

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
Monday, March 8, 2010**

Present: JoAnn Stade, Suzanne Bruner, Alderman Mike Ehrlich, Edie Webb, and Catherine Kiener, Director, and City Administrator Mark Grams. Excused: Sally Schirk-Ehrlich, Mike Kraus

Suzanne Bruner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Ms. Stade moved to approve the minutes from March 8, 2010. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Alderman Mike Ehrlich moved to approve the financial summary for January. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. One question was on the trip refund. It was applied to 2 other trips. Motion carried.

3. New Business

A. The site selection committee update was given by Alderman Ehrlich. The 5:00 PM meeting had about 25 people in attendance. The committee approved recommending the City lease temporarily for 7 -10 years with lease options such as early out. The main concern addressed at the meeting was parking. The Site Selection committee will meet on March 23 to draft a parking study. Mrs. Stade brought up the parking and the rumor that maybe angle parking would help address the issue. Ms. Stade asked if the parking spaces were counted as a comparison. Mr. Grams, City Administrator mentioned that there are an estimated 30 regular parking spaces and perhaps the issue is more related to event parking. Alderman Ehrlich mentioned the neighbors concern was crosswalks, parking, and the traffic coming and going. The parking survey will help address the traffic concern and perhaps options of trip parking off site. Mrs. Webb stated she has heard from some that the space is to big.

She asked what decision time frame is. Administrator Grams stated Franklin Energy will be looking to move in next few months. Commission members agreed it is important to keep the jobs in town.

Alderman Ehrlich moved the Commission on Aging recommend the Council move forward with the negotiations with the owners of the 403 W. Foster St. property for use as a Port Washington Senior Center. We support the site selection committee recommendation of a 7-10 year lease (as a temporary move) with options for renewals. Mrs. Webb seconded the motion. Further discussion: Ms. Stade asked if the costs are known and can we afford the lease. Administrator Grams said yes, the city can and the move will keep the building on the tax roll. Alderman Ehrlich gave a brief review of the codes related to senior center use. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM