

**MINUTES OF THE  
WATERTOWN COMMISSION ON AGING**  
Regular Meeting Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Elizabeth Schulze  
Paul Ericsson  
Jim Sandquist  
Cindy Raymond  
Cory Allen  
Rachel Bender  
Mayor Steve  
Washburn  
Lindsay Juricek  
Kaitlin Otto  
Debra Favorit

1. Call to Order

Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Tschudi called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Watertown Mayer Primary School conference room.

Members present: Cindy Raymond, Corinne Allen, Paul Ericsson, Rachel Bender, Mayor Steve Washburn, Lindsay Juricek, Kaitlin Otto, Debra Favorit, and Elizabeth Schulze

Staff present: Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Tschudi and City Administrator Shane Fineran

Guest present: Mario Cortolezzis, Ron Wilke, Lana Thomason, and Judi Engholm

2. Adopt Agenda

BENDER MOVED, RAYMOND SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDED AGENDA. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes

BENDER MOVED, RAYMOND SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2018. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Introduction of Guests

Tschudi introduced guests Mario Cortolezzis from Mario's Italian Kitchen and Lana Thomason from Harrison Bay Senior Living.

5. New Business

A. Watertown meals on wheels & Mario's Gold Fork

Mario Cortolezzis from Mario's Italian Kitchen updated the group on his program called Gold Fork. June 25th his program went live at the restaurant. In 48 hours he received over 700 messages from residents. Mario has 33 volunteers from surrounding towns willing to deliver food to local seniors. His restaurant suppliers will be donating food for the program. There are currently 12 senior citizens in Watertown signed up for the program. Seniors will have the option to sign up for as many meals as they choose. There will be an intake form for each participant to determine need and dietary requirements. Lindsay Juricek was able to acquire trays for the food from the SHIP grant through Carver County. The fee to participate will be \$50 per month which is roughly \$1.50 a day. All food will be nitrate free and organic as cooked in the restaurant on a daily basis.

Judi Engholm asked if there were any meals served to Mayer. Mario said so far there are no volunteers from Mayer. Volunteers can sign up at [www.mygoldfork.com](http://www.mygoldfork.com).

#### B. Senior housing goals

Lana Thomason with Harrison Bay Senior Living informed the group of the senior community being built in Mound which will be completed in October 2018. 72 apartments will be either assisted living or independent and 20 of the apartments are memory care.

Fineran asked about site selection and how it is financed. Thomason talked about sites being selected based on need, demographics, and market research. The company is privately held and all funding is provided by the investors.

Tschudi asked if there would be transportation provided to residents at the facility. Thomason said that a bus will be available for planned activities.

#### C. Primary school planning

Rachel Bender updated the group on a survey that was sent out to seniors. Eleven responses have been received to date. A variety of suggestions for senior type activities was provided by the survey participants. Bender will be adding the survey to the community education booklet in order to receive additional feedback. Lindsay Juricek with Carver County assisted Wilke and Bender with the review of grants in order to fund the primary school rehab. Bender explained the potential uses of the four rooms available for senior programming. She also spoke of possible inter-generational programs to incorporate preschoolers and seniors (ex: a grandparents day).

Superintendent Wilke spoke about the goals for the senior wing of the Primary School Building and what measurements will be used to accomplish the goals.

### 6. Ageless Business

#### A. City updates

Mayor Washburn reported that a conditional use permit was issued for the Elim Homes building at 409 Jefferson Ave. Meridian Behavior Health will be occupying the building as a chemical dependency facility for adult women.

Fineran reported on a new development plat approved at Reo Road for additional housing in Watertown.

#### B. Reports from commission members

Bender reported that the senior task force will be touring the Delano Senior Center during meal time on July 12. She also reported on an advance care planning program held by Ridgeview this fall.

ALLEN MOVED, SCHULZE SECONDED A MOTION TO HOLD THE SENIOR HOLIDAY DINNER ON DECEMBER 4, 2018 AT 4:00 PM. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

Lindsay Juricek gave her notice to Carver County and will be resigning in August.

Paul Ericsson reported on new library staff that will be responsible for senior and adult activities. He reported on a “protect your privacy” workshop through the library. Ericsson said the summer reading program is doing very well and is available with an online tool. Summer book sale will be held during Rails to Trails.

Deputy Kaitlin Otto reported on public safety concerns.

7. Adjournment

ERICSSON MOVED, BENDER SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:54 PM.  
ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.