Services for the Elderly Commission Minutes – Monday, March 16, 2009

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Donald MacLeod at 2:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Donald MacLeod, Evelyn Lukes, Peter Bronzi, Archie Perez, Adele Reale and Alternates Carol Buice and Frank McGowan and Doris Richards.

Staff: ENP Supervisor Joel Sekorski

Excused: Director Nancy S. Hodkoski, Commissioners Maureen Matava and Aldo Bergonzi.

Alternates Frank McGowan and Carol Buice appointed as a voting member for March 16, 2009 meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept the February 23, 2009 meeting minutes made by Commissioners Archie Perez, 2nd by Adele Reale. Passed

Announcements & Correspondence

• Reviewed announcements and correspondence.

Sullivan Senior Center Report.

- City of Torrington Budget: The City of Torrington Fiscal Year 2009 2010 Budget was tentatively approved by the City Council of March 9, 2009 with some cuts.
- Charlie's Client Assistance Report attached to Commission's packet.
- Income tax preparers have extended their hours to meet the demand.
- Legislative Issues: Testimony has been sent to Legislators regarding three issues: Connecticut on Aging, Department on Aging and the Municipal Grant Funds for Transportation. Directory Nancy Hodkoski to testify in support of the Connecticut Commission on Aging.
- Community Health and Wellness Center dedication opening on April 17, 2009.
- Stimulus Money: Director Nancy Hodkoski spoke with Larry Wagner regarding funds to renovate the bathrooms of Building A.
- Approximately 425 applications processed for Energy Assistance.
- Reviewed Financial Reports
- Reviewed April Newsletter

Motion to accept Senior Center Report made by Commissioners Archie Perez, 2nd by Alternate Carol Buice. Passed.

Elderly Nutrition Report

- Budget and Contract The 08-09 contract for full year has been signed and approved. New contract has been added to include three months of WCAAA weekend meals to end April 30, 2009.
- Reviewed Financial Reports.
- Legislative News: Supervisor Joel Sekorski testified on February 18, 2009 before the Human Services Committee and OPM.
- Vehicle Purchase: Two new Hot Shot Trucks to be delivered in March.

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• Volunteer High School Student Brittany Kerr has been nominated to the Torrington Area Youth Service Bureau to be recognized at the National Youth Service Day ceremony to be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 in Coe Park.

Motion to accept Elderly Nutrition Report made by Commissioner Adele Reale, 2nd by Alternate Frank McGowan. Passed.

Old Business

• T.H.S. Scholarship Night – June 11, 2009

New Business

- Motion to recommend to the City Council to authorize the mayor to sign the Torrington Chore Program application for Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 made by Alternate Carol Buice, 2nd by Commissioner Peter Bronzi. Passed.
- Motion to recommend to the City Council to authorize the mayor to sign the Medical Transportation Grant application for Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 made by Commissioner Peter Bronzi, 2nd by Alternate Frank McGowan. Passed.
- Motion to recommend to the City Council to authorize the mayor to sign the Home Management Contract 143-SBG-33 2009 – 2011 made by Commissioners Peter Bronzi, 2nd by Adele Reale. Passed.
- Motion to recommend to the City Council to authorize the mayor to sign the Elderly Nutrition Applications for Fiscal Year 2009 – 2012 made by Alternates Frank McGowan, 2nd by Carol Buice. Passed.
- Motion to table recommendation Commission Alternate position made by Commissioners Peter Bronzi, 2nd by Adele Reale. Passed.

Motion to adjourn Monday, March 16, 2009 meeting made by Alternates Carol Buice, 2nd by Frank McGowan. Passed

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, April 20,, 2009 at the Sullivan Senior Center at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Commissioner Evelyn Lukes Recording Secretary