

Elgin Township Committee on Seniors
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of April 25, 2019 Minutes

MISSION: To support senior US citizens and legal residents in Elgin Township remaining independent and to age in place.

VISION STATEMENT: The vision of the Elgin Township Committee on Seniors is to recommend distribution, with accountability, designated property tax dollars via a service contract process with social service organizations that support and advocate for vulnerable Elgin Township senior US citizens and legal residents, age 55 and over, on a needs basis with the purpose to provide the means to age in place and maintain a quality of life.

The regular meeting of the Elgin Township Committee on Seniors was held on April 25, 2019, in the Board Room (first floor) of the Elgin Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rich Jacobs at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Jim Fox, Ginny Goyer, Rich Jacobs, Jerri McCue, and Mary Roberti were present. Quorum was established. Trustee Vern Tepe was present as the Board liaison.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Representatives from the Edgewater Advocates were present to speak against the Senior Referendum due to the increase in property taxes and the hardship it placed on the Edgewater residents. Persons attending from Edgewater included Bob Getz, Roland Wade, and Sandra and Don Positano.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ginny Goyer moved to have the minutes of the March 28, 2019, meeting of the Committee on Seniors approved as presented. Jim Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on RFP distribution and response: Chairperson Rich Jacobs reported that the RFP was distributed on schedule. He will send the Committee a list of the organizations that received the emailed RFP. One organization responded with a question; two, with requests for clarification. Supervisor Franklin Ramirez issued a Press Release to the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, and the *Daily Herald* to publicize the request for proposals. The new email for responses is Seniors@ElginTownship.com.

As a guideline, Supervisor Franklin Ramirez emailed the following policy statement to Chairperson Rich Jacobs, March 28: "It is the policy of Elgin Township that tax dollars are to be spent on US citizens and legal US residents. We will do our best to make sure that our vendors only spend monies from the township on those individuals but we will not police the matter."

2. Appointments to Committee on Seniors: The status remains the same. This process is on-going.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Elgin Township Budget: A proposed 2019 – 2020 budget was presented for information. Key points to the budget are as follows:
 - a. Total projected income: \$770,710
 - b. Approved expenses: 60,500 (TRIAD, Senior Services Contract, Utility and Rx Assistance)
 - c. Contingencies: 200,000
 - d. Senior Service Grants: 428,000 (Expensed based on approved proposals received.)
 - e. Balance as of 3/31/2020: 82,210
2. TRIAD: For information, the monthly meetings are held at the Township building on the third Thursday of the month at 8:30am. The meetings are open to everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next general meeting of the Committee on Seniors is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2019, 4:00pm in the Board Room (first level) of the Township Building, 729 S McLean Blvd., Elgin Illinois 60123.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Fox moved to adjourn. Jerri McCue seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0. Time was 4:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Roberti.

Mary Roberti, Secretary

Date

Rich Jacobs, Chairperson

Date

James Fox

Date

Ginny Goyer

Date

Jerri McCue

Date