

Elgin Township Committee on Seniors

729 S. McLean Blvd, Elgin IL 60123

Meeting of February 25th, 2021 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 Thursday, February 25th, 2021, via a Zoom video conference call. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rich Jacobs at 6:05.

ROLL CALL

Jim Fox, Ginny Goyer, Rich Jacobs, Bev Ivy, and Joann Hartmann were on the call. Carl Strathmann, Rod Ash, and Bob Carlsen were absent. Supervisor Ramirez and Rick Poulton attended and represented the Township Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Jim Fox moved to approve the minutes of the January 28th, 2021 meeting of the Committee on Seniors; Ginny Goyer seconded the motion. No discussion, approved as presented. The motion carried 4-1-0.

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 2020, there will be six (6) members serving on the committee. Succeeding members appointed shall serve 3-year terms. Diversity is encouraged. Qualifications include being an Elgin township citizen or legal resident with no conflict of interest.

Presently, we have eight (8) members. Jim Fox is seeking an additional member. Diversity is encouraged.

Trustee Rick Poulter requested explanation concerning coordination of the rotation of 3 year terms. It was determined that the terms do overlap, assuring a continuum of members to carry on committee work.

Discussion and Approval for 2021 RFP Documents and Schedule: Chairperson Jacobs shared the importance of consistency during these first few years of operation. Jim Fox made the motion to approve the forms as presented. Ginny Moyer seconded. Opportunity for discussion was provided with no additional input.

The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Discussion of NFPs' Interim Reports that received 2020 Funding: Members indicated they had received the Interim Reports from those NFPs that received funding from us this past year. Concern was expressed that, due to the COVID pandemic, some agencies have had to adjust their plans, and some seem to have not been able to accomplish most of what they planned. Discussion began about options open to us going forward to deal most

appropriately with the failure to produce results. All members were encouraged to read the Interim Reports carefully and consider various appropriate options. This item will be discussed at the March 25th meeting.

Updated financial report for Seniors Funding monies for 2020/2021: Supervisor Ramirez reported that the Board kept the levy at the same level and thus submitted the proposed amount of \$437,000(+/- change) to the county. The County Board approved that amount for next year (2020/2021).

NEW BUSINESS

All members need to complete Open Meetings Act (OMA) online training:

Rod Ash and Carl Strathmann still need to complete this and submit the Certificate of Completion to the Township for filing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor/Chair/Committee Members/Trustee Liaison: A meeting will occur on Monday, March 1st at 7 p.m. to give the Supervisor, Trustee Liaison, chairs and at least two (2) committee members of both the Committee on Seniors and the 708 Referendum to discuss coordination of their Contracts for Service. Chair Jacobs will send invite information to all members.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. Ginny Goyer seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted by Joann Hartmann.

Joann Hartmann, Secretary

Date

Rich Jacobs, Chairperson

Date

James Fox, Vice-Chairperson

Date

Rod Ash

Date

Bob Carlsen

Date

Ginny Goyer

Date

Beverly Ivy

Date

Carl Strathmann

Date