



Haverford
Township est. 1682

PUBLIC NOTICE
HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP
Senior Citizens Advisory Board

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Senior Citizens Advisory Board will hold a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

The meeting will be hosted through Zoom. If you would like to view the meeting or submit a question to the [Senior Citizens Advisory Board](#) please email Mark Cohen – Chairperson- by 4pm March 16, 2021 - at mark.n.cohen1@gmail.com. For those who want to attend virtually a zoom link will be emailed to them.



MINUTES

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

February 16, 2021

Meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 7:05pm. Attendees included Jack Dougherty (Ward 2), Margaret Lang (Ward 3), Mark Cohen (Ward 4), Victor Barsky (Ward 5), Rachelle Nocito (Ward 9), David Lee, MD (Non-Voting Member) and Aimee Cuthbertson, Assistant Township Manager.

Mr. Cohen called the meeting to order. Ms. Cuthbertson advised that Ward 1 and Ward 7 had yet to appoint a member. Mr. Cohen made a motion to adopt the November 17, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dougherty and members who were present at that meeting voted "aye" to approve.

Mr. Cohen began the meeting by asking members to introduce themselves and share a bit about their background. Backgrounds covered a broad range of experience from retired educator, retired lawyer, retired manufacturing executive to nurse manager and medical doctor.

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

1. NEED FOR CENTRALIZED INFORMATION FOR SENIORS – As a follow-up to last month's meeting where the need for centralized information pertaining to seniors was identified, the group will work on accumulating topics for a specific area of the website that could relate to seniors. Discussion ensued from all members on what could be included and topics ranged from encouraging seniors to share their knowledge and experiences in township activities, exercise opportunities, health and wellness (mental and physical) especially during this pandemic, mitigating isolation, and discounts available to Township seniors, etc.

2. INCLUSION IN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER – Ms. Cuthbertson suggested that the newsletter would also be an effective way of communication since possibly more senior residents read the physical newsletter than log onto the website. Council members agreed and Ms. Cuthbertson will make sure that half a page of space in the Fall issue will be available to senior issues.
3. ARTICLES AND AGENDA ITEMS - Mr. Cohen asked the members to submit articles and/or agenda items topics to him via email within the next 15 days so they can be discussed at the next meeting in March.
4. REASSESSMENT AND UPCOMING BUDGET – Mr. Barsky brought the financial impact of the county tax reassessment to the Council’s attention. He encouraged the Council and/or the Board of Commissioners to advocate on behalf of senior taxpayers with the Haverford Township School District as they will be entering their budget discussions shortly. He specifically brought attention to the fact that whatever increase residents saw on their county/township bill would be multiplied when the school tax bill arrives over the summer.

Mr. Cohen advised members of the next meeting scheduled for March 16, 2021 @ 7pm which will be held via Zoom. An invite and reminder will be sent to all members as we get closer.

Mr. Cohen called for meeting to adjourn at approximately 8:00pm.



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Agenda
HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP
Senior Citizens Advisory Board

March 16, 2021 @ 7pm

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting – February 16, 2021
- IV. Open issues
 - a) Proposal to Revise Township Curb Policy
 - b) Update on February 16 2021 discussion item – relief from Haverford Township School District property taxes
 - c) Update on February 16 2021 discussion item – request for articles, points of interest regarding senior issues for Fall newsletter/Senior area of the website
- V. New business
- VI. Adjournment



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HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

March 16, 2021

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Ms. Cuthbertson advised that Ward 1 appointee Carol Flnocchiaro has a commitment through the month of March and that she would join the Council at its April meeting. It was also decided that Mr. Cohen would reach out to Joanne Gattone (Ward 6) and Rodney Pelchat (Ward 8) to make sure they were receiving our correspondence. Mr. Cohen made a Motion to adopt the February 16, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed with no dissension.

Ms. Cuthbertson introduced Diane Amadio who is a recent appointee for Ward 7.

