

Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
May 2, 2023 Minutes

Attendance:

Representatives –Virginia Carlson, Christa Grev, Bob O'Brien, Barbara Mortensen, Alice Tully, Larry Clifton, Aubrey Cohn, Edward Torres, Veronica Meyer

Alternates –Helen Grant, Vickie Aufiero, Jim Harris, Marilyn Lago, Debbie Rogers,

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate
Councilwoman Heather deJong
Zulma Soto, Senior Services**

Mayor Crate:

Council approved the 2023 Municipal budget and we have a -0- tax rate increase for this year. Our CFO, BA and myself sat down and worked really hard to try to lessen the burden of the residents of Brick Township for this year. We understand the difficulties that people have been facing over the last couple of years as prices go up. We always remind people that this is just your Municipal tax rate. We don't have control over the schools, county or state, but certainly your Municipal rate will be held at -0- for this year.

At our May 9th Council meeting we are hoping that we can introduce our 2023 Capital budget. The Capital budget is how we are able to purchase our large items such as garbage trucks, make large repairs, etc.

We had our first clergy meeting. This is one of the events Mayor Ducey started, and I am excited to continue. Mayor Ducey met with the clergy once a year, but Mayor Crate would like to meet more frequently, at least twice a year, possibly more, depending on what activities we have going on.

Girls' softball opening day was Friday, April 21st. Mayor Crate threw out the first pitch.

Crate Conversation – We will be filming every couple of weeks. Last month we had the President of the Garden Club. This month we had Detective Tom Cooney on to promote the basketball game that was held for families who the PBA is raising money for. Future guests will include the public librarian, someone from the historical society, someone from Chamber of Commerce. We are recording and posting it on the Township website. It is also in the E-newsletter and on Township Facebook. Each interview will be a 10-15-minute conversation.

Our first Facebook Live was aired on April 25th at 6pm. The response wasn't that great. We are trying to decide when would be the best time to air it. Another time may be better, maybe 10am in the morning or 7pm in the evening. We would like to try to air Facebook Live every other week or every 3 weeks.

Dottie LaPosa has been a resident of Brick Township for more than 50-years, and has been on the Shade Tree Commission for 40 years and has decided to step down and spend time with her grandchildren. At our last council meeting, we were able to present to her a proclamation, and Friday April 25th was named Dottie LaPosa day.

Senior Citizen Prom for residents ages 65 and over. The theme is Cinco De Mayo. Friday, May 5th 6pm-9pm at the Civic Plaza.

Brick Farmer's Market Saturday May 6th, 8:30am-1:30pm at Windward Beach Park.

On May 18th at Havens Farm we will be planting the pollinator garden.

11th Annual Brick Township Green Fair, Saturday, May 20th, 10am-2pm. Held at the Havens Farm/Bob Anstett Cultural Arts Center, 515 Herbertsville Road.

Memorial Day Parade, Monday May 29th at 10am. The parade will march down Chambers Bridge Road. Following the parade, a ceremony will be held in front of the Municipal Building.

Zulma:

May is “Older Americans’ Month”. The theme is “Aging Unbound”.

May 19th, Brunch and a movie at 11am “A Man Called Otto”, starring Tom Hanks. Must Register.

Hunger free.org has a pilot program called SNAP, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The minimum monthly benefit is \$95. To see if you might be eligible for SNAP benefits, go to mynjhelps.org. For more information call our Senior Outreach Services at 732-920-8686.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Marilyn Kaczka,
Secretary**

Next Meeting:

June 6, 2023 at 2 pm

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