

# Human Services Advisory Committee

## Minutes of October 16, 2013 Meeting

**Present:** Ethel Mantzaris (YSB), chair; Ron Baker (Member At Large); Dexter Eddy (Housing Authority); Fred Goetz (Advisory Comm. on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities); Lorraine Kenowski (Member At Large); Bev Korba (Senior Center); Victoria Nimirowski (WAIM); Joan Terry (Comm. on Aging)

**Absent:** Sara Anderson (Advocates for Children)

**Staff:** Matt Hart, Town Manager; Pat Schneider, Director of Human Services

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

The minutes of the June 2013 meeting were approved as written.

Matt introduced Pat Schneider to our committee. Pat described her experience in human services. Her area of expertise is work with seniors and the disabled. Members of the committee introduced themselves and explained the special concerns of the groups that they represent.

Matt said he and Pat would be meeting with Masonicare representatives soon to get an update on their plans to build a retirement facility in Mansfield.

Pat told us that her department is already working on requests for assistance at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. She reported that locating the social worker's office to the Wellness Center seems to be working well. Finally, Pat said that efforts are being made to manage the transportation grant carefully in order to avoid overspending.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Human Services Committee continue to meet monthly. Several members felt that another time would be more convenient than the 2:00 p.m. hour. A questionnaire will go out to our members to see what other time would work.

Dexter asked about the changes made regarding requests from non-profit groups for funds from the town. Matt replied that groups have been requested to submit financial information to show that they are sustainable.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Terry, Secretary