

MARCH 2021 VILLAGE NEWS

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Spring Election – April 6th

**Write in registrations must be
turned in by April 2nd @ Noon**

**March 23rd through April 2nd
In Person Absentee Balloting**

To request an absentee ballot, go to myvote.wi.gov

**Ballots for absentee requests that are on file will
be mailed no later than March 16th.**

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021
(via online and telephone)

The February 8, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by Interim President Pat Hawkey. Trustees present via online and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Kyle Smith and Todd Klahn. Also present were Mike Brusberg, Mary Lokuta, Neal Patten, Franklin Seidler, Jan Tetzlaff, Ira Simpson, Attorney Lori Lubinsky and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

Hawkey made a motion at 6:31 p.m. to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds and conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and WI Stats 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, and WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Klahn seconded. AYES – Hawkey, Klahn, Kirkpatrick, Brennum, Smith, Olson. NOES – none.

Hawkey made a motion at 7:31 p.m. to reconvene into open session. Brennum seconded. AYES – Brennum, Olson, Kirkpatrick, Smith, Klahn, Hawkey. NOES – none. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the motions made in closed session.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. No opposed.

Public Comments – Mary Lokuta appreciates the time to speak. She lives in Village of Oregon and is running for school board and is speaking to the residents of the Village of Brooklyn to let them know Brooklyn is an important part of the school district. It's a crowded race. She believes she's the best candidate and is asking for your votes. She's a long-time member and taxpayer of the district and has had two children in the school system. She's been an active participant for 16 years. She understands the roles and responsibilities and the many issues. She's not a one issue candidate. She's invested in learning opportunities for the students and supporting the teaching staff. Impact on education and finance. She's a strong supporter of public education and understands the role. She believes she has the skills and experience necessary for the position. Thank you for listening and voting for Mary Lokuta for school board on February 16. **Mike Brusberg** thanked Public Works for getting the snow off the street and working in the cold. He wanted to have everyone flag tomorrow night as the Payne and Dolan meeting in front of Dane County Planning and Zoning, if it works for public and board members to have a presence. They're likely to go ahead and approve based on Payne and Dolan's response. If there is an impact, be it smells and other various factors, having a presence will help if there are negatives to the residents. He was at the last meeting when Mr. Groenier was talking about Brooklyn Commons and thanked him for doing that and bringing residents to the village and increasing the tax base and completing Elizabeth Circle. Hopefully the board will work with him on those fees. It will sell fast with those properties.

Hawkey made a motion to approve the minutes of January 11. Olson seconded. Motion carried. Klahn abstained. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the minutes of January 25.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

President's report – Hawkey stated there was some confusion and questions on what an interim president does. She will be filling the role of interim president until the president is back from leave of absence. The president may or may not be present at board meetings, but she will not be voting until she returns from leave.

Clerk's Report – Financials for January showed total deposits of \$1,258,239.03, which included \$1,158,691.75 in taxes collected in January and \$1,134 in loan proceeds from the CWF loan. There was \$1,315,289.13 in withdrawals, which included \$1,043,271.85 paid out to the taxing jurisdictions for taxes collected in December. There was \$78,543.49 in debt payments. Kuhlman transferred \$17,000 from the water impact fee account to the general water account to pay for the water loan payments, because that's what those funds are to be used for. The total in all accounts at the end of January was \$2,475,123.03. The **Election Primary** is Tuesday, February 16 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the lower level of the community building. The Clerk's Office is open for in-person absentee voting now and also by mail. We've sent out 56 ballots so far and about 10 have been returned. Spilde wanted to inform the board that we've started **seasonal water running** due to the frost levels. We have informed the residents on the list. Kuhlman sent the **ATV ordinance** to all jurisdictions which includes the DOT, DNR, Dane and Green County Sheriffs, and we've heard back from DNR that they received the ordinance. They will have it on file but have no approval or enforcement jurisdiction. Signs have to be posted at the entrances to the village, and we've sent the sign permit application to the DOT for approval. We have not heard back yet. The **Payne and Dolan CUP** will be heard before the Dane County Land and Regulation Committee tomorrow. Hopefully one of board members can attend and report back to the board. A new **Dane County Emergency Order** was released today, and it goes into effect on Wednesday and through mid-March. It opens up the gathering limits inside and outside and opened up sports a little more. Kuhlman has spoken with the DOJ representative regarding the **police grant** of \$10,000, and they're checking on whether we can still keep the grant money. There are several items that have been received but not paid yet as part of that grant, and the board needs to decide on whether to keep them or return them. One included a disinfecting machine for about \$863. There is also a server and a computer that have not been opened, which came from Lantech. We have not seen bills for those. **Hawkey made a motion for the clerk and deputy clerk to attend webinars on February 24 and March 5 regarding Effective Electronic Public Meetings at \$20 each.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained. Brennum asked if we could send out a link to the Payne & Dolan meeting tomorrow night. Kirkpatrick reminded people they need to register to speak and comment. Kirkpatrick and Hawkey will try to be present at that meeting. Kuhlman will send the information to the trustees and post on the website.

