

Elgin Township Committee on Seniors  
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123  
Meeting of August 27, 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 August 27, 2020, via a Zoom video conference call. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rich Jacobs at 2:00pm.

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. Trustee Rick Poulton, Board liaison, and Trustee Vern Tepe attended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Jim Fox moved to have the minutes of the May 28, 2020, meeting of the Committee on Seniors approved as presented. Joann Hartmann seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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. With a new term year starting in September, there will be six (6) 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.

Chairperson Rich Jacobs distributed a copy of the Committee on Seniors application to encourage our search for more committee members. A letter will be sent from the Township to Sue Moylan to ask her if she wishes to continue to serve on the Committee on Seniors. She has been able to attend only the February 27 meeting due to health issues. A question was raised if the Committee needed to have a policy stating the number of unapproved absences allowed before asking a member to resign. This question will be on a future agenda.

Committee on Seniors Budget Review post Funding Disbursements: Chairperson Rich Jacobs distributed a copy of the budget. Items to note: Starting balance = \$673,231.00. All 11 proposal requests were granted as presented for a total of \$544,780, which was expensed, 7-31-20. Of the \$15,000 allocated for the Prescription Drug Program, \$3412.27 had been expensed as of 7-31-20. The application for the Utility Assistance Program, which is budgeted for \$15,000, is still in progress. The TRIAD Program is budgeted for \$12,000, but no money has been expensed since no events have been scheduled due to the Coronavirus. Contingency funds remaining total \$86,451.00. This number will be confirmed in November when an accounting of the taxes is received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thank You to Mary Roberti's Service to Committee on Seniors: Chairperson Rich Jacobs read Mary Roberti's letter acknowledging that she has completed her 2-year term and will not be applying for a second term.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for September 2020 to August 2021:

1. Jim Fox moved to nominate Rich Jacobs for another term as Chairperson. Ginny Goyer seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0. Rich Jacobs graciously accepted.
2. Ginny Goyer moved to nominate Jim Fox for another term as Vice-Chairperson. Rich Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0. Jim Fox graciously accepted.
3. Rich Jacobs moved to nominate Joann Hartmann to serve as Secretary. Ginny Goyer seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0. Joann Hartmann graciously accepted.

Report to the Taxpayers of Elgin Township: To compile the report, Chairperson Rich Jacobs will reach out to the agencies that received funding from the Senior Referendum, to get their logos, a brief synopsis of their proposals, and mission of their organizations. This report will be posted on the Township website as well as in a press release to showcase the work that has been done by the Committee on Seniors and how the taxpayer money has benefitted the Township’s senior citizens and legal residents.

Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of the Year: No meetings will be held in November or December due to the holidays. Unless a need arises, Carl Strathmann moved that the meetings in September and October be cancelled. Jim Fox seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next general meeting of the Committee on Seniors is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2021, 2:00pm. Based on the COVID guidelines at the time, the Committee will be notified as to the location of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mary Roberti moved to adjourn the meeting. Ginny Goyer seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Roberti, Immediate Past Secretary

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<b>Joann Hartmann, Secretary</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Rich Jacobs, Chairperson</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>James Fox, Vice-Chairperson</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Ginny Goyer</b>	<b>Date</b>
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