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The Village of Brooklyn wishes you a very safe and Happy Halloween!

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes September 13, 2021

The September 13, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Community Building by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Dan Olson, Brandon Arndt, Jacob Bachim, Kyle Smith, Mike Brusberg and Sean Brennum. Also present were Alan Kunz and Jeff Stelter from Core & Main, Public Works Director Leif Spidle, Deputy Merrick Grumke and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments.

Core & Main presentation – Kunz and Stelter presented information on the Sensus water meter products. iPERL meters are tamperproof, have leak alarm alerts, reverse flow, etc. Spidle said we've been putting iPERLs in since 2010. Bruner asked if we currently use them where meters freeze. Spidle possibly. It won't prevent freezing but monitors when to start. Can remote shutoff if needed instead of at the street. Monitors pressure to monitor for leaks. Omni meters are larger meters. Radios are part of the system. They're on a privately licensed frequency used by Sensus. We've been putting them into our system for 10 years. The older meters are on a public bandwidth and not migratable to a tower. We have 260 that are migratable that could transmit to a tower once every 4 hours and backwards for 3 days. We have 320 of the older than 10-year style that are not migratable. There is a 15-year warranty and 5 years prorated. The network we have now is with a handheld that is driven around the village to read meters. With the new system we'd put an antenna on a tower in town. At the bottom is a box that radios and sends a command to talk to the tower, and then an internet connection at the site and goes to two data centers in the country which are the servers. It reads meters every hour and transmits the reads every 4 hours. We could pull the readings through the software. We could get hour by hour readings. It's a proactive instead of reactive system. Can get alerts for leaks but it won't catch them all. Gateway sensor to send alerts can be added. Analytics are used to send information from our billing system to Sensus and then can get reports on the meters daily, can search specific meters, and it holds a year's worth of data. Current handheld is 12 years old and is obsolete now. If it breaks, we could spend \$8,000 to replace it. Brusberg asked if it will conflict with a residential flow type system in the home. Kunz said it is not compatible, but they can split the output to make it work. Stelter said there's a customer facing software that is available also that could be used for residents, at an extra cost. Bruner asked if the mag meters are affected by mineral content. Stelter said it won't be a problem. If we put in an order, it will be about 28 weeks for the radios to come. There are options to put in the antenna in now and can put in meters slowly or all at once. Stelter said 3 to 4 months from date of order to set up tower and software. Bruner asked if there would be interference with the cell tower. Stelter said no, it's on its own frequency, but can't be too close to the stuff on water tower. If on cell towers, it needs to be above or below the existing antennas. They would want to be the highest possible. Installation of the tower is not included in the price, but we can possibly do it ourselves. Olson asked what's the range. Stelter said radio is two watts of power, so the higher the better. They like to put on water towers. There are lots of variables with meters in the basements. Some are 5-6 miles, some places are 1 mile. Most utilities only have 1 antenna. Kunz and Stelter thanked the board for their time. Board thanked them for coming.

President's report – Dane County mask order has been extended for a few more weeks. What are the board's thoughts on staying all in-person versus doing hybrids. Brennum said the hybrid option is good for the community and gives them the opportunity to join if they don't feel comfortable in person. Brusberg agrees with Brennum. **Bruner made a motion to do the next one as a hybrid and see if we get a response with Zoom, if people are tuning in.** Brusberg suggested to do audio only without the video. Brennum is okay with that. Bachim seconded. Motion carried. **Brennum made a motion to postpone the renewal of Zoom license until the September 27 meeting.** Olson seconded. Smith asked to get input from Recreation Committee by then with their plan and to contact the chair before the next meeting. Motion carried.

Bachim made a motion to approve minutes of August 23. Arndt seconded. Motion carried. Brusberg, Smith and Brennum abstained.

Safety report – Deputy Grumke reported the tractor pulls were a great event. There wasn't anything from the park law enforcementwise and nothing in the village stemming from that. There were two burglaries at

Main Street Music and Anchor Club, but it seems to be a trend in northern Green County currently. There were several the same night as ours. Otherwise it's been good around the village. Bruner asked if there's been any follow up from Green County. Grumke stated Albany maybe has some idea since it's been a trend from Green and Rock. Brusberg asked about the vehicle theft. Grumke said it was located and found 10 days ago. Board thanked him. Statistics from August were given to the board.

Public Works – Spilde said every year they trade out for a new lawn mower. The policy changed for purchasing, but he received one bid under the policy and one bid over, so he would like the board to approve. It's a John Deere Z95R and it's the third one we've had. We trade it out every year. We have been getting through Sloans, which is at \$2,400, and MidState is at \$3,091. **Smith made a motion to approve Sloan's bid to replace the lawn mower.** Brennum seconded. Smith asked if that is budgeted. Spilde said yes, for that replacement. Motion carried.

