

# COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown

61 Durant Terrace – Recreation/Community Service Building

January 8, 2019

6:00 PM

**1. Members Present:** Marty Knight/Chairperson, Joe Carta (via phone), Phil Cacciola, Dr. Helen Evrard, Elderrean Paules, Richard Pelletier and Keith Vinci.

**Absent:** Joe Bibisi and August DeFrance

**Staff Present:** Catherine Lechowicz – Director of Recreation and Community Services

**General Public:** none

**2. Meeting Called to Order:** Called to order at 6:01pm.

**3. Public Hearing:**

**4. Approval of Minutes:** *A motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 4, 2018, was made by Dr. Helen Evrard and seconded by Joe Carta. The motion carries.*

## Departmental Reports:

- Elderrean Paules stated that they had a great Christmas party. The heat in the building went out and they do not yet have heat. They are working on this issue. A discussion ensued.
- Richard Pelletier stated that they have just hired a certification firm for the middle school project. They will be responsible for making sure things go along smoothly. A discussion ensued.
- Joe Carta stated that he did not have anything to report.
- De. Helen Evrard stated that she has nothing to report.
- Phil Cacciola stated that he hoped that everything was in place for the upcoming winter storms. A discussion ensued.
- Keith Vinci stated that there is an organization that is trying to make all interpreters qualification to standard nationally. There is a group called “We the Deaf People” that are from NY state that want to take over anything that has to do with deafness. There will be a meeting of the sign language interpreters training at the library. A discussion ensued.
- Cathy Lechowicz stated that she did not have anything to report. She went to the movies and there was a row of people that were hearing impaired and the movie was seen with closed captioning. A discussion ensued about having the Mayor’s office reach out to Comcast so that they can request closed caption during the Common Council meetings and any public meetings that are televised.
- Marty Knight stated that in the past, the ADA Coordinator, that was part of this committee, used to share a report pertaining to all things ADA with the Committee Concerning People w Disabilities. Cathy stated that she receives a report monthly pertaining to all things ADA from Laura and that she will share this report to the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities going forward. On January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Inn at Middletown the Lion’s Club will be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club in Middletown. The Middletown club is the second oldest club in the district. A discussion ensued.

## Old Business

## New Business:

**Miscellaneous:**

**Adjournment:** *A motion of adjournment was made by Richard Pelletier and was seconded by Dr. Helen Evrard . The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bruni Runte