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October 3, 2024

MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Signorile at 10:10.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence: All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the hurricane victims, our military and our first responders.

Mike thanked Holiday City West for hosting today's meeting.

Roll Call: Present: President Signorile, Vice Preside DeChiaro, Secretary/Treasurer. **Past Presidents:** John Barone, Barbara Egner, Karen Heck, Terry LiCausi. **HOAs:** HC Carefree, HC South, SRP East, SRP North, SRP Westerly, Sonata Bay. **Absent:** HC Berkeley, HC West, Hol. Heights, SRP West. **Guests Present:** Bob Rowe, Greenbriar Woodlands and Councilwoman Sophia Gingrich, Erin DeLucia and Ocean County Library.

Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes of the September 5, 2024, meeting were distributed to all members for review. No additions or corrections were received. Being no additions or corrections from the floor, motion was made to accept as written and seconded. Being no objections, the Minutes stand as written.

Approval of the Financial Report: The Treasurer's Report from the September 5, 2024, meeting were distributed to all members for review. No additions or corrections were received. Being no additions or corrections from the floor, motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Being none, the Financial Report is filed.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Erin DeLucia, Ocean County Library -System Coordinator and Kelly Nichols

presented a power point presentation on the following programs offered by the Ocean County Library:

- 10 Best Tips for Finding Your Ancestors
- Brain Food: Plant-based food lectures
- Elder Fraud Prevention
- How to be a Clutter Buster in your Home Seminars
- Intro to Watercolors
- Homebound Books by Mail, Audio books and Delivery Programs
- Writing from the Roots Seminars
- How you can Volunteer at the OC Libraries
- Health Fairs, Lunch and Learn and Movie Nights

- Connection Beyond Age (dating program)
- Dietician seminars
- LGBTQ seminars
- Strictly 60's.
- Holistic healing – chair Yoga
- Flower arranging
- Embroidery classes.

Medicare Enrollment:

- Volunteers are available to help residents complete the process.
- Open enrollment is from October 15th – December 7th.
- Call TR Library to schedule an appointment

General Information:

732-349-6200 – option 4. www.theoceancountylibrary.org

The OC Library is under the auspices of Senior Services Advisory Council

Homebound programs require a doctor's note.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call the number above.

32 Life Care Centers receive OC Library services. Focus is on the 55+ communities.

Library cards can be applied for online.

Parking:

- Free on Saturday and Sunday – upper deck for Toms River Library. Discussion during Q&A was productive.

Councilwoman Gingrich asked for information so she can include it in her monthly update to the residents.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mike Signorile

Thanksgiving and Easter Turkey and Hams:

- We are waiting patiently for an answer if turkey and hams will be available for distribution and if so, how many.

Corporate Transparency

- CAI lawsuit : there is no update
- HOAs will need to comply with the Corporate Transparency Law effective January 1, 2025.

Senior Freeze:

- Establishes a base year for eligibility, and then reimburses eligible residents for any property tax increases after that year.
- New legislation recently increased the income limit for the program to \$150,000 and eliminated the requirement that an applicant must be a NJ resident for 10 consecutive years to be eligible.

Anchor Program:

- The Anchor Program (**A**ffordable **N**ew Jersey **C**ommunities for **H**omeowners and **R**enters)
- Offers property tax relief to New Jersey residents who own or rent property in New Jersey as their main home and meet certain income limits.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT – Vince DeChiaro – No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Judi Pakay

Holiday Breakfast – December 5, 2024, 10:00 at Holiday City South

- Cost is \$22 per person
- Full Breakfast catered by Casertano's Cucina
- Bring a \$10 for the gift exchange

2025 Meeting Schedule

- 2025 Schedule was emailed to all members along with the agenda for today's meeting.

2025 Coalition Dues

- \$130 for each HOA: includes one (1) CAI membership for the President of the Association.

New Rosters

- After your elections, please forward an updated Trustee roster to Judi.

Thanksgiving Day Complimentary Dinner

- Adrian Hall, 27 E Cape May Avenue, Ocean Gate
- Reaching out to anyone who does not want to cook, eat alone, shut ins etc. Flyer attached.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Judi Pakay

September's Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance	\$3,846.69
Interest Earned	.03
Total:	<hr/> \$3,846.72
Expenses	<hr/> \$0
Ending Balance 9/30/24	<hr/> \$3,846.72

OPEN DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Sophia Gingrich:

Food Pantry:

- Held at Holiday City Berkeley
- Waiting to hear if turkeys will be available this year.
- Fulfill funding will be cut in 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Pakay

Secretary/Treasurer

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