

## ***MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING***

*Chairman Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the Sunrise Bay Clubhouse.*

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

*Roll call was taken. Board members in attendance were: Ken Miller, Ann Mikos, Fran Zimmer, Nancy Cotter, Diane Coyle, Betty Vivona, Richard Dutton and Maryann O'Neill (alternate). Liaison, Deputy Mayor Barbara Jo Crea, was also in attendance.*

*Minutes from the July 30, 2018 meeting, having been read, were approved by the Board.*

*As Chief Richard J. Buzby, Jr. of the LEH Police Department was unable to be present, Captain Jim Hawkins then gave the customary update on behalf of the Department and began by reporting that he and the Chief had recently attended an event in Washington, D.C. at which Sergeant John Crotty of the Department had been recognized for his work in community policing by being presented with a distinguished service award. Capt. Hawkins then reported that there had been a major drug arrest on Mathistown Road the previous week which he expected to have an effect on drugs coming into LEH and that two new police officers had been introduced at the last Township Committee meeting, one a Class Two officer who would be assigned to our schools and the other a regular officer. The Captain then invited questions and several residents of the LEH senior community of Cranberry Creek complained about a "tent city" (homeless encampment) which has apparently been in existence for about a year behind their community. One resident said that someone had reportedly died of a drug overdose there the night before and others complained of noise and fires there.*

*The next speaker was Lisa Auermuller, Assistant Manager of the Jacques Cousteau Estuarine Research Reserve & Coastal Education Center, which, she said, is one of 29 such reserves located throughout the country and encompasses about 115,000 acres including marshlands, pinelands and the barrier islands as well as offshore waters in and around the estuary where the fresh water of the Mullica River meets the salt water of the Atlantic Ocean in Great Bay. She described the Reserve as a "living laboratory and classroom" and said it is associated with the Rutgers University Institute of Marine and Coastal Services on the state level and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on the federal level. Its mission is to improve management of New Jersey's coastal environments and to accomplish this it conducts scientific research, offers educational programs for local officials, land use planners and developers, community groups, teachers and students and the general public, maintains an exhibit, "Life on the Edge", at the Tuckerton Seaport and in September of each year holds an open house at the Rutgers Marine Field Station at the end of Great Bay Boulevard which is usually attended by about 200 people. The Reserve was named for the great French undersea explorer, scientist and photographer Jacques Cousteau not because of any connection between Cousteau and the Reserve but rather because Cousteau died in 1997 just before the Reserve was named and a congressman then in office was a friend of the Cousteau family. The Reserve has a half-mile loop trail in a park along Great Bay Boulevard for members of the public (and their dogs) to enjoy that includes a boardwalk and benches. It also offers a monthly "Listen and Learn" lunch series at the Seaport and a "Scientist on Tap" evening series in which a speaker presents a program at a local brewery. The Reserve has also hosted music at Stockton University and sponsored hiking, canoeing and kayaking trips. Fishing, crabbing and other recreational activities are also permitted in the Reserve area. It receives federal funding that is split among the 29 such reserves*

*and applies for and receives grants from other federal agencies and from state agencies, and it has a volunteer program in which LEH seniors could become involved by doing such things as assisting in scientific research both on shore and in boats, making beds in dormitory rooms and working at the annual open house at the Marine Field Station.*

*Deputy Mayor Barbara Jo Crea then called everyone's attention to the great variety of types of information and assistance available to seniors on a walk-in basis at the Ocean County Southern Service Center at the intersection of Routes 9 and 72 in Manahawkin.*

*The next meeting of the Senior Advisory Board will be on Monday, October 29 at 10 AM at the Cranberry Creek clubhouse. The speaker will be Ocean County Prosecutor Joseph Coronato. All seniors are welcome and urged to attend.*

*The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.*

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