Age of utilities report was handed out. Life expectancy of pipe in the ground is 40 years. 48% of our system is older than 40 years. 48% is older than 67 years, which is close to double the age of infrastructure. 32% is older than 20 years. Infrastructure is a big deal in every community. Ballpark for doing work based on S. Kerch Street was about \$1 million for about 3 blocks. Bruner stated the 48% older is cast iron, but he asked if the other is copper. Spilde said copper is only used on residential. Everything else is pretty much ductile iron 7-8 years ago. Residential is allowed to put plastic now. Village owned utility is cast or ductile iron. Sewer mains are now mostly plastic, and it was either ductile iron or clay prior. The report shows sewer main and water main footage and other items. DNR recommends we pull and inspect wells every 10 years. Next inspection on Well 1 is 2023, and it's about \$50,000. The last two times we have had to replace items after an inspection. Usually we have to replace sleeves every inspection. Well 2 is due in 2026 for inspection. The tower, since we signed the contract with Suez, is paid a yearly fee. Bruner asked how prohibitive it is to put a graphic like the logo. Spilde said it would be an added cost which is not included in the contract.

Utility report - Water – every month we're required to do two bacteria and one fluoride test, which were taken and are safe. There was an issue with the water tower control panel, and the backup battery needed to be replaced. Flushed dead ends, which they try to do every month in the summer. Once it's colder, they don't, and it is required two times a year to open every hydrant. They checked the valve in the wells, one went out at well 2, but they fixed it inhouse instead of hiring out. **Sewer** – BPR was put in line last July and they said it would take some time. They've taken time and done a good job and up until a month ago could have done without chemicals, but now they're working on another process. He will be doing a presentation at WWOA with Strand next month. The trade starts next year and is a budgetary number to give us credit for phosphorus. WET test is a required test but not all utilities have to. This year we passed. Overall phosphorus numbers are really good and everything else has improved numberwise. Smith asked if solids are up or down. Spilde said we didn't waste a lot. He said it didn't recycle a lot, so sludge cost will be up, so they're wasting a lot now before hauling. It will be right around budget number. Pressured washed all the tanks. **EM** – have binders updated and need to meet with board members and get some manuals. Bruner plans to have EM meeting. Spilde said nothing is set up at the moment. Dane County EM - FEMA requires a flood mitigation plan for each municipality. Dane County does it countywide and they're the only county in the state that does it. We've done it since 2016 and it's now in a second update, so we're participating with that. We've applied for FEMA money 3 times, and if we have a plan in place, it's easier to apply. It's running through public works, and we will have a public information meeting and need to vote on it before the end of the year. Green County had a local EM planning committee by Zoom meeting on August 11. **Streets** – 3 cremations over last 6 weeks, looking at possible extensions in the cemetery. Tree trimming and stump grinding. Painted crosswalks. They rent from Green County and our guys work with one of theirs. Participated in National Night Out. Labor Day, PW did a great job getting things ready. They received a \$500 donation to help replace things, so they replaced some boards on the bleachers.

Finance/PW committee meeting – Brusberg said the committees went through a list of ideas for use of ARPA money. The top choice is to upgrade to a new water meter system. The next one is extra pay for PW and office staff, and the thought is to do \$9,000 across the six village employees that exist, and based on discussion, they will have the same amount for all parties at \$1,500 each. The next item was extra pay for

regular poll workers. Last year we gave everyone a \$25 gift card, but really there are three individuals that do quite a bit, so the thought was to do \$250 for those and another \$250 spread out across the other poll workers. Another item was a speaker system for larger meetings to give the option of having ability to allow better connection to be heard on recordings and hybrid meetings. No amount was discussed but will take a look at pricing. It would possibly leave a little over \$60,000 for other things. They discussed park upgrades. Residents have concerns about the sand in playgrounds, so we could look into the cost of rubber mulch to put down to get rid of sand bees. Spilde said other local municipalities use bark. We're in the minority using sand. The safety mat or rubber recycled tire type, for a 20x20 one foot deep and encased is about \$100,000. Wood chips are an option, and it would be about \$10,000 or less to do all of ours. There is more maintenance monthly and a yearly update to them. Some communities use pea gravel. Spilde met with Hardy from Recreation, and the Committee will talk about some items at their meeting. Bruner asked if we are doing projector funds out of ARPA. Arndt said they were talking about a projector and asking for about \$1,000 from the police funds. Bruner said we'll talk about that later. Brennum asked if we're able to pay when we receive or pay up front for Core and Main. Spilde will make sure it's billed in June of next year. PSC requires municipality to check meters every 10 years. The iPERLs are a 20-year test cycle. They've been changing out meters regularly every year. The 327 boxes, he doesn't want to change all in one year, because in 20 years you will have 327 that need to be tested in one year. He would like to do a little more than 40 in a year but doesn't want to do a mass changeout. Bruner suggested to maybe order a smaller amount each year. Spilde agreed and suggested maybe ordering in bulk in the last year of using ARPA money. We still have to replace meters over the year, but that is budgeted. These boxes would give the ability to read from a tower. Brennum asked if we need to put the antenna setup into this budget. Spilde said there are more potential sites available, and they can test the best spot. There's a tower at the bank and one at the shop. The board could approve and get the antenna and software ordered and can spread it out over time.

