

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
Monday, Sept. 13, 2010**

Present: Suzanne Bruner, JoAnn Stade, Edie Webb, Sally Schirk-Ehrlich, David Owens, Alderman Mike Ehrlich, and Catherine Kiener, Director. Excused: Mike Kraus

Suzanne Bruner called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Mrs. Webb moved to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Schirk-Ehrlich. Motion carried.

2. Mrs. Webb moved to accept the August Financial Summary. Mr. Owens seconded the motion. Discussion was on the greeting card purchase and the tea donation. Motion Carried.

3. Unfinished Business
 - A. The Site Selection copy of final report will be mailed to Commission members who did not receive one.
 - B. The Environmental Maintenance staff position will be filled this month.
 - C. Discussion of renovations on code issues related to the stairs; a variance can be requested and doors could be placed at the mezzanine. Architect is on target for Mon. Sept. 27 evening presentation meeting. The parking is a big challenge and one solution that works is to create angel parking on Webster and make it one way south from Foster to Michigan which will need support from the neighbors. Alderman Ehrlich will follow up with Alderman Babcock to address this pending Commission on Aging and council decisions.
 - D. 2011 Budget

Ms. Stade moved to approve the budget with 4 changes:
#1 Increase assistant hours back to 599 per year
#2 Increase Maintenance hours by 100 to account for larger space & amend retirement to include it
#3 Increase the Directors hours to 40 hours per week
#4 Increase building maintenance by 1,000 for moving

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Schirk-Ehrlich. Discussion on the motion included justification for Director Hours with recommendations to make it easier to read when presented with budget; Mrs. Webb commented that with a larger building an increase in staff hours should occur. Members discussed the various reasons for staff positions and hours. Motion unanimously carried.

4.
 - A. Elected Officials Report – nothing to report
 - B. City Shared-ride Taxi

Commission members discussed the importance of the Senior Center members knowing about the Common Council meeting Sept. 21 were the taxi will be discussed. Commission Chair, Mrs. Brunner recommended supporting the taxi. Mrs. Schirk-Ehrlich seconded. The recommendation is for the Director to be prepared to speak at the council

meeting as an advocate for senior users with a clear distinction of the differences between the county and city taxi on the wait time; call for ride lead time; and the area served with an emphasis on the downtown merchants. Consider the priorities of the city taxi vs county taxi. The county taxi emphasizes jobs & medical appointments. City taxi may prioritize these time sensitive appointments but also considers the other riders to Senior Dining; Senior Center activities. The Director shared a conversation from Monday regarding a woman who stated she is not always organized to call in advance of when she needs to go shopping. This was a unanimous recommendation.

5. Director's Report

A. Senior Center Board Items- Christmas Luncheon Date is Dec. 2 at Saukville Legion.

B. Sept/Oct Event & Trips

1. Day trips are set with a few openings in Oct for Holy Hill

2. Events covered under item #3

3. National Senior Center Month is September

A. DQ night is Mon. Sept 20 4:00PM – 7:00 PM with a percent of evening proceeds going to the Friends of the Senior Center and the Center. Please attend and tell friends and family.

B. 5 Wishes program – discussion of how you want things handled in the event you can no longer speak for yourself will be Tues. Sept. 21

C. Director's Comments – Will follow up on budget changes and attend the council meeting. Special meeting will send agenda out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.