Hawkey and Olson reviewed the bills. Olson had questions on the items to be discussed. Kuhlman stated there were several items purchased using the \$10,000 grant for the police department, and she is asking if the board wants to keep them or return them. There is a laptop computer, a server and a PPE disinfecting machine. We have one of the disinfecting machines already, and we had ordered a second one to be able to use in other buildings. We have not seen invoices for the computers. Hawkey believes we can use it in the community building and public works and sees no reason not to pay for that. It's for sanitation of other village buildings. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the bills, including the disinfecting unit, and contact the IT department about the computers.** Olson seconded. Brennum asked if we should we keep the server. Kirkpatrick stated we will have to see what Dane County wants to do. Hawkey said they have an IT department. Motion carried.

Hawkey stated a resident in the village received a call from the police department about driving their snowmobiles a block from their house to the trail. Hawkey asked Olson to discuss what he found on ordinances about snowmobiles. Olson stated he's been looking at ordinances from other communities and he believes he came up with a good solution. He stated the revised changes needed to be made because the original ordinance was brought into effect in 1996 and a lot has changed over the years. He supplied an example of changes. He took out the references to the alleyway and a few other spots that are no longer used for the snowmobiles and also added some verbiage of residents' accessibility to be able to get to a trail. The wording says that it would allow a resident to take the shortest path to get onto the trail. That doesn't mean driving all over town. He took it from some other communities. Smith thanked him for taking this topic up, and he asked if it says anything about driving on sidewalks. Olson stated if you look into the verbiage in the state statutes a little more, you can cross a sidewalk but not run up and down them. You can cross between the road and sidewalk or immediately over, but as far as running down a sidewalk, that is prohibited in the original ordinance referenced under State Statute 350. We also needed to add verbiage about the state statutes and taking snowmobiles through cemeteries, churches and schools is not allowed, so that was added as well. Hawkey thanked Olson for going through the ordinance to figure it out. Olson said it should help with some of the crossings, and he's been working on getting the map updated to where

the trail goes across, and it changes year to year. He's going to try to get the snowmobile route map on the website. Smith said his other question was maximum speeds. It's 15 miles per hour within the village, and is that posted on the current trail. He doesn't believe it's posted. We should work with the Sno Hornets to make sure. Smith also asked about the resident who had the question come up; is this ordinance suggesting driving down the side of the road or on the road. Olson said they would have to go along the side of the road, and if you look into statutes it states to the farthest right and yield to any vehicles. Olson stated he's working with the snowmobile club on this subject, and he's supposed to get a little more information back. He can discuss with them the speed limit, which could be added to the ordinance. Smith was fine with that. **Hawkey made a motion to accept what the board received from Olson regarding ordinance changes under Snowmobiles.** Kuhlman will have to clean it up. If changes are needed down the road, the board can make changes. It will solve the current issue. Kirkpatrick seconded. Brennum asked if it will fix the situation for Mr. Seitler. Hawkey is under the impression it will. Smith asked Klahn if across from the farm at the Dollar General, is that considered the village where the trail comes through, that strip. Klahn said yes. Smith is concerned about speed there. He's okay with being on the street to get down to the train tracks, but when they hit the open field, you will have a lot of people flying through it. Hawkey said that field is not in the Village limits. Smith said he's pretty sure how the trail runs, it will be close for a little way. Hawkey suggested talking to the snowmobile club to look at that. Smith said he doesn't want to make any residents along there mad. Olson will email Sno Hornets, but the state statutes state how close they can be to residences and speed limits. **Motion carried.** No opposed. Hawkey stated by passing the ordinance, that should allow them the closest route to the trail, which should eliminate the issue they were having, so she doesn't think the board has to take any action. Frank Seitler agrees with 15 mph within the village limits. He sees a lot of people that do not follow that rule. Hawkey stated we can try to repost it, if it's not posted correctly in the village. Seitler stated he knows it states no to sidewalk, but the route from Dollar General to Mobil does go on the sidewalk. Smith said the trail ends in the field and does not go to the gas station. He's pretty sure that's how it is. They should drive on the road and not the sidewalk. That's why stop sign is set where it is. Hawkey said they should hit the street and go down the street and not on the sidewalk. Kirkpatrick agreed, staying as close in the parking lane the whole way. Olson will bring it up the Sno Hornets also. Seitler wants it to be as easy for everyone to follow and people have a good time. Hawkey that's what we want, and she knows when they come to town, they go to businesses, and that's what we want to encourage. That's one of the reasons to change ordinance, so they can go to places in the village. Seitler thanked the board.

