



N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES

Time and Place: Friday, May 20, 2016 @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom
Members Present: Mayor Robert Mielke, Jon Radtke, Marie Schmidt, Dick Holster, Deanna Schuette, Doug Diny, Joe Dina
Others Present: Joan Jackson, Becky McElhaney, Dave DeSantis, Kathi Groeschel, Deb Ryan,
Absent: John Prey

1) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Holster and seconded by Schmidt to approve the 3/18/16 minutes. The Motion carried unanimously and the minutes will be placed on file.

2) Introductions

The Mayor said he will continue to Chair this meeting going forward. Introductions were made of new members and the Mayor thanked Mr. Jon Radtke for his many years of service on this committee.

3) Review N2N Ordinance 2.60.260

Mayor asked that everyone look at the current ordinance and bring any necessary changes to the Mayor's Office.

4) Update Neighborhood Brochure

The Neighborhood Brochure needs some updates and therefore all committee members were asked to provide them to Groeschel to make the necessary changes. This brochure will be made available in the city hall lobby and for distribution at Neighborhood Meetings.

5) Clean-It Up, Wausau Event Wrap-up Discussion

This year's event was a huge success. Friday's turn-out was low, however Saturday the cars were lined up all day. It was well organized. Residents are still upset that the city doesn't offer the curbside pick-up. It was suggested that we offer a curbside pick-up every other year, since many elderly residents don't have a means to get their junk to the drop-off site. Per Mayor, he sees both pros and cons to the curbside pick-up. Obviously, by eliminating it from the budget, it has saved the city money, not to mention the fact that the city looks like one big JUNK YARD when we offered the curbside pickup.

A member of the committee also suggested that we possibly look into offering LARGE-ITEM DROP OFF during the months of June, July and August only. Perhaps when the Yard Waste Site is open and someone is already manning it. The dates for the September event is currently scheduled for Sept 16 and 17, 2016.

6) Neighborhood Updates

Forest Park - Schmidt indicated they have 230 homes on NEXTDOOR.COM and their meetings are productive and going well.

East Towne Neighborhood - The make-up of rental units is high in his area. Small cookouts are going to be offered this summer. They are looking for more administrative help as they aren't on NEXTDOOR.COM. and usually walk the neighborhood to distribute news. Per Radtke, the Community Development Department used to make copies of newsletters or invitations for Neighborhood groups but they don't have the available staff and time to continue to do that. Holster asked if there was any way that the Police Sector could be split? Downtown vs. East Towne, since the sector BRIEF SHEET shows some high crime statistics and it's hard to get movement into their neighborhood. Holster also brought up the citation letters that the Inspection Department issues and the delay at the Post Office. Oftentimes, the Inspections Department will give an individual 5 days to take care of an issue on their property but then the letter is held up for a couple of days in the post office and by the time the letter recipient receives the letter they may only have 1 or 2 days to comply with the order. Can the compliance time be extended?

Riverview Neighborhood - Becky indicated that they have a large following on NEXTDOOR.COM and between that site and emails, they are able to get news out to their group. They keep their meetings non-

political. They have many staff from the city lined up to speak at their meetings and a wealth of information is shared that way. It's really going very well. Attendance is usually lower in the summer months for all Neighborhood groups, but the guest speakers are what keep the interest alive.

Southeast Siders - Joan indicated to the group that they used to go door-to-door when they started out and now have good attendance at their monthly meetings. They are working on upgrades to Alexander Park and its going well. They have a good relationship with the downtown airport manager and hold their meetings at the airport facility. They are working on garbage container issues currently. A number of residents who have a one-car garage/driveways, don't have available space to place the large containers on the side of their garage

7) Old/New Business

It was suggested by the committee to place a small article in the next summer city newsletter about actively seeking more citizens to become involved in their neighborhood groups. Mayor Mielke would like to see representation from elected council members at these neighborhood meetings. Some attend and some don't.

Mayor Mielke expressed his appreciation for the committee and explained that he wants to remain positive. He and Council President Rasmussen are working very closely together to provide transparency and openness.

A motion to adjourn was made by Schmidt and seconded by Holster. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.