

Elgin Township Committee on Seniors Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of August 22, 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 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Chairwoman Beyer asked 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, Fred Haas, and David Teas, and Chairwoman Maggie Beyer were present. Carl Strathmann was absent. Roll was called. **Quorum was established.** Board Liaison Janet Rogalla was also present.

A. RECOGNIZE PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Fred Haas to approve the amended minutes of the August 22, 2024, Committee on Seniors meeting with the correction of Marianne Rowe's name. Motion seconded by Marianne Rowe. Motion carried. 8-0-0.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2024 Sexual Harassment Prevention Training: It will be available in the fall.

2. Visit Senior Services Funding Recipients' Sites and Be Prepared to Give Report at October Meeting:

Centro de Información: Carl Strathmann and Maggie Beyer already visited

Elgin Area Men's Shed: Fred Haas

Food For Greater Elgin: Maggie Beyer

Kane Senior Council: No one yet

Northern Illinois Food Bank: Marilyn Burge

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: David Teas

3. Write Cards to Seniors at Senior Facility: Maggie Beyer provided upbeat greeting cards, and the committee members took a few minutes to write cheerful thoughts in them.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Elections of Officers:

a. Chairman: Marianne Rowe nominated Maggie Beyer to continue as Chair, and Marilyn Burge seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion carried 8-0-0.

b. Vice-Chairman: David Teas nominated Fred Haas to continue as Vice Chair, and Al Ramirez seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion carried 8-0-0.

c. Secretary: There was not interest in the position at this time, so the responsibilities will be managed on a rotating basis with Al Ramirez taking care of minutes for September, Marilyn Burge handling October's, and David Teas handling January's. Deputy Clerk Mihalec offered to coach anyone who would like instruction.

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Teas and Marilyn Burge brought up potential partners for a possible Township project to help seniors with home repairs. Marilyn Burge brought up Habitat for Humanity’s “Brush with Kindness” program-- an existing program that does this. David Teas brought up volunteer recruitment and a Township-managed program as another way.

Fall yard clean-up help for seniors was also brought up as another Township project, and David Teas suggested Boy Scouts.

David Teas, Fred Haas, and Marilyn Burge will bring more information to the next meeting, and staff will check with the insurance company about participation in these programs.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn from David Teas. Seconded by Pedro Echevarria. Motion passed 8-0-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk Mihalec.

Jeanette Mihalec, Deputy Clerk

Date