

**Township of Franklin**  
**Gloucester County, New Jersey**  
**SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Agenda 1/14//2020**

Call to Order  
Flag Salute  
Roll Call of Members

**Election of officers for 2020**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Fund Raiser update

**NEW BUSINESS**

Anything members wish to discuss

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting February 11,2020**

Members present: Bill Morris, Jean Thompson, Cindy Merckx, Jim Rohrer, Thomas Nichols, Elaine Adams, Debbie Caruso, Dennis Dittmar, John Sheldon, Kathy Wargo

Guests: None Twp Liaisons: None

On Tuesday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am the meeting was called to order and roll call of members and flag salute was completed. Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

In matters of old business, Jean Thompson gave a report on the success of 200 Anniversary T-Shirt Fundraiser. She also updated everyone on the Senior Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theater on December 4<sup>th</sup> to see the Miracle of Christmas. The trip is paid for thanks to fundraiser and quick response. Bus leaves at 8:15 am and show is at 11 am then lunch afterward. Trip will return to Franklinville around 5pm.

In matters of new business, Bill Morris stated that the Township Committee will require us to provide an 'End of the Year Report'.

Dennis Dittmar provided the Committee with information on several of the County Senior Services. He provided contact numbers and information about the difference between the County meal program that was provided for ten years vs. the present meal that Franklin Twp seniors are receiving. Dennis said that meals for seniors should have less sugar and salt and meet the recommended dietary allowances (RDAs) for senior citizens and that the meals we are serving our seniors are higher calories. He said that is why there is a big difference in taste as the county meals are made under direction of dietary standards for seniors. He said there is a concern as to how are Franklin Township taxpayers going to continue to pay for this program when there were no cost with the county. He also stated that when Franklin decided to end the program the county opened one in Jericho section of Deptford Township that has over 90 seniors in attendance each day. There is a need from several towns to have these nutrition sites but they are limited to funding available so Franklin has lost their place to another town that was waiting for a site to open.

Discussion also occurred on telephone scams, health plans with lower co pays and looking into prescription plans for seniors.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Franklin Twp Community Center Conference Room.

Submitted by Cindy Merckx/Secretary Franklin Twp Senior Citizen Advisory Committee  
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