

Monroe County Commission on Aging

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Monroe County Commission on Aging Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 09, 2008 Commission on Aging Conference Room

Chairman Martin Kaufman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Member's present: Noel Dentner, Bruce Freimark, Martin Kaufman, Paul Simonton, John Sledge Jr., Gerald Stone, and Loyd Sype.

Member excused: Nancy Hamman and Aleta Jackson

Chairman Martin Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer.

Approval of the Agenda:

Loyd Sype motioned to approve the July 09, 2008 agenda as presented. Supported by Bruce Freimark. **Motion carried.**

Guests Present: Larry VanWasshenova, Director, Monroe County Senior Legal Services; Floreine Mentel, County Commissioner and Area Agency on Aging 1-B Board of Directors; Diane Tackett, Senior Resource Director, Monroe County Opportunity Program; Pam Rybka, Director, Bedford Senior Center; Gerilyn Powers, Regional Supervisor, Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

Public Time:

No public addressed the commission at this time.

Approval of the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2008

Motion made by Gerald Stone, supported by Paul Simonton to approve the regular commission minutes of June 11, 2008 as corrected. **Motion carried.**

Approval of the Financial Statements of June, 2008:

Ms. Hamad presented the June 2008 Financial Report. Noel Dentner motioned to accept and place the June 2008 Financial Statements on file. Supported by John Sledge. **Motion carried.**

Commission Members Report:

Loyd Sype reported that he spoke to a legless veteran at Meijers who mentioned how grateful he is for the Lake Erie Transit Bus System.

Gerald Stone commented that in his observation, the renewal of the Senior Millage is not being publicized very much especially in South County.

Terri Hamad reported that the Every 9th American Committee has circulated the "Every 9th American" committee asks you to Vote for Seniors! flier through their newsletters and at other

committee meetings. The committee will heavily be publicizing close to the primary, August 5, 2008, focusing on targeting the non-senior voters. A full page ad will run the week prior to the vote that will publish those who endorse the millage by purchasing "Yes!! Senior Millage" buttons. A half page ad will run Sunday before the primary in the Monroe Evening News and a full page in the Bedford Now and a website ad on the Monroe Evening News website.

Correspondence:

The Commission reviewed the list of correspondence.

Directors Report:

Ms. Hamad reported that she has no formal report to give at this time.

Unfinished Business:

A. Strategic Planning Committee Reports of July 03, 2008:

Noel Dentner reviewed with the full board the written report of the July 03, 2008 Strategic Planning Committee and commented that a letter to the editor regarding the City of Monroe issuing a permit for the installation of a ramp for a client. In addition, Mr. Dentner commented that all of the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) are complete and Plante Moran will present their final report to the full board at the August 13, 2008 Commission on Aging meeting.

B. Non-Compliant Reporting Agencies:

Ms. Terrasi reported that there is no formal report this month and anticipates that one would be available for the August.

C. Ramp Program Updates:

Ms. Hamad reported that the City of Monroe will not waive any permit fees but will charge a flat rate of \$123.00 for the permit, which will likely result in other townships following suit as well with a permit cost on each of the ramps.

On June 19, 2008 one of the temporary portable ramps located in Frenchtown Villa Mobile Home Park was struck by an individual under the influence of alcohol and uninsured. Paul Simonton has been working with Jim Dusa, American Welding, and the JAWS crew on getting the damaged ramp removed and preparing for the installation of a new ramp.

Paul Simonton recommended that a written policy be developed on what is the proper timely manner the Commission on Aging should respond if any damage or unforeseen incidents occur to any of the ramps. In addition, each current ramp renters insurance company's need to be contacted to ensure that the ramp at the residency is insured properly.

Noel Dentner commented that the Strategic Planning committee could review the draft guidelines at the August 7, 2008 meeting.

Ms. Hamad commented that she will prepare a written draft of the ramp response guidelines and e-mail it out to each of the committee members to review prior to the next Strategic Planning meeting.

D. Project FRESH Request from the Bedford Senior Center:

Pam Rybka announced that the center is going to be a contact point for Project FRESH on behalf of the low income adults in Monroe County. Project FRESH is a produce program providing low income seniors with coupons to purchase locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmer's markets.

Ms. Rybka reported that the center received \$2,000.00 from the Michigan Offices to the Services of Aging for Project FRESH and requested the Commissions consideration to grant the Bedford Senior Center \$2,000.00 in match funds for the project.

Paul Simonton commented that he would have liked to have seen the request include documentation on the marketing of the project, what the administration cost would be, how many seniors would be served, and how the seniors would get to the farmer's markets.

Noel Dentner motioned to grant the Bedford Senior Center the requested \$2,000.00 in match funds to operate Project FRESH with the stipulation that the funds be used only for the specific line items proposed. Transfers from the approved line items are prohibited without the advance written permission of the Commission. Any funds not used in accordance with the Directive of the Commission shall be returned forthwith. Supported by Gerald Stone.

Roll call:

Bruce Freimark - No	John Sledge – No	Loyd Sype – No
Gerald Stone – Yes	Paul Simonton – No	Noel Dentner– Yes
Martin Kaufman – No		

Motion failed.

New Business:

No new business to present at this time.

Public Time:

Monroe County Commissioner Floreine Mentel recommended to the commission to go door to door within their district to get the word out on the benefits of having a Senior Millage.

Bruce Freimark addressed the commission at this time to announce that he will be playing the acoustic guitar at the Faith In Action For Monroe County's fundraiser, "Garden Party". It is an open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rinne, Monroe, Michigan on Friday, July 11, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$15.00 per person.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Paul Simonton, supported by Gerald Stone. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Berlin Township Senior Center, 8000 Swan View Drive, Newport, MI 48166.

Vicky L. Terrasi

Vicky L. Terrasi, Recording Secretary