

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING (CORRECTED)

Thursday November 9, 2017

Town Hall

Attendance: R. Veleber, B. Barlok, D. Kelleher, S. Pappas, M. Pickett, K. Schechter, S. Stekloff, E. Ryducha

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

R. Veleber called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

Chairman Veleber welcomed the new member, Elizabeth Ryducha, and asked those present to introduce each other.

Approval of October 2017 Minutes

The Committee reviewed the October minutes.

S. Stekloff made a motion to approve the October Minutes.

D. Kelleher seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

Social Services Report:

Kristen Schechter presented the Social Services Report.

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

Energy assistance applications continue to be taken. Renter's rebates ended October 1.

As a result of the new State budget, the CT Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is no longer responsible for payments to applicants for the Renters Rebate Program. The individual towns now have to fund the program. At the moment it is not clear where the money will come from for the year 2016, which is normally payable October of the following year.

Statistics for the CIU referrals and Family Violence were not available at this time.

Energy assistance applications continue to be taken. The Energy assistance Program is still being funded by state and federal as in the past.

The members inquired about the requirements of the Energy Assistance Program and

K. Schechter explained how the income guidelines are established; which is also based on the number of family members.

Senior Services Report:

S. Theroux was not in attendance and there was no report available from the Senior Center.

Town Council Update:

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

Old Business:

Community Forum on Opiates – K. Schechter spoke to Michelle, Director of Human Services. Michelle is working on setting up another forum. It is in the planning stages. K. Schechter has informed Michelle that this Committee is willing to assist, if needed.

New Business:

R. Veleber welcomed our new member, Elizabeth Ryducha.

S. Pappas asked if the need for toys for the holidays has increased this year. K. Schechter replied that the children age out of the program at 16 years of age and she does not believe the need has increased this year.

R. Veleber asked how successful was the Food Drive this year. K. Schechter stated the drive went well. All the food collected, at Stop and Shop, Big Y, the Grange, etc. goes directly to the Food Pantry. R. Veleber inquired about how the Food Pantry gets items besides the food drive, for Thanksgiving, for example. K. Schechter explained there are private donors, CT Food Bank, and local citizens that contribute. Local trucking companies, such as Bozzuto, also donate overages of canned goods to the Food Pantry.

R. Veleber asked the members to stop by and support the Senior Center Holiday Bazaar, being held on Friday November 17, and Saturday, November 18.

Adjournment:

There was a Motion to adjourn the meeting by S. Stekloff, at 7:33 p.m., seconded by R. Veleber. The motion was passed unanimously by those present.

There will be no meeting in December. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Izzo