

AGENDA FOR THE CITY OF BARABOO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Members noticed must notify Committee Chairman Wedekind at least 24 hours before the meeting if they will not be able to attend.

Date and Time: Monday, September 28th, 2015 – **3:30 P.M.**
Location: City Services Center - 450 Roundhouse Court, Baraboo, Wisconsin
Members Noticed: Phil Wedekind, Tom Kolb, Michael Plautz
Others Noticed: Administrator E. Geick, Mayor M. Palm, City Attorney M. Reitz, Police Chief M. Schauf, Fire Chief K. Stieve, T. Pinion, R. Koss, W. Peterson, E. Robkin, Media, and Library.

1. Call to Order

- a. Note compliance with the Open Meeting Law.
- b. Roll call.
- c. Approve agenda.
- d. Approve minutes of August 03, 2015 Public Safety Committee meeting.

2. New Business

- a. Review and Discuss 2016 Public Works/Engineering Capital Budget Requests.
- b. Review and Discuss 2016 Utilities Capital Budget Requests.
- c. Discuss opportunities to help finance annual street improvements.
- d. Review and Approval monthly Billing Adjustments/Credits for Sewer and Water Customers

3. Reports

- a. Utility Superintendent's Report
- b. Street Superintendent's Report
- c. Police Chief's Report
- d. Fire Chief's Report

4. Adjournment

Phil Wedekind, Chairperson

Agenda Prepared by Kris Jackson
Agenda Posted by Kris Jackson September 25, 2015

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MEMORANDUM

City of Baraboo

Date: September 25, 2015
To: Public Safety Committee
From: Tom Pinion
Re: Background for Sept. 28th Meeting @ 3:30 pm

New Business:

Items A & B. Attached is a list of prospective Street Reconstruction candidates for 2016 and other capital items that are part of the Public Works & Engineering Departments' Budgets. Obviously there is no guarantee they will all be funded so I am hoping the Committee will help prioritize these prospective projects.

Items C. Municipalities are constantly looking for ways to increase their annual revenues and avoid any adverse impacts to the annual levy limits. Accordingly, a "wheel tax" is becoming increasingly popular. I have attached a newspaper article describing Janesville's recent efforts.

Item D. Beginning earlier this year, the Water Utility staff began processing utility payments that customers send via the US Mail. Since this was a minor departure from existing operations, the City Clerk's Office worked with the Utility Office to develop a set of internal accounting controls to keep the respective auditors "happy". Part of those controls is to have the Committee also review and acknowledge the monthly billing adjustments/credits that are less than \$500, which were previously approved by the Utility Superintendent. Accordingly, we have included a report showing the adjustments/credits for the past month. This will be a standing agenda item for the Committee's consideration from now on.

Have a great weekend and I will see you on Monday!

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting – August 3, 2015

Members Present: Phil Wedekind, Tom Kolb, and Mike Plautz. **Others Present:** Administrator Geick, Mayor Palm, Chief Schauf, Chief Stieve, Engineer Pinion, Bob Koss, Wade Peterson, John Drescher, and Jack Adams.

Call to Order - Committee Chairman Phil Wedekind called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. at the City Service Building, 450 Roundhouse Court, Baraboo, Wisconsin. Compliance with the Open Meeting Law was noted. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to approve the agenda as posted and by voice vote, the motion carried. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2015 meeting. By voice vote the motion carried.

