

CITY OF BERLIN COMMITTEE ON AGING
Tuesday January 24, 2023 9:30 AM
Berlin Senior Center

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Hanan at 9:30 AM

Roll Call:

Present: Paul Hanan, Chairman (2023)
Judy Hale (2023)
Jimmy Jodarski (2023)
Richard Van Ornum, Vice Chair (2024)
Vacant Position (2024)
Richard Trochinski (2025)
Keith Hess, Secretary (2025)
Sara Rutkowski, City Administrator
Rebecca Bays, Center Director
Catrina Burgess. Council Liaison

Public comments: Public comments were moved to address items as they come up on agenda.

The minutes of the December 27, 2022 meeting were approved with one correction, Richard Van Ornum was not present for the December meeting. Motion by Van Ornum/Hess.

Much discussion was held on the proposal to change the name of the Senior Center. Public comment by Michael Rhode. Mr Rhode did some research on what other cities call what we now call the Senior Center, out of the 82 centers that he researched, 60 of them are just called "NAME OF CITY" then Senior Center. Sara gave a presentation of how the renaming process all came about. The number of people that use our Center has fallen off drastically since the onset of COVID. We have to come up with more ways to get seniors into the Center. All committee members will bring in one suggestion for the next meeting.

After much discussion on a motion by Hess/Hale it was decided to submit a list of 3 name proposals for the next copy of the "Insight". Three choices are:

- 1. Berlin Senior Activities Center**
- 2. The Senior Scene**
- 3. Leave name as is (Berlin Senior Center)**

Sara gave a presentation on the status of the meal program here at the Center. To save money on take out meals it was decided by the County to only have take out meals three days a week (M,W,F) starting on February 1, 2023. Hopefully this may get a few more individuals into the Center for sit down meals.

Security cameras were voted down by The Common Council, Rebecca is checking on less expensive options.

Stairs leading from Noyes Street to the parking lot were discussed. Rebecca is working on getting another bid

New Business: None

Old Business: None

On a motion by Van Ornum/Hess meeting was adjourned at 10:47 by chairman Hanan.

**Submitted by,
Keith Hess
COA Secretary**