

**Hanover Township Senior Center  
Lower Level Multipurpose Room  
Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee  
Monday, October 10, 2022 – 1:00 PM**

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**

- Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Larry Bretz at 1:00 PM on Monday, October 10, 2022
- The roll call was conducted by Tom Lathara, Secretary.
- Present: Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Larry Bretz, Walter Gramiak, Lynn Nelles, Tom Lathara, Peggy Bucaro.
- Absent: Craig Essick.
- Present (Aging Services Team): Megan Conway, Diane Gomez, Dino Kazeos, Lisa Perrone, Marilyn Perri.
- Public: Trinity Guiao.
- Pledge of Allegiance  
Chairperson Larry Bretz led the pledge of allegiance recitation.
- Public Comments:  
Megan Conway stated that the electronic signboard in front of the town hall facing route 59 is damaged and will be replaced with a new one with higher Resolution pixels in 3-4 weeks.

- **Reports**

- **Chairperson's Report**

More residents seem interested in recently conducted Scam awareness program considering the seriousness of scams and relentless tricksters trying to lure seniors into their dubious schemes, it will be better to have more such awareness programs.

- **Treasurer's Report**

**Monthly report ending August 2022**

Lynn Nelles presented the monthly report ending August 2022.

Starting balance - \$71,700; ending balance - \$79,269.

A motion was moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Peggy Bucaro seconded by Naomi Walters-Lenoci.

All the members voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

- **Trustee Liaison's Report**

Trustee Liaison Craig Essick was unable to attend. Megan Conway conveyed his report. The construction in the plot adjacent to Township property is moving along and will continue for the next few months. The whole property is now part of Bartlett village. Water and sewage lines are being installed.

Board is also restarting coffee with the board outreach program. The first meeting will be Saturday, October 15th morning at 9:00 am at Veterans Hall.

- **Director's Report**

Director Megan Conway presented the September 2022 report.

Senior center has bounced back with energetic activities as in the past. The 5th Annual Fall food truck festival on September 15th was an enjoyable event. There were eleven food trucks, live music. Nutrition department also plans to participate in the festival next year to raise money for the home delivered meals program. All tips received during wine and beer sales to home delivered meals.

Rib-day: Registration page is implemented which enables more accurate data collection and accounting.

The township is making progress on the construction of a new Emergency Services Station which will take the place of the leased fire barn where they were previously housed. Emergency Services provides many essential services to the township and surrounding communities. The Township has also made progress on the new Hanover Landing supportive housing development in Elgin in partnership with Up Development.

The day trips are gaining momentum. Aging Services coordinated four-day trips in the month of September. Feedback on the trips was very positive and the Enrichment Programming team will move to coordinate at least one day trip per week in 2023.

The Home Care Assistant position remains open currently. The position was posted a second time and closed on October 6. At this time, we have several applicants who are interviewing, and we hope to have the position filled by the end of the month.

September was National Senior Center Month, and it was also a month of training and development. Most staff completed training on Implicit Bias on September 21 and 22. Implicit bias is recognizing one's biases and working through them in order to provide outstanding customer service.

The Transportation team will soon receive training on how to secure motorized scooters soon. Unlike wheelchairs, motorized scooters are a bit different when securing them in the bus. The team will rent a scooter in order to demonstrate firsthand how to complete this task; something we had not previously offered.

- **Unfinished Business**

- **New Business**

- Minutes:**

- Chairperson Larry Bretz presented the last meeting minutes for discussion and approval.

- A motion was moved to approve the September 12 Monday 2022 meeting minutes by Naomi Walters-Lenoci, seconded by Lynn Nelles.

- All the members voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

- **Other Business**

- Beading club:** The beading club is planning to meet with representatives of the senior service committee on Friday October 14th 1:30pm at the senior service center. A proper inventory needs to be taken and iron out other details. A clear accounting of finished and unfinished products, raw material etc. The beading club does not seem to have a clear leader or line of communication.

- **Outstanding service Award:**

- In recognition of the exceptional service rendered by Rene Lloyd, leading healthcare giver and home care coordinator, was presented with an 'Outstanding service award'. This included a laudatory Citation and gift certificate. Rene's attitude, enthusiasm and hard work was particularly lauded. Renee Stein from Transportation is awardee for November.

- **Holiday Breakfast**

At Briana's on December 12, Monday at 9:00 am

- **Holiday Giveaway**

An umbrella was selected as the holiday give away present.

A motion was moved to approve the budget amount not exceeding \$700(Seven hundred) for Holiday give away item purchase by Naomi Walters-Lenoci, seconded by Lynn Nelles.

All the members voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

- **Round Table:**

Chairperson Larry Bretz introduced a round table event, where every attendee is given an opportunity to make a recommendation.

**Peggy:** Please provide more details on the Hanover Landing Project - Do seniors have priority? Allocation criteria is yet to be decided. Also, how can we help, say by providing books and such items?

**Dino:** Consider adding an Antique Road show in addition to the gift shop.

**Lisa:** consider additional programs like 'Paint a sip night' to attract more guests,

**Diane:** Kudos to Naomi for donating stuff to the service club.

**Walter:** Recruiting talents for an improvisation group - 'Wild in Bartlett: We are not dead yet!!'.

**Lynn:** Two Appreciations - for a great shuttle service to the food truck festival and restoration of warm water at ladies restroom.

**Naomi:** Thanks everyone who attended the Donut sale.

**Megan:** Many exciting outdoor day trips planned. If you are interested, please sign up.

**Tom:** Consider getting local Authors for book appreciation sessions.

**Rene Lloyd:** Volunteers required for companionship program.

There was no other business on the agenda to transact.

A motion was moved to adjourn the meeting by Naomi Walters-Lenoci seconded by Lynn Nelles. All the members voted 'Ayes'. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned by 2:35 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 14, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Thomas Lathara,**

**Secretary**

**Hanover Township Senior Citizen's Services Committee**