Kuhlman asked about **Dumpster Days** for this year. Last year, we only did the week in September. Does the board want to go back to the 10 days in spring and weekend in the fall. The Chamber is sponsoring Village Garage Sales in September this year. Smith recommended doing it twice this year. **Hawkey made a motion to go back to twice a year for Dumpster Days.** Smith seconded. Kirkpatrick stated as long as we take the appropriate safety precautions. Brennum asked if there's any way to add cardboard for like big boxes, etc. Hawkey stated residents can bundle those and set it by their garbage currently. Smith said it's unlimited as long as it's bundled or in clear bags. **Hawkey amended her motion to say in the spring and fall.** Smith amended his second. Motion carried.

Brooklyn Commons - Kuhlman stated she looked up the ordinances after the last meeting. Park fees are to be paid either at the time of platting, which was done years ago, or in five annual installments. Impact fees are to be paid at platting or before building permit is issued. Kirkpatrick said reading the park fees ordinance sub D says that it shall be paid in cash, or in the alternative may elect to pay fee in five equal installments. If we want him to pay in five installments, versus paying all up front, we can take the \$1,400 and spread it out over five payments, and he can pay over a five-month period. Brennum asked if we can amend or make an exception. Kirkpatrick said the ordinance says it could be done by equal payments over five payments, and that's the best we can do according to the ordinance. That's the only consideration that we can give him under the ordinance, five equal payments, so interpretation the logical way would be to pay in equal installments in five months. Brennum stated this does not specify that, so it could be the five years. Discussion regarding timing of payment of the fees. Klahn stated he talked with Groenier, who thought they could sell the lots in two years, so he would recommend paying every six months and make him pay in four equal payments over two years. Kirkpatrick said that could be a longer time frame than the sale of the lots. Klahn suggested making it quarterly payments, so it's done in a year, or could be a fifth one and make it for a year and quarter, that would give him time to sell and breaks it up, but doesn't break the equal

installment payments. Kirkpatrick asked about interest. Kuhlman would prefer as he sells the lots, to pay impact fees and park fees together. Smith asked how many lots. Kuhlman said it's about 26 lots. Smith doesn't care if it's a year and a half or five years, but it's going to be wiser to set a time frame on it. He doesn't care if we stretch it out, but also doesn't want to say when he has to have them sold. Brennum agreed, and suggested as he sells the lots, to pay the fees not to exceed three years, five years. Smith said at the end of the time frame, he has to pay it all. Hawkey asked about paying interest. Kirkpatrick said the ordinance states 1 % higher than our borrowing rate is on the balance that he carries. Hawkey suggested the impact fees and park fees will be paid as each lot sells, and the balance has to be paid within a two-year period starting when he starts the project. Brennum asked if two years is realistic. He agrees with the motion but would suggest three years. **Brennum made a motion to have the developer pay the impact fees and park fees as the lots sell, not to exceed 3 years, and then the balloon payment kicks in.** Smith seconded, as long as clerk thinks that's doable. Smith asked about charging interest on the balloon payment. **Brennum amended his motion to include interest of 1% higher than our borrowing rate on the balance.** Smith amended his second. Motion carried. No opposed. **Hawkey made a motion to send the developer agreement to our attorney for review.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Kirkpatrick informed the board that the **Fire/EMS Strategic Planning Committee** will have a meeting Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. She will send an agenda out to everybody and will send the links. All citizens and board members are welcome to attend. She's had requests from various residents in the Town of Rutland to attend and one is an expert in wildfires. Hawkey asked her to speak to the second part of that, where we want to get expert people. Kirkpatrick stated the committee is to understand how the original is functioning and what changes need to be made to accommodate the plans. Everyone is aware that volunteer organizations are suffering. It becomes difficult for them. That's one thing to consider. The next piece is other organizations have faced the same challenges, and she would like to see an expert panel and get other people from other neighboring jurisdictions and organizations come speak. Kirkpatrick stated it will be recorded to be made public, and we could consider putting it on a Youtube channel. **Kirkpatrick made a motion to appoint Hawkey to the Fire/EMS District Board.** Olson seconded. Motion carried. No opposed.

