

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2019 SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Chairman Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at Town Hall, 665 Radio Road.

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 and Richard Dutton. Liaison, Township Mayor Barbara Jo Crea, was also in attendance.

Minutes from the May 20, 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, who began by reporting on his Department’s participation in the On P.O.I.N.T. (Proactive Outreach In Needs and Treatment) Program, an advocacy program for residents who cannot advocate for themselves. He gave as an example a woman who had relied heavily upon her husband to perform the day-to-day tasks involved in running their household and after he died was unable to do certain things such as handling finances and buying food. She was referred to the program, which arranged for her to receive help with these tasks. The Chief said that his Department has been involved in On P.O.I.N.T. for almost a year and during this time about one person per week has been referred to it. The Department is now seeking a Bureau of Justice assistance grant to help finance its participation in the program. The Chief then reported that he was about to complete his year as President of the State Chiefs and reviewed some of his accomplishments in this role: he has appeared several times on Fox News, mostly to discuss anti-police agitation elsewhere (he added that there is no issue of this kind in LEH); he has been working on a diversity project that is concerned with implementing fairer rules in the hiring of new police officers; he has been concerned with capability of the police to deal with emotionally disturbed people using non-lethal means; and he has achieved success in protecting schools and promoting community policing. Finally, he said that in his role as the immediate past President he will be involved with a foundation that can promote access of the economically disadvantaged to the police profession.

The next speaker was Dr. John Kulin of Urgent Care Now, an independent walk-in medical clinic at 1395 Route 539, a short distance south of the Garden State Parkway. Dr. Kulin provided information about his clinic and said that its purpose was not to replace one’s primary physician but rather to provide an access point to health care in the event of an injury or illness. He said that it performs behavioral health screening on all patients when they arrive to prevent escalation of anxiety, etc., and that it is also concerned with the opiate crisis and assists with treatment of patients in this area until Ocean Mental Health can become involved. He added that his clinic participates in nearly all insurances and although not affiliated with a specific medical group such as Atlanticare or Hackensack Meridian Health it cooperates with both of them.

The third speaker was Paul Hart of the Tuckerton Seaport, who distributed and reviewed a very attractive and comprehensive 24-page color brochure describing the wide range of exhibits, programs and activities at the Seaport during 2019 with the theme “Get Outside. Get Connected. Get Together. Get on the Water.”, including the Seaport’s “Fire and Ice” program on January 1, which attracts about 3,000 people each year; a program that enables visitors to spend the day on a working boat in the bay and talk to baymen; an eco-tour of Tuckerton Creek in kayaks; and a tour of the Creek and Barnegat Bay on its boat the Pohatcong II, which accommodates up to 24 passengers. This year there will also be a ferry that runs from the Seaport to Beach Haven on

Long Beach Island and back several times a day on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays at no charge, although it is possible to make a reservation for \$5, which may be advisable to insure a place on a return trip. The Seaport also runs "lunch and learn" programs and a youth carving club and provides representatives to visit the homebound to give craft programs such as carving and basket weaving. The Union Market at the Seaport serves breakfast, lunch and coffee and there is also a tearoom at the Captain's House open on Fridays and Saturdays. There are currently more than 2,600 members of the Seaport and many of them are also volunteers. The Seaport's website is www.tuckertonseaport.org.

Mayor Crea then spoke briefly about the family barbecue planned for June 29th at the LEH Community Center and a property tax educational seminar planned for July 2nd at 10 AM at Town Hall.

The next meeting of the Senior Advisory Board will be on Monday, July 29, 2019 at 10 AM at the Sunrise Bay Clubhouse. All seniors are welcome and urged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 AM.

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