

Elgin Township Committee on Seniors  
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123  
Meeting of May 28, 2020 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 May 28, 2020, via a Zoom video conference call. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rich Jacobs at 2:06pm.

ROLL CALL

Jim Fox, Ginny Goyer, Joann Hartmann, Rich Jacobs, Mary Roberti, and Carl Strathmann were on the call. Sue Moylan was absent. Quorum was established. Township Supervisor Franklin Ramirez and Trustee Rick Poulton, Board liaison, attended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Jim Fox moved to have the minutes of the March 26, 2020, meeting of the Committee on Seniors approved as presented. Joann Hartmann seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointment to Committee on Seniors (standing agenda item): Per 60 ILCS (Illinois Compiled Statutes)/1 Township Code, Article 220, the Township Board may appoint up to nine (9) members. Currently, there are seven (7) members serving on the Committee. Succeeding members appointed shall serve 3-year terms. Supervisor Franklin Ramirez continues to look for interested candidates since no applications for the remaining two positions have been received. Diversity is encouraged. Qualifications include being an Elgin Township citizen or legal resident with no conflict of interest.

All new committee members are required to complete the Open Meetings Act training. A Certificate of Completion must be submitted to the Township for filing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of Letter Received from CHEF addressed to Chairman Rich Jacobs, dated May 21, 2020. In her letter, CHEF Board President, Shirley Sadjadi, reported the Lunch and Learn program that was funded by the Committee on Seniors grant would be changing format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of in-person lunches, CHEF would be “producing a series of videos on how to prepare easy, low cost and healthy meals and advice (sic) on how to stay healthy during these uncertain times”. On the call, representing CHEF, were: Joann Armenta, Shirley Sadjadi, Edith Pelcastre, and Peter Mierwinski. Jim Fox made a motion to accept the letter from CHEF Board President, Shirley Sadjadi, which will extend their 2019 grant until December 31, 2020, and give approval for their new format to fulfill the grant obligation. Carl Strathmann seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0.
2. Committee on Seniors Report to the Taxpayers of Elgin Township. It was suggested that the Committee draft a report addressed to the Elgin Township taxpayers which outlines the amount of money received, how the money is being distributed, and the outcomes achieved for the Township seniors. Since the Senior Referendum was approved by the voters in March 2018, the Committee believes a report to the taxpayers meets the requirement for transparency and accountability. Further discussion will be on the agenda for the next Committee meeting.
3. Discussion and Voting on 2020 RFP Submissions. Eleven (11) proposals were received from seven (7) 501(c)(3) organizations. Each proposal was reviewed for relevance and adherence to the RFP categories: Transportation, Wellness, Age In Place, Legal/Financial, and Socialization. Supervisor Ramirez reported the money available for grants totals \$631,231.00.

NEW BUSINESS - Discussion and Voting on 2020 RFP Submissions (continued)

- a. Centro de Informacion (Legal/Financial): Jaime Garcia presented the proposal and was available to answer questions.
  - i. Joann Hartmann moved to accept the Centro de Information proposal as presented for the amount of \$16,280.00
  - ii. Jim Fox seconded the motion
  - iii. Motion passed: 6 – 0 – 0
- b. Food For Greater Elgin (Wellness): Michael Montgomery presented the proposal and was available to answer questions.
  - i. Ginny Goyer moved to accept the Food For Greater Elgin proposal as presented for the amount of \$60,000.00
  - ii. Carl Strathmann seconded the motion
  - iii. Motion passed: 6 – 0 – 0
- c. Kane Senior Council (Age In Place): Tasha Samuels presented the proposal and was available to answer questions.
  - i. Jim Fox moved to accept the Kane Senior Council proposal as presented for the amount of \$25,000.00
  - ii. Carl Strathmann seconded the motion
  - iii. Motion passed: 6 – 0 – 0
- d. Oak Crest (Socialization): Susan Cincinelli presented the proposal and was available to answer questions.
  - i. Jim Fox moved to accept the Oak Crest proposal as presented for the amount of \$43,020.00
  - ii. Joann Hartmann seconded the motion
  - iii. Motion passed: 6 – 0 – 0
- e. Oak Crest (Transportation): Susan Cincinelli presented the proposal and was available to answer questions.
  - i. Jim Fox moved to accept the Oak Crest proposal as presented for the amount of \$3,770.00
  - ii. Joann Hartmann seconded the motion
  - iii. Motion passed: 6 – 0 – 0
- f. Association for Individual Development (Transportation): No one from the organization was present.
  - i. Ginny Goyer moved to accept the AID proposal as presented for the amount of \$49,710.00
  - ii. Carl Strathmann seconded the motion
  - iii. Motion passed: 6 – 0 – 0
- g. Prairie State Legal Services (Legal/Financial): No one from the organization was present.
  - i. Jim Fox moved to accept the Prairie State Legal Services proposal as presented for the amount of \$10,000.00
  - ii. Ginny Goyer seconded the motion
  - iii. Motion passed: 6 – 0 – 0
- h. Senior Services Association (Transportation): Beth McClory presented the proposal and was available to answer questions.
  - i. Jim Fox moved to accept the Senior Services Association proposal as presented for the amount of \$60,000
  - ii. Joann Hartmann seconded the motion
  - iii. Motion passed: 4 – 0 – 2
- i. Senior Services Association (Wellness): Beth McClory presented the proposal and was available to answer questions.
  - i. Carl Strathmann moved to accept the Senior Services Association proposal as presented for the amount of \$42,500
  - ii. Joann Hartmann seconded the motion
  - iii. Motion passed: 4 – 0 – 2
- j. Senior Services Association (Age In Place): Beth McClory presented the proposal and was available to answer questions.
  - i. Carl Strathmann moved to accept the Senior Services Association proposal as presented for the amount of \$182,000
  - ii. Ginny Goyer seconded the motion
  - iii. Motion passed: 4 – 0 – 2

- k. Senior Services Association (Socialization): Beth McClory presented the proposal and was available to answer questions.
  - a. Ginny Goyer moved to accept the Senior Services Association proposal as presented for the amount of \$52,500
  - b. Carl Strathmann seconded the motion
  - c. Motion passed: 4 – 0 – 2

With the Committee’s approval of these eleven proposals as presented for the amounts requested, Chair Rich Jacobs will recommend that the Elgin Township Board of Trustees approve the Committee’s decision at the Township’s regular meeting, Monday, June 8, 2020.

Chair Rich Jacobs requested that the Committee also approve the Township’s request to fund the previously approved programs from the Senior Referendum budget. Carl Strathmann made a motion that the following funding be provided as follows:

- Elgin Township TRIAD Program: \$12,000.00
- Prescription Drug Program: \$15,000.00
- Utility Assistance Program: \$15,000.00

Ginny Goyer seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next general meeting of the Committee on Seniors is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2020, 2:00pm. Due to the shelter-in-place mandate, a phone number will be provided to conduct the meeting via a conference call.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Roberti.

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<b>Mary Roberti, Secretary</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Rich Jacobs, Chairperson</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>James Fox</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Ginny Goyer</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Joann Hartmann</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Sue Moylan</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Carl Strathmann</b>	<b>Date</b>