of Brooklyn will. Kirkpatrick asked to put that on the agenda for the all-municipality meeting, to talk about Routes to Recovery grants. Smith said we need to find out who approved the increase. Kirkpatrick wants to see paperwork on how it is structured, is it a \$3/hour COVID bonus or raise?

Public Works Report/Utilities/Emergency Management – Water– Spilde reported they started the water tower painting. They're trying to get the wells at the right rate, and as of right now it's going fairly well. The painting process is working 7 days a week, 10-12 hours a day, so hopefully they will be finished in about 3-4 weeks. The outside is partially painted, and they're two days away from finishing the sandblasting. Lead/copper samples - 10 samples were taken in the village, but we have not gotten results back yet. **Sewer** – started BPR tank on June 17. They saw a little bit of phosphorus removal last week, w/o chemical but with the biological process. It's very encouraging. The trades were officially accepted by the DNR on July 17, and they're in the process of reissuing our permits. **Emergency Management** – he sends out weekly updates. Spilde would like to get EM binders from current board members to update them. He has met with the two new board members, and they have received their training and binders. **Streets** – we had 1 cremation in the cemetery. They did patching on July 17. Emerald Ash borer treatment, Roberts is familiar with the process, and you don't have to be certified to do it, so Public Works is treating it themselves, which will be about \$1,000 savings in the budget. Spilde had a short meeting with Straka from Strand, and they finally have the right contacts at DNR to discuss the Douglas Drive stormwater pond, and they're trying to set up a meeting. They painted some tables at the park. They did some general maintenance at the park. The center strip on Rutland was painted by the County. PW hauled all aluminum cans in for the recreation department from the community building. Green County did some crack filling a couple weeks ago. They ground some stumps inhouse last month. Springer stated if trustees want to leave their EM binders on their porches and let her know, she can pick them up and take them to the clerk's office tomorrow. Hawkey stated she doesn't have one. Spilde said he will get her one.

Smith made a motion to go into closed session at 7:41 p.m. pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Olson seconded. AYES – Springer, Smith, Olson, Hawkey, Kirkpatrick, Klahn, Brennum.

Meeting adjourned in closed session at 8:32 p.m.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC
Clerk-Treasurer

Oregon High School FFA's Back to School

FOOD DRIVE

**HELP DONATE
TO THOSE IN
HUNGER!**



In Oregon:
Bring your food to the
pantry between 9 am -12 pm

In Brooklyn:
FFA members will drop off
bags at your door. Put bags
of food by your mailbox
before 9 am Saturday
September 19, 2020 and FFA
will pick up and deliver to pantry

**SEPT
19th**

**ACCEPTING
UNEXPIRED
GOODS OR
NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS**

ALL PROCEEDS GOES TO



107 N Alpine Parkway, Oregon, WI. | WWW.OREGONAREAFOODPANTRY.COM

Looking to play a little Pickleball?!

Head on down to Legion Park. There are pickleball courts (lines painted) on the tennis court. The net is hooked to the fence. All you need is your own paddle and balls.



All Get Fit classes will be held via Zoom until further notice.

Check Facebook for the registration link - links will be posted the day of class.



**We are offering
PiYo Live (Monday at 6:00pm) & Yoga (Wednesday at 6:00pm) via Zoom (online). For more information on how to participate - contact Stacey (608-455-4201 or recreation@brooklynwi.gov)**

**follow us on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/BrooklynRecWI/>**

Police Department

Monthly Activity Report

Calls for Service	Aug	Jan – Aug
Burglaries	1	1
Thefts	7	14
Suspicious Activity	3	18
Animal	2	14
Damage to Property	1	9
911 Disconnect/Misdial	4	12
Open Records Request	4	18
Assist Citizen	1	25
Assist Fire Department/EMS	1	10
Assist other agencies	2	38
Assist Village Departments	19	67
Traffic Incident		
Total Traffic Crashes	0	2
Traffic Incident	15	200
Traffic Citations	3	29
Traffic Warnings	3	21
Enforc. /Gen. Activity		
Misc. Comp/Arrests	2	5
Drug Charges/Comp	0	3
Referral to District Atty	2	4
Phone/Internet/Social Media	1	1
Domestic / Family / Assaults	1	1
Disturbance/Disorderly/Threats	2	10
Financial/Fraud	0	3
Missing Person/Check Welfare	0	6
Municipal Ord. Comp/Violation	5	44
Alarms	0	1
Juvenile Offenses/Comp	2	13
Found Property	3	10
Community Policing	4	32
Parking Citations/Comp	1	33
Court Orders/Warrants	2	5
Total Calls:	91	659

Sept. Law of the Month

346.46 Vehicles to stop at stop signs and school crossings

- Except when directed to proceed by a traffic officer or traffic control signal, every operator of a vehicle approaching an official stop sign at an intersection shall cause such vehicle to stop before entering the intersection and shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles which have entered or are approaching the intersection upon a highway which is not controlled by an official stop sign or traffic signal.
 - Stops required by sub. [\(1\)](#) shall be made in the following manner:
 - If there is a clearly marked stop line, the operator shall stop the vehicle immediately before crossing such line.
 - If there is no clearly marked stop line, the operator shall stop the vehicle immediately before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection.
 - If there is neither a clearly marked stop line nor a marked or unmarked crosswalk at the intersection or if the operator cannot efficiently observe traffic on the intersecting roadway from the stop made at the stop line or crosswalk, the operator shall, before entering the intersection, stop the vehicle at such point as will enable the operator to efficiently observe the traffic on the intersecting roadway.
- (2m) Every operator of a motor vehicle approaching a school crossing which is controlled by an adult school crossing guard appointed under s. [120.13 \(31\)](#) or [349.215](#) shall follow the directions of the school crossing guard. If directed by the school crossing guard to stop, the operator shall stop the vehicle not less than 10 feet nor more than 30 feet from the school crossing and shall remain stopped until the school crossing guard directs the operator to proceed.

