

Town of Brussels Board Meeting Minutes Monday, August 18, 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 Brussels Community Center by Chairman, Joe Wautier. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Marchant/Vandertie unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the agenda as presented

Motion Marchant/Vandertie unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the Clerks' minutes from the regular meeting of July 9, 2025

Treasurer's report

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

Citizen input - None

Citizen request

A representative for Tim Jeanquart shared that he would like to offer Walloon language lessons on Tuesday evenings from 6:00–7:30 PM, starting with the school year. He is open to adjusting around other Community Center activities and agreed to a donation-based rental arrangement. Penny will coordinate with Tim to arrange key access to the building.

Motion Vandertie/Marchant unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the use of the Community Center for teaching Walloon on Tuesdays from 6-7:30p for the school year.

Road Work updates

The grass was cut at the location discussed last month, following a letter request to do so.

The County contacted Joe regarding the second cutting of the grass; to be done within next month.

Contract payment on the Swamp road project (ARIP #00041) will need to be funded initially, until we get the reimbursement back from WisDOT. Total project cost is \$293,086. We currently have enough in savings to cover this expense in the short-term.

Cemetery road is finished and looks great.

Town Park:

Pickleball Club Proposal: Jay Renstrom, Don Helm, and Mimi Schmidt presented a plan to upgrade Brussels Town Park for pickleball, benefiting both the local community and Door County as a whole. The Door County Pickleball Club will:

- Paint lines for 6 new courts (replacing the current, incorrectly sized layout of 2),
- Purchase 4 additional nets,
- Provide storage containers and balls,
- Possibly add a wind screen in the future.

All upgrades will be made at no cost to the community. The Club may also assist with scheduling and organizing play by skill level, if needed in the future.

This improvement could support future tournaments during Kermis or Belgian Days. With new bathrooms expected by spring, public accessible could further increase park use (to be discussed).

Motion Marchant/Vandertie unanimously carried by voice vote to allow Door County Pickleball Club to enhance the Park pickleball courts and provide equipment

Belgian Days support: With a successful Belgian Days behind us, Brussels Lions has again offered to pay 2 SepticMaintenance bills and the July park WPSC electrical bill. Many thanks to the Lions Club for their help.

Church requested use of park: The Church would like to use the Concession stand for access to the cooler again this year for Kermis.

Motion Vandertie/Marchant unanimously carried by voice vote to allow the church to use the concession stand for Kermis

Community Center

Addition of Internet: Joe has been working with T-Mobile's government division to secure unlimited internet for under \$55/month. The setup includes a router (no building installation required), which should arrive and be installed next week. T-Mobile offers a 30-day trial—if the service is satisfactory, billing will begin; if not, we can cancel without obligation. Once confirmed, we'll contact SecurityGuard to enable emergency connectivity. If the voting machine can operate via cell connection, we can cancel the landline, saving \$76/month. Sherri will finish the application process with Tmobile business office.

Consideration of Increasing Fees

Last meeting we discussed increasing Quarry renewal fees from \$150/5-years to \$500/5-years

Motion Vandertie/Marchant unanimously carried by voice vote to approve increasing the Quarry Fee to \$500 effective January 1, 2026

Website Upgrade

Sherri has submitted the contract and payment. Onboarding phone calls are expected this week.

Quarry Permits

LYCON renewal. No changes from previous permit applications were noted.

Motion Vandertie/Marchant unanimously carried by voice vote to renew LYCON quarry permit

Zoning and Inspection Permits – none issued

Clerks Correspondence – for Information Only

ICE machine should be ready for pick-up in the next month or so; Sherri completed 6 hours of election training, as necessary by 12/31/25.

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 Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30pm.

Motion Vandertie/Marchant unanimously carried by voice vote to adjourn, 7:07pm