

Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch, Inc

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Meeting Minutes: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (By Jim Cline, Secretary MFNW)

**Executive Board Present:** President Cathy Mariscal, Vice President Brian Fritsch, Treasurer Priya Czubkowski, Secretary Jim Cline, Officer Jay Weber, Members At Large Tom Gawronski, Oksana Snyder and Don Greif

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introductions:** Officer Weber introduced new MFPD Officer Kenzie Burdick and new Block Watch Captain Tracy Lukic from Spencer's Pass. Officer Burdick was with the Green Bay PD for 3 ½ prior to coming to Menomonee Falls.

**Executive Board Report:** There was a motion to accept the minutes of January 12, 2023 By Officer Weber and it was seconded by Garrett Schumacher.

**Treasurer's Report:** Priya Czubkowski

**New Business:** National Night Out (NNO) is on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 5:30-8 PM at Village Park in Menomonee Falls. Our plan is to have an even bigger event than last year which was very well attended. The 2023 Police Officer Memorial event will be held in conjunction with NNO at 5:30 PM at John Taylor Park across from Village Park. We will need many volunteers. Please let President Cathy Mariscal Know if you are able to volunteer. The Optimist Club Fishing Derby will be held on May 13th at Mill Pond Park. Our NW will be handling concessions. Please let Treasurer Priya Czubkowski if you can assist.

**Guest Speaker:** School Resource Officer Nick Gapinski. Officer Gapinski is School Resource Officer for Menomonee Falls High School. The function of the School Liaison Officer is to establish a law enforcement **presence** within the Menomonee Falls School District that fosters **partnerships** with those schools deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police and promote the deterrence of youth-related crime and disorder. A secondary function is to **develop rapport** and understanding between school administrators, school staff, the students, and law enforcement. The officer acts as counselor, educator, and law enforcer. Officer Gapinski is serving a four year assignment at the high school. Officer Scott Holz serves at MF North Middle School and Officer Jay Weber serves the MF elementary schools administering the DARE program. He also serves as our NW liaison and other Community related events. Officer Gapinski will be seen at most of the high school sporting events, dances, graduations and other school events. The resource officer has daily contact with the students and often is called upon to help them navigate difficult personal situations. They also are closely involved with all aspects of school safety and security plans. Officer Gapinski discussed the legislative authority they have for locker searches and other interactions with the students. We are very fortunate to have the partnership between our Schools and law enforcement of Menomonee Falls.

**Police Report:** Officer Weber indicated that retail theft continues, but other crime is down. The police will call home owners that leave their garage doors open. Remember to close garage doors when not being used. Also, light is your friend. Keep exterior lights on at night.

**Adjournment:** @ 7:40 PM