

BDNW Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, March 20th, 2019

The meeting was called to order by our President Dale Gass, at 6:35 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 given out for correct answers.

The sign in sheet was passed around and 23 people were present.

OLD BUSINESS

- There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on November 18th, 2018.
- There were no comments or issues regarding the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Alice Mueller was not in attendance so Dale presented the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$779.76. A check was written for \$10.00 in December 2018 to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions for the annual fee for Non-Stock Corporations.
- 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. We currently have 37 signs to sell. If you are not interested in purchasing merchandise, we do accept donations.
 - *With the funds that BDNW keeps, we would like to post Neighborhood Watch signs around the boundaries of the village. That would be, at current count, 37 signs. A paper was passed around the group showing what the sign could possibly look like. It was suggested that the wording include "Village of Brown Deer". The cost of each sign could range from \$25 to \$36. Since the Village of Brown Deer gets signs from TAPCO, a Brown Deer company, we will see if we can work with them. We will also check with the Village to see if they would handle the installation.
 - *A question was raised as to whether there could be Neighborhood Watch signs available that could be placed in the window of a home. Dale had an example to show. This will be looked into.
 - *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/departments-publications/>
 - *Please be aware that with warmer weather coming that people will be out looking for opportunities to steal from an open garage, unlocked entry doors and open windows.

- *Continue to lock your cars. If you find that your cars have been entered even if nothing was taken, report it to the police.
- *It was reported that people are receiving phone calls regarding donations for the fire department. This is a scam. The North Shore Fire Department is NOT involved with this.
- *Other scams were mentioned. Examples were a person calling saying it was a grandchild and needing money to get out of trouble. Microsoft tech department calling about trouble with your computer. Phone calls from your own number.

- BDPD Report - Community Outreach Officer Nick Andersen

- *Officer Andersen stated that this will be his 13th year with the Brown Deer Police Department and his 3rd year in his current position.
- *He stated that the Citizens Academy would be returning. Details need to be worked out yet.
- *The National Night Out will be held on August 6th, in Brown Deer Park. It will be held jointly by the 7 North Shore communities.
- *It was suggested that if you see someone in your neighborhood going mailbox to mailbox that you contact the police. Given that not all people have direct deposit of their tax returns people maybe going through the mail looking for the checks to steal.
- *There are no cameras being used in the intersections of the Village to capture license plate numbers. These cameras are for traffic control only.

During the question and answer period a number of subjects were talked about. What defines an abandoned car, who deals with long grass/blighted houses, and have we had any troubles with delivered packages being stolen off porches.

A few announcements were made by a member in attendance. Jim Farmer informed the group that the village is in need of workers for the upcoming April 2nd election. If anyone is interested, they need to contact Jill at the Village Hall.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the Deer Run/Walk which will be held the morning of Saturday, April 27th.

And lastly, Arbor Day will be observed on May 11th with a tree being planted in the Village Park. A Facebook page, ***Because We Care***, is organizing people to help clean up litter in our village that day as well. Needed supplies will be given out by the DPW. If interested contact Erica or Matthew at the DPW. They are hoping that Fox 6 will cover the event and possibly have volunteers from the station to assist cleaning up the area directly to the east of their building.

The date of the next BDNW meeting will be Wednesday, May 15th.

The meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna B. Zimmer