

**CLARENCE SENIOR CITIZENS, Inc.
4600 THOMPSON ROAD
CLARENCE, NY 14031**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Date: February 11, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Violet Oldenski.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jim Blum, Jeff Buckley, Carol Gettings, Mary Anne Kermis, Dave Meacham,
Violet Oldenski, Rosemond Ruhland, Paul Schulz, Wayne West.

EXCUSED: Lori Adams

Executive Director: Debb Sabbatis

Town Board Liaison: Bob Geiger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MISSION STATEMENT - Carol Gettings

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Jim Blum

January 14, 2021 Regular Board meeting minutes draft.

Motion to approve draft minutes of January 14, 2021 made by Jim Blum.
Second by Dave Meacham.

Voting to approve draft January 14 minutes aye (7) Blum, Buckley, Kermis, Gettings,
Meacham, Ruhland, West. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (1) Schulz.
Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mary Anne Kermis

Treasurer's Report - Report covering January received and referred for audit.

Balances - High balance in Operating Savings is due to receipt of first quarter stipend and an
adjustment adding some stipend from last year.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT - Violet Oldenski

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Debb Sabbatis.

Comments - Reopened on Monday, February 1. This has been an unprecedented situation and we hope by reopening to bring some normalcy and positivity to our members. We are allowed to have a maximum of fifty people in the building now.

As of 01/31/2021 - Paid members 873; Total bus mileage 2999

Month of January - New members 0; Total Attendance 0; Activities 0; Special Events 0; Off-Site Events 0; Meals served 0; Frozen Meals 265; Bus riders 4; Bus miles 188

January Highlights:

Center closed for recreational activities since 11/23.

Upcoming Programs and Events:

As we reopen we will be offering many of our more customary programs.

A craft class is scheduled and we are working on a drive through Valentine's dinner. We are developing a number of new programs.

To allow members to socialize we are offering our own lunch program on Wednesdays and Thursdays at a fee of \$5.

Erie County Congregate Dining will be available beginning Monday, February 22 but we will probably start it Monday March 1 as we use up items we already ordered.

A Casino trip has been scheduled for March 17. Sign up has been slow.

Health Fair - In joint cooperation with Akron/Newstead seniors. We are considering alternative of drive through if we can't do inside. We would need approval to use the Town Park.

Fundraising - TBA Possibly basket raffle or other fundraiser. Number of people is a problem. We have been having small raffles in the interim.

Office Computers - Executive Director reviewed quote proposals from three possible suppliers. They each have a different point of view. We should add a computer in the kitchen for the link to the County system on which we must make inputs related to the County Nutrition Program. The Town link to the internet using Spectrum is very good. We may need some amplification to improve WiFi.

Extensive discussion on the three quotations. We are now on Windows 7 operating system. Consensus to decide on Interweb Technology Group, Inc. proposal with some refinements that were discussed. There was some concern regarding warranty and after installation corrections. We may be able to get some software at a lower price directly using a connection we have. Backup capability offsite may require a regular subscription with ongoing costs. There is also specialized software for Senior Centers that we should consider in the future. The proposal includes some initial training for and questions from staff.

MEMBERSHIP & PROGRAMS - Rosemond Ruhland

No report. Committee will begin working on policies.

NOMINATING - Lori Adams

No report. Secretary stated a member for the Nominating Committee was named by the Executive Committee. He is Stanley Kozlowski, a non Board Center member who served last year. Voting to approve the appointment aye (8) Blum, Buckley, Kermis, Gettings, Meacham, Ruhland, Schulz, West. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0). Appointment approved unanimously.

PERSONNEL - Carol Gettings

No report.

LEGISLATION & BYLAWS - Jim Blum

No report.

PLANNING - Jim Blum

No report.

OLD (unfinished) BUSINESS -

PPP2 - Covered under ED.

Policy Reviews - Membership Committee considering some.

NEW BUSINESS -

Annual Meeting - Reports for Annual Meeting are due from committee chairs as soon as possible.

Discussion on whether or how to hold Annual Meeting under current rules related to Covid-19. Announcement of date and place needs to be in the newsletter. Decision on how to hold the meeting to be reviewed and made at March Board meeting. Reservations to attend the Annual Meeting will be required.

Building Wall Plaques - Several plaques are on Senior Center walls. Qualifications to be on, individual engraved plates, and other issues were briefly discussed. Membership Committee to review and recommend action to the Board. Comment that we can't cover our walls with plaques but maybe there may be another way to recognize people. As an example, Akron has a memorial tree on which people can buy a leaf.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

TOWN BOARD LIAISON - Bob Geiger

Town Pavilions - Open for reservations March 1, 2021.

Senior Center would be exempt from the fee but must make reservation.

Spectrum - WiFi has been improved.

Frozen Food - Received compliments on Senior Center related to frozen food distribution.

Credit Union - Proposal for building

Recreation Center - Still active. Town Highway building project first.

Other Events - Memorial parade, Taste of Clarence, Hollowfest, etc. Difficult to plan due to shifting parameters.

Vaccinations for Covid-19 - Hard to qualify the Senior Center location to meet the certification requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (received in writing)

Chair Comment - One Public Comment was received last meeting.

It was reviewed at the Executive Committee and no action is recommended.

Public Comments - One public comment was received today.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no other business, Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:17 am.

TRAINING SESSION - None.

TOWN HAPPENINGS - Bob Geiger - Covered before.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - March 11, 2021

Jim Blum, Secretary