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

1. CURB REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL: Mr. Cohen summarized the draft and history of the curb replacement proposal with the group. Ms. Nocito and Ms. Amadio asked for clarification on future property curb responsibility which was clarified would be the Township’s under the proposal. Ms. Amadio also asked for clarification on the bidding process which would fall under Township responsibility under this proposal. Mr. Barsky raised a question as to how the proposal would apply to properties on state roads to which the Township has little to no jurisdiction. Ms. Cuthbertson raised a question on the need to clarify if a property line goes to the road, and if so, then whether replacing curbs on private property would require legal interpretation. Mr. Barsky also asked as to whether ALL property owners (e.g. commercial, those properties without curbs, etc) would be subject to the

proposed annual assessment to which Mr. Cohen clarified that ALL residential property owners would be subject under the current version of the proposal. All members were in agreement that the Council should move forward with its proposal to the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Cuthbertson suggested that the proposal be vetted first with the Commissioner liaisons for feedback before requesting the proposal go before the full Board of Commissioners. All were in agreement to proceed in that fashion and Ms. Cuthbertson will forward the draft to the Board liaisons with a request that any thoughts, comments or suggestions be sent directly to Mr. Cohen by April 10 so he can update the Council at its April 20 meeting.

2. REASSESSMENT & PROPERTY TAX ISSUES WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT: It was reported back to the full Council that the Board of Commissioners would not officially approach the school board out of professional courtesy but that all seniors are encouraged to present their concerns as private citizens. The Council would still like to work on a proposal for HTSD's next budget cycle (2021-2022) which would request the school board provide a mechanism for property relief to seniors. More discussion followed including the total budget of HTSD and the portion of its budget attributed to real estate tax revenue.

Proposal ideas included relief for those who met the following criteria:

- Property owner age 65 and older;
- Owner-occupied properties;
- Gross income under a certain threshold;
- No children in HTSD

Mr. Barsky will do some additional research and everyone was asked to bring additional ideas to the Council to formulate a proposal to the school board. Ms. Cuthbertson encouraged the members and all seniors to submit public comments as private citizens during the HTSD Board meetings to have their concerns heard.

3. PUBLIC INFORMATION TO SENIORS

Mr. Cohen reminded the Council that the Fall issue of the Township newsletter has ½ page reserved for senior issues and asked any interested member to submit ideas or articles to Ms. Cuthbertson who will then include as part of the next meeting agenda. All ideas are asked to be submitted by April 10. Ms. Cuthbertson also reported that the Township will dedicate an area on its website to senior issues and would like topics, articles, etc as we build this area of the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Nocito expressed a continued need to get information out to seniors about available services and where to obtain assistance, etc and is hopeful that the new initiatives with the newsletter and website will get information out to interested seniors.

Mr. Cohen advised members of the next meeting scheduled for April 20, 2021 @ 7pm which will be held via Zoom. Ms. Cuthbertson advised that some official township meetings may return to an in-person format with the upcoming loosening of indoor event restrictions. However, Senior Advisory can continue via Zoom until the Council requests otherwise. An invite and reminder will be sent to all members as we get closer to the April 20 meeting.

Mr. Cohen called for meeting to adjourn at 8:07pm.

To: Haverford Township Commissioners

From: Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Haverford Township Curb Policy and Recommended Revision

Reasons for the request for a revision in the curb policy:

- The policy as it now stands puts an undue hardship on seniors in our Township when they go to sell their house. This is through no fault of their own, but because of the system we now have in place to repair our curbs
The main reasons seniors must sell are:
- Owners are no longer able to maintain their properties
- Owners can no longer afford to stay in their homes because of economic conditions that make it impossible to afford to live in Haverford any longer.
- Owners can no longer safely live in their homes because of inadequate living conditions on the first floor. Items such as no first floor shower, or bathing facilities, or no bedrooms.
- The policy as it now stands allows for the curbing to be uneven and left in disrepair for years. This makes our Township look unsightly and unattractive to outsiders.
- This policy also allows for water runoff into areas that water was never intended to go.
- From our recent change to brining the roads, we have seen an increase in chemical levels in our streams. This will be improved with better curbing, and helps our environment.