Brusberg made a motion to set aside \$50,000 to begin a phased approach for moving to the service presented from Core and Main that would include roughly 150 radios that would be ordered initially, with the remainder to be ordered in a future phase. We would earmark \$25,000 to be used over the next couple of years. Smith suggested changing to \$75,000 and put in the whole amount even though we're not spending right away. **Brusberg withdrew his motion. Brusberg made a motion to set aside \$75,000 for Core & Main service, which includes 327 radios that will be purchased over time, with \$50,000 to be spent immediately.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. **Brusberg made a motion to pay \$6,000 as a one-time bonus to public works employees, \$1500 per person across the department.** Smith seconded. Motion carried. **Brusberg made a motion to pay a \$3,000 bonus to the two staff employees in the clerk's office, \$1,500 per person.** Smith seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained. **Brusberg made a motion to pay a \$1,000 extra pay bonus to the poll workers, \$250 to the three regular full-time poll workers and \$250 to be divided out based on clerk's discretion for other workers.** The three regular workers being Jan Michaelis, Helen McCord and Pat Hawkey. Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained. Smith asked if the speaker system will be able to be used in the village hall when we can go back there, to make sure this system is capable for that. Brusberg said they talked about a wireless system. **Brusberg made a motion to postpone discussion on the speaker system and park upgrades until we have further knowledge of the costs.** Olson seconded. Smith asked what it would cost to build a new shelter. Brusberg said they would like Recreation Committee to help develop ideas for the use. Motion carried.

2022 budget – Brusberg said they talked about a timeline for the budget. Kuhlman asked the board if they would be meeting during Thanksgiving week. Board talked about not have a meeting Thanksgiving week. Board will try to hold the public meeting and approve the budget by the November 8th meeting, and if not, might have to hold a special meeting. Kuhlman also notified the board that in the packets is information for adding a second full-time officer or overtime hours for the current officer. They do not do half-time officers but do over time hours. (Spilde and Grumke left the meeting).

Recreation Committee – Arndt stated they did not have an official meeting because they didn't have a quorum. They discussed things to do with the park and did discuss pricing of redoing the sand with bark or rubber and it was tabled. They discussed needing to replace some of the equipment in the park. They think the equipment is a little outdated. The purchase of a projector was discussed for movie nights from October

to May. The projector was borrowed from a past board member. They're asking for permission to budget money to pay for one. Bruner asked if they will have one for October movie night. Arndt is not sure if they will have a movie in October. Arndt is not sure on pricing, but they're thinking between \$750 and \$2,000, so settling at \$1,000. Brusberg asked when in November they would be doing one. Arndt said it's always the first Saturday of the month. Smith asked if light poses an issue. Bruner talked about taking some of the undesignated money from the sale of police equipment and using towards the purchase of a projector. Bruner suggested they do some research and get a definite number. **Bruner made a motion to postpone until the September 27th meeting.** He asked them to come back with a number. Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – Financials for August – Deposits totaled \$378,018.75, which included July tax receipts of \$242,316.50. Withdrawals totaled \$110,339.81, leaving a balance of \$1,931,090.18 in all accounts. We received an email that **DOT is going to start a project** of a mill and overlay on Highway 14 from 92 to Evansville in 2026. The road will be closed during that time. **Clerk's office will be closed** Wednesday afternoon through Friday for the Treasurer's fall conference in Manitowoc. The **Chamber Business Park Open House** is on Saturday from 8 to 11. **Garage sales and dumpster days** are also this weekend. **GCDC meeting** is this coming Thursday. We received **redistricting information** from the state. It is at the county level for their review. We have to redistrict the Dane County side of the village into two wards, because we have 1,027 people on the Dane County side, and you can only have 1,000 in a ward. She gave the board a few options for splitting the Dane County side. The TID is a separate ward. We had a few comments and concerns about **people walking their dogs in the new development area** and running through the area. Three or four dogs got sick. Public Works and Olson looked and found it to be ragweed. She talked to the developer, and he will try to mow and also post no trespassing signs. Last month's **water bill for Legion Park** was high due to a leak in the bathroom, which was fixed. Next **food truck night** is next Tuesday. Arndt added it is now 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Kuhlman explained the copier at the Police Department is being leased for \$200 a month, but the deputies don't use it. She talked to Gordon Flesch, and they will take that copier back, and the clerk's office can get a new copier and the clerk's copier can go down to Public Works, as their copier is not working. Two copiers were looked at, one is \$207 per month and one is \$230 per month. There isn't much difference, other than speed. Kuhlman stated they could go with the slower speed, because it's not that noticeable. **Smith made a motion to approve the lease for the Canon copier c3835i.** Brennum seconded. And to relocate the copier from clerk's office to public works. Motion carried.

