



TOWN OF MONROE

Commission for the Aging

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 - 2:00 PM
Monroe Senior Center

CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE:

- *Chairperson Bannay* called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.
 - **PRESENT:** Susan Bannay, Chairperson
Leslie Gosselin, Vice Chairperson
Jeanne Nicolett, Secretary
Kathleen Sochacki, Commissioner
Vivian Capoccitti, Commissioner
Sam Tucci, Commissioner
 - **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Kimberly A. Cassia, Municipal Agent
 - **ABSENT:** Jonathan Formicella, Town Council Liaison

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

- There being no corrections or deletions to the April 2nd minutes *Chair Bannay* announced that the minutes shall stand as read.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT: SUSAN BANNAY

- Budget passed so the new senior tax credit income limits will be used.

MUNICIPAL AGENT / DIRECTOR'S REPORT: KIMBERLY CASSIA

Municipal Agent:

- Reviewed statistics, noting decrease in energy assistance, increase in health insurance, housing, food pantry usage, and transportation.
- Focal Point Designation – *Director Cassia* no word yet on application to designate the Center as a facility where anyone in the community can obtain information and access to aging services, something that we have and will continue to do. This designation has a variety of benefits.
- *Chair Bannay* inquired if the department received any calls regarding issues with Social Security. *Director Cassia* said just one for a woman who lost her password for her account, the Elderly Services Coordinator was able to assist her. Discussion ensued regarding setting up accounts in [mysocialsecurity.gov](https://www.mysocialsecurity.gov), *Director Cassia* stated it wasn't difficult and her staff assist residents from time to time; she will look into setting up a program to help people.

Director:

- Reviewed May programs and special events.
- Center work updates: new curb blocks installed by DPW, new bathroom flooring put in the men's and staff bathroom, ladies' room being done this weekend and carpet done the week after that. Question asked by *Commissioner Tucci* regarding the septic, *Director Cassia* reported that the *Director of Economic and Community Development* was heading the project and she could get a report for the next meeting.
- Grants: waiting to hear about Community Impact Grant, SWCAA grants, DOT 5310 grant for a new bus, MGP grant. Working on 2026 MGP grant due in May and the NAA grant due in July, lastly keep checking on the EFSP grant.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- No reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Bill No. 513** – no updates yet.
- **Brochure** – need to find out from the Tax Collector when the bills will be mailed so that a public relations campaign can be done to let residents know about the Commissions brochure.
- **Tax Freeze** – *Commissioner Tucci* inquired about a tax freeze. *Chair Bannay* discussed coming up with various parameters such as age and length of residency to start with; will also see what other Towns have in place.
- **Senior Tax Abatement Program in Trumbull** – may look into a program in the future.
- **Needs Assessment** – *Commissioner Bannay* shared a senior needs survey she found and asked Commissioners to review the items and bring back ideas to create one of our own.
- **Affordable houses** – discussion on tiny houses and regulations surrounding them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Sochacki praised the center's transportation program, citing how helpful and gracious the transportation coordinator is when scheduling appointments.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- No public present.

ADJOURNMENT:

- With no further business the meeting ended at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Nicolett
Secretary