The facts our Committee have found about our curbs are these. There are about 260 miles of curbs in the Township; this is based on 130 miles of road with curbs on both sides of the roads. This would come out to about 1,372,800 ft. of curbs in the Township. Not all streets have curbs, some are grandfathered in, as not needing curbs. Other residents have blacktop curbs that come together with concrete. At the moment we have 6" curbs at our administration building and about 2" curbs by the ball field right next to the administration building. Our curbing in the Township ranges from no curb to asphalt to concrete to granite, from ground level to 2" to 6".

The first question we discussed is what would be a good standard for our Township to utilize for our curbs? Our Committee concluded that 5" curbs, height and width, are not only more attractive but more cost effective. The increase in cost from 4" to 5" is almost negligible, as most of the cost with curbing is in the labor and removal of the old curb.

The cost of curbing runs from around 25 dollars a foot to 50 dollars a foot with the average coming in around 35 dollars a foot for curbing. This is based on conversations with local contractors.

There are roughly 17,000 houses in Haverford Township.

Based on what the Committee has heard in speaking to multiple contractors a Jot of our curbing in the Township, has a soft base and is only about 5 inches deep, as opposed to the 12" base that is used now. We believe with a 12" base and 5" curbs the life expectancy would dramatically increase. The concrete should have a pressure rating of no less than 3500 to 4000 psi.

Using the numbers that we have been given and the cost involved, it would cost at the most 35 dollars a foot and would cover 1,372,800 Ft. of curbing. This would come in at a cost of 48 million 48 thousand dollars. As you can see this is a tremendous cost to the home owners if every curb out of compliance was forced to repair their curbs. As we know, not all curbs are in need of repair right now. Locations such as the Haverford Reserve are fine.

The figure the Committee was given was around 70 percent of the curbing would eventually

need to be done. Between the CREC and grandfathered curbs and asphalt curbs and granite curbs, the amount of curbing would be greatly reduced. Also Township owned areas such as parks and schools at 70 percent needed to be recurbed the cost would be greatly reduced. This is just a starting point for the discussion; we expect the engineers and Township commissioners and managers will have ideas that will differ. We are willing and hopeful that we can work out something that helps alleviate the burden that presently is put on seniors as they go to sell their home.

By setting a yearly fee of 35 dollars to 40 dollars per household, the Township would realize approximately 650,000 dollars per year, which covers the cost of approximately 18,000 feet of curbing replaced at the Township's own choosing.

This gives you an idea of the flexibility of this concept. We believe this recommendation to be within reason based on the data our Committee has been given. This is about helping our seniors not to get hit financially when they can least afford it and lets everyone contribute to the health, beauty and safety of our community.

In summation the benefits of this proposal are:

- The seniors, who are most likely the seller of properties in Havertown, would not bear the total load of replacing their curbs. Paying yearly would have everyone contributing in a manner such as school taxes. Even when you don't have kids you pay school taxes because it benefits the total community not just some. We should not have residents in our community who do not contribute to the maintenance of our community, just like we do our school system.
- Being proactive in replacing curbs allows you to target curbing that is needed in controlling water runoff from storms and ice melt. With the recent discovery of higher chemicals in our streams, it makes sense to try and keep overflow from going onto private property, Township waterways, and assists snow plowing operations.
- As we get into a project like this the overall appearance of our community will be greatly enhanced and should help in raising property values.
- By designating the 18,000 feet of curbing most in need of replacement in advance, this work can be put out to bid realizing cost savings in materials, manpower and scheduling efficiency and also allows for coordination with street repaving as appropriate.
- Eliminates new curbing being held hostage to the random sales of property.
- Eliminates the creation of sawtoothed sections of curbing resulting from only curbing that measures below 3 inches being brought up to 5 inches while curbing between 3 and 5 inches remains untouched.
- All curbing designated for replacement would now be scheduled during the months that are most optimal for the pouring of concrete.

Respectfully,

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee



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AGENDA

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- V. New business
- VI. Adjournment

**HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP
SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 20, 2021**

Meeting was held via Zoom and Mr. Cohen called meeting to order at 7:01pm. Ms. Cuthbertson noted the following members as “present”: Mark Cohen (Ward 4), Victor Barsky (Ward 5), Diane Amadio (Ward 7), Commissioner Bill Wechsler (BOC Liaison) and Aimee Cuthbertson, Assistant Township Manager. Rachele Nocito (Ward 9) joined the meeting at 7:13pm.

