

BDNW Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 19th, 2018

The meeting was called to order by our President Dale Gass, at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Brown Deer Village Hall.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dale Gass asked some interesting Brown Deer related trivia questions. Some of the questions were regarding the Town Hall meeting which was held on Tuesday, September 18th. The main topic of discussion at that meeting was the future of the Brown Deer Library.

There is a new page on the Village of Brown Deer's website called "Grapevine". The residents can go to this page which was "created to address trending topics and correct misinformation spread throughout the Village via social media and by word of mouth". You can also submit questions which you have that you would like to have addressed. <https://www.browndeerwi.org/grapevine/>

The sign in sheet was passed around and 21 people were present.

OLD BUSINESS

- There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on May 16, 2018.
- There were no comments or issues regarding the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Alice Mueller gave the treasurer's report. The current balance according to the bank is \$677.76. The amount that Alice feels it should be is \$695.76. The discrepancy is because the bank where we had our account was bought out. The new bank has different policies regarding our type of organization. We were charged a service fee for a few months. We hope to have this resolved prior to our next meeting.
- President's Report - Dale Gass
 - *We are getting closer to reaching our goal of raising \$600. Of that amount \$300 will go to the BDPD and \$300 will stay with our group.
 - *We currently have yard signs available at \$15.00 each as well as other "show your support for law enforcement" items available for sale at the now discounted price of \$2.00 each.
 - *If possible, we would like to purchase and post Neighborhood Watch signs around the boundaries of the village.
 - *There is still concern that we continue to have unlocked vehicles which are parked outside from which laptops, purses, guns and other valuables are being stolen! It is also recommended that garage door openers not to be left in cars which are parked outside overnight. This is just an open invitation for the thieves to come back for easy entrance into your garage and home. It was also suggested that with some newer cars that use key fobs and a push button start that when your car is parked in your garage

that you keep the fob that is inside your home more than 10 feet away.

*Statistics from the Brown Deer Police Department Monthly Report were shared. These statistics can be found on line. Most are trending down.
<https://www.browndeerwi.org/department-publications/>

- BDPD Report - Community Outreach Officer Nick Anderson

*The subject of shoplifting in the stores in the village was discussed. For some of the stores, the corporate policy is not to pursue. They do not call the police until after the thieves have left the store and driven off the property. For those stores, only a police report is filed documenting the theft. At other stores, the police are being called when the shoplifter is still in the store, and most of the time the BDPD is waiting for them when they leave the store. It was stated that theft by employees is a bigger problem than by shoplifters.

*It is believed that auto thefts will only get worse in 2019/2020. There are two auto theft gangs that have been identified. To them it is just a game. They are in competition. Be careful when selling a car though Craig's list or other social media sites. Some cars are being taken for a "test drive" and not returned.

*It is recommended that with the cooler/cold weather coming that if you have to warm up your car that you lock it if possible, or use a steering wheel anti-theft device like "The Club". It will prevent anyone from driving off with your car as they will not be able to completely turn the steering wheel.

*Be careful if you are warming up your car while it is in your garage. With your garage door open the carbon monoxide can escape but items in your garage can also be stolen at this same time.

*If you wish to follow the BDPD on social media, check out their YouTube channel, follow them on Twitter or Facebook.

*The department's current K-9 unit is 7 years old. He is primarily used for drug work but also does detention and article/people searches. The next new dog is scheduled for 2020.

*There have been no issues noted with the opening up of the first roundabout in Brown Deer.

*A question was raised whether the Citizens Academy would be returning. That is a possibility. It would run one night a week for 2 hours for a duration of 6 to 8 weeks. However, in the past people have shown an interest in attending but when dates and times were actually set very few people signed up.

*Purchase and use of over the counter pepper spray and mace are fine. But just a warning that these products can be used on the person carrying them as well, not just the attacker. Wind direction is also an issue. Wind can push pepper spray backwards thus disabling you.

*Are you interested in documenting your belongings so that in case of a burglary the chances increase that your property might be returned to you? Document the manufacturer, model numbers, serial numbers and take pictures. Not all items have identifying numbers so having pictures is helpful. Having jewelry appraised with a written description is also very wise.

*Officer Anderson brought with him the department's UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) or drone. (No, it doesn't fire missiles or drop bombs!) The operation of it is covered by the "FAA 107 Registration Program". BDPD has two pilots who are currently licensed to fly it. Officer Anderson is in training. He explained how it works and some of the special applications like FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared Radar) which can be used in night searching for lost people, or criminals hiding by using their heat signatures. Also, once a search perimeter has been set, it can be programmed to fly a defined pattern and hover over defined waypoints thus quickly searching an area that would take 5 or 6 police officers to cover. It has also been used on training flights to document the progress of the new DPW building. Once the building is complete a video will be posted.

The date of the next BDNW meeting will be announced. The next scheduled date should be Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., however that is the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

The meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna B. Zimmer