Smith made a motion at 8:35 p.m. to adjourn. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC; Clerk-Treasurer

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**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2021  
(via online and telephone)**

The February 22, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by Interim President Pat Hawkey. Trustees present via online and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Kyle Smith and Todd Klahn. Also present were Brit Springer, Attorney Lori Lubinsky, Assistant Public Works Director Brian Roberts and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman.

**Hawkey made a motion at 6:31 p.m. to convene into closed session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; WI Stats 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties or the investing of public funds and conducting other specified public business,**

**whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and WI Stats 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, and WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.**

Brennum seconded. Ayes – Brennum, Klahn, Olson, Smith, Hawkey, Kirkpatrick. Noes - none.

**Reconvened into open session at 8:05 p.m. Hawkey made a motion to approve motions made in closed session.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

**Hawkey made a motion to approve the February 8, 2021 minutes.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**President's report** – Hawkey attended the Strategic Planning meeting. Kirkpatrick did a good job. Hawkey encourages the public to join the meetings, and later in this meeting there will be an update. She and Kirkpatrick attended a webinar about policy forum impact of fire/EMS service sharing.

**Covid Update** – nothing. **Clerk's Report** – February 16 election had 88 voters; 54 from Dane County and 34 from Green County. 26 voters were absentee voters. Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Commission voted to allow the Payne and Dolan CUP. There are 20 conditional uses attached to the permit. Citizens were told to call Dane County Planning Department with complaints. The audit is this week Thursday and Friday. It will be done virtually. We have already sent them numerous documents to start the procedure. The Governor signed into law last week a package of changes to the laws and programs from the Department of Revenue. We haven't gotten a complete list, but two changes that affect us are DOR is changing the date they calculate CPI from September to August, which is used for the Expenditure Restraint Program, among other programs, and they are now requiring all members of the Board of Review to complete the training every year, and one of them has to attend an in-person training every year. This will start in 2022. We are also watching the Governor's budget items because there are many that affect municipalities; for example, transportation aids rising, expenditure restraint rising and levy limit changing from net new construction to either net new construction or a minimum of 2% increase. The clerk in the Town of Oregon sent me a copy of a letter their attorney wrote regarding an ATV/UTV ordinance in the Town. The Town is thinking about writing an ordinance, but towns have more restrictions than the Village does, so she doesn't know where it will go. Hawkey wanted to thank all the elections workers. All of the workers are very good, and we appreciate them. Hawkey stated the township also has been in contact with Green County regarding an ATV/UTV ordinance. She also thanked PW for trying to move snow around the village.

**Public Works/Utilities/EM Report – Roberts – Water** - monthly samples were taken and were safe. On 2-1-21 we started running water to prevent freezing. 2-4-21 had a broken water main at 211 S. Rutland. DNR yearly water report was completed. Finished water audit information. **Sewer** - BPR work which involves the phosphorus. They're working on water warranty issues. Working on wastewater experiment. They had freezing issues at the WWTP. The generator switch isn't working. It will transfer to emergency power but won't transfer off. **Emergency management** - working on updating EM plans. **Streets, parks, cemetery** - PW salted four times and plowed seven times. They've done lots of snow removal, snowblowing and hauling away. Roberts attended a WRWA class for wastewater. Spilde took a governmental affairs class on 2-17 and 2-18, both half days. Public works employees have been registered for vaccine as 1b employees. They're using a salt/sand mix for cold temps and the loader was serviced for 500 hours service. **Toolcat replacement** – last year there was a \$1,000 extra fee on the replacement for tires. This year as long as the tires are 60% or above, they don't need the extra \$1,000. 2021 the cost will be \$2,005.44 to trade out the Toolcat, so almost \$1,000 less than last year. **Smith made a motion to approve the trade-in for the Toolcat.** Olson seconded. Roberts stated there's \$7,668 in the sewer equipment replacement fund. **Smith amended his motion to approve the trade-in for the Toolcat at a cost of \$2,005.44 and the money will be taken out of the sewer equipment replacement fund.** Olson seconded the amendment. Motion carried. **Seasonal employee** - Roberts stated last year PW had a seasonal employee and it was nice to send him out. They'd like to hire the same person again this

year, because he knows where he's going. **Smith made a motion to approve the same seasonal worker for the budgeted amount for 2021.** Kirkpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

Kuhlman stated she forwarded to the board information from the **DCCVA regarding wages in the county** for governmental employees. Kirkpatrick and Hawkey stated it was interesting information and to keep handy for budget time.