New Business

- a. Review and approval of revisions to the Construction Site Erosion Control Code – Subchapter II in Chapter 14 – Engineer said that this is more of a housekeeping issue. He said that in April, the DNR published new model ordinances for communities to follow; therefore, he compared it to the City's ordinance and it is a close cousin to what the City had in place. He said that one of the standards that were there was that an erosion control permit was necessary for land disturbance in excess of 4,000 square feet, this one removes that square footage and states that any land disturbance is subject to an erosion control permit. He said that it also talks about lot size and if any is disturbed a permit would be required and he one-acre requirement no longer exists. He said that he will have a brief update regarding the minor changes and what it means to citizens. He said that he had the Building Inspector as the exclusive authority for permitting and enforcement, and now he has added Building Inspector or City Engineer. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to approve the revisions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Review and approval of salt purchase for the 2015/2016 winter season – Pinion said that each year Koss gets quotes from salt suppliers. He said last year the salt supplier that the City had for the past two years increased their price by 60%, salt was \$111.00/ton; therefore, the City went back to Columbia County, where we had been for years prior to that. He said the downfall going to Columbia County is that we have to go get the salt, which is an hour trip, which drives up operational costs. He said that North American Salt Company was the company that the City used for a couple of years out of Milwaukee, they have changed their name to Compass Materials and their pricing is back in reason at \$79.75/ton. He said Columbia County has not set their final price, last year it was \$88.75 and they believe that it will be a couple of dollars more, so he is estimating \$90 and having to pick it up in Wyocena, it drives the price higher. Kolb moved, Plautz seconded to approve the salt purchase for the 2015/2016 from Compass Materials. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Review and recommendation concerning Simplified Rate Case submittal to the PSC for a 3% increase in Water Rates for 2016 – Peterson said that this is the last year the Utility can apply for the 3%. He said that it would generate approximately \$50,000 in additional revenue and the goal is to do this and, hopefully, stretch out as long as we can before a full rate study would have to be done, which costs money and usually rates increases of 10-100% are looked at, depending on what it is at. He said that Wisconsin Dells just had a rate increase of about 28%, and Reedsburg had one in the 20th percentile also. He said that most residential customers, the increase would be \$1.00-\$1.50 per quarter; the larger users would be significantly more. He said that R.R. Donnelly would see an increase of approximately \$3,000 per quarter; however, they are 30-30% of the City's daily flow. I was moved by Plautz, seconded by Kolb to approve the Simplified Rate Case submittal to the PSC for a 3% increase in Water Rates for 2016. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Review and approval of monthly Billing Adjustments/Credits for Sewer and Water Customers – Peterson presented the adjustment/credits to the Committee. It was moved by Kolb, seconded by Plautz to approve the monthly Billing Adjustments/Credits for Sewer and Water customers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Review and approve updated position descriptions for Fire Department – Chief Stieve presented and explained the changes in the updated position descriptions to the Committee. He said the major changes are the minimum qualifications under all the positions. He said Emergency Service Instructor One would be required, which is a State Certification that is 40 hours long. The Fire Officer One for all positions and Fire Officer Two for Captains and Chiefs. He said that with the change it will take some time to do this, thus the reason that he is working on the shift idea because that would save some money so that he can have the training in Baraboo to alleviate travel time for the members. He said that they would start out with Emergency Services Instructor One and then they have to do 30 hours of Witness training by another instructor and then they get certified. He said the reason for the changes is because the department is young and he feels that is very necessary for the members to get exposure to outside instruction and to have the opportunity to network with other fire department people. Kolb asked what is different than what is required now. Stieve said that all the certifications are new. He said the ICS 300 and 400 classes are necessary for upper level management for the fire department. Plautz asked if a CDL was required to drive a fire truck and Stieve said that firefighters are exempt in the State of Wisconsin. Stieve then described the testing and certification process. He then explained the entry level process, there are no testing procedures. Wedekind asked how many companies in the Department and Stieve stated four, with a Captain and Lieutenant on each company. He said that there is a vacant Lieutenant position at this time and the vacant Assistant Chief in charge of training. He said that he did put three Lieutenants in charge of training, two of them have the Emergency Services Instructor One certification already and the is a law enforcement office and has equivalency through their instructor development training. Kolb asked if there is any fiscal impact and Stieve said that there will be and a lot of this is contingent on working some of the shift stuff, having a set number of members of shifts throughout the year, this would save money instead of having 20 people at a call when not needed. Kolb moved, Plautz seconded to approve the updated position descriptions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- a. Utility Superintendent's Report – Peterson said that over the next couple of weeks, approximately 80 fire hydrants will be painted. He said that the Mine Street Water Tower is back in operation, there are a couple of significant punchless items that need to be taken care of and he is waiting to hear from the company as to when they can be scheduled to be done. He said that nothing has been paid yet; therefore, there is some leverage to make sure they return and taken care of this. He said that this morning the filter press had an electrical motor that burnt out, he is scrambling to get a motor for that and get the equipment back up and running. Lasting, he said that unfortunately, the Water Foreman, Dennis Steinke has chosen to retire on October 2nd. Advertising has begun to fill that position. Plautz asked if he is looking to hire from within, and Peterson said that they will have as much opportunity to apply as anyone else. He said that if there were any internal personnel that applied, and received an interview, he would ask someone from outside the City to sit in as far as the interview process.
- b. Street Superintendent's Report – Koss said that the department is on alleys and storm sewers at this time and will be doing that the rest of this month. He said that crack filling will be starting in September. Pinion said that although we are in somewhat of a dry stretch now, we did have two intense storms,