Ms. Cuthbertson advised that Ward 1 appointee Carol Finocchiaro had notified her that she was traveling but would attempt to call in. Ms. Lang also notified her that she was unable to attend due to a family issue. Mr. Cohen gave an update that he reached out to both Joanne Gattone (Ward 6) and Rodney Pelchat (Ward 8) by phone to make sure they were receiving our correspondence and left messages. However, he has not heard back from them as of yet. Mr. Cohen made a Motion to adopt the March 16, 2021 meeting minutes with two small revisions. Motion passed with no dissension.

Mr. Barsky expressed his condolences to Commission Wechsler and the entire Board of the loss of their friend and colleague, Commissioner Andy Lewis.

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

1. CURB REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL: Mr. Cohen summarized the draft and history of the curb replacement proposal with the group. He also shared that, after the last meeting as requested, Ms. Cuthbertson forwarded the proposal to the Commissioners assigned to the Senior Advisory Committee and that he had heard back specifically from Commissioners Hart and Siegel. Commissioner Hart explained the normal procedure for proposals going before the Board and that any initiatives would start with the Committee. Commissioner Siegel gave some feedback but expressed concerns if it was meant to apply to seniors only and therefore was not in favor of the proposal in its current form. Mr. Cohen was still in support of a new township-wide replacement policy funded with a property assessment as it would benefit the entire community but was be open to amendments. Commissioner Wechsler relayed that this topic has been publically discussed in the past and remedying curb issues has long been a problem for sellers and real estate agents alike. He expressed concern about the legalities of making improvements on private property such as curbs and the equity benefit given to owners with larger properties. He also stated that a proposed policy change of this magnitude would require a lot more discussion but would forward to the Ordinance committee for further review.
2. REASSESSMENT & PROPERTY TAX ISSUES WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT: Mr. Cohen recapped this discussion item and emphasized that while the Board of Commissioners would not officially approach the school board out of professional courtesy, it was still an important topic to seniors and a proposal could be brought to the school board as

private citizens. Mr. Barsky stated that this coming budget year is almost complete so it was decided that any efforts would work towards HTSD's next budget cycle (2021-2022). Mr. Barsky also shared that he researched other states and more discussion followed about what those states (particularly NY and DE) do for property tax relief. Mr. Cohen shared his thoughts for a proposal that could incorporate the following criteria through an increased homestead exemption:

- Property owner age 65 and older;
- Owner-occupied primary residence;
- Gross income under a certain threshold – \$100,000 household income was used for discussion purposes but noted that NY limits at \$58,000;
- Certain # of years as a primary residence

Mr. Cohen had performed some quick calculations and if a \$25,000 homestead exemption was approved by HTSD, it would save an average senior property owner approximately \$875 per year and reduce HTSD revenues by approximately \$1.5m (or 1% of their budget). Ms. Amadio wants to make sure the quality of a Haverford education does not suffer due to the reduced revenues to the school district if they allowed such an exemption. Most recent (2010) census data shows 17% of Haverford residents are seniors but the Council will revisit financial impacts once 2020 census figures are released as that demographic may have changed. The Council will continue to develop this idea with plan to bring before the school board well in advance of its next budget cycle.

3. PUBLIC INFORMATION TO SENIORS

Mr. Cohen reminded the Council that the Fall issue of the Township newsletter has ½ page reserved for senior issues and asked any interested member to submit ideas or articles to Ms. Cuthbertson. All ideas are asked to be submitted before the May meeting. It was discussed that the articles could be any topic of interest to seniors (e.g. health, wellness, activities, available discounts, etc). The Council also discussed the new area on the website currently under construction and dedicated to Senior Offerings and Discounts. Commissioner Wechsler suggested including the HPED publication which lists local discounts available to seniors. There was also a discussion of the current parking discounts available through the police department and a reminder that the Administration Building (including the police department) is open for in-person operations.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cohen asked about the availability of the Quatrani Building for use as a senior center and that Surrey Services had previously expressed some interest. Commissioner Wechsler explained that the property is currently under review by the Property Committee. Mr. Cohen advised that he would again reach out to Surrey to gauge their interest level.

