

HOPATCONG SENIORS INC.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – October 9th, 2025

The meeting opened at 10:02 with our salute to the flag and singing of God Bless America, followed by a moment of silence for our deceased members and our veterans.

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Al and Denise were acknowledged and thanked for the great job they did painting the additional parking spaces in the parking area and in the remainder of the church area. Members were asked to let the Sgt of Arms be the one person to react to disturbances during a meeting.

Betty Castoro thanked everyone for donations to our meeting treats. Also, a big thank you to all the helpers.

We are still working on including Senior Inc in the Hudson Charity hike.

We will have a Speaker representing Veterans today. There is a Salute to Vets at the Fairgrounds coming up. Also, a caregiver Expo at the end of October

Judy Wolf: Talked about the Rise and Shine program in town. Part-time and full-time jobs were available for Crossing Guards in town. There will be a Thanksgiving meal at Fire House number 3 on Thanksgiving. Call 973-398-5000 for details and to register.

IDA BROWN: Cassie at the Senior Center will now be the Senior Citizen liaison in town. Live animals will be at the Senior Center tomorrow at 10am. There will be another ice cream social, a holiday party, Halloween party, painting party, exercise classes and pumpkin carving.

RECORDING SECRETARY: The minutes were read and approved with none opposed.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

John attended