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**Commission on Aging Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
10:05 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Attendance: Alivia Coleman, Carl Glad, Dale McClanan, Diane Puterski, George Hangos, Gus Csuka, Kathy Faggella, Patricia Shaham. Guests: Mary Balog & Bob Hvisc.

Excused: Geraldine Gemza, Linda Fernandes-Johnson & Maryann Seminatore

Call to Order: 10:05 a.m.

Minutes: March minutes approved

Updates:

- Director Puterski spoke about the new vehicle for the Baldwin Center which should arrive in fall 2016.
- The sound system for the Baldwin Center has been approved and should be working in 3 weeks.
- Director Puterski will speak with Stratford CAO, Chris Tymniak about registration money staying with the Baldwin Center.
- Renters Rebate Program has been going on at remote sites as well as at the Baldwin Center & Energy Assistance Program is almost complete.
- Annual Volunteer Lunch will be held on April 21, 2016 – The Baldwin Center will also hold a Mother's Day Brunch at the beginning of May.
- George Hangos asked Director Puterski about the movie screen - Director Puterski stated that at this time it was too expensive to install.
- Director Puterski stated that Mayor Harkins allotted \$10,000 in the FY17 Budget for the meal program and coffee for the Baldwin Center.
- Mary Balog, MSSW Outreach Coordinator for the Baldwin Center spoke about her position, what programs are being offered and transportation options for seniors.
- Director Puterski asked the Commission Members to do research on different community outreach programs to expand services.
- Director Puterski spoke about the concern for senior housing with a low turn-over rate because of a longer life expectancy and various options such as in-home care.
- Dale McClanan suggested reaching out to the physician community to provide assistance – Director Puterski spoke about VA Hospital and how they assign a social worker to each doctor to assist each patient with the mental side of ailments.
- Director Puterski spoke about the Block Grants – the Community Development Subcommittee did not recommend and funds for the Baldwin Center.
- Director Puterski spoke about the donation of indoor raised garden beds.
- Director Puterski asked the Commission to suggest any possible new members as there are a few vacancies.
- **Motion to adjourn by Chairman Dale McClanan and seconded by Gus Csuka.**

Meeting concluded at 11:00 a.m.

****Next Meeting – May 10, 2016****

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine Hausmann