Olson and Brusberg reviewed bills. Olson said he can't approve mileage for V. Olson. **Brusberg made a motion to approve bills as presented.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-12 fire department levy limit adjustment. Brennum seconded. Motion carried. **Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-13 EMS department levy limit adjustment.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Dumpster days – hourly pay is currently \$9/hour. **Arndt made a motion to approve pay at \$9/hour for 15 hours.** Bachim seconded. Smith asked if Olson is doing it. Smith asked if we can take some of the ARPA money and give a bonus to cover spring one as well. Kuhlman stated the law changed this year and you can pay a trustee up to \$15,000 per year as an employee. Motion carried. Olson abstained. Olson worked about 40 hours at the spring dumpster days. **Brusberg made a motion to approve a \$400 bonus to Dan Olson for working spring dumpster days.** Bachim seconded. Brusberg said this is all budgeted. Smith said his only thoughts are that's not enough. He thanked Olson for what he does. With the Covid impact and what he does and how the community reacts and how he helps everyone out, **Smith made an amendment to the motion to give \$550 to Olson for all he does.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained. **Bruner stated the original motion is amended to increase the dollar amount to \$550.** Motion carried.

Fire/EMS budgets -Kuhlman stated they have the proposed budgets. She did a spreadsheet showing amounts used from fire/EMS budgets for the last 5-6 years. The board also has questions from Town of Rutland, Brusberg and herself. Does the board have any questions for Brusberg to take to district meeting.

The joint meeting is September 23. Discussion on the budgets. Kuhlman sat in on the Town of Rutland's meeting. They have the same questions as us. They were concerned about the EMS unallocated funds. Wicik said they would be getting an ambulance in the next couple of years. Town of Rutland said Stoughton and Oregon refund overages at the end of the year. Smith asked if it's in their agreements. Kuhlman said they didn't know, but it would have to be changed in ours. Marx should have changes to the agreement by the district meeting Wednesday. Town of Rutland said they want the changes looked at by their attorney. Discussion on unallocated funds. Brusberg asked with salaries and fringes, will the budget really cover it. Smith said he had that question. Kuhlman said they discussed a salary of \$55,000 with an EMR, but with an EMT it would be higher. Brusberg and Smith would like to know the breakdown with fringe and benefits. Smith asked who manages that and how much more accounting staff is needed with a full-time person. Kuhlman said they're looking for input on the agenda also for the joint meeting. Smith would like to move the agreement changes up on the agenda, because without the agreement nothing is falling into place. Kuhlman said they should have draft language on Wednesday, does the board want to discuss the changes before the meeting on the 23rd. **Board called a special meeting for 5:45 on September 20** to discuss the possible agreement changes.

Smith made a motion at 8:51 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 (Business Complex). Brennum seconded. Ayes – Smith, Brennum, Bachim, Bruner, Brusberg, Olson and Arndt. Noes – none.

Smith made a motion at 9:10 p.m. to convene to open session. Olson seconded. Ayes – Smith, Brennum, Bachim Bruner, Brusberg, Olson and Arndt. Noes – none.

Smith made a motion to approve the offer to purchase made in closed session. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Brennum made a motion at 9:11 p.m. to adjourn. Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW, Clerk-Treasurer

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**Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2021**

The September 20, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 5:45 p.m. at the Brooklyn Community Building by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Dan Olson, Brandon Arndt, Kyle Smith, Mike Brusberg and Sean Brennum. Jacob Bachim was not present. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments.