one 2-1/2 inches and the other as much as four inches of rain in a very short period of time. He said that when that occurs it is a lot of water that accumulates and there are certain areas of the City that are susceptible to localized flooding. He said that South Blvd., by Casey's Store, and in the vicinity of the round-a-bout, we have experienced this in a couple of occasions. He said during the heaviest rainfall, both Farm and Fleet and on 5th Street and Washington some concerns were expressed. Jack Adams of Farm Fleet stated that on June 25 there was 2½ feet of water in their back lot, where there is 60' long ramp and the water came up approximately 22 feet into the store, but did not get to the sales floor level. He said that his concern is that if rain continues over an hour period at that rate there is will issues that were experienced in 1993. He said over the last eight years, about every other year they have experienced flooding to the same degree. He said in 2008, 22' came up the ramp; April, 2010 – 12', and in October, 2013, 16'. He said that other than these recordings, back in 2000 there were two rainfalls within about a one month period that came up to 36 and 38 feet, which is almost to the top. Wedekind asked if there were catch basins there. Adams said that there are two catch basins in the back lot. Wedekind asked if the water backs up to the basins or if it comes off the hill. Adams said that most of it is runoff. He said that on the west end of the lot there are two pipes in the storage area, one larger one in customer parking and on June 25th that drain was not taking any water. Wedekind asked where that runs into and Pinion said that it takes it north on Industrial Court and discharges in the Baraboo River behind Russell Will's property. Adams asked if there is anything that can be done with the runoff to retain that water, because most of it is coming from the west, north of Lange, west of Sauk coming across the road. Pinion told Adams that he would take a look at this to see if there is something that can be done to better contain the water and reduce the likelihood of coming across the road. Kolb asked if the pipe could be enlarged. Pinion said that there could be problems with that saying that stormwater management tends to be as much, if not more of an art than it is a science, it is all based on equalized storm events. He said that if a storm sewer system was design that was capable of swallowing and transporting that much water, then every storm between then and now would have deposited silt because it functions on a full-flowing, self scouring capacity. John Drescher said that he lives at the corner of 5th and Washington and he was told that he is in the low spot for this road and it is possible that the water was coming from 6th Street and then back flowing to 5th. He said that he looked and there is nothing coming out of the basin on 6th; therefore, it couldn't be flowing back towards his house. He said that the water comes over the curb, past the sidewalk about 3 feet. He said that his concern is that it doesn't go into his basement, which it hasn't at this point. He said that he has checked into flood insurance and found it is impractical to purchase for the damage that would be done. He then said that he has consulted legal person and was told to be absolutely certain that he brought it to the City's attention that it could be a potential problem; therefore, that is why he is in attendance and he wanted it documented in the minutes that states that he came and pointed out a problem and that if the water got in his basement now something could be done about it, if he chose to take some action later. He said that this is the fourth year he has lived there and it has flooded every year. He said that the City installed some sink basins near 9th and he assumed that it was to get rid of a water problem there; however, he feels that it moves the water from 9th to 5th. Pinion said that it was actually 10th. Koss said that some of those were new; however, it was actually a detention basin that was installed by the church. Drescher inquired about the construction on Washington and the size of pipe. Pinion said that it is a 60" pipe from 5th Street all the down to the Baraboo River. He said at the deepest point between 2nd and College where they are doing construction is about 40' deep. He said the Washington basin is a pretty good sized basin and has been the source of previous studies and ultimately there are some improvements that can be made. In 2012 when Washington was improved was the first step into some of the potential improvements to improve flow throughout that entire watershed. He said that the pipe at the upper end is too small, the pipe on the lower end is big enough, and the one in between they should all be up-sized or a second pipe added. He said as the City continues to make improvements on Washington, as the budget affords, the Stormwater Utility would be positioned to be able to make minor improvements to the stormwater collection system. Drescher said that if Washington is truly a low spot where he is and the City is redoing the road, he recommended that the low spot be removed. Drescher also felt that a sink basin should be installed at the corner of Jefferson and 4th, or Jefferson and 5th would be better so that the water could be routed down to 6th Street. Wedekind said that the City is aware of the problem in this area and it is beyond the budget at this time.

