

## BDNW Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 18th, 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 officers of the organization were introduced.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The sign in sheet was passed around and 32 people were present.

Dale Gass asked some interesting Brown Deer trivia related questions.

Our guest speaker, State Representative Dan Knodl, was introduced. Brown Deer has been represented by him for seven years. He shared information on legislation that was passed which will reduce crime or increase safety in assembly district 24 which is the district that he represents. (Germantown, Menomonee Falls, Brown Deer, Mequon, River Hills, and Glendale.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on May 29th, 2019.
- There were no comments or issues regarding the last meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Treasurer's Report - We are currently in need of a treasurer due to the resignation of Alice Mueller. If anyone would consider taking over this position, please speak to Dale after the meeting. The current balance of our account is \$1,031.56.
- President's Report - Dale Gass
  - \*Our BDNW booth was set up at Eat and Greet on the Street, Community Vibes, the 4th of July celebration and the National Night Out which was held in Glendale this year. A thank you was extended to those who helped at these events.
  - \*We currently have 32 yard signs available at \$10.00 each as well as 27 Thin Blue Line wrist bands/bracelets for sale at \$2.00 each. If you are not interested in purchasing merchandise, we do accept donations.
  - \*With sale proceeds that BDNW keeps, we would like to post 37 Neighborhood Watch signs around the boundaries of the village. A paper was passed around the group showing what the sign could possibly look like. (See bottom of next page.) It is estimated that the cost of this project would be about \$4,378.00. We will be looking into ways to reduce the cost, and the possibility of receiving funds from outside groups to help with the cost.
  - \*Dale will be attending the Traffic & Public Safety meeting on October 10th, to present and seek approval for installing the Neighborhood Watch signs.
  - \*Continue to lock your cars. If you find that your cars have been entered even if nothing was taken, please report it to the police.

\*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 Jill Zeise

\*Officer Zeise is new to this position but not new to the BDPD. (16 years)

\*Officer Zeise explained what her responsibilities are in this position. She also talked about some of the plans she hopes to see implemented in the near future such as a Self Defense class for females and the reinstatement of the Citizens Academy with more hands-on activities. Coffee with a Cop will be held on October 2nd at Kurt Schulz's Deli.

\*Since some residents are still leaving their vehicles unlocked overnight the PD has started a new program. Some officers working overnight are placing "tickets"/messages on the windshields of cars as a reminder to lock the cars and or make certain that nothing of value is left in them. If cars are locked, the "tickets"/messages give you a passing grade for remembering.

During the question and answer period a number of subjects were talked about. It was explained that the BDPD now has the ability to have the Ring Neighborhood App ask Ring users/residents who have Ring devices on their homes to share surveillance video of events that happen in a certain date, location, and time period to help solve crimes. The Ring App is free, and you don't have to have a Ring video doorbell system to use it. The App is very useful for learning about criminal activity in your neighborhoods, and you can set geographical boundaries to only hear about things inside of your neighborhood area. If you have a different video surveillance system you can always respond to the Ring App request for video and send in what your system captured.

The tentative date of the next meeting is Wednesday, November 20th, at 6:30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna B. Zimmer

