

WALK ! BIKE! BROCKPORT!
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014
7:00 PM
Village Hall

1. Greet the Erie Canal Riders

Harry Shifton reported on preparations to greet the hundreds of riders who will pass through Brockport, Monday, July 14, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. Harry, Alicia Fink and others will meet at the Main Street Bridge, 8:30 am, Monday, to set up our WBB tent with banner. Our WBB volunteers will wear our yellow vests that Ray will bring at 8:30 am, and we expect a solid turnout for this annual festive event!

2. New Uses for the telephone number 911

New WBB member, Andy Saul, reported on how the emergency telephone number 911 no longer is used strictly as an Emergency number. Callers are encouraged to use 911 to report such events as traffic violations (cars not stopping for pedestrians in Right-of-Way crossing lanes), littering, public drunkenness, drug dealing and other public safety issues. Callers may remain anonymous by simply telling the dispatcher you wish to not be identified and that you do not need to see an officer (unless you in fact do). When in doubt, call 911. Approximately 26,000 cars pass through Brockport daily?

Facts to keep in mind (submitted by Merrill Melnick, referring to a recent Rochester D & C article by Meaghan McDerrmott, staff writer):

- At least twice a day on average for the past decade, a pedestrian or bicyclist on Monroe County's roadways was hit by a car, usually seriously enough to warrant medical treatment.
- And at least 92 people walking or biking were killed.
- Most commonly, pedestrians who were killed were crossing a roadway and not using a crosswalk.

3. Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) Grant

Ray Duncan highlighted progress on our \$50,000 GTC grant. To date, fifteen requests have been made by consulting firms interested in bidding on this contract. All proposals are due August 11, 2014, at which time our evaluation team will look them over and select the consulting firm that best meets the requirements of our Requests for Proposals (RFP). The Contract

will begin on September 2, 2014 and will be completed by August 2015.

4. **New WBB Trophy for Elementary School Children's Walk to School Day**

Jim Goetz, MD, reported on a trophy being created to be presented to the elementary school with the highest percentage of walkers on Walk to School Day. The trophy will have on it "Walk Bike Brockport Trophy" or some similar wording to note that WBB presents it. Ed Lehman is creating the base and Jennifer Hecker is casting a bronze figure(s) for the top. This special trophy will be presented annually and will have room to put current and past winners on it for up to 20 years. We are in this for the long haul!

5. **Thursday, 6:00 pm Bike Rides**

Discussion of our Thursday, 6:00 pm Bike Rides led by Greg Turner indicated that we may need to revisit this time and date, given the low turn-out for the rides and best use of Greg Turner's valuable time. Stay tuned.