

Elgin Township Committee on Seniors Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of July 25, 2024, Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town of Elgin, Illinois was held in Lower-Level Meeting Room A. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Maggie Beyer at 7:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Chairwoman Beyer asked new committee member Marilyn Burge to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pedro Echevarria gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Committee members Marilyn Burge, Pedro Echevarria, William Lucas, Alfredo Ramirez, Marianne Rowe, Carl Strathmann, and David Teas, and Chairwoman Maggie Beyer were present. Fred Haas was absent. Roll was called. **Quorum was established.** Board Liaison Janet Rogalla was also present.

A. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

B. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/INTRODUCTIONS

Chairwoman Beyer introduced new committee members David Teas and Marilyn Burge, and then had the remaining committee members and the staff introduce themselves.

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Marianne Rowe to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2024, Committee on Seniors meeting, Motion seconded by Carl Strathmann. Motion carried. 8-0-0.

Reviewing the minutes prompted Chairwoman Beyer to ask the committee members to turn in their reports to staff from their service agency visits by 10/1.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update – Bill Lucas – Cooking Class with ECC Assistance: Looking for concepts that will help newly widowed people to avoid isolation – not just cooking. Still gathering data/ideas. Interim ECC President Dr. Peggy Heinrich is interested in potential collaboration. Also looking at Healing Strong for ideas. David Teas is interested in coordinating the home repair help program and wants to ask contractors/tradesmen if they are interested in participating. The program needs to be reviewed by Supervisor Bruderle and the Township’s insurance company and attorney before moving forward.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Visit RFP’s Sites and Be Prepared to Give Report at October Meeting:

- Centro de Información: Alfredo Ramirez
- Elgin Area Men’s Shed: Carl Strathmann/William Lucas
- Food For Greater Elgin: Maggie Beyer
- Kane Senior Council: No one yet
- Northern Illinois Food Bank: No one yet
- Prairie State Legal Services: William Lucas
- Xilin: Marianne Rowe
- Senior Services Associates: William Lucas
- Fox Valley Hands of Hope: Pedro Echevarria
- Chinese Mutual Aid Association: No one yet

2. 2024 Sexual Harassment Prevention Training: The module for 2024 will be released in the fall. The new committee members should take the last available module once their login information is received by staff. They have been sent the login information for their OMA and FOIA training.

3. Election of Secretary: No interest at this time. Elections of all officers take place at the September meeting.

4. 1st Anniversary of “Senior Discuss and Discover”: At Chairwoman Beyer’s request, Marianne Rowe explained that the Senior Discuss and Discover program was started to create an opportunity for seniors to experience lifelong learning and to engage socially. The August 19th program will celebrate the one-year anniversary of the program and include a speaker/historian who will talk about the 1950’s, including about entertainment and politics from that era.

5. Volunteers Needed for “Tick”: This Township event will need volunteers for passing out programs, set-up, and tear-down. An email will be sent to committee members asking for volunteers. Chairwoman Beyer and Marianne Rowe volunteered.

6. Senior Utility Assistance Program: Staff outlined the program. The applications are due July 31st.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairwoman Beyer encouraged the committee members to do something that they are passionate about – especially for seniors. She also outlined the RFP process for the new committee members. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 7 pm. at the Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn from Carl Strathmann. Seconded by David Teas. Motion passed 8-0-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Mihalec.

Jeanette Mihalec, Deputy Clerk

Date