Brooklyn Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes November 20, 2107

President Levi Cutler called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Members present were Brit Springer, Sue McCallum and Linda Kuhlman.

Cutler made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017. McCallum seconded. McCallum presented the treasurer's report. The Brooklyn PTO will be joining. Cutler made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Kuhlman seconded.

Santa Day is December 9 from 11-1. Rex Tilley will be Santa. Cutler, McCallum, Kuhlman and the 3 Dairy Queens will help. Springer mentioned events to Acting Chief Engelhart if someone from police department would like to attend. The information will be put on the Village LED and website and Facebook. Springer will put up on Brooklyn Facebook page. McCallum has the sign to put out front of Methodist Church and posters are up in the Post Office, Village Hall and Mini Mart.

There's a new bakery business opening in the old Steine Joe's location.

Chamber will put the lights up on the gazebo on November 29 at 4 p.m. Kuhlman will contact Public Works to make sure outlet is working. Recreation Committee will be doing a Christmas Tree Lighting in front of Community Building on December 2 at 6 p.m. Chamber talked about doing gazebo lighting at same time but didn't know if it could be coordinated.

Cutler stated the new Chamber application is completed. He kept some copies and gave some to Unified Newspapers to go with the guide letter. The letter will go out in December.

Discussed Garage Sales Days being the third weekend in May – May 18-20.

Brooklyn Area Guide – Kuhlman asked if events should run March to March and members agreed. Still need a cover photo so Unified can use it when trying to get advertising; would like to have in next two weeks. Springer had a sunset photo of water tower park; possibly put school photo as well. Discussion on the photo to use. Springer said will need to get permission to use photo.

Ideas for guide — listing of each school in District, possibly get from PTO; put police, fire and emergency management on one page and use picture Springer has of kids at the fire station that was taken during summer rec; page for the township and village information; historical society; wildlife page; welcome page could be text on top of photo of Chamber sign by WWTP; ads; map of whole area with townships. Springer will start to put pages together. Would like to have a rough layout by mid-December. Send contact to Springer to put together.

Unified Newspapers collects money for ads after printing. Cutler said Sheri Karns was unable to get demographic information. Springer said EDC might have that information. McCallum suggested through the US Census or information on EDC page of Village website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.