

CITY OF BERLIN COMMITTEE ON AGING
Tuesday October 22, 2024 10:00 AM
Berlin Senior Center

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Hanan at 9:55 AM

Roll Call:

Present: Paul Hanan, Chairman (2026)
Jimmy Jodarski Vice Chair (2026)
Mary Hess (2027)
Vacant (2027)
Susan Jungenberg (2026)
Richard Trochinski (2025)
Keith Hess, Secretary (2025)
Rebecca Bays, Center Director
JoAnn Guden (Friends of the Center)

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairman Hanan

Public comments: Jo Ann Guden was present to represent the Friends on a recommendation by the County Administrator to cut \$40,000 from the Home Bound meal program. This committee is strongly against any cuts to this program. A handout was distributed listing all 17 County Board members and the County Administrators phone numbers. Urged everyone to call board members and voice their concerns over a budget cut to this all important program. On the average the Center serves 250-300 home bound meals weekly. Cutting this program also effects the hours of our cook and van drivers.

Rebecca discussed the upcoming budget for 2025, her recommendation is to leave everything the same as 2024.

Susan gave a presentation on the County Committee on Aging meeting. The Markesan Retirement Home was awarded the contract for homebound meals for the County. Feils will no longer be the provider for meals. The County received 3 bids and the Markesan Retirement Home was selected. The County is looking at ways to increase the usage of the Centers. Suggestion was to have "Pop Up Events" (meals, outings) to attract more people into the Centers. Also suggested starting a data base of people who are willing to perform small tasks for people who are unable to perform them(change a light bulb, take garbage out, just visit).

K Hess brought up that we used to have two sets of pickle ball nets and paddles. Keith will check into the missing equipment with Clay Lamberton School

New Business: Next meeting will be November 26th, no meeting in December

Old Business: None

On a motion by Hanan/K Hess meeting was adjourned by chairman Hanan at 10:35.

Submitted by
KEITH C HESS
COA Secretary

