

## **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2022 SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

*Chairman Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the Little Egg Harbor (“LEH”) Community Center.*

*There was a Flag salute and a moment of silence for our military and world peace.*

*Roll call was taken. Board members in attendance were: Ken Miller, Ann Mikos, Linda Cicco, Nancy Cotter, Diane Coyle, Richard Dutton and Maryann O’Neill.*

*The minutes of the last meeting of the Board on February 28, 2022 were then approved by motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried.*

*The first speaker was Chief James Hawkins of the LEH Police Department, who gave the customary update on police-related matters affecting the community. He first spoke again about the Special Needs Registry which will help his Department by identifying people with mobility issues, oxygen dependency, etc., and he clarified that a member of the family of a resident with special needs will be allowed to add the resident’s name and information to the Registry only with the resident’s permission, in cases in which the resident is capable of giving it. He also noted that participation in Firewise, a fire prevention program, was now in the works at some of the LEH senior communities. He then reported that, according to a study that was conducted, his Department’s average response time in both emergency and non-emergency matters was under four minutes, so that rapidity of police response is generally not an issue in LEH. On the subject of senior fraud, he advised those present to be wary of individuals who go from door to door at this time of year offering cleanups, gutter cleaning and other services and to keep garage doors closed and cars locked, and he added that legitimate contractors soliciting business in LEH must register with the Town Clerk’s Office in order to comply with the law.*

*The next speaker was Kristine Field, the Director of Community Outreach at Community Medical Center in Toms River, which is part of the RWJBarnabas Health network. She reported that Community offers a comprehensive array of services, is currently undergoing renovation, now has unique state-of-the art facilities such as a heated helipad to which emergency patients can be brought by air, and has opened new “hubs” including one in Barnegat and a children’s hospital on Route 37 in Toms River. She added that Community can arrange for health professionals to come to senior groups to make presentations regarding their specialties and that she can connect potential patients to particular types of physicians and expedite appointments.*

*The next speaker was Danielle Roselli, the Branch Manager of the LEH branch of Manasquan Bank, who spoke once again about senior fraud and said that in one current scam an email is sent purporting to be from American Express or Visa and requesting information allegedly needed to update a credit card account. She urged recipients of any such email not to click on any link in it or otherwise respond to it, but rather to call the telephone number on the back of one’s credit card, report receipt of the email and ask if any information is indeed needed on one’s account. She added that her own husband had received such a “phishing” email that asked him to verify his Social Security number and claimed to be from Manasquan Bank! Such emails often include misspellings, incorrect grammar and other defects that are clear indications that they are not legitimate.*

*The final speaker was Jacqueline Phillips, the Community Relations Coordinator at Seacrest Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, which is in LEH and provides both long-term care and short-term sub-acute rehabilitation. She said that both Seacrest and the Terraces, a related assisted living facility also in LEH, are now owned by Marquis Health Services, which owns over fifty such entities.*

*It was then announced that Ann Mikos would be stepping down after the April meeting of the Board and that Maryann O'Neill would be taking over as Vice Chair.*

*It was further again announced that April 9 will be "Community Cleanup Day" in LEH, at which free tree saplings will be given out, and that the annual LEH Senior Expo is currently scheduled for May 4 at the LEH Community Center.*

*The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the LEH Community Center. All seniors are welcome and urged to attend.*

*The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 A.M.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Dutton, Acting Secretary, LEH Senior Citizens' Advisory Board*