729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL Meeting of May 25, 2023 Minutes

The May 25, 2023 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 Maggie Beyer at 6:06 p.m. Marianne Rowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Committee members Maggie Beyer, Ed Dring, William Lucas, Carl Strathman, Pedro Echevarria, Marianne Rowe, Fred Haas, and Alfredo Ramirez were present, as well as Elgin Township Trustee, Janet Rogalla. **Quorum was established.**

- **A. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS** There were no public comments.
- **B.** Approval of April 27, 2023 Minutes Committeman Marianne Rowe motioned to approve minutes and Committeeman Alfredo Ramirez seconded, motion carried 8-0-0.
- **C. Unfinished Business** Chairman Beyer let everyone know that the FOIA & OMA training needs to be completed by June 30, 2023.

D. New Business

1. Presentations by Senior Funding Applicants

Northern Illinois Food Bank - Ms. Hester Bury spoke about the food bank and answered any and all questions from the committee. Served over 500,000 meals year to date. Gave meals to Living Daylights to deliver.

Food For Greater Elgin - Michael Montgomery spoke about Food For Greater Elgin and answered any and all questions from the committee. 68% increase from 2022 to 2023. They have over 200 volunteers.

Fox Valley Hands of Hope - Ms. Claire Culton spoke about their organization, helping those dealing with grief. She answered any and all questions from the committee.

Kane Senior Council - Did not attend meeting.

Prairie State Legal Services - Amber Moore, managing attorney spoke about their organization, answering committee members questions.

Metropolitan Asian Family Services - Ms. Roshita Panday spoke about their organization and answered any and all questions from the committee.

Living Daylights Golden Age Seniors Club - Rev. Walter Blalark spoke about their newly organized club for the Elgin area. He spoke about the Aurora chapter and also about youth. He answered any and all questions from the committee.

Dementia Friendly Elgin - Bernie Gredzielinski, Dena Fisher and Alison Green spoke about their growing organization. Speaking about the memory cafe and how they help seniors dealing with dementia. They answered any and all questions from the committee.

Elgin Area Men's Shed - Did not attend meeting however, sent a letter to the committee, explaining the absence a few days later.

Senior Services Associates - Ms. Micki Miller and Ms. Beth McClurey spoke about Senior Services and answered any and all questions from the committee.

- **E. Announcements** There was an announcement to continue meeting on June 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Elgin Township Building, 729 McLean Drive, Elgin, Illinois in the lower level.
- **F.** Meeting was motioned to recess until June 8th. Alfredo Ramirez motioned, Ed Dring seconded. Motion carried 8-0-0. On June 8th, we adjourned the May 25th meeting. Carl Strathman motioned, Bob Carlsen seconded, motion carried 9-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Dring	
Edward Dring	 Date