- c. Police Chief's Report – Chief Schauf said that the fair was busy; however, went well. The parade went quite well, a lot of hours and a lot of staff went in to this. He said that changes in the hunting ordinance will be coming in front of the Administration Committee and Council. He said that Act 71 from the DNR changed the fact that we regulate bow hunting and changes the way we do that so the City has to make changes in the ordinance. He said that he has hired two new police officers and he has one more to fill the last vacancy. He said that there have been a lot of car entries lately. Kolb asked how the after party at Brothers On Oak went. Schauf said that there were no problems, it wasn't overly-well attended, it picked up about 8:30, and it was shut down minutes before 10:00. Pinion said that at 6:30 a.m. Sunday everything was off the street.
- d. Fire Chief's Report – Stieve said that there are five people going through interviews, he does one last interview with them to make sure that they understand the commitment for being a paid per call firefighter. He said that he is looking at doing some acting lieutenant appointments, which is 6-month role that people can act in the position to see if they like it or not for future appointment. He then said that next Monday night at their officer's meeting they will be lighting the training prop up for the first time.

ADJOURNMENT – Kolb moved, Plautz seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Wedekind, Chairman

**PROSPECTIVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
for 2016 BUDGET**

	Estimated Cost					Assessable		
	General Fund	Sidewalk	Storm Sewer	Sanitary Sewer	Watermain	Sidewalk	Curb & Gutter	Watermain
STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS								
Washington Ave	\$100,000	\$89,000	\$-	\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,683	\$0
Washington Ave	\$70,000	\$63,650	\$1,125.00	\$5,225	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Barker Street	\$185,000	\$167,500	\$9,200.00	\$8,300	\$0	\$9,200	\$0	\$0
Moore Street	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Monroe Street	\$87,000	\$72,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Martiny Court	\$82,000	\$77,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4th Street	\$275,000	\$189,500	\$2,500.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3rd Street	\$215,000	\$129,000	\$51,000.00	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$47,000	\$5,500	\$0
East Street	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$-	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tuttle Street	\$40,000	\$33,200	\$6,800.00	\$-	\$0	\$6,800	\$4,000	\$0
	\$1,149,500	\$916,350	\$70,625	\$44,525	\$10,000	\$63,000	\$13,183	\$0

SIDEWALK PROJECTS

No stand-alone sidewalk project proposed for 2016.

Estimated Cost	General Fund	Sidewalk	Storm Sewer	Assessable
\$0		\$0		\$0

STH 123

Reconstruction - South Blvd to Gall Road

Estimated Cost	\$1,506,559	\$78,950	City's share
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MADALON IND PARK RAILROAD SPUR

Design and Reconstruction

Estimated Cost	\$1,750,000	TID #6	\$350,000	City's 20% share
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MOORE STREET BRIDGE REHABILITATION

Design (2015)
Deck Rehabilitation (2017)

Estimated Cost	\$242,000	\$32,028	100% City Share	\$64,400	City's 20% share
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8th STREET (STH 33) REPAIRS/ REHABILITATION

Estimated Cost
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100% City Cost until DOT programs reconstruction project.

CITY SERVICES CENTER - BUILDING REPAIRS

Stabilize & Lift Interior Grade Beam and Level Floor Slabs
Replace 2 Overhead Doors in Equipment Bay

Estimated Cost	\$80,000	\$60,000
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With options dwindling, more cities, counties turn to wheel tax

With state-imposed levy limits, roads deteriorating and the price to fix them climbing, more communities are turning to the wheel tax to keep streets in good order.

By [Elliot Hughes](#)

JANESVILLE -- Janesville City Council President Douglas Marklein got an earful from residents after the council informally voted in July to double the city's \$10 wheel tax.

“Frustrated is probably the best word,” he said, describing the reactions he encountered.

Though wheel taxes might be unpopular among the public, they are gaining popularity among Wisconsin municipalities and counties.

Faced with state-imposed levy limits, less state aid, deteriorating roads and climbing repair costs, more communities are turning to wheel tax to keep streets in good order.

Although the wheel tax has been an option for municipalities and counties since the late 1960s, no more than five jurisdictions have used it at once until this year, when seven communities began imposing a wheel tax, upping the total to 10, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Meanwhile, local governments such as Beloit and Janesville, which already had wheel taxes before 2015, have decided to increase their tax in recent months. Janesville will formally vote on the matter Monday night.

