

ELGIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON SENIORS MEETING
729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL
Meeting of September 28, 2022, Minutes

The September 28, 2022, meeting of the Elgin Township Committee on Seniors was held in lower level of the Township building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Strathmann at 7:05 p.m. Deputy Clerk Mihalec led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pedro Echevarria gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: Committee members Carl Strathmann, Maggie Beyer, Ed Dring, Pedro Echevarria, Fred Haas, Alfredo Ramirez, and Marianne Rowe were present, as well as Trustee Janet Rogalla (ex-officio). Committee members Bob Carlsen and William Lucas were absent. **Quorum was established.**

A. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

B. COMMITTEE MEMBER – INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER – Newly appointed committee member Ed Dring introduced himself.

C. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 25, 2022, MINUTES –Mr.Haas moved for the approval of the August 25, 2022, minutes. Mr. Dring seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS –Ms. Rowe nominated Maggie Beyer for chairman. Mr. Dring seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Mr. Haas volunteered/nominated himself to be vice chair. Ms. Rowe seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Mr. Dring volunteered/nominated himself to be secretary. Ms. Rowe seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

2. RESPONSES FOR SUPERVISOR’S WORKSHEET REGARDING NEW IDEAS TO BETTER SERVE SENIORS AND IDENTIFY GAPS IN SERVICES

Township Supervisor Ken Bruderle had asked the committee to identify gaps in services.

Chairman Beyer mentioned that seniors could mentor youth, as this would empower the senior citizens and inspire the youth. Mr. Strathmann suggested Elgin Area Men’s Shed as a possibility.

Mr. Dring asked if information on resources is available and suggested creating a master list. He volunteered to make and pay for copies.

Trustee Rogalla suggested using the Senior Access Pass list for distribution of such information.

Mr. Ramirez expressed that a list of the organizations that the committee funds would be useful.

Ms. Rowe made the following suggestions:

- Grieving spouse/grief counseling services, as well as healing hikes/meditation
- Creative things to do, such as creative writing classes, current events discussions, and armchair travel
- “Rules of the Road” class
- Exercise classes, including additional basic balance classes at a quieter location than the downtown Senior Services Associates location

Mr. Dring suggested that the lady seniors could make blankets (especially lap blankets) for those in need, and the Township could distribute them. Trustee Rogalla said that a blanket drive could also be coordinated.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Trustee Rogalla also suggested that the committee put a list together of questions for the 6-month reports/presentations.
- Chairman Beyer reminded everyone about completing the required FOIA and OMA trainings and gave the URL for the Illinois Attorney General's website where they are located.
- Deputy Clerk Mihalec mentioned the community's generosity in meeting the urgent need for cat food to replenish the Township's supply for distribution to senior citizens in need.
- Chairman Beyer distributed copies of three example RFPs for senior funding to the newer members of the committee who had not been part of the last round of funding awards.
- The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Township offices, 729 McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

F. Adjournment/Recess: Mr. Dring moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Haas. Motion carried, 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Mihalec

Jeanette Mihalec, Deputy Clerk

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