

Town of Brussels Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 6:30pm

Present: Chairman, Joe Wautier; Supervisors, Mark Marchant and Austin Vandertie; Treasurer, Penny Wautier; and Clerk, Sherri Dantoin

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at the Brussels Community Center by Chairman, Joe Wautier. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Vandertie/Marchant unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the agenda as presented, moving agenda item #13 (Quarry permits) up to after #6 for vendors in attendance

Motion Marchant/Vandertie unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the Clerks' minutes from the regular meeting of June 10, 2025 and Board of Review meeting on June 11, 2025

Treasurer's report

Motion Vandertie/Marchant unanimously carried by voice vote to accept the Treasurer's report

Citizen input

Tim Jeanquart requested to offer free weekly Walloon language classes at the Community Center starting in September. He's looking for a centrally located, accessible space and hopes to use it rent-free, though he's open to making a donation. Classes would be held on Monday or Tuesday evenings to avoid conflicts and would be flexible in case of paid rentals. This will be added to the August 18 meeting agenda as an action item.

Quarry Permit

Representatives were present to answer questions about the quarry requests. The Board asked that neighbors continue to receive proper notice before any blasting, which has been well handled so far. Michels confirmed no current activity is planned at their reserve pit. No changes from previous permit applications.

Motion Marchant/Vandertie unanimously carried by voice vote to renew Michels/Nebel quarry permits

B.U.G Fire Department

Motion Marchant/Vandertie unanimously carried by voice vote to approve sale of 1995 Freightliner Tender

New fire truck has been received. \$19,500 was budgeted in anticipation of this cost-sharing purchase.

Motion Vandertie/Marchant unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the contribution request of \$10,585 toward purchase of new truck

A resolution opposing the proposed \$44,435 EMS subscription fee by Door County was discussed.

Motion Marchant/Vandertie unanimously carried by voice vote to approve, sign and send the resolution

Road work:

A citizen complaint was received about uncut grass; letters will be sent. Signage on School Road and on County C are missing and need to be replaced. Joe has contacted the County.

Town Park:

Tractor was sold for \$3500. This weekend will be busy at the park with Belgian Days. Joel Daoust is making a copy of the bathroom plans to be displayed this weekend to share the upgrade.

Community Center

Joe Wautier received internet quotes from Broadband, StarLink, and is awaiting one from T-Mobile (expected to be most affordable, effective in September). A 5G plan should be adequate.

If internet is installed, DoorSecurity could use it for emergency alerts and the landline (\$77/mth) could be discontinued.

Motion Marchant/Vandertie unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the addition of internet to the Community Center, with either Broadband or T-Mobile, whichever is more cost effective

Consideration of Increasing Fees

The Board proposed simplified, updated rates reflecting new amenities like internet and bathroom upgrades. Effective Jan 1, 2026 (current bookings grandfathered):

- **Community Center:** \$200 (residents), \$250 (non-residents)
- **Park Pavilion:** \$125 (residents), \$150 (non-residents)
- *Security deposit remains unchanged*

Motion Marchant/Vandertie unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the change in rental fees to that as stated above, effective for January 1, 2026.

Quarry permit fees will be added to next month's agenda, with more investigation pending

Website Upgrade

The website was originally created to provide basic information, such as contact details for board members, and currently costs \$25 per year. However, the current agent believes the community has outgrown this basic setup, and many have expressed support for an upgrade. The goal is to create a secure, user-friendly site with easy access to meeting minutes, community news, public notices, forms, and event calendars—including rentals for the Community Center and Pavilion. TownWeb, commonly used in Door County, has been selected as the provider. If approved, planning and content updates would occur in July–September, migration in October–November, a soft launch in December, and a formal launch on January 1.

Motion Marchant/Vandertie unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the change to TownWeb's "July Special"

Zoning and Inspection Permits

The list of building and zoning permits approved during the month of June were shared.

Landline telephone discontinuance

Will be discussed next month based on internet installation outcome.

Board of Review

Reminder for the date of meeting being Wed, Jul 16, 6:30-8:30p

Clerks Correspondence – for Information Only

Quarter 2 EMR reports were shared. Form AT-827 (due 7/15) completion is pending additional permit filing

Payment of Bills, Monthly Salaries, Admin Expenses

Motion Marchant/Vandertie unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the monthly bills, salaries, and administrative expenses as presented

Next Meeting

The next regular town meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 18th at 6:30pm.

Motion Vandertie/Marchant unanimously carried by voice vote to adjourn, 7:37pm