**Fire/EMS Agreement changes and budget** – Bruner would like to go into the joint meeting Thursday night with a unified voice. Brennum asked if any of the questions were answered that Sue Williams brought to the board at the August meeting. Brusberg said the biggest discussion was around the unallocated funds. Discussion on funds and needing a new ambulance in a few years and using those funds to help pay for that. Smith asked how they proposed to pay it back to the municipalities. Brusberg said Marx brought that up, and it would be hard to determine that over the many years it's been built up. He thinks the best would be to use the current percentages for the municipalities. Smith asked about reserves to pay for SBCA equipment. Kuhlman said in the last few years fire funds have been used for SCBA equipment and the fire engine, so they have less than the 30% reserves, so we're talking about EMS reserves only.

Brennum asked about the fire chief, in terms of concerns that we can't retain people because they're underpaid. Brusberg said they're making a trade off in hiring the fire chief to solve their problems, with the chief available to take care of some of these employment and paperwork issues versus paid on call. Brennum said the changes to the agreement are based on saying yes to the fire chief. Smith said it sounds like they're getting rid of LTEs but how are nights and weekends doing. Brusberg is not sure, but they speak a lot about LTEs during the week. Bruner asked if we have a staffing issue for nights and weekends. Brusberg said yes, but it might be more for fire. Discussion on chief position and hiring and salary amounts. They don't have hiring process worked out yet. Brusberg volunteered to help with that process, and he suggested employees be part of the process. Brusberg wants them to explain on the record at the joint meeting what appoint means. Smith said it changed from last year, because then they planned to have members pick the person. Arndt said discussions in strategic plan meetings were about someone being there to oversee the younger people they are getting right out of school and also someone to do the administrative work. Olson brought up the meetings that will need to be attended, will that affect overtime hours and pay, and do they need to look at an administrator to do the paperwork. Smith brought up what happens if have a fire call and then an EMS call, which one does the chief cover, was that addressed. Bruner said if don't hire a chief and still have administrative work, do you have the officers help. Arndt said it's hard to attract people based on the small number of calls in the district, and he brought up possibly paying a bonus for someone to come and work.

Brusberg brought up with the amounts in the budgets, do we approve the budgets, and if can't work out hiring a chief, the funds are there to look at other ways to spend that. Smith agreed and said we can always change the line item amounts to other line items. Smith asked what their feelings are with the chief, is it a good move. Brusberg thinks better off with paid on-call. Kuhlman said with the agreement changes, it has to pass 4 out of 5. The budget has to pass all. If they pass the fire chief portion, what do you want to do with the budget. Only budget-related items in agreement have to be 5 out of 5. Brusberg would like them to explain more about getting fire chief versus paid on call. Discussion on strategic plan being a framework. Smith asked about taking changes to the attorney. Kuhlman said there isn't really anything substantive changing in the agreement as far as legalities. Kuhlman said as far as the change with sending one representative, what's the point of having a joint meeting if you are only sending one representative.

**Brennum made a motion not to accept the changes in the agreement.** Smith seconded. Arndt clarified that meant all the changes. Motion carried. Brusberg abstained.

Discussion on budget approval. Smith, we don't want to take money away from them, but allocate more for paid on-call. If we vote no, it would be a 10% raise. EMS is at a zero percent increase and fire is at 7% increase right now. Bruner said 10% increase in budget could be allocated at discretion of the board. Smith said if we turn this down, then we have to meet again, probably with the same budget. Kuhlman said they can ask during the meeting to break and have a discussion. **Arndt made a motion to postpone the discussion on the budget.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

**Olson made a motion at 6:25 p.m. to adjourn.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2021

The September 27, 2021, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Community Building and via Zoom by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Dan Olson, Brandon Arndt, Kyle Smith, Mike Brusberg (via Zoom), Sean Brennum and Jacob Bachim. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance. There were no public comments.

President's report – Bruner pointed out to members not on the board before that we're in budget season and it's a process. He appreciates everyone's commitment.

Brennum would like to change the September 13th minutes. On the motion to approve funds for election workers, he should have abstained and didn't. **Smith made a motion to approve the September 13 and September 20 minutes with Brennum's correction.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's report – Green County redistricting is finished and nothing in the village changed for Green County. Dane County has a committee looking at the redistricting and developed about nine maps. Kuhlman sent a letter from the village objecting to four of the maps which were splitting the Dane County side of the village into two county supervisory wards, which would be confusing for residents and poll workers having two separate ballots for Dane County. The committee will narrow it down to one to take to the County Board. Olson and Kuhlman attended the treasurer's conference last week. They had excellent seminars.

