# Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee March 5, 2024 Minutes

#### Attendance:

Representatives – Helen Grant, Virginia Carlson, Bob O'Brien, Jr., Debra Rodgers, Barbara Gilsenan, Edward Torres

Alternates – Barbara Kochie, Marilyn Lago, Barbara Mortensen, Angelo Saverino, Ronald Forbes

Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate Councilwoman Heather deJong Reggie Wdowiak, Senior Services

Guest - Sergeant Joseph Rossi, Traffic Safety Unit

#### **Mayor Crate:**

Hero Awards – March 8th at Brick Township High School.

Musical Connections – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at our Senior Center. Call to register. Intergenerational Program with Brick High School students.

Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> – Livoti's grand opening.

C28 American Bistro – A new Italian restaurant located at 2140 Route 88. Grand Opening and ribbon cutting, Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

MJ's Restaurant – 447 Brick Blvd. Passed all their final inspections, waiting for their CO. Opening day is imminent.

We are in talks with the high schools to get our seniors in for the student plays. The play for Brick Township is Shrek; we haven't heard what the play is for Brick Memorial yet. We are working on either getting availability to see the dress rehearsal which is held during the day, or we are trying to reserve a block of tickets for the

Sunday matinee. We will work with Zulma on getting busing for people who will need that.

Brick Bureau of Fire Safety – Located at 253 Brick Blvd. The Assistant Bureau Chief, Richard (Rick) J. Orlando will visit your community to speak about fire-safety and fire-prevention. He can be reached at 732.458.4100, <a href="mailto:bureau@brickfire.org">bureau@brickfire.org</a> or at the Township, 732.262.2941.

Hobby Lobby – A second letter was sent asking to consider opening a Hobby Lobby store (former Christmas Tree Shop location) in Brick.

Indoor Pickle Ball – We reached out to a company that builds indoor pickle ball courts asking if they would be interested in opening one up in Brick Township.

Our Student Advisory group had a request for a Salad House and Raising Cane to come into Brick. Also, a Starbuck's on the north side of town.

#### Reggie:

Yoga Classes Floor & Chair – Due to the excessive amount of people attending, you now can only go to either Tuesday's class or Thursday's class, not both. Right now, this is the only way we can accommodate everyone who wishes to attend the yoga classes.

Property Tax Reimbursement (PTR) – The Senior Freeze Program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax or mobile home park site fee increases on their principal residence (main home). You must be 65 or older, or receiving Social Security Disability as of December 31, 2022. The deadline for 2023 application is October 31, 2024. We can assist you filling it out. Call for an appointment.

Dialysis Transportation – This has been a real success and is going extremely well. The service is only available to seniors.

### Sergeant Joseph Rossi:

The Traffic Safety Unit is staffed by one Sergeant and three Traffic Safety Officers. We have authority on Township roads, but County and/or State roads are out of our jurisdiction. If you see or know of a problem on County or State roads, call our Traffic Safety Unit and we will get in touch with the correct establishment to report the issue.

Community Policing Division is basically all of our units combined. Community Policing deal with events inside the community such as, senior services, neighborhood watch meetings, prescription drug drop-off boxes, D.A.R.E. and crime prevention. We have officers who are more of a liaison between community members, such as yourselves, and the department.

Speeding Vehicles – This is a persistent problem that is impossible to eliminate completely. We have ways to discourage the speeding problem, by adding extra speed limit signs or a trailer that flashes the speed you are traveling.

Molly Lane & Brick Blvd. - We have had numerous complaints and I have requested for the County to look into this; and Yorktowne Blvd and Brick Blvd as well. Sgt. Rossi will reach out to the County to see when their last study in this area was completed.

Sergeant Joseph Rossi can be reached at 732.262.1143.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Kaczka, Secretary

## **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 11am

Scheduled guest speaker: Representative from JCP&L

(Meeting will be held in the A/B Room)