

**ELGIN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON SENIORS MEETING**  
**729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL**  
**Meeting of March 23, 2023 Minutes**

The March 23, 2023, meeting of the Elgin Township Committee on Seniors was held in the lower level of the Township building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Maggie Beyer at 7:02 p.m. Vice Chair Fred Haas led the Pledge of Allegiance. No invocation was given.

**ROLL CALL:** Committee members Maggie Beyer, William Lucas, Marianne Rowe, Fred Haas, Carl Strathmann, Bob Carlsen, and Alfredo Ramirez were present. Committee members Pedro Echevarria and Ed Dring, as well as Trustee Janet Rogalla, were not present. Township Supervisor Ken Bruderle attended in Trustee Rogalla's place. **Quorum was established.**

**A. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**B. Approval of January 26, 2022 Minutes** – Committeeman Strathmann motioned to approve minutes and Committeeman Rowe seconded, motion carried 7-0-0.

**C. Unfinished Business**

- 1. Responses on Supervisor's worksheet 2023 Ideas:** Discussion was held regarding acknowledgements by agencies funded, enforcement of application requirements regarding legal status, and accounting for people that were helped by Elgin Township through the agencies.

Committeeman Pedro Echevarria arrived at 7:15.

- 2. Mentorship Update** – None.

**D. New Business**

- 1. Each Committee member to volunteer to visit one of the RFP recipient organizations. Open for discussions:**

Committee members were assigned agencies to visit:

Dementia Friendly Elgin Area – Maggie Beyer  
Food For Greater Elgin - Bob Carlsen  
Universal Metro Asian Services - Marianne Rowe  
Senior Services Associates - Fred Haas and Bill Lucas  
Centro de Información – Carl Strathmann and Pedro Echevarria  
Elgin Men's Shed – Pedro Echevarria  
Kane Senior Council – Alfredo Ramirez

After receiving suggestions via email from the committee members as to what questions the agencies should be asked, Chairman Beyer will create a checklist that will be sent to the members by March 30<sup>th</sup>. She will also contact the agencies to give them a heads up.

When asked about the visits, Supervisor Bruderle stated that the agency visits are a legitimate way to gather information about the agencies, and the agencies will want to show the committee members what they do to help seniors. The visits will also be a way to learn more about gaps in services and what is needed to help the agencies meet needs better. Additionally, committee members may share any concerns with the agencies.

To give them a more complete understanding, newer committee members who were not part of last year's funding process will receive copies of the proposals of the agencies that they will be visiting.

Discussion was held regarding the Township's emerging lending closet and the upcoming mental health first aid course and museum tour, as well as the reoccurring efforts to find out from seniors where gaps and cracks in services are. Also, the Township is opening up the Senior's Social Café as a socializing opportunity for seniors. All of these are being promoted via social media and fliers.

Carl Strathmann spoke about the Zoom call that he and Supervisor Bruderle sat in on regarding senior transportation and Pace and said that Pace is not adequately flexible. Supervisor Bruderle brought up the Transportation Posse that he is exploring forming.

**E. FOIA and OMA Sexual Harassment training online update:**

Deputy Clerk Mihalec stressed the importance of completion of the trainings and reminded those who had not completed the trainings to do so. She also offered her assistance after 4/11 to anyone who is facing challenges in getting started with any of the trainings

**F. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next meeting will be on April 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Elgin Township offices, 729 McLean Blvd, Elgin, IL 60123

**G. ADJOURNMENT/RECESS:** Committeeman Carlsen moved to adjourn. Seconded by Committeeman Ramirez. Motion carried 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Jeanette Mihalec

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Date