Discussion on Trick or Treat hours. Last year was on Halloween from 2 pm to 6 pm. Suggested times were 2 pm-7pm, 4 pm-7 pm, 3 pm-7 pm and keeping it at 2 pm-6 pm. **Brennum made a motion for Trick or Treating hours to be 2 pm to 6 pm on Sunday, October 31.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 Green County Matching Funds. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-15 Green County Ward Creation. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Olson stated when we did the inspection on the building, he noticed some items on the roof. When the roofing company opened up the roof, the parapet wall is caving in. That needs to be torn down and redone. The funding is in with the borrowing for the building. It would be setup, teardown and rebuild the wall, and Custof foam would come back in and reattach. The chimney has to be torn about three feet down and recapped. Bruner asked if we can salvage any of the brick. Olson said with the amount of time to clean them, we're better off to get new brick. They will get as close to matching as possible. Meyer has ordered the parts and two to three weeks he'll have the parts. Olson said it's the part that faces the old marketplace building. **Smith made a motion to approve the \$11,500 bid from Andy Meyer and the funds to come out of building reserve funds.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Olson and Bruner reviewed the bills. Olson saw the Custof foam invoice was not on the register, and also one of the Speedee Delivery bills was transposed. It showed \$23.66 and should have been \$32.66. **Brennum made a motion to approve bills as corrected.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Village currently has two Zoom licenses for \$150 each, one for village and one for recreation. Bachim made a motion to renew the license for both Zoom licenses. Smith seconded. Arndt said recreation has yoga on Wednesdays currently and nothing scheduled yet for Mondays. Kuhlman said recreation can use the license on Wednesdays when the board doesn't meet, and we can always add a second license at any time. Smith withdrew his second, and Bachim withdrew his motion. **Bachim made a motion to approve one Zoom license for the village.** Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Arndt stated they found two options for projectors for the recreation committee. The one they are proposing to purchase has higher lumens. Bruner asked what they project it on. Arndt said they will be purchasing a screen that they can also do movies in the park. Right now it's a sheet on the stage. Smith asked if both have external speakers and enough hookups. Kuhlman said after speaking with Hardy, they hook up the sound to external speakers. Smith made a motion to approve the Epson Pro EX9240 for \$850. Brennum seconded. Kuhlman asked if they want to add the money will come out of the sale of the police equipment. Brennum withdrew his second and Smith withdrew his motion. **Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of the Epson Pro EX9240 for \$850 and the funds will come out of the sale of the police equipment.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

2022 budgets discussion. Kuhlman went through the budget items and spoke with Spilde and put in the necessary changes to the budget. Shared revenue is up about \$2,000 and DOT aids are going up about \$11,000. The general levy went up about \$7,000 because of net new construction, and we will be able to put in the difference from EMS budget. Curbside garbage and recycling were raised in revenue and expenses due to the Elizabeth Circle and Douglas Drive area development. The State Bank of Cross Plains Lease line is new. Kuhlman recalculated the village board wages due to having more committee meetings. Smith asked if we want to talk about that again. Bruner said we should address it after budget season. Kuhlman lowered attorney's fees because we had raised it due to all the activity in the past year. The lease payments are zero, copy machine outlay is changing from police department to clerk's office. Smith asked if we have enough in clerk's general expenses because it's close to the budget limit. Kuhlman raised email retention and software support to redistribute expenses and for new email secure options, postage meter is being updated, some more ordinances will be finished next year. Election machine support is down, because last year we bought the new ADA election machine. Raises in utilities are due to projections over the last few years. Pest control is higher due to adding the village hall. We have new categories for village hall wages, fringe, supplies and utilities. Kuhlman asked board to think about changing the split in lease payments from the bank to cover all the expenses. We have not added extra into police department budget yet. We will need approximately \$135,000 for a second officer. Hydrant rental raised due to additional hydrants in new development. Fire and EMS levies were added. Public Works didn't have a lot of changes. A very rough figure right now of what we have left is about \$107,000. Kuhlman is still waiting for some numbers from the state. She suggested leaving extra money in the police budget for adding more coverage. Bruner discussed adding shifts for the police department, especially when our deputy is on vacation. Brusberg asked if there is coverage listed in the contract with the county when our deputy goes on vacation. Olson said the county should come through more when ours is on vacation. Smith said it would be nice to have staggered shifts for deputies to cover times when kids are going to and from school. Kuhlman asked if the board wants to continue membership in Green County Development Corporation and also discussed completing the comprehensive plan. Discussion about the amounts to the Senior Center and Youth Center. We have about \$100,000 in unallocated funds. Arndt asked about recreation summer wages. Kuhlman said the time frame was lower this summer and we didn't have the extra helpers, so we left the same amount for next year, assuming it will go back to normal. Arndt will discuss with the recreation committee their plans for summer youth next year. Kuhlman will be sending out the notice after the next board meeting to the paper for the public hearing on the budget. The debt is about the same as last year. In 2022 we will be finishing payments on a few loans and in 2023 a few more will be paid off. Discussion on possible capital purchases in the future. Brusberg likes the idea of putting more money aside for the police.

