

Little Egg Harbor Senior Citizens' Advisory Board Minutes

January 25, 2016

Chairperson Ann Mikos called the meeting to order in Town Hall at 10:00AM. A flag salute and a moment of silence for our military followed.

Roll call was taken. Committee members in attendance were: Ann Mikos, Fran Zimmer, Diane Coyle, Richard Dutton, Ken Miller, John Ways, Rocco Compitello and Mayor Gene Kobryn.

Ann Mikos, Fran Zimmer and Richard Dutton were sworn in for another term.

Minutes from the November 31, 2015 meeting were read and approved by the committee.

Chief Buzby provided township updates. The Chief discussed the latest coastal storm. It was decided to open a warming center and to ask for voluntary evacuation from the most vulnerable citizens. Several rescues were made by department members. An elderly, visually impaired woman fell into a snow drift and was given assistance. Chief Busby noted several disturbing trends: an increase in car burglaries, and a young man selling stolen sheet metal. The department is still concentrating on reducing the amount of drugs on the street.

Our second speaker was Patrick Donnelly, Superintendent of Public Works. He also discussed the recent storm. The potential for flooding on top of the ice made the job of plowing extremely difficult. Fifty four miles of road in the township were plowed. Roads must be kept clear for police, ambulances and other emergency vehicles. In order to block a

storm surge at the end of Radio Road and the Parkertown docks four foot square leaf bales were installed. The bales consisted of composted leaves that weighed between 32,000 and 38,000 pounds. The bales saved the town thousands of dollars' worth of damage.

Our next speaker was Kelly Ann Pennell from the Little Egg Harbor Library. She reminded the committee that digital magazines are available. To learn how to borrow e-books call the library to schedule an appointment. Wednesday at 6:30 pm is knit night, for beginners and experts. Chess classes are offered to children. Players with experience are invited to attend and assist new players. April 27 marks the 20th anniversary of the LEH Library. There will be a celebration at 2pm.

Mayor Kobryn updated the committee on upcoming events. Walmart is scheduled for a grand opening on July 16, and a soft opening in June.

Our next meeting will be at Town Hall on February 29, 2016 at 10:00am. Guest speakers will be Chief Buzby and Jerry Maguire from AARP's Tax Preparation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17AM

Respectfully submitted

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Recording Secretary