Hawkey and Olson reviewed the bills. **Hawkey made a motion to approve the bills as reviewed.** Olson seconded. Hawkey pointed out that there is a check to Board of Commissioners of Public Lands for \$105,380.41. Kuhlman stated that was for the new fire engine and also the fire/EMS building. Hawkey stated the Fire/EMS principal and interest on our portion of the building is \$28,483.59. The 2020 fire engine principal payment is \$70,841.26 and the 2020 fire engine interest payment is \$6,055.56. For a total of \$105,380.41. Kuhlman stated the building loan payments continue until 2035 and next year is the last payment in the same amount for the fire engine loan. Motion carried.

**Business Complex** – Kuhlman explained that we have had contact from businesses interested in Phase II of the Business Complex. She has had a conversation with Strand, and they would like to meet with her, PW and a representative of the board to discuss the next phase and then possibly have a conversation with CARPC about requirements. Kirkpatrick volunteered. Smith asked if the Business Park is full completely or is there still one partial. Kirkpatrick said Phase I is full. O&A is talking about expanding. She agreed we need to have a discussion. Hawkey also would like to have Olson at least involved because Kirkpatrick is up for reelection and Olson is not, so he will definitely be on the board after the election. Olson agreed. **Hawkey made a motion to start the process of working with engineers and CARPC to explore Phase II with Kirkpatrick and Olson as representatives from the Board.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

**PZ Commission** – Kirkpatrick explained they are continuing the Saturday work sessions. The sessions have been helpful in the sense that PZ has gotten more done in the last two months than they got done in the previous year to fix and make the code better. She thinks they're basically reaching the crest of the hill and it will be less work going forward, and then they can deal more with things that come to the Commission. It is a never-ending polishing of the rock because laws are changing and rules are changing, so we have to respond to the changes. One thing that was discussed at the last session was the budget that was set aside for the zoning administrator relative to where we are now and how do we want to proceed. In terms of getting the time of the commissioners, and in particular Scott Meier, is helpful, and his time as we come out of winter is less and less available. They will continue these ordinances to try to finish off what's on list and then will slow down. The zoning administrator said he would send in an updated bill in terms of where we are. Olson stated we've used a quarter of the budget so far. He was looking at the numbers, and we've allotted \$8,000 for zoning in the budget, and we still haven't had February's bills taken out, so it will put us over a quarter of the budget once that's taken out. It's kind of concerning on how much we're using up and how long we have yet to go this year with the budget and possible things coming up that we need the zoning administrator for. Kirkpatrick said we don't know what will happen. PZ is trying to get through as much as we can now when everyone is available. The work has to be done, and the question is how much can be done in the time frame, and hopefully they'll finish a good chunk in about a month. Olson stated once they get through conditional uses and accessory buildings, there are a few more. Discussion on some of the ordinances PZ has looked at. There is another session scheduled for this Saturday, and they spend about three hours per session. She thinks they've made some really good progress. Hawkey stated the board members on PZ are Kirkpatrick, Olson and the president. Kirkpatrick agreed and said there are citizen members. Hawkey said we're coming up to an election and there will be changes on the board, but Olson is not up for reelection. Kirkpatrick stated that's another reason to try to finish off. The more that can get done prior to the election, the easier it will be for whoever else has to come behind them.

**Fire/EMS District Commission** – Hawkey attended the last meeting. There was not a lot for the meeting. They discussed the sale of the truck to Wisconsin Surplus. The Fire Chief gave stats on fire calls. Marx and Wicik gave stats on EMS, and they briefly discussed the strategic planning committee. Other than that, there was not much. The board should have received the packet, and it's also online.

**Fire/EMS Strategic Planning & Contract Committee** – Kirkpatrick stated they picked recurring dates twice a month, the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. She received an email from the Towns Association through the Town of Rutland representative where actually the WI EMS association hosted a webinar, but the folks who gave it were the WI Policy Center. It was sent out to all members of the strategic planning committee and all of our board members. It was all about fire/EMS sharing. They've done multiple analyses of districts from different parts around the state and used examples of this. The webinar was recorded, and it's out on their YouTube channel. She recommends everyone watch it. The challenges around the state are the same as here. It was extremely useful and very timely. The committee is discussing the draft mission and visioning statement, and Marx asked to have an item on the agenda. Going forward, they will talk about the SWOT analysis: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; and who we can have for an external expert panel to help in evaluating. Other folks have done it before. It is more difficult and may take longer doing it during a pandemic, but it is important to do.