Planning and Zoning Commission – Smith made a motion to postpone the approval of the PZ minutes to the October 11 board meeting. Olson seconded. Motion carried. Bruner stated ordinances were brought up for discussion. Some ordinances are still up for discussion. Bachim asked about the Railroad Street residence. Bruner stated the owner is making progress. They have seen people putting sheathing down and working on the roof. We'll check again by October. Olson said he'd like to see a steady progress.

Fire/EMS District Commission – Brusberg stated everyone was in attendance at last week's joint meeting. A lot of questions and dialogue took place. It seemed like a lot of insights were shared, especially from Wicik and Barber. The boards approved the fire chief position and approved the budget. The last district meeting was budget talk. Hazard pay was approved for the month of December, about \$5,000 and will come out of their general fund. Marx brought up the ARPA money. They continue to bring up charging for fire calls, and he pushed hard that the behavior wouldn't be good. He motioned to not do it and they agreed. Brennum asked about minutes from the meetings. Brusberg said they're not available yet. O'Brien was elected president and Marx vice president. Installation of air line dryer was approved. The cost of the materials is \$100 and install is about \$900. It will come out of the budget. Bachim explained all of the trucks have air breaks and are plugged into a line. The lines are full of water due to condensation in the building, so they need to fix it. They have the parts and are looking for someone to install. Brusberg stated the joint boards discussed the unallocated amounts. They will have a new line item added to the balance sheet to state that amount, and it should stay fixed over the year. There was an agreement it will be used for equipment replacement, apparatus and to draw down the budget. The boards will reassess each year because

there might be changes. Since unallocated funds are used for budget reduction, we need to watch the unallocated funds and not run it to nothing and then have a big jump in budget. Brusberg brought up trying to get into a better class to get a better rate in homeowner's insurance. Smith said if he finds out any information, to let us know.

Bruner entertained a motion 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 (Business Complex), 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 (all employees). **Smith made a motion at 7:40 p.m. to convene into closed session.** Brennum seconded. Ayes – Smith, Brennum, Bachim, Bruner, Olson, Arndt and Brusberg. Noes – none.

Smith made a motion at 8:39 to come out of closed session. Brennum seconded. Ayes – Smith, Brennum, Bachim, Bruner, Olson, Arndt and Brusberg. Noes – none.

Brusberg made a motion to approve the following increases in compensation for full-time employees and part-time village staff -- 5.6% increase in base compensation for full-time employees, total increase of \$16,210, increase poll workers to \$10 per hour and the chief inspector to \$12, dumpster day attendant increase to \$15 per hour, summer public works employee increased to \$12 per hour and a 70 cent per hour increase earmarked for Deputy Clerk Vicki Olson upon certification which will be added to the 5.6% increase. Smith seconded. Motion carried. Olson abstained.

Smith made a motion at 8:42 p.m. to adjourn. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

ELECTION WORKERS
NEEDED



CONTACT THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT
608-455-4201
WITH QUESTIONS
OR TO SIGN UP

Community
Potluck



Thursday, Oct. 28th

At Noon
Brooklyn Methodist Church

Everyone - all ages are welcome.
Bring a dish to pass.
Table service and beverages are provided.

9:00 p.m. Routine

Law enforcement agencies across the nation are asking people to develop this habit for protecting property from theft, and protecting your home from intruders.

Most of us have forgotten to lock our car, or accidentally left the garage door open overnight or even discovered in the morning that the front door was unlocked overnight at least once.



DANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
www.danesheriff.com

Non-emergency dispatch: (608) 266-4948

Emergency: 911

The 9:00 p.m. Routine:

**This routine that can be used any time of day*

1. Check vehicles to insure you've removed all valuables, that the doors are locked and your garage doors are secured.
2. Walk around inside your home and lock and secure all doors and windows.
3. Turn on outside lights.
4. Report any suspicious activity.

Theft is a preventable crime of opportunity that can happen in an instant. Taking these simple steps can prevent your becoming a victim.

DANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Brush Pickup – 2nd Tuesday of Each Month

Please place brush in the terrace, parallel to the curb, and in separate piles. Be sure to stay away from any electrical/telephone equipment. All cut ends need to be placed in the same direction.



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

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SUMMER WATER METER REMINDER

All temporary lawn meters need to be returned to the Clerk's Office as soon as possible.

Damaged meters due to freezing, or non-returned meters, will result in a non-return of your deposit check.

October 2021

Senior Center News

By Rachel Brickner

If you or a loved one receives Medicare benefits, you need to know that the period between mid-October and December 7 is the time when changes to coverage can be made. Medicare's Open Enrollment period gives people an opportunity to make changes in their medical and drug coverage, and it often offers a way for seniors to save money in the up-coming year.

Most seniors have medical insurance in addition to Medicare benefits. That insurance helps cover the costs of medications and other expenses that Medicare does not fully cover. The Open Enrollment period each year offers seniors a chance to make changes in the providers of that additional coverage.

It is a good idea to evaluate coverage each year. Drug plans, also known as Medicare Part D plans, change annually, especially with regard to their premiums and the medications they cover. Often it is cheaper to change to a new plan for the up-coming year. However, unless a senior has help evaluating the options, it can be challenging to figure out which plan might be the least expensive.

Part D plans are very individualized. What is the least expensive plan for one person might not be the least expensive plan for a different person.

This is where the Senior Center staff can provide guidance. The case managers are trained to evaluate plans and help seniors determine the cost of various options. **The service is free.** If you are interested in meeting with a case manager to evaluate your Part D options, please call the Center at 835-5801 and ask to speak to Carol or Noriko. We do request that you make an appointment for this popular service, rather than stopping in and asking for help without having an appointment

scheduled. We also ask that you call early during the Open Enrollment period to get your appointment on the calendar, to make sure your request can be accommodated.

By simply evaluating which drug insurance plan will be cheapest for a senior, the senior can then look at the cost savings associated with switching to a different plan. Sometimes a simple change can lead to saving hundreds of dollars during the up-coming year. Any decision about whether to change is, of course, completely up to the senior involved.

For seniors who want to explore Medicare Part D options on their own, Medicare's website does offer a Part D Planfinder tool, into which a person enters information. That information includes the zip code and pharmacy where medications are picked up, as well as all the medications that a person takes. The Planfinder tool then sorts through the available plans to determine which is most cost effective for that particular person.

Because there are so many different details involved, it can be complicated to interpret the results. Our case managers are here to help with any questions you might have. Call 835-5801 to get your questions answered.



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Click on link below to  
read the  
[October 2021 Senior  
Center Newsletter](#)



Save the date  
**HALLOWEEN BASH**  
**costume party & movie**

October 23rd, 2021

Doors Open at 5:30

Movie Starts at 6:30

Brooklyn Community Building  
more details coming soon!





## Current Get Fit Class Schedule

Wednesday - 6:00pm  
**YOGA SLOW FLOW**



**FREE Family Movie  
Night is  
Saturday,  
November 6th**



**Look for the clue on  
our Facebook page and  
website (clue will be  
posted the week of  
Nov. 1st)**

**Brooklyn Community Building  
Doors Open at 6:00|Movie Starts at 6:30pm**



# November

2021

| Sunday                                                            | Monday                                           | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                                                                             | Thursday                                                                 | Friday                                             | Saturday               |
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| <p>**\$5.00/Tires<br/>Contact Clerk's Office<br/>608-455-4201</p> | 1                                                | 2<br>** Tires, Oil & Batteries | 3<br>Garbage<br>Yoga 6p                                                               | 4                                                                        | 5                                                  | 6<br>Rec – Movie Night |
| 7                                                                 | 8<br>Finance Mtg 5p<br>Village Board Mtg<br>630p | 9<br>Brush Pick up             | 10<br>Garbage & Recycling<br>Yoga 6p                                                  | 11                                                                       | 12<br>Clerk's Office Closed<br>7a-1p               | 13                     |
| 14                                                                | 15<br>Planning & Zoning Mtg<br>630p              | 16                             | 17<br>Garbage<br>Yoga 6p                                                              | 18                                                                       | 19                                                 | 20                     |
| 21                                                                | 22<br>Village Board Mtg<br>630p                  | 23                             | 24<br>Garbage & Recycling<br>Yoga 6p                                                  | 25<br>Happy Thanksgiving<br>Clerk's Office & Public<br>Works Dept Closed | 26<br>Clerk's Office & Public<br>Works Dept Closed | 27                     |
| 28                                                                | 29                                               | 30                             |  |                                                                          |                                                    |                        |