

BDNW Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 14th, 2018

The meeting was called to order by 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. Candy was handed out for the correct answers.

The sign in sheet was passed around to those in attendance. There were 18 people in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

- There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on September 19th, 2018.
- There were no comments or issues regarding the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Alice Mueller gave the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$789.76. There was a very generous \$100.00 donation made by two of our members. After meeting with a bank representative, the status of our account was changed. Some of the service fees were refunded to the account. It was decided that we would no longer receive a hard copy of the statement mailed out monthly. The monthly statements will be available online to us. This will stop the monthly \$3.00 service fee from being deducted from our account. The fees that are not being refunded by the bank will be replaced by Dale Gass. We should no longer have any monthly service fees.
- President's Report - Dale Gass
 - *We are getting closer to reaching our goal of raising \$600. We have raised \$545 so far. 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 that are now available at the reduced price of \$2.00 each.
 - *There is still concern that we continue to have unlocked vehicles which are parked outside from which valuables are being stolen. A group of people were seen on surveillance, riding bikes through a neighborhood very early in the morning, checking for unlocked cars on the driveways.
 - *It is expected with the colder weather upon us, that the number of cars being stolen will increase. People will leave their running cars unattended in an attempt to warm them up. This is also an opportunity for anyone casing the neighborhood to take off with the car. BE AWARE!!
 - *A discussion took place regarding some of the phone scams that are going around. Unless you have called to pay an outstanding bill over the phone, never give out your credit card number, your checking account number or pay a bill if they request it using gift cards.

*Remember that there are two special parking spaces in front of the Village Hall that are monitored and available for you to use if you are meeting up with someone that you have arranged sell or buy an item from.

*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

*Officer Anderson introduce himself for those who do not know him. He has been with the Brown Deer Police Department for 12 years and has been in the position of Community Outreach Officer for the past 2 years.

*With the holiday shopping season upon us it was recommended not to leave anything in plain sight in your car. Place packages in the trunk. Women should never leave their purses unattended as it can disappear in seconds. Be aware of your surroundings as you are walking back to your car.

*With snow on the ground, it affords car thieves another opportunity. With their vehicle they may purposely slide into your bumper at a stop sign/light. When you get out of your car, while the engine is still running, to check on the damage, someone else jumps into your car and takes off. If you get bumped, drive your car out of traffic. Get out of your car with the key in hand to check for damage and to exchange insurance information if necessary. If uncomfortable, call the police for assistance.

*HVTE (High Volume Traffic Enforcement) is an extra effort being employed to help keep our streets safe. There has been an 11% decrease in the number of crashes and zero fatalities so far this year.

* OWI Taskforce - An extra effort is being made to stop impaired drivers. At the same time, they are looking for people not wearing their seatbelts.

*Due to the success of the HVTE and OWI Taskforce the grant money for these programs in the North Shore has increased by 86%.

*The railroad crossing on Brown Deer Road is once again being repaired. The road has been closed since Monday, November 12th with hopes that it will reopen on Friday, November 16th. The Village was given a little more notice prior to this closing than last time.

*A short discussion has held regarding Wal-Mart and the number of police calls to their location.

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

The tentative date of the next BDNW meeting will be March 20th, 2019.

The meeting concluded at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna B. Zimmer