

**Franklin Township
Senior Citizen Advisory Board
01/11/2022**

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by Bill Morris

Minutes read, motion to approve, Jean Thompson 2nd Debbie Caruso

Agenda:

1. Reorganization meeting
2. Discuss progress with tax exemption
3. Other discussions and recommendations to improve Senior Activities

Attendees:

Bill Morris, Jean Thompson, Kathy Wargo, Elaine Adams, John Sheldon, Debbie Caruso
Jim Mihcaelson, Jim Roher and Cindy Merchx. Guest: Shirley Simpkins.

Old Business:

1. We still have no answer from VanDrew's office concerning the tax exemption for Sr. Citizen Club. Bill suggests we wait a few more weeks before the next inquiry.
2. We are still discussing what is the criteria for participation in the Senior Lunch Program. Weather a person has to actually live in the Township, or just own property here and pay taxes on said property, as there is a person intrested in participating but actually lives on the border of FT and Williamstown and pays taxes to Williamstown for her home. Bill will pose the question to the Twp. Committee.
3. We have discussed the procedure for closing the Community Center for Lunches when there is bad weather. All agreed that when Delsea HS is closed for weather so should be the Center. Bill will email Twp.Committed and confirm the decision.
4. Have we made any progress on getting names of all Senior Citizens in FT. Bill did get a voter registration list, we will see if we can work from that.

New Business:

1. Nomination of 2022 officers for the Senior Citizen Advisory board.
Jean Thompson nominated Bill Morris for Chairperson and he was approved.
Kathy Wargo nominated Jean Thompson for 2nd chair and she was approved,
and Kathy Wargo was nominated by Debbie Caruso for secretary and she was approved. All committee members present voted to approve.
Also discussed that if a member misses 3 meetings in a row , we will ask the Township Committee to replace them, unless major illness .
2. John Sheldon is getting food donations from a Clayton church and bringing them here. We have been displaying them in the lunchroom for the Seniors to choose and take, however, since we have been asked to put it away or find another place to display food, since the room is occasionally used for other activities , we are going to ask Township Committee to allow us to clean out the small office attached to the all purpose room and turn it into a food pantry. That way even other Seniors or needy in Franklin Twp can take advantage. Once we set up the room we would arrange a schedule of when it will be open and staffed by volunteers.
Motion to adjourn by Bill Morris, 1st Jean T. 2nd John S.
3. Next meeting for the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will be 02/08/22, 10:00am.