Sept. Law Conti.

3. Every operator of a vehicle approaching an official stop sign at a railroad crossing shall, before proceeding on or over such crossing, stop the vehicle immediately before crossing a clearly marked stop line. If there is no clearly marked stop line, the operator shall stop the vehicle not less than 15 nor more than 50 feet from the nearest rail.
4. **(a)** Every operator of a vehicle approaching an official stop sign or official temporary stop sign erected mid-block on or in the roadway by local authorities under s. [349.07 \(6\)](#) shall cause such vehicle to stop not less than 10 nor more than 30 feet from such official sign except when directed to proceed by a traffic officer.
(b) As used in this subsection "mid-block" has the meaning given it in s. [346.33 \(3\)](#).

Violations can result in a \$175 to \$187 fine depending on the violation. Each violation has an assessment of three demerit points.

Brooklyn Police Department



ANIMALS AT LARGE

The survey regarding the Village Ordinance for Animals on a Leash or Not will be closing on September 30. Please go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/leash_ordinance to let us know what you think. The survey is open to Village residents only (you will need your utility account number).

If you have additional comments, feel free to contact the clerk's office or any of the trustees. Their emails can be found on the Village website at www.brooklynwi.gov/village-board-members/

The board will discuss the results at the October 14th board meeting.

Sept. 2020 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

One of the most useful services offered by the Senior Center to local seniors and their families is case management and outreach.

The Senior Center has two staff whose role it is to assist seniors and their families/care partners to solve problems and address issues and needs. As you might imagine, this covers a huge variety of different subjects. One of the best parts of the outreach/case management program is that it is free.

The Senior Center's case managers are trained to connect people with resources. They stay up to date on what is available to older adults, and they know how to solve problems. Need to have a ramp built to your front door to allow access for someone using a wheelchair? The case managers can connect you with the folks who do that and may be able to find a way to cover all or part of the expense.

Struggling to keep a loved one safe as his or her dementia progresses? The case managers can help with that. From housing issues to financial issues, and from simple one-time needs, to on-going support, the case managers are here to assist.

The case managers can help with finding in-home assistance for people. They can arrange transportation or meal delivery. They can figure out if people qualify for extra financial assistance. They can mediate in landlord/tenant issues. They can help people complete paperwork or enroll in Medicare.

The Senior Center's mission boils down to a simple idea: to keep people safely in their homes and their communities for as long as they want to be there. To carry out that mission, our case managers help people with a wide range of issues.

The services provided are confidential. The case managers cannot reveal anything about a client to anyone else without that client's written consent. People need not fear that their information will be shared with others.

Senior Center News Cont.

Case management/outreach is a valuable resource for older adults in the community. You can take advantage of it by calling 835-5801 and asking to speak with one of the case managers.



September is Falls Prevention Month!

A fall can cause anyone to go from independent to immobile in a split second. There are strategies you can use to prevent this from happening to you.

Here are a few you can take advantage of even now.

1. Schedule a med-check to have your medicines (prescription and over-the-count) analyzed by a pharmacist. If you are interested in scheduling a medication check-up, or learning more about them, please call 608-835-5801 and speak with a case manager.
2. Attend an online program regarding falls prevention. "Only Leaves Should Fall" program Tuesday, Sept. 11, 11 am. Dr. Zorba Paster will speak about strategies for maintaining independence and keeping upright by preventing a fall. This is a FREE event and registration is not required. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/SafeCommunitiesMDC/live/> to join the session. If you have questions, contact Ashley Hillman at 608-235-1957.
3. Clear your house of things that you can trip on. (Yes, those beautiful throw rugs must go. Cannot bear to part with them? Turn them into wall tapestries!)
4. Install a bed rail if you have trouble getting in and out of bed. The Senior Center has a few in our loan closet if you want to try one out.
5. Exercise! Strong bodies are more resilient. Even marching in place when you watch TV can be of benefit.

**Disasters Don't Wait.
Make Your Plan Today.**

- **Make a Plan**

Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations.

<https://www.ready.gov/collection/family-communication-plan>

- **Build a Kit**

Gather supplies that will last for several days for everyone that is living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/ready_emergency-supply-kit-checklist.pdf

<https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/prepare-for-emergencies-pet-owners.pdf>

- **Prepare for Disasters**

Know the risk of disasters in your area and check you insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

- **Teach Youth about Preparedness**

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.ready.gov/publications>

October

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	*\$5/tire purchase sticker at clerk's office			1 Bookmobile 5 pm – 6 pm at Gazebo	2	3
4	5 PiYo 6 pm via Zoom	6 *Tire, Oil, Battery Pick up	7 Garbage Yoga 6 pm via Zoom	8 Bookmobile 5 pm – 6 pm at Gazebo	9	10
11	12 PiYo 6 pm via Zoom Village Board Meeting 630 pm	13 Brush Pick up	14 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6 pm via Zoom	15 Bookmobile 5 pm – 6 pm at Gazebo	16	17
18	19 PiYo 6 pm via Zoom	20	21 Garbage Yoga 6 pm via Zoom	22 Bookmobile 5 pm – 6 pm at Gazebo	23	24
25	26 PiYo 6 pm via Zoom Village Board Meeting 630 pm	27	28 Garbage & Recycling Yoga 6 pm via Zoom	29 Bookmobile 5 pm – 6 pm at Gazebo	30	31 Happy Halloween
					Oct 31 st – Stay Tuned for more information about Trick or Treating	