Ms. Amadio asked about the status of the Brookline School site. Commissioner Wechsler advised that most likely, the site will be developed for open space as part of our park system and demolition of the site is currently out for bid but has yet to be awarded.

Mr. Cohen advised members of the next meeting scheduled for May 18, 2021 but since that date coincides with primary election day, he asked if anyone had any objection to moving the meeting to Thursday, May 20. There being none, the May meeting will be held on May 20, 2021 @ 7pm via Zoom.

Mr. Cohen called for meeting to adjourn at 8:06pm.

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**Haverford Township
Senior Citizen Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2021**

Meeting was held via Zoom and Mr. Cohen called meeting to order at 7:00pm. Ms. Cuthbertson noted the following members as “present”: Mark Cohen (Ward 4), Victor Barsky (Ward 5), Carol Finocchiaro (Ward 1), Dr. David Lee (At-Large Member), Commissioner Bill Wechsler (BOC Liaison) and Aimee Cuthbertson, Assistant Township Manager.

Ms. Cuthbertson advised that Ward 2 appointee Jack Dougherty, Ward 7 appointee Diane Amadio and Ward 9 appointee Rachelle Nocito each notified her that they were unable to attend. Mr. Cohen made a Motion to adopt the April 20, 2021 meeting minutes with revisions. Motion passed with no dissension.

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

1. FALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES & PUBLIC INFORMATION TO SENIORS:

Both Mr. Cohen and Mr. Barsky submitted proposed articles and Mr. Cohen made some suggestions to combine the two for the Fall newsletter. Ms. Cuthbertson will combine a first draft and circulate to both Mr. Barsky and Mr. Cohen before finalizing. Ms. Cuthbertson shared that she reached out to HPED who put the original senior discount brochure together and they are in the process of updating for 2021. Mr. Barsky suggested a booth/table at Haverford Township Day scheduled for the first Saturday in October. Ms. Finocchiaro and Mr. Cohen agreed with the idea as an effective way to get into the community to hear what topics our local seniors are interested in and to communicate with the public on some of the topics the Council has been working on. Ms. Cuthbertson will let Parks & Recreation know of Senior Advisory’s intent to have a booth and put them in touch with Mr. Barsky to coordinate.

2. CURB REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL: Mr. Cohen summarized the draft and history of the curb replacement proposal with the group. He also explained that he had an opportunity for more discussion with Commissioner Siegel regarding his concerns with the proposed policy. General discussion of curb policy continued and Mr. Cohen shared that informal neighborhood feedback he received seem entirely positive so the committee would like to continue discussion with the BOC encouraging them to enact a new curb replacement policy. There are ongoing legal concerns as to whether the township can make improvements on private property. Commissioner Wechsler explained that the Ordinance Committee, including Commissioner Siegel, will take a look at this in the near future. The fact that sidewalks are not applicable to this proposal was clarified and general inspection requirements as to sidewalks at the time U&O issuance was also discussed.

3. REASSESSMENT & PROPERTY TAX ISSUES WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT: Mr. Cohen recapped the suggested criteria for seniors to qualify for a reduction in one's home assessment for purposes of the HTSD tax. Noting the lack of unanimity of the criteria for seniors to participate and the timing of pursuing this initiative with the current school board, it was decided to await the results of the upcoming school board election. The committee plans to revisit the issue early next year.

4. QUATRANI BUILDING: Mr. Cohen asked about the availability of the Quatrani Building for use as a senior center and that Surrey Services had previously expressed some interest. Mr. Cohen further explained that he attempted to reach out to the new leadership at Surrey but has yet to hear back from them.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Cuthbertson showed the group a manual from the Delaware County Elder Law Committee that was distributed to the Township. She will try to obtain additional copies for all members of the Council as it is a good resource for articles and points of interest pertaining to seniors.

Dr. Lee will also work on a small article regarding health-related information geared towards seniors for a future newsletter.