“What we've seen since 2005 is communities, basically, are running out of options for finding ways to pay for the services that their citizens want and need,” said Curt Witynski, the assistant director of the Wisconsin League of Municipalities.

INVENTING THE WHEEL

Every year, Wisconsin residents pay the state \$75 to register each of their vehicles. For municipalities and counties with a wheel tax, residents with vehicles under 8,000 pounds also pay a flat fee on top of that. The size of the fee is determined by the local governments.

The state Department of Transportation keeps 10 cents from each of the wheel tax payments and gives the rest to the local governments, who can spend it only on transportation needs.

From 1977 to 2007, only five jurisdictions had ever used a wheel tax because of its unpopularity, said Dale Knapp, the research director for the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance. Some of those communities have since repealed their wheel tax, but now others are jumping at the chance.

Witynski and Knapp said it has a lot to do with state-imposed property tax levy limits that first arrived in 2005 under then-Gov. Jim Doyle. An even lower ceiling was imposed in 2011 by Gov. Scott Walker.

Property taxes are local governments' primary sources of revenue. Under the limits, levy increases are restricted to growth in the tax base from new construction. The other alternative is to borrow money, which is not capped by the levy limits.

In Janesville, levy limits have capped property tax increases to about \$250,000 a year, making it “very” difficult to cover the cost of government services, said Tim Allen, city finance director.

And when it comes to roads, it doesn't help that repair costs are accelerating faster than inflation, Knapp and Janesville officials said.

After 10 years of levy limits, wheel taxes are becoming more popular because communities have exhausted other options, such as borrowing money, cutting services or dipping into reserve funds, Witynski said.

That leaves two options, he said: holding a referendum to ask voter permission to exceed levy limits or imposing a wheel tax.

"As long as that continues, local governments are going to have a significant challenge to fund their local roads," Knapp said. "So I would expect, over the next several years, more communities to consider it (a wheel tax)."

JANESVILLE'S SITUATION

The \$10 Janesville wheel tax imposed in 2012 pulls in about \$535,000 annually. But because of ballooning construction costs, officials have said, the city has fallen behind on street repair.

Twelve miles of streets must be rehabilitated each year to stay ahead of deterioration, officials believe. This year, the city has only enough money to fix nine miles. Between 2011 and 2014, it covered five or six miles a year.

Fixing 12 miles would cost about \$4.6 million, Allen said.

City engineer Mike Payne said in July that more than one-third of Janesville's 330 miles of streets need to be rehabilitated.

Last year, the city tried to reach the 12-mile goal with a referendum that would have allowed the city to surpass the state-imposed levy limits by \$1.2 million a year for five years. But voters killed it.

At a special July meeting about street repairs, city officials laid out for the city council several options:

- Borrow more money.
- Pay to hold a referendum in a non-election year.
- Charge user fees.
- Double the wheel tax.

Council members expressed reluctance but agreed to borrow an additional \$676,000 and double the wheel tax, which would net the city another \$535,000. Only Sam Liebert voted against the plan.

“Again, I don't like the wheel tax, but I think that's the best,” council member Mark Bobzien said at the meeting.

NOT ALL BAD

Some people criticize the wheel tax as regressive, meaning poor people pay as much as the rich.

Another downside, Witynski said, is that a wheel tax doesn't tax commuters, even though they contribute to

the wear and tear of city streets.

But Knapp dismissed the concerns, calling them negligible. A \$20 annual fee is small enough “that there's not a whole lot of disadvantages,” he said.

Janesville City Manager Mark Freitag said much of the same thing to the council during the July meeting. Comparatively, he said, borrowing more money to pay for roads would be a “tough pill to swallow.”

Knapp believes that as more communities take advantage of the wheel tax, the public will become less hostile to the idea.

This year, a wheel tax has been floated in halls of at least five counties and the city of Sheboygan. Some sank, but others still float with lukewarm momentum, according to news reports.

Marklein said he's had emails, phone calls and face-to-face input from people frustrated about the probable increase,

Others on the council had little feedback to report.

Council member Richard Gruber said in an email his handful of phone calls were mostly favorable to the idea.

“People were pleased that the council was taking the road maintenance head-on,” he said.