**Hawkey made a motion at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn.** Klahn seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021
(via online and telephone)

The February 25, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 5:00 p.m. via online video and telephone conference by Interim President Pat Hawkey. Trustees present via online, and telephone were Heather Kirkpatrick, Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Kyle Smith. Also present were Brit Springer, Lt. Ira Simpson and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vicki L. Olson. Trustee absent was Todd Klahn.

Hawkey made a motion to convene into closed session Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Police Interviews). Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Individual vote taken; Kirkpatrick Aye, Brennum Aye, Smith Aye, Olson Aye, Hawkey Aye.

Reconvened back into open session.

Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Kirkpatrick second the motion. Vote taken; motion carried.

Vicki L. Olson
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Sunday, March 14th
Spring forward
an hour.



2021 OPEN BOOK

Thursday, May 20th from 4-6 pm

2021 BOARD OF REVIEW

Wednesday, June 9th from 6-8 pm

Watch for more information on the website and future newsletters.

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ARBOR DAY VS. EARTH DAY?



Arbor Day's purpose is to plant more trees **in the** community.



Earth Day's purpose is to pay attention to the condition the environment is in and what we can do to help it.



Alternative Arbor Day Celebrations

(Hover over word(s) or the link and
click Ctrl+Click to follow link)

[Arbor Day Scavenger Hunt.pdf](#)

What tree is that?

Use the Arbor Day Foundation Tree Identification Tool

<https://www.arborday.org/trees/whattree/>

Coloring Pages

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Spring Dumpster Days

April 30th through May 9th

Hours:

Monday thru Friday 2 pm to 7 pm

Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm

Sundays 10 am to 2 pm



Household Battery Recycling

Batteries power many items we use in our daily lives, and can pile up when they are no longer useful. This guide provides an overview of requirements and explains how to safely store and dispose of common types of household batteries.

Battery recycling requirements for households

Wisconsin has no legal requirements, with the exception of lead-acid batteries, for disposal of household-generated batteries. These include alkaline, lithium, lithium ion, metal hydride, mercury oxide, nickel-cadmium, silver oxide and zinc-air batteries. Batteries come in many sizes and can be rechargeable or single use. While not required, the DNR recommends recycling many battery types. For more information, review the chart on the back of this publication, or go to dnr.wi.gov and search "batteries."



Household battery recycling locations

Lead-acid batteries, or "automotive type batteries," are banned from disposal. Consumers may bring lead-acid batteries to any Wisconsin retailer that sells these batteries for recycling. This service is free to customers who buy a new battery. Customers may be charged a fee if they bring in a used battery without buying a new one.

For drop-off locations that accept **other battery types**, visit WisconsinRecyclingDirectory.com or Call2Recycle.org or contact your local recycling program. Some sites may charge a fee or accept only certain battery types.

Electronics with rechargeable batteries banned from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators

Cellphones
Laptops
Tablets
Computer peripherals
Other portable electronics with screens
Visit dnr.wi.gov search "ecycle" for a full list of banned electronics and to find collection sites or mail-back programs.



Know the risk: how to prepare and store batteries for recycling

Many batteries, especially lithium ion, pose a fire risk due to their chemistries and ability to hold a charge. Batteries can spark and start a fire if their terminals touch metal or each other. The following recommendations can lower the risk of fire.

- Put each battery in an individual, clear plastic bag, or tape each battery's terminals with clear packing tape.
- Store batteries in a non-metal container
- Store swollen or damaged batteries in sand or kitty litter.
- Keep battery labels visible.
- Take stored batteries to a drop-off location frequently.



Single-use alkaline batteries have little recycling value and may be safely thrown in the trash.

Household battery disposal options

The chart below categorizes household-generated battery disposal options by battery type. The battery types listed under "Recycling Encouraged" may be thrown in the trash if recycling is not a viable option. Follow the safety instructions on the front page to reduce the risk of fire in your trash.

To learn more about disposal options for non-households, see Battery Recycling for Businesses (WA-1622) by going to dnr.wi.gov and search "batteries."

