

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

**PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Young, Chairwoman  
William Hughes, Jr.  
Arthur Bassin  
Edward Cross  
Ellen Thurston

**ABSENT:**

Matt Murell, notified

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk  
Kary Jablonka  
Michelle Ublacker  
William Fisher  
Thomas Garrick  
Ronald Knott  
Jessica Nabozny  
Paul Mossman  
Gary Flaherty

**PRESS: 1**

Chairwoman Young called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

**Youth Bureau: J. Nabozny**

J. Nabozny updated the committee that move to DSS is pretty much complete. An advertisement telling the residents/agencies about the re-organization with Social Services has been placed. The 2014 NYS OCFS Funding Update has been confirmed. This funding will be streamlined into one lump sum then distributed to agencies.

2014 Application deadline is coming up and the 2013 Program Annual Assessments & Claims deadline also is due.

J. Nabozny thanked the committee for their support over the years and it was an honor to work with Chairwoman Young.

J. Nabozny informed the committee that she would like to hire a Full-time Account Clerk, which was promised to her. It was to be budgeted. But she has heard nothing about it.

**Office for the Aging:**

**Conference Objective Form:** Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program Training, Nov. 21-22-2013 in Clifton Park NY , One (1) attending at a cost of \$250.00, motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by E. Cross, motion carried.

**Resolution Request:** Requesting permission for the Office of the Aging to enter into MOA with the Town of Stuyvesant for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, for the Nutrition Program and the Town desires to support the program in the amount of \$2,500.00, and the Town of Kinderhook in the amount of \$5,000.00 motion by W. Hughes, Jr., seconded by A. Bassin, motion carried.

Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Misc. Account (A0-7E-7610-2999-E2000) TO Nutrition (AO-7E-7610-4730-E4000), MOTION BY w. Hughes, Jr., seconded by A. Bassin, motion carried. Refer to Finance.

**Fair Housing: W. Fisher**

Updates: He has been receiving calls on evictions. Checking with G. Flaherty on veterans and benefits.

**Veterans Service Agency: G. Flaherty**

G. Flaherty attended the Red Cross Seminar, stating they have been very helpful to our veterans. There were at least 560 cards that were mailed out.

There was a Regional Conference and Training in Albany VAMC and G. Flaherty registered Five (5) veterans to the VA from Columbia County.

US Military Academy interviews: There are 33 applications, and the panel has started to interview. High and Mighty Riding Center in Chatham on 24<sup>th</sup>. The veterans are taken there for riding lessons.

Honor Flight: that is already being planned for May 13, 2014. More info will follow.

Walmart is donating items to be shipped to the boys overseas.

G. Flaherty has asked to submit a letter to Chairman Grattan in reference to the indigent burials of our veterans. The Supervisors when a veteran dies in their town they have to do an investigation as to whether or not the resident was a veteran, if there are any bank accounts for burials, any next to kin, check with local banks as to any accounts they may have, and the Supervisors feel they do not have the right to check on banks accounts etc. G. Flaherty has the approval to submit a letter to the Chairman for the family if any to sign a certificate stating information is true to their knowledge. They actually would sign off on this document.

**Department of Social Services: P. Mossman**

Edith Casey Fund has started and over 500 children have been registered in 3 days so far.

**Resolution Request:** Authorization to fill vacant budgeted positions due to resignations of Two (2) Social Welfare Examiners, GR 12, 2013 Step 1 salary \$32,818.00; and to abolish vacant One (1) Account Clerk position base salary of \$32,088. And create and fill One (1) community Services Aide position, GR 10 2013 Step 1 salary of \$27,349.00, motion by E. Cross, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried. Refer to .1 Committee, if approved forward to Finance.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 5:50 PM by E. Cross, seconded by W. Hughes, Jr., motion carried.