

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday – September 13, 2018

Town Hall

Attendance: R. Veleber, S. Stekloff, E. Ryducha, M. Pickett, J. Nann, K. Schechter

Absent: S. Ferrall, S. Pappas, S. Theroux, J. Falk

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of August 2018 Minutes:

The Committee reviewed the August minutes. E. Ryducha asked that the spelling of her last name be corrected.

J. Nann made a motion to approve the August 2018 minutes.

E. Ryducka seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Social Services Report

K. Schechter presented the Social Services Report the month of August.

There were 42 food vouchers distributed for the month of August.

The Renters rebate program continues until October 1.

The Energy assistance program has started and is going well.

Senior Services Report:

S. Ferrall was not at the meeting. There was no report available.

Town Council Update:

Jeffrey Falk was absent; therefore, there was no update.

R. Veleber noted that the Committee is missing one member. She stated that the nominating person from the Republican Committee is working on nominating a new member for our committee. Once that is done, it will be approved by the Town Council. We may have a new member in the next month.

Old Business:

Opium Forum Update: Chairman Veleber asked if there is an update for this program. K. Schechter stated that there was no update.

AARP Program:

Martha Pickett advised the committee that the AARP Program regarding the cost of electricity will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 7 pm to 8 pm.

Martha Pickett handed out flyers to promote the AARP program on electric choices. She will also email the flyers to all members and asked members to post the flyers at various places such as the Senior Center and local businesses that the members frequent. The flyer will be posted on the town website.

Chairman Veleber will post a flyer at Stop & Shop.

K. Schechter will post one at the Food Pantry.

E. Ryducha will post one at her place of business, Bristol Insurance. She will also see about sending a flyer out to her clients.

S. Stekloff will post a flyer at the town library.

E. Ryducha will post one at the Grange Hall.

M. Pickett encouraged all members to attend and feels everyone will gain a lot of useful information from this program on ways to save on electric costs.

R. Veleber will bring water and refreshments. She will check the AARP website closer to the date of the AARP program to determine how many people will be attending.

M. Pickett suggested that attendees to the program be asked to bring a food item to donate for the food pantry.

The members agreed that since this request is not shown on the informational flyer, and since there are currently other food drives being held, this suggestion will not be acted on.

New Business

State Grant Discussion – M. Pickett discussed applying for a \$500.00 grant sponsored by Solar Panel Constellations specific for youth, environment or education.

K. Schechter researched this grant. There was discussion as to what this grant would be used for such as the Yellow House, or the high school to address vaping issues. After more research, it was determined that the deadline was September 15, 2018 and, therefore, there was not enough time to apply.

R. Veleber stated applying for a grant is a good idea.

J. Nann suggested making a list of projects that we can apply for grants as a committee.

J. Nann offered to contact the School Superintendent to get a list.

Adjournment:

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting by L. Ryducha, at 7:25 p.m., seconded by S. Stekloff. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2018, at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Izzo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Angela Izzo