Battery Type	Uses	Sizes
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RECYCLING REQUIRED

Lead Acid vehicle batteries	Cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats and other vehicles	12V, 6V
Lithium ion batteries when contained in Wisconsin landfill-banned electronics	Laptops, cellphones, notebooks, tablets, computer peripherals, other portable electronics with screens	Sizes vary

RECYCLING ENCOURAGED

Reusable Alkaline Manganese (rechargeable)	Flashlights, toys, clocks, portable electronics, smoke alarms, remote controls	AAA, AA, C, D
Lithium/Lithium Ion (Li/Li-ion)	Power tools, power banks, toys, electronic cigarettes/vaping devices	3V, 6V, 9V, Button, AAA, AA, C, D
Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd) (rechargeable)	Flashlights, toys, cellular phones, power tools, computer packs, R/C hobby vehicles	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V
Nickel-Metal Hydride (Ni-HM) (rechargeable)	Same as Nickel-Cadmium (above)	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V
Sealed Lead Acid (Pb) (rechargeable)	Video cameras, power tools, wheelchairs, ATV's, metal detectors, clocks, cameras	Multiples of 2 Volts: 2V, 6V, 12V

DISPOSABLE-NOT EASILY RECYCLED

Button- multiple types	Watches, hearing aids, small portable electronics, computer motherboards, toys, greeting cards, remote controls	Sizes vary
Alkaline (Manganese)	Flashlights, toys, clocks, portable electronics, smoke alarms, remote controls	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V
Carbon Zinc	Low drain devices, such as calculators, toys, clocks, smoke alarms, remote controls, transistor radios, garage door openers	AAA, AA, C, D, 6V, 9V
Zinc-air	Hearing aids, medical devices	Button, 9V
Silver Oxide	Watches, hearing aids, toys, greeting cards, remote controls	Sizes vary
Mercury Oxide (now banned in U.S.)	Watches, calculators, hearing aids	Sizes vary

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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)

RECYCLABLE *Plastic & Glass*

- All plastic bottles (no motor oils or gasoline)
- Plastic containers/cups #1–7, including #1 clamshell
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, blue, brown or green translucent glass)

RECYCLABLE *Metal*

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum cans & aluminum pie plates
- 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:*

- Batteries
- 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
- Propane tanks
- 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.

2020 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT DATA

BROOKLYN WATERWORKS, PWS ID: 12300750

Water System Information

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Leif Spilde at (608) 455-1842.

Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality

The Village of Brooklyn Board meets the second and fourth Monday nights of each month at the village hall 6:30pm.

Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Source(s) of Water

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
1	Groundwater	616	Active
2	Groundwater	670	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, Leif Spilde at (608) 455-1842.

Educational Information

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a

contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2020)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ARSENIC (ppb)		10	n/a	0	0 - 0		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm)		2	2	0.008	0.006 - 0.008		No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)		4	4	0.1	0.1 - 0.1		No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NICKEL (ppb)		100		9.8000	2.0000 - 9.8000		No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (NO ₃ -N) (ppm)		10	10	0.07	0.04 - 0.07		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)		n/a	n/a	2.90	2.60 - 2.90		No	n/a
THALLIUM TOTAL (ppb)		2	0.5	0.2	0.0 - 0.2		No	Leaching from ore-processing sites; Discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2020)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.4200	0 of 10 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2020)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	1.40	0 of 10 results were above the action level.		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Radioactive Contaminants

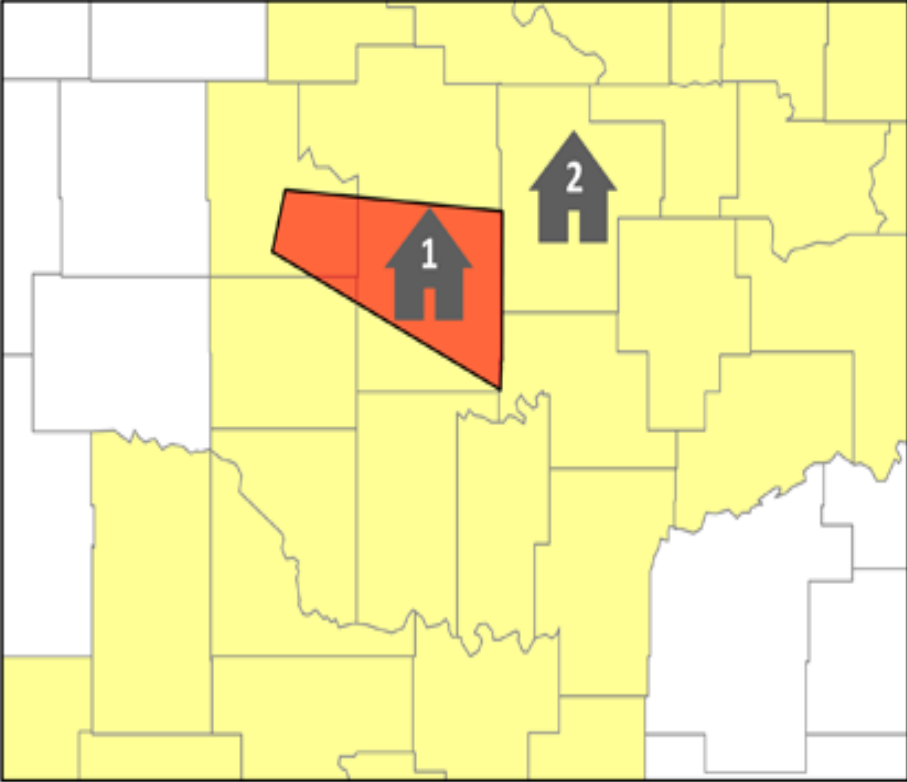
Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2020)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l)		15	0	2.0	1.8 - 2.0		No	Erosion of natural deposits
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	0.9	0.0 - 0.9		No	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a)		n/a	n/a	2.4	2.2 - 2.4		No	Erosion of natural deposits
COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l)		30	0	0.7	0.6 - 0.7		No	Erosion of natural deposits

