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Personnel Action Committee

Minutes for 2/20/2020

Starting time – 6:30PM at City Hall

Committee Members – Ralph Figy (present), William Onyski (present) and Cindy Harris, Chair (present)

The Law Department has requested that we ask if anyone is audio or video recording, or livestreaming this meeting, if so, please state your name – none.

Agenda Item #1:

The reappointment of Elizabeth Boucher, 150 Hillside Road, Unit 6, as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire the first Monday of February 2023.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that appointment.

Discussion:

Ms. Boucher has been on the Board of Directors since March 2011 and last year assumed the role of Secretary, and Council on Aging Director Tina Gorman states Ms. Boucher completes the minutes for the monthly meetings in record time and are thorough and accurate.

She was involved in writing the Senior Center's Political Activity Policy and researched policies regarding smoking at the Senior Centers to provide information on this subject to the full Board for voting. She created the Seniors Novel Book Group, facilitating that group and coordinating local authors' visits for the past nine years.

Director Gorman states Ms. Boucher is thoughtful in her assessment of issues brought before the Board balancing practicality and empathy, and highly recommends her reappointment as she is a true asset to this Board.

Lastly, she has lived her whole life in Westfield, except for 6 years for Air Force Deployment. She was on other City Commissions before being on the Council on Aging Board and was a Benefits Manager for the Westfield Public Schools.

Councilor Figy states she has stepped up to being a great Secretary for this Board. Councilor Figy is one of the Liaisons to this Board along with Councilor Adams.

Agenda Item #2:

The reappointment of Alan Sudentas, 108 Thomas Street as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire the first Monday of February 2023.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that appointment.

Discussion:

Mr. Sudentas has been involved with the Council on Aging since 2008 and has volunteered at the Senior Center in just about every capacity possible. He has assisted with the Center's Meal program, the monthly Brown Bag distribution program, the Annual Senior Options Health and Wellness Fair, special events and Friends of the Westfield Senior Center Activities, and helped with fundraisers for our Capital

Campaign for our Center – along with being involved with the planning and Construction of the Center.

He is the only Board member who has lived in two different Senior Housing situations and frequently assumes the role of advocate for his fellow tenants.

Mr. Sudentas has served one term on the Council on Aging Board of Directors and Director Tina Gorman states he is very dependable, open0minded when considering Board issues listening to all perspectives and she highly recommends his reappointment. She states he brings diversity to the Board.

Councilor Figy states he is a welcomed addition to this Board – a good addition. Councilor Figy is the Liaison to this Board along with Councilor Adams.

The Personnel Action Committee minutes for 02/20/2020 were approved 02/20/2020 on a 3-0 vote.
Meeting adjourned 6:40PM.

Submitted by Cindy Harris, Chair
02/20/2020