Mr. Cohen advised members of the planned summer break and the next meeting scheduled for September 21, 2021 at 7:00pm. Some discussion ensued regarding an in-person meeting versus continuing with Zoom. It was decided that a meeting room at the Township building would be reserved but the decision would be made as we get closer to September.

There being no further business, Mr. Cohen called for meeting to adjourn at 7:54pm.

Haverford Township
Senior Citizen Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda - Tentative

September 21, 2021
7pm

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll call
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting – May 20, 2021
- IV. Open issues
 - Update on Quatrani Building and Surrey Services
 - Update on Curb Replacement Proposal
 - Screening Seniors for Depressions
 - ElderNet Presentation by Brandon Trombetta, Executive Director
 - Coverage at Senior Advisory table during Haverford Township Day on October 2
- V. New business
- VI. Adjournment

**HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP
SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

Meeting was held at the Township building and supplemented via Zoom and Mr. Cohen called meeting to order at 7:10pm. Ms. Cuthbertson noted the following members as “present”: Mark Cohen (Ward 4), Victor Barsky (via Zoom) (Ward 5), Carol Finocchiaro (Ward 1), Dr. Carla Rodgers (At-Large Member), Margaret Lang (Ward 3) and Aimee Cuthbertson, Assistant Township Manager.

Ms. Cuthbertson advised that At-Large member Dr. David Lee and Ward 9 appointee Rachelle Nocito each notified her that they were unable to attend. Mr. Cohen introduced Dr. Carla Rodgers from the 8th Ward who wished to join the committee as a Member-At-Large. Mr. Cohen made a Motion to adopt the May 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed with no dissension.

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

1. **QUATRANI BUILDING:** Mr. Cohen summarized the history of exploring the Quatrani Building as a new location for a senior center to be renovated and operated by Surrey Services. He shared that our EMS operations will, instead, be operating out of the location and expressed his disappointment in learning that the Quatrani Building was no longer an option and felt that he should have been notified by the Commissioners as a professional courtesy as it impacted his ongoing discussions with the CEO of Surrey Services.
2. **CURB REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL:** Mr. Cohen summarized the history of the curb replacement proposal with the group. He also explained that he had an opportunity for more discussion with the Property Committee regarding the policy and a concern was raised about potential liability issues which, moving forward, would need to be addressed by the Township Solicitor. Mr. Cohen was also advised that the proposed policy would need to be sponsored by a Commissioner to be placed on the agenda for consideration by the full Board. Ms. Lang asked how the group would go about getting a sponsor for the policy. General discussion of curb policy continued and Mr. Cohen suggested the Committee wait for the coming election results and revisit after new Commissioners are seated in early 2022.
3. **SCREENING SENIORS FOR DEPRESSION:** Dr. Rodgers introduced herself and her background in psychiatry. She shared her thoughts and concerns on depression in Seniors especially during this pandemic. The Geriatric Depression Scale she distributed is a simple screening tool designed to open awareness and conversation to an area that is often overlooked. All members discussed having this at the table during Haverford

Township Day and Ms. Cuthbertson said she would check with the Township solicitor first.

4. ELDER NET PRESENTATION: Mr. Brandon Trombetta did not attend and the Council may reach out to him for a future presentation
5. COVERAGE AT HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP DAY TO BE HELD OCTOBER 2: The group will host a table during Haverford Township Day for the first time. There was discussion among all attendees as to literature to distribute, goals & purpose, table volunteer coverage and logistics. Ms. Cuthbertson informed the group that HPED had graciously offered to lend a table and table cloth for the use that day. HPED will also provide 100 brochures regarding the available Senior discounts around town for distribution at the table. Ms. Cuthbertson shared HPED's contact information with Mr. Cohen and he will get in touch directly with Jeanne Angell, Executive Director to coordinate logistics. A budget of \$75 was set for any printing needed for signage to be reimbursed by the Township. The Township will also arrange for 100 copies each of the geriatric screening handout, Township newsletter, and front/back of the Delaware County Elder Law Handbook. Several copies of the Elder Law handbook will also be made available for distribution.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cohen advised members of the next meeting scheduled for November 16, 2021 but that he was unlikely to attend due to family obligations. He also advised the group of his intent to not seek reappointment for a fifth year in 2022 but may continue to serve in an At-Large position. He reminded the group of the normally scheduled Senior Workshop typically held in the Fall at the CREC and hoped it could be held in 2022. Suggested topics, speakers, program advertising, and provisions typically needed for such a Workshop were discussed.