Additional Health Information

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Brooklyn Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

National Weather Service

Understanding Weather Alerts

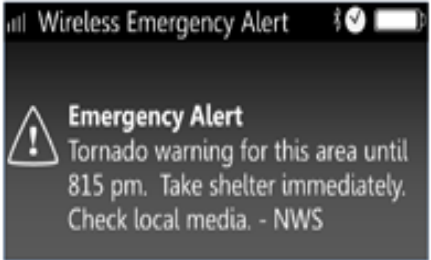


The map displays a region with yellow-shaded counties. A red-shaded area, labeled with a house icon and the number 1, indicates a Tornado Warning. A larger yellow-shaded area, labeled with a house icon and the number 2, indicates a Tornado Watch.

Tornado Products

1 Tornado Warning
Tornado expected! Seek shelter.
A tornado is occurring or will shortly at this location on the map.

2 Tornado Watch
Tornado possible. Be prepared.
Weather conditions favor thunderstorms capable of producing tornadoes at this location on the map.



Wireless Emergency Alert

Emergency Alert
Tornado warning for this area until 815 pm. Take shelter immediately. Check local media. - NWS

What is the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning issued by the National Weather Service?

- **Tornado Watch: Be Prepared!** Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans and check supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives! Watches are issued by the [Storm Prediction Center](#) for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.
- **Tornado Warning: Take Action!** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. Avoid windows. If in a mobile home, a vehicle, or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Warnings are issued by your [local forecast office](#). Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area (around the size of a city or small county) that may be impacted by a tornado identified by a forecaster on [radar](#) or by a [trained spotter](#)/law enforcement who is watching the storm.

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 (on-line). 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/>**

March 2021 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

The Senior Center offers a couple of helpful services during the Pandemic that you might not be aware of. The first is foot care, and the second is the medical equipment loan closet.

Taking care of one's feet is very important and can be more difficult as one ages. Challenges can be presented by knee, hip, back, shoulder, ankle, vision and hand difficulties.

The Senior Center offers foot care on the first and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Foot care is provided by Stoughton Hospital staff and requires an appointment. The charge is \$25.00. This service is not the equivalent of being seen by a podiatrist, but offers routine care with trimming nails, callouses, etc. This foot care service is not appropriate for people with diabetes. All foot care services are provided with measures in place to reduce everyone's risk of contracting or spreading the coronavirus.

Another service that remains open in spite of the pandemic is the medical equipment loan closet. The Senior Center maintains a collection of medical equipment for short term loan, and that remains accessible, with new procedures in place.

The loan closet is open to anyone who resides in our service area. There is no age requirement. The loan closet has been used by people who have had an injury, people who have had surgery and people who are waiting for permanent equipment to arrive. It has been used by people who want to purchase a piece of equipment but are unsure what style might work best for them. It has been used by people who have a visitor who needs a piece of equipment to make their stay more comfortable, or by people who want to take a loved one on an outing and need a wheelchair just for that event.

In order to access the equipment, a person needs to call the Center and speak with one of the case managers. The case manager collects basic information and arranges for a time for the borrower to stop by the Center and pick up the needed items. When the person is done using the equipment, they call the case manager again to set up a return time, and then bring the equipment back so it can be sanitized and put back into circulation.

There is no charge for use of the loan closet equipment, but donations are always welcome.

If you have any questions about foot care or the medical equipment loan closet, please call the Center at 835-5801.

April

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		** \$5.00/ Tire Contact Clerk's Office 608-455-4201		Pickleball 8a-8p ¹	Pickleball 8a-5p ²	³
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