

**Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Commissions Room-33 S Arlington Heights Road, A.H. 60005
January 26 ,2025
7 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Vercelli called the meeting to order at 7 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Sharon Adams

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Corinne Drew

Steve Raminiak

Gary Wood

Ellyn Zimmerman

Fred Feldman

Sue Viecegli

Also Present: ☐

Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Not Present:

George Motto

Fred Vogt

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 17, 2025, Minutes

CHAIRPERSON VOGT REQUESTED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2025, BE ACCEPTED. COMMISSIONER ADAMS MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2025, WERE ACCEPTED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairpersons Report

Chairperson Vogt was not able to attend the meeting, therefore, Sue Viecegli conducted the meeting as Acting Chair. The Chair recognized Sharon Adams as receiving the Hearts of Gold Young at Heart Award from the Village of Arlington Heights on Sunday, February 22. The award recognizes an older adult in Arlington Heights who continues to actively serve her community. Mrs. Adams is a wonderful representation and truly deserves the recognition.

B. Liaison Report

The Liaison reported on a workgroup of staff has been assembled to review the presented plans for the remodel of the Senior Center. Construction costs, location considerations, and if the 2022 plans are still relevant are being discussed. The Senior Citizens Commission will get updates as the project progresses.

The Wheeling Township Mental Health Board awarded Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. (foundation) \$3,000 for a phone-based Caregiver Support and Resource group. The group would meet weekly for eight sessions and will start in April.

The staff is looking into conducting a Vinyl and Vino program at the Senior Center for wine tasting and listening to music. Staff is working on a potential liquor license for the Senior Center to promote more inclusive programming.

The Liaison presented senior center services to the Arlington Heights Lion's Club last month. The second program collaboration with the Park District is coming up next month celebrating the Super Bowl at the Arlington Lakes Golf Club.

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

The Inc. Foundation met on December 10, 2025. The group decided to form committees to regain focus on outreach, events and fundraising. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 11.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The New Years Eve party occurred on, December 30 with George Holmes and Viva. Students from Enesco to helped serve and interact with party attendees. The next council event is scheduled with Hersey High School Love Bus on Friday, February 13.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that Senate Bill 2111 the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act. had been signed in both houses and sent to the governor that signed the bill on December 16th, which created \$1 .5 billion funds to be expended by CTA, PACE, and METRA over the next three years. It is now known as Public Act 104 -0457. The immediate impacts are creating a series of transit ambassadors, people who will ride the vehicles and be on the platforms to answer questions that passengers might have. Pace has said they're going to increase their fixed route service by 10 % by the end of the year. They also plan to expand on -demand service and improved scheduling and reduced wait times, with no fare increases until at least mid -2027.

The Cook County Board made a grant of \$180 ,000 to Pace, specifically to improve the Arlington Heights Rolling Meadows On-Demand service area. There will be a second bus from Pace to service the area as well as increase service hours, double the area to include Harper College and Palatine Metro Station among others.

The Dying with Dignity Law passed on December 12, known as Public Act 104-0441. The law entails the guidelines for physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients with strict guidelines.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

Liaison Colagrossi reported AARP has recognized the Progress Report and Action plan submitted last month with a Plaque that will be presented to the Board within the first quarter.

1.Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

See Legislative Report for Transportation updates. The subcommittee did not meet this month due to lack of a quorum.

Affordable Housing

The Housing Transportation Subcommittee did not meet this month due to lack of a quorum.

Commissioner Raminiak and Chairperson Vogt advised that they will be attending the next Housing Commission meeting scheduled this week. They requested that Liaison Colagrossi check with the Housing Commission Liaison to see if they received the memo. Liaison Colagrossi advised that she check and report back.

2. Communications

Communications Subcommittee Chair Viecegli noted that the 2026 action plan was reviewed and updated.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Commissioners Feldman, Wood, and Vogt would like to set up an Award committee meeting for late February. The liaison will coordinate.

H. Intergenerational Outreach

Commissioner Zimmerman reported on the past month student related activities with the Senior Center Volunteers: The junior members of the American Legion, Post 208, who did some caroling in December. The soccer group helped out with the New Year's Eve party. There are four new students from Kirk who are working at the Senior Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. They are cleaning the workout equipment, keeping the dance room in order. The local Girl Scout troop will be returning with a portable planetarium exhibit in March. A local baseball team would like to do a service project; staff is working with them on ideas. A high school senior is collaborating with the Senior Center for some of the videos. Another senior Girl Scout is looking to do a project at the Senior Center that will earn her the Girl Scout Gold Award. District 211 staff are looking to find a spot to volunteer at the Senior Center, they will meet with Liz for ideas. says, Illinois unveils groundbreaking multi - sector plan to transform state into national leader for older adults. Are you familiar with this?

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Viecegli noted that the state of Illinois has launched a groundbreaking multi-sector plan to transform the state into a national leader in support of older adults. The Multi-Sector Plan on Aging plan establishes a decade -long blueprint to ensure the growing population of older Illinoisans can live dignified, engaged, productive, and meaningful lives at every stage of their life. And the four areas are concentrating on is livable and connected communities, ensuring health for all ages, investing in caregivers, and affording aging.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be on Monday, February 23, at 7 pm.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO ADJORN. COMMISSIONER CARTER MADE A MOTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELDMAN. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:43 PM.