Report Criteria:
Types Selected: Assistance Applieds, Billing Adjustments

Name	Customer Number	Type	Description	Amount	Service
Billing Adjustment					
08/05/2015					
BORN, ROY	62-099000-00	BAdj	REPAIRED WATER SOFTENER	79.82 -	Multiple
Total 08/05/2015:				79.82 -	
08/06/2015					
HANKINS, PAUL	73-030500-00	BAdj	REMOVED PENALTY-DID NOT RECEI	2.83 -	Multiple
Total 08/06/2015:				2.83 -	
08/13/2015					
MIDTHUN, DENNIS	99-000260-00	BAdj	DOUBLE BILLED-BILLING #890415000	45.65 -	Multiple
Total 08/13/2015:				45.65 -	
08/17/2015					
AUTUMN PROPERTIES LLC	95-008000-01	BAdj	REPAIRED TOILET	540.17 -	Multiple
KIETZKE, VIRGINIA	79-037000-00	BAdj	REPAIRED TOILET	39.38 -	Multiple
MCDANIEL, CHEREA	54-033000-00	BAdj	REPAIRED TOILET	63.19 -	Multiple
Total 08/17/2015:				642.74 -	
Total Billing Adjustment:				771.04 -	
Grand Totals:				771.04 -	



POLICE LINE

The Baraboo Police Department Newsletter

August 2015

From the Chief

It seems like just a few moments ago the ground was covered in snow and we were hoping for warmer temperatures. In a flash, we have had the usual summer events like the Sauk County Fair and the Big Top Parade. Just as we think it is time to relax, fall sports have begun and the school year is only a few weeks away.

There was significant construction at all of the public schools this year with the thought of safety. In making sure the premise is secure, all of the schools have added door locks and changed entrances so a person cannot gain entry to the school without speaking with staff directly. Driveways into the schools have been repaved and in some instances like Al Behrman school, completely changed to better handle the flow of traffic dropping off students.

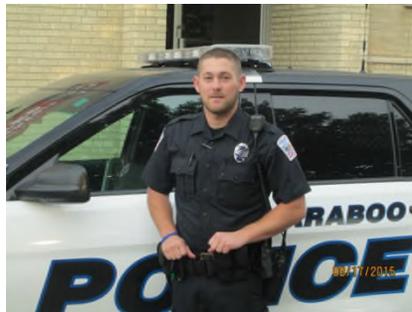
All of these improvements are important in the effort to make sure our schools are safe, but cannot be overshadowed by us drivers and parents. We all need to follow the rules for speed limits and crossing guards to protect our kids before they even get to their schools. It takes a village to raise a child, including keeping them safe!

Anniversaries

In August, we celebrate the anniversaries of Chief Mark Schauf, 16 years; Officer Mark Wichner, 5 years; Receptionist Pat McFadden, 25 years.

New Officers

Last month I introduced Nick Burch, who started in Late July. Nick is now in uniform and training with a Field Training Officer for 14 weeks.



Please welcome him when you see him on the street. He is originally from the Viroqua area but now calls Baraboo home!



Equipment Profile

This month's equipment profile is a Stop Sign. In the hands of our trained crossing guards, it is some of our most important tools on school days.



This same exact piece of equipment can be found on the side of a bus and is just as important. With the start of school we need to pay attention and stop for Adult Crossing Guards and stopped school buses. The ticket is expensive, but it is nothing compared to the cost of hitting one of our children.



Baraboo Police Department Monthly Activity Report July 2015

Calls for Service	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Burglaries	8	29	21	8	38.10%
Thefts	45	293	251	42	16.73%
Criminal Damage	7	43	47	-4	-8.51%
Assist other agencies	90	457	487	-30	-6.16%
Assists - West Baraboo	7	39	30	9	30.00%
Animal Complaints	38	180	168	12	7.14%
Total of all Calls	876	5,455	5,961	-506	-8.49%

Traffic Crashes

Total Traffic Crashes	20	164	171	-7	-4.09%
Persons Killed	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Persons Injured	2	31	28	3	10.71%
Pedestrians Injured	0	0	0	0	0.00%

Enforcement Activity

Adult Notices of Appearance	57	547	673	-126	-18.72%
Drug Charges	5	65	139	-74	-53.24%
Traffic Citations	421	2527	4,434	-1907	-43.01%
OWI Arrests	5	39	95	-56	-58.95%
Seatbelt Violations	54	243	442	-199	-45.02%
Traffic Warnings	175	1166	1,881	-715	-38.01%
Juvenile Offenses	22	263	256	7	2.73%
Curfew Violations	4	15	22	-7	-31.82%
Underage Alcohol Citations	17	47	52	-5	-9.62%
Parking Citations	112	1,691	752	939	124.87%

