

BDNW Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 20, 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.

The sign in sheet was passed around and 14 people were present.

Dale Gass asked some questions regarding statistics from the most recent BDPD report. Candy was given out for correct answers.

OLD BUSINESS

- There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on September 18th, 2019.
- There were no comments or issues regarding the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Treasurer's Report - Dale Gass presented the report. The current balance of our account is \$1,031.56.
- President's Report - Dale Gass

*Dale explained that every two years the BDNW holds an election of officers. The President, Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer are voted upon. Following a request for nominations, discussions and voting the officers are as follows for the next two years: Dale Gass - President, Barry Godshaw - Vice President and Donna Zimmer - Secretary/Treasurer.

*A check for \$140.00 was presented by Secretary/Treasurer Donna Zimmer to Officer Jill Zeise. The funds will be used at the discretion of the BDPD. There are currently 13 yard signs available at the BDPD and 16 available at tonight's meeting at \$10.00 each as well as 21 Thin Blue Line wrist bands/bracelets for sale at \$2.00 each.

*Dale attended the Traffic & Public Safety meeting on October 10th, and presented the idea of installing the Neighborhood Watch signs. The idea was approved. On Monday, December 2nd, Dale will present the proposal to the Village Board.

*Neighborhood Watch signs up-date... We are looking now at a total of 43 signs to be used. (50 will be purchased). 35 signs will share posts already in place. We will only purchase 10 posts. This adjustment has brought the total cost of this proposed project down from \$4400 to \$2400.

*The majority of reports to the BDPD regarding unauthorized entry to vehicles continue to involve unlocked cars. If you find that your car has been entered even if nothing was taken, report it to the police.

*Tis the season for crimes of opportunities. DO NOT leave your car unattended while it is warming up. Thieves are just driving around

neighborhoods looking for this exact thing. Your car will be gone in seconds.

*While out holiday shopping, DO NOT leave your purchases in plain sight in your car. DO NOT return to your car with packages and then go back in to continue shopping. The lots are being monitored by the thieves.

They may break into your vehicles/trunks.

*Telephone scans continue. Remember that no legitimate business will ask you for payment in the form of gift cards.

*Lastly, with the increase of online shopping being done for the holidays the porch pirates will be out in full force. If at all possible, have your packages delivered to a secure location, your place of work or to a friend or family members home who will be home when it is delivered.

*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

*There continues to be reports of lockers at the YMCA being broken into and credit cards being stolen then used for unauthorized purchases. There are plans in the works to change the type of locker and locking system that will be used.

*Officer Zeise spoke regarding the fact that retail thefts will increase with the holidays.

- She recommended having packages delivered to a secure location.

- The devices/cameras that are seen at intersections in Brown Deer are not traffic infraction cameras. They only help to control the lights at those locations. Legislation does not permit red light violation cameras at in Wisconsin.

- The North Shore police departments will be on the lookout for drivers under the influence during the upcoming holidays.

- The BDPD will be giving Thanksgiving dinners to 6 families in need in our village.

- Shop with a Hero will take place on December 11th, at the Brown Deer Wal-Mart, where 20 children from our community will participate.

Volunteers from Trinity Church will help with the gift wrapping.

- Self Defense class for females and the reinstatement of the Citizens Academy are still in the works.

- Officer Zeise spoke of a little girl (Mailee Francis) living in Brown Deer fighting a courageous medical battle. A CaringBridge Site was created for Mailee. It's a caring social network to help people stay connected with family and friends during a health event. Visit Mailee's site often to stay updated and share messages of encouragement and compassion. Here is a link to the Caring Bridge website:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/teammailee>

During the question and answer period a number of subjects were talked about. The BDPD is currently fully staffed with officers at this time. They do not anticipate a need for additional officers with the new apartments being built in the community. There appears to be a coyote den in the vicinity of 52nd and Donges Lane. There has been only

one report of a small dog being attacked. It survived. The speed trailer can be requested by residents for use on their streets. It is used as a tool to make drivers aware of their possibly excessive speed.

The tentative date of the next BDNW meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna B. Zimmer



Secretary/Treasurer Donna Zimmer presenting check to CO Officer Jill Zeise.