



**Schaumburg Township**  
**Senior Citizens Services Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
*Monday, December 21, 2020*

- I. Call to Order:  
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Croke.
  
- II. Roll Call (those in attendance):  
Mark Chereso  
Nancy Croke  
Denis DeCamp  
Marilyn Pande  
Kathleen Ray  
Sheva Wohlhart  
Trustee Char Kegarise  
Director Becky Cordes
  
- III. Approval of October 19, 2020 Minutes  
Motion by Kathy Ray; Second by Denis DeCamp. Motion Carried.
  
- IV. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes)  
None.
  
- V. Reports
  - a. Chairperson's Report  
Chairperson Croke had no report and wished the Committee a Merry Christmas.
  
  - b. Trustee Liaison's Report  
Trustee Kegarise had no updates to provide.
  
  - c. Director's Report  
Report on file. Medicare open enrollment ended December 7 and was a great success. Staff continue to be busy assisting clients with LIHEAP appointments. The Adopt-a-Senior Christmas program has been in full swing the past couple weeks with nearly 100 seniors being adopted by community members for the holidays. The Senior and Disability Services area had a new reception desk, sign, and TV monitor installed at the beginning of the month.
  
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Senior Services Holiday Party  
Senior Services Holiday Party occurred Thursday, December 17 and was a virtual party. Over 80 participants enjoyed live holiday music performed by Denise Armour and raffle prizes. Trustee Kegarise stated the program was outstanding and she received lots of comments from community members on how much they enjoyed it.
  
- VII. New Business

a. Funded Agency Grant Application Review

i. HandsOn Suburban Chicago (RSVP)

Presentation by Carolyn Roberts, Program Director. The RSVP program is now called AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP and is making a request for \$2,500. The primary focus of the AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP program is connecting seniors with volunteer opportunities, primarily focused on tutoring and after school programs. Currently there are over 700 active senior volunteers, 9 full time and part time staff, and 7 in-house volunteers who work through the AmeriCorps Seniors program. 20 residents from Schaumburg Township volunteered through this program in the past year. The AmeriCorps Seniors program not only helps agencies find volunteers to help offset costs, but also gives purpose to seniors' lives.

ii. Escorted Transportation Service Northwest

Presentation by Anne Wall, Associate Executive Director. Escorted Transportation Service (ETS) is requesting \$3,500 to offset costs for providing individual transportation to Schaumburg residents for medical appointments. ETS provides medical transportation for seniors anywhere in 14 municipalities and to 5 major medical centers in the Chicago area. Drivers are all volunteers who not only drive clients to appointments, but accompany them into the office, wait for them to finish their appointment, take them to pick up any new prescriptions, and then bring them back home. In FY20, ETS provided 275 one-way rides to 30 residents of Schaumburg Township. ETS stopped all operations for 3 months due to COVID-19, and is currently only back to 30% of their normal ride volume. ETS has 70 active volunteers in any given month and 2 ½ FTE staff.

iii. Kenneth Young Center (APS)

Presentation by Victoria Dykstra, APS Team Lead and Crissy Castillo, Director of Older Adult Division. Kenneth Young Center APS is requesting \$4,000 to supplement the funding of the Adult Protective Services program, which offers services to assure the ongoing safety and independence of Township residents who are seniors or adults with disabilities. In the last year, APS provided about 2,700 hours of services to Township residents. APS investigates allegations of financial exploitation, abuse, neglect, and self-neglect. They talk with the alleged victim and the alleged abuser (if permission is granted) and help provide any needed support to both the alleged victim and the alleged abuser. Often times the alleged abuse is a family caregiver who is in need of support with caregiving. As long as the client consents, APS can provide intervention services for up to a year.

iv. Barrington Area Council on Aging

Presentation by Terri Channer. Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) is requesting \$2,500 to offset costs of supportive services, information and referral, and recreation and participation in BACOA's congregate lunch program by Schaumburg Township residents. In FY21, BACOA provided 130 hours of support and 6 congregate lunches to Township residents.

b. FY22 Agency Funding

The Committee makes the following funding recommendations to the Township Board of Trustees for FY22 Funding:

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP: \$2,500

Escorted Transportation Service Northwest: \$2,500

Kenneth Young Center APS: \$2,500

The Committee recommends to not provide funding to Barrington Area Council on Aging.  
Motion by Kathy Ray; Second by Marilyn Pande. Motion Carried.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Kathy Ray; Second by Sheva Wohlhart. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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