

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2019 SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Chairman Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the Cranberry Creek clubhouse.

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, Maryann O'Neill and Richard Dutton. Liaison, Township Mayor Barbara Jo Crea, was also in attendance.

Minutes from the September 30, 2019 meeting, having been read, were approved by the Board.

The first speaker was Chief Richard J. Buzby, Jr. of the Little Egg Harbor ("LEH") Police Department. He first reported that an arrest had been made of the individual who had been responsible for a series of car burglaries in LEH. He then said that Mayor Barbara Jo Crea had asked him what sort of response was recommended for someone suddenly involved in a mass shooting incident inside a building and that he had decided to speak on that particular issue instead of giving his usual monthly update on actions taken by his Department in the community. He began by reporting that officers in his Department have been instructed in sophisticated response protocols in such a situation--many have been specially trained--and will enter the building with the goal of identifying and eliminating the aggressor. He then said that while the recommended response for others who find themselves in a mass shooting situation had formerly been to seek shelter in place, the new protocol is to run, hide or fight: exit the building if a door is available, hide if escape is not possible, and only as a "last ditch" choice grab anything that can be used as a weapon and fight, but in any event protect yourself and do not allow yourself to be a victim. In this regard, he said that some schools now keep baskets of rocks in classrooms that could be thrown at aggressors. He then introduced Officer Dan Ivancich of his Department, who works in a school setting and reported that students now practice mass shooting protocols several times a year.

The next speaker was Danielle Roselli, the Branch Manager of the new branch of Manasquan Bank on Route 9 near Oak Lane in LEH, who reported that the branch has held its grand opening and is now open for business. One type of checking account the bank offers is for seniors and provides free checks, no monthly fees and no minimum balance.

The next speaker was meteorologist Joseph Martucci of the Press of Atlantic City, who provided a number of interesting details about how weather predictions are made and what is expected for this coming winter. He first reported that last winter LEH had the largest total snowfall in Ocean County, 18.5 inches, about 2-3 inches above average, while Point Pleasant Beach had the least total snowfall in the County with only 7.5 inches. He said that this winter was expected to begin early with an active and colder start, that between Thanksgiving and Christmas below average temperatures were anticipated with a possibility of snow, and that nuisance-level to severe coastal flooding during the winter was likely. He then spoke about several changes in weather reporting that resulted from the Hurricane Sandy disaster in October, 2012 and about some improvements in weather-predicting technology since that time. Following Sandy, more attention was paid to the "European model", which correctly predicted the track of the hurricane seven days beforehand, although he now typically relies on three different models which are more accurate closer to an event. Also, he said, since Sandy it has been deemed important to keep

warnings in place even if the intensity of a hurricane has diminished and to be sure to include a predicted storm surge as a reason for evacuation.

LEH Mayor Barbara Jo Crea then reported that the dedication of the new LEH Veterans Park was scheduled to take place on November 11 at 10:00 A.M. and that her "Meet the Mayor" events on the third Tuesday of the month would be held at Town Hall for as long as the LEH branch of the Ocean County Library is closed. She added that Great Bay Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and LEH Citizens on Patrol are both still looking for volunteers.

Board member Nancy Cotter then reported that the Federal government is looking for census takers to assist in the 2020 United States Census. Those interested can apply online at the website 2020Census.gov. One can work either at home or in the field and the pay is \$20 per hour plus mileage.

Board member Richard Dutton was then called upon to speak about bill S-2425, which has been passed in the New Jersey Senate and is expected to be voted upon shortly in the New Jersey Assembly. This bill is opposed by our State Senator Christopher J. Connors, Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf and Assemblywoman DiAnne C. Gove because they feel that it could pave the way for people who do not meet a senior community's age restrictions to purchase or rent a home in the community and that it could also result in greater involvement of Trenton in the operation of senior communities and lead to the imposition of new fees.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sea Oaks clubhouse. All seniors are welcome and urged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 A.M.

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