Ms. Cuthbertson reminded the members to communicate with their Commissioner for reappointment in 2022.

There being no further business, Mr. Cohen called for meeting to adjourn at 8:35pm.

**HVERFORD TOWNSHIP
SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

Meeting was held at the Township building and supplemented via Zoom. Ms. Cuthbertson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Ms. Cuthbertson noted the following members as “present”: Carol Finocchiaro – via Zoom (Ward 1), Margaret Lang (Ward 3), Victor Barsky (Ward 5), Diane Amadio (Ward 7), Rachele Nocito (Ward 9), Dr. David Lee (At-Large Member), Dr. Carla Rodgers (At-Large Member), Commissioner Bill Wechsler (Liaison) and Aimee Cuthbertson, Assistant Township Manager.

Ms. Cuthbertson advised that Chairperson Mark Cohen (Ward 4) notified her that he was unable to attend but sent comments to be read into the record. Ms. Cuthbertson made a Motion to adopt the September 16, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed with no dissension.

Discussion ensued on the following topics:

1. PRESENTATION OF ELDERNET OF LOWER MERION: The Council welcomed Brandon Trombetta, the Executive Director of ElderNet, a not for profit organization in Bryn Mawr dedicated to providing assistance to senior citizens and disabled adults. Its services include assisting low to moderate income seniors with basic living circumstances such as getting them to appointments, pharmacy, etc, providing temporary financial assistance in extreme cases, visiting seniors to prevent effects of social isolation, basic home maintenance, providing social workers to serve as case managers connecting clients to the services they need, as well as, providing the services of a food pantry. Mr. Trombetta stated that while they are already assisting some members of the Haverford community, ElderNet would like to explore a formal relationship with the Township. Mr. Trombetta explained the differences between Surrey Services and ElderNet and its current funding structure which is largely through Lower Merion Township and Montgomery County. Currently, ElderNet serves approximately 2,200 clients. All members of the Council were interested in the Township pursuing further conversation with ElderNet to see if a formal relationship could be forged. Ms. Cuthbertson stated that she will reach out the Mr. Trombetta regarding a more in depth meeting with herself and/or Mr. Burman.
2. DE-BRIEF ON PARTICIPATION IN HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP DAY: Mr. Cohen’s summarized notes were read aloud pertaining to Haverford Township Day held on October 2. He felt that most attendees were of a younger generation and thought future outreach efforts should instead be focused on reproducing the annual Senior Workshop in the Fall of 2022 to be held at the CREC. Ms. Lang also spent several hours at the Haverford Township Day event and felt it was successful especially for an inaugural presence. She felt that the locations designated for not-for-profit exhibitors was not advantageous for “people traffic” especially after the parade route went through. With more planning,

giveaways, etc – more people could be attracted to the booth area and was in favor of giving the event another try in 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Cuthbertson read the remainder of Mr. Cohen's prepared remarks including his opinion that a new library should be built at the Brookline site and that any new/renovated library sight should include a designated senior space. He also expressed his opinion that if a new library was to be built at Brookline, then the current site at Darby & Mill could be converted into a formal senior center.

Commissioner Wechsler provided a handout on the need for hoarding awareness especially in the senior community. His volunteering involves serving with Manoa Fire Company. Manoa had recently been called to a fire where it was virtually impossible to reach the senior citizen living there because of the hoarding conditions within the home. Council members asked how and to whom they should communicate suspected hoarding conditions. Commissioner Wechsler suggested to contact the Ward Commissioner who would pass the information onto the proper channels. Reasons for hoarding was discussed ranging from mental illness to extreme loneliness as catalysts that lead a person into hoarding. The Council agreed to get an article into the Spring newsletter bringing attention to this issue and encouraging families, friends and neighbors to be on the lookout for hoarding behaviors.

There being no further business, Ms. Cuthbertson called for meeting to adjourn at 8:35pm.