Fines and Fees

Court Fines	\$4,183.76	\$35,086.83	\$37,610.33	-\$2,523.50	-6.71%
Parking Fines	\$1,984.29	\$30,315.70	\$17,075.00	\$13,240.70	77.54%
Police Department Fees	\$218.09	\$1,376.73	\$364.14	\$1,012.59	278.08%



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September 2015

From the Chief

Fall is here and in full swing, which means we are a short time away from falling leaves and cooler temperatures. Along with this is the alternate side parking rules that go into effect **October 1**.

City ordinance requires vehicles to park on the even side of the street on even days and odd side on odd days from midnight – 3 PM, with the date determined as of 1 AM. So when you park your car for the night, think of what the date will be the next day. The only exception to this is streets where parking is restricted on one side during the hours of enforcement. Failure to follow the rules will result in a citation for \$10.00.

The other challenge that will fall on us is the change of season and all of the leaves. As they fall in our yards, we rake them to the curb. Please keep them out of the roadway and pile them on the tree bank or boulevard. Placing leaves into the street is dangerous to traffic and causes storm sewers to plug up when the rains come. If you put the leaves in the street, you may be visited by an officer who issues you an abatement to remove them or face a citation. The City has leaf pick up equipment that will vacuum the leaves off the bank and into a truck. Additionally, please do not put branches, rock or other objects in with the leaves. This damages the equipment and slows the removal process.

Anniversaries

Sergeant Matt Gilbert 14 years; Officer Nate Lund, 7 years.

Equipment Profile

This month we are featuring the Ballistic Vest worn by officers. We generally use what is described as “concealable armor”, meaning it is worn under the uniform shirt. Our officer are allowed to wear an external carrier over the vest as well, that can be load bearing as shown in the picture.



This allows officers to take the weight off of their duty belt and transfer it to the vest and shoulders instead of the hips and back. This allows greater comfort and we hope will reduce the wear and tear on officer’s backs over their careers in law enforcement.

New Officers

On September 14, we welcomed Carl Ustupski to the police department. Carl worked as an officer in New Mexico for several years before coming to work with us here in Baraboo. Welcome Carl!

Crime Alert

The department has been investigating several daytime burglaries close to the downtown area. Some of the victims have left the windows and doors open with the nice weather trying to get some fresh air in the house. Suspects have cut screens to gain entry and are taking many different household items.



While we are working on finding those people responsible, we need your help to prevent becoming a victim. Make sure your house is locked when you leave--both doors and windows. Report any suspicious activity to the Baraboo Police Department.

Baraboo Police Department Monthly Activity Report August 2015

Calls for Service	Current Month	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	Change	Percentage Change
Burglaries	5	34	25	9	36.00%
Thefts	31	324	291	33	11.34%
Criminal Damage	10	53	58	-5	-8.62%
Assist other agencies	83	558	584	-26	-4.45%
Assists - West Baraboo	1	40	35	5	14.29%
Animal Complaints	39	219	198	21	10.61%
Total of all Calls	903	6,358	6,920	-562	-8.12%

Traffic Crashes

Total Traffic Crashes	29	200	196	4	2.04%
Persons Killed	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Persons Injured	9	40	33	7	21.21%
Pedestrians Injured	0	0	0	0	0.00%

Enforcement Activity

Adult Notices of Appearance	92	645	740	-95	-12.84%
Drug Charges	19	85	159	-74	-46.54%
Traffic Citations	563	3097	5,197	-2100	-40.41%
OWI Arrests	5	44	107	-63	-58.88%
Seatbelt Violations	65	308	519	-211	-40.66%
Traffic Warnings	169	1335	2,277	-942	-41.37%
Juvenile Offenses	29	295	272	23	8.46%
Curfew Violations	2	17	24	-7	-29.17%
Underage Alcohol Citations	16	63	62	1	1.61%
Parking Citations	104	1,795	830	965	116.27%

Fines and Fees

Court Fines	\$3,806.91	\$38,893.74	\$41,066.42	-\$2,172.68	-5.29%
Parking Fines	\$1,526.20	\$31,841.90	\$18,441.29	\$13,400.61	72.67%
Police Department Fees	\$296.53	\$1,673.26	\$522.64	\$1,150.62	220.16%