

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 29, 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, Diane Coyle, Nancy Cotter, Maryann O'Neill and Richard Dutton. Liaison, Township Mayor Barbara Jo Crea, was also in attendance.

Minutes from the March 25, 2019 meeting, having been read, were approved by the Board.

As Chief Richard J. Buzby, Jr. of the Little Egg Harbor ("LEH") Police Department was unable to be present, Lieutenant Troy Bezak gave the customary report on behalf of the Department. He began by speaking about computer fraud and gave the example of a friend from the distant past who makes contact through social media, gains one's confidence and then requests a wire transfer of money to assist with a current financial need but never repays it. As it may be difficult to resist a personal and emotional appeal from an old friend, even someone with whom one has been out of touch for many years, he recommended that in such a situation you ask the opinion of a relative or someone else with an independent perspective before transferring any funds. He then discussed "robocalls"--annoying telephone calls in which your number is automatically dialed and if you answer you hear just a recorded sales pitch rather than a live person--and he said that if you pick up a call you suspect is a robocall and do not say anything immediately you will know if the caller is a live person because your silence will prompt him or her to say something, and if you find that it is a robocall because there is only silence or the start of a recorded message you can then block the caller (although robocallers constantly change the numbers from which they call so that their calls will not be blocked). He then urged those present to sign up on the website www.nixle.com to receive emergency advisory notifications. Finally, he reported that the relocation of his Department's shooting range to the proposed new site on Forge Road on the other side of the Garden State Parkway was still pending because the Pinelands Commission had questioned whether there was indeed longtime continuing use of the site so that it would not be considered a new infringement on the Pinelands.

The next speakers were Melanie Crawford and Donna Schwartzman of Seacrest Village, the adult healthcare community on Center Street in LEH, and the Terraces at Seacrest Village, a related assisted living community on Mathistown Road. They summarized the services provided at these facilities and said that Seacrest is not only a nursing home but also provides sub-acute short-term rehabilitation in a building with a separate entrance as well as adult daytime care. An important feature of their outpatient programs is that they provide transportation, including wheelchair transport, for patients from and to their homes. Seacrest was established more than 30 years ago and has been owned by the Holloway family since its inception, with members of the family still on site. It is required to be inspected and certified by Medicare and Medicaid annually and, Ms. Schwartzman said, typically has an excellent survey and goes "above and beyond" what is recommended by advisory regulations. She urged those present to visit the facility and look around and said that they could expect to find a very bright, open, friendly, clean environment with well-cared-for and well-groomed residents. She added that the Terraces is less expensive than other assisted living facilities in the area, new and very nice.

Mayor Crea then read a Proclamation declaring May to be Older Americans Month and reminded everyone that the annual Senior Expo sponsored by the Senior Advisory Board would take place in two days, on May 1, from 9 AM to noon at the LEH Community Center.

The next meeting of the Senior Advisory Board will be on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 10 AM at the Tall Timbers Clubhouse. All seniors are welcome and urged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM.

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