

Little Egg Harbor Senior Citizens' Advisory Board Minutes

April 25, 2016

Chairperson Ann Mikos called the meeting to order in Cranberry Creek Clubhouse 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, Rocco Competello, Diane Coyle, Richard Dutton, Ken Miller, Nancy Cotter, Betty Vivona, Moira Modica and Mayor Gene Kobryn.

Minutes from the March 21, 2016 were read and approved by the committee.

Chief Buzby and Lt. Bezak provided township updates. The chief will release monthly police reports at the township meetings. There were several narcotic overdoses and Narcan saves in the township. Chief Buzby strongly feels that other agencies are vital if a community is to control the spread of drugs and drug addiction. Mandatory rehabilitation for those who received Narcan may help assist some in the addiction battle. School systems must develop effective approaches to teaching the effects of drug use. The Chief equates quality of life with a reduction in street narcotics. The department's street crime unit has been effective in controlling narcotics traffic. The police department has hired 2 new Special Class 2 officers who will eventually transition into full time officers.

Our first guest speaker was Home Instead Representative Tara Bonnelly. Home Instead provides a variety of non-medical services for seniors which will allow them to remain in their homes. These services supplement medical care and are not covered by Medicare. Services include cleaning, shopping, meal prep, bathing, dressing, incontinence and companion care and transportation. Employees are insured, bonded and have received thorough background checks. Costs for care are, \$24 per hour on weekdays, \$25 per hour on weekends and live in help is \$210 per day.

Our second speakers were Commander Wally and Bernice Wubbenhorst from USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 7-2. They stressed boating safety and the importance of wearing safety jackets at all times. Children under 13 must, under the law, wear jackets when on any type of water craft. Jackets should have the proper fit. If a jacket can be pulled over the child's head, it is not the right size, and will not be of any help in an emergency. When towing tubes or skis the boat must fly on orange pennant to alert other craft in the area that there are people being towed. The Commander teaches a class on boat safety once a month during boating season.

Mayor Kobryn updated the committee on upcoming events. The Annual Senior Expo will be on May 4th at the Community Center from 9-1. The shredding truck will be there. The Mayor asked for feedback on proposals to change township meeting times to a more convenient time for seniors. He advocates random drug testing for students and installation of cameras in the town's HOAs. He is hoping to encourage commercial development on Rte. 9 between Tuckerton and LEH. This would help to stabilize taxes. He thanked everyone for coming. Our next meeting will be held at Tall Timbers Clubhouse on May 23, 2016. Guest speakers will be Chief Buzby and Dorothy Reynolds of Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30AM

Respectfully submitted

Moira Modica

Recording Secretary