

## BDNW Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 24th, 2021

The virtual meeting was called to order by President Dale Gass, at 7:02 p.m. There were as many as 21 people attending virtually at any given time.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- There were no comments or issues regarding the last meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Treasurer's Report – There is a current balance of \$1,229.36. A small deposit was made from yard sign sales and donation that was made to our group. Half of the funds collected from the yard sign sales will be donated to the BDPD.
- President's Report - Dale Gass
  - \*There are a total of 8 Neighborhood Watch signs that were ordered from Tapco that still need to be placed around the village border. The Department of Public Works is erecting the signs. These will need their own poles placed and will be completed as time allows for the DPW workers. We thank them for their contribution to this project.
  - \*Dale is working on updating the brochures that our organization distributes at Village events. We received a \$100 donation from the Brown Deer Jr. Women's Club which will help pay for the cost of printing. One hundred copies will be placed at the BDPD, 50 copies each will be located at our new library as well as the village hall if permission is obtained. We will have an information tent at most of the outdoor events and activities this summer if possible. National Night Out will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Brown Deer and we plan to be there as well.
  - \*We are reminding people again to lock their cars. It is very rare that a vehicle is entered when the doors are locked. Only if thieves see something of value, are they willing to take the risk of breaking a window. Don't make it easy for the crooks to have easy access to your cars, garages or homes. These are crimes of opportunity.
  - \*Phone and online scams continue saying that they are calling from Amazon, the IRS, Microsoft and others. Be very aware and  
**Never, ever make payments with gift cards.**  
Make contact on your own with the company that the caller states you owe money to. Verify what you have been told. You will most likely be told it is a scam.
  - \*Statistics from the Brown Deer Police Department Monthly Report were shared. These statistics can be found on line.  
<https://www.browndeerwi.org/department-publications/>

- BDPD Report - Community Outreach Officer Fernando Santiago

\*While calls for service were down in the month of February, between February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 3, there were 5 home burglaries reported. Three involved forced entry, one home entered through an unlocked window and one a key in the garage was used to unlock the house. At two houses nothing was reported missing as they appeared to be scared off by a dog or other noise. At the other three locations electronics, money and alcohol were taken. All of these homes were in the same area of Brown Deer. There does not seem to be a pattern between BD and other communities. Information is shared between north shore community PDs for solving these types of crimes, and possible apprehension of suspects.

\*Officer Santiago answered questions that were emailed to Dale.

\*If there is a need to contact the police “after hours” for a non-emergency situation, a call to our number at 414-371-2900 will be directed or transferred to the Bayside Communications Center. You can also call the non-emergency number at Bayside Communications Center any time of the day at (414) 351-9900. All squads are dispatched by the Bayside Communications Center 24/7, so a faster response will occur if you use this number rather than our own non-emergency number.

\*There will be construction on Brown Deer Road from 91<sup>st</sup> street east to the railroad tracks near Otto’s. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in some stretches of the road. This is the beginning of the work that will include the bridge of Green Bay Road over Brown Deer Road being taken down in 2022.

\*The Neighborhood Task Force continues to be very successful. Arrests have been made for drugs and other offences. A number of guns have been taken off of the streets by our officers. Word is getting out because of the number of drug activities being busted in parking lots overnight to stay out of our village.

- Additional comment...someone in attendance commended the police on the handling of an incident in which the PD responded to a call that involved a person with mental health issues. In the person’s observation of this incident, it was handled very well by the officers.

The tentative date of the next BDNW meeting is Wednesday, May 19th, at 7:00 pm. We hope that this will be an in-person meeting held at the Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna B. Zimmer