

Minutes
Human Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 17, 2021 6:00PM
Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Shelby Auletta, Michelle Bailey, Brian Corbin, Erin Gaudet, Alan Samet, Amanda Stevens, Gerry Vece

Board Members Absent: Donielle Didiano, Jane Scully Welch

Staff Members Present: David Melillo, Carol Sanzero

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM by E. Gaudet.

Chairperson's Remarks: 1. Welcome new Board member Amanda Stevens. 2. There are 3-4 student liaison applications, sub-committee formed of S. Auletta (maybe), M. Bailey and B. Corbin offered to meet with D. Melillo and E. Gaudet to review this coming Monday at 3:30PM in the Annex. 3. D. Melillo will investigate Narcan training, possibly using K. Edward's power point presentation and taping it, maybe having a Q and A session afterwards.

Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting July 20, 2021: Motioned by M. Bailey, seconded by S. Auletta passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: D. Melillo reviewed Town and Department budgets. He noted the need to spend down the SAMHSA grant before current fiscal year (through Sept 29) is over and to let him know of any drug/alcohol programs the grant can be used for. E. Gaudet suggested funds used for Narcan training.

Correspondence: Stop & Shop's Bloomin' for Good Program for September 2021 – Social Services has again been selected to receive \$1.00 for every \$10.99 red-stickered bouquet purchased at the Clinton location.

Director's Report: 1. Summer programs were successfully completed including two hiking groups and Girls and Boys groups. 2. Working on getting Peer Advocates and other clubs going. 3. Masks are again required in the Town Hall and Annex. 4. Website is scheduled for completion by August 28th. 5. Bullying presentation to be made Sept. 23rd via Zoom. E. Gaudet noted this presentation is more for parents than children and would like something geared to kids. 6. Confidentiality Agreement for employees/volunteers - D. Melillo will send out tomorrow. E. Gaudet noted this applies to students as well.

ARPA Funds: D. Melillo explained the areas where this money from the American Recovery Partnership Act might be used including virus relief funds, infrastructure, lost tax revenue, mental health needs, technology, child care. Motion by M. Bailey, seconded by S. Auletta to send budget to the Town Council.

Marijuana and Zoning in Clinton: September 13 meeting by Planning and Zoning to discuss legalization. It was noted that cities and towns that have allowed the sales of marijuana have a higher usage rate by young people. Additionally noted the problems of dealing with a cash-only business. E. Gaudet

encouraged board members to attend a planned meeting hosted by K. Edwards on August 19, 2021, 6:30PM in the Annex to discuss potential marijuana retail coming to town.

Other: 1. E. Gaudet read notes prepared and posted by PTA President Heather Moore from the Board of Education meeting on August 16. 2. E. Gaudet reached out to C. Church, Back to School Program – Miner has procured backpacks. Social Services needs supplies and backpacks for younger children. There is a bin in the lobby of Human Services for donations. Distribution starts 8/25. 3. E. Gaudet would like to start the Holiday program appeal for donations/toys earlier this year and will work with C. Church to get a plan. 4. CCAT (Clinton Community Assistance Team) E. Gaudet explained the program being headed up by the Clinton Police Department and will have more information following the August 18 meeting. 5. E. Gaudet stressed that Board members must attend at least seven meetings per year out of the 11 required in the by-laws. Attendance, starting on time and staying for the entire meeting are essential to have a successful board. 6. D. Melillo and K. Edwards have spoken to school administration about how the schools will be operating and about restarting the Job Shadow program. 7. D. Melillo noted that he has been approved for medical billing and Marie and Jill will be next.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17PM

Respectfully submitted by C. Sanzero