



N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES

Time and Place: Friday, February 19, 2016 @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom
Members Present: Mayor Jim Tipple, Jon Radtke, Janet Herring, John Prey
Others Present: Marie Schmidt, Officer Nate Stetzer, Deb Ryan, Joe Dina, Joan Jackson, Becky McElhaney, Janna Janke, Kathi Groeschel
Absent: Deanna Schuette, Dick Holster

1) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Radtke and seconded by Herring to approve the 01/15/16 meetings. The Motion carried unanimously and the minutes will be placed on file.

2) Clean It Up, Wausau Discussion

Schultz's Recycling is secured to take the large items and appliances at the event in April. Herring will reach out to Good News Project and 5R Processors. Janke from Highland Community Church introduced herself and inquired about their church providing volunteer assistance on community projects. This may be one they would be available to provide assistance with. They are wishing to build relationships with neighborhoods as this is a Pilot Program.

3) Neighborhood Updates

Southeast Side Neighborhood - A realtor has been coming to their meetings and providing an update on homes for sale in the area, what the standard housing prices are and other neighborhood housing issues. A Welcome Group has taken off from that point and now a little research project has started with individuals looking at the history of homes in their area and providing the group with this information. The welcome group provides a packet of this information for new neighbors living and moving into the neighborhood. An update was given on the Alexander Park upgrades that will take place this spring and summer.

Riverview - Humane Officer, Ashlee Bishop attended their last meeting. She provided the group with updated information on pet licensing. The neighborhood currently uses Nextdoor.com as a communication tool.

Westies - District 11 Candidates were invited to attend their last meeting and speak about issues within their district and why they are running for Alderperson. There was good communication and Neighbors are feeling comfortable and feel they are being heard by government. Their turnout is around 10-12 individuals. Currently they are seeking another place to hold their meetings.

Forest Park Village - Lt Frank Hanosek was at their last meeting to talk about the County's Police Academy and a Wausau Police Officer was there speaking about their Police Academy Program. Their attendance was at about 31 people. District Candidates were there, as well. Next month, Jeff Traska from the Black Bear Sanctuary in town will be their guest speaker. He provides information and education on Wisconsin Black Bears. The public is invited to attend their next meeting on March 15th at 6:30pm at Forest Park Village.

East Town - Their last meeting had a bigger turnout of about 8 people. They have a large rental tenant population and are looking at holding a few smaller picnic-style gatherings this summer.

Officer Nate Stetzer spoke briefly about the new RAIDSONLINE software. He attended the last Apartment Association Meeting and they discussed a partnership to assist with the chronic nuisance properties. He spoke briefly about new software the PD is looking at to replace the Robo-calls they currently have to get out message to land-line residents. The new system would reach residents via social media outlets, cell phones, and emails. This will reach a much broader area of residents.

4) Old/New Business

John Prey offered to speak to Neighborhood groups about Habitat for Humanity.

The next scheduled N2N meeting will be Friday, March 18, 2016 at 7:45 a.m. The committee would like to invite Ric Mohelnitzky and Sheila Mabry from Public Works to this meeting to finalize plans for the April Clean It Up, Wausau event. A motion to adjourn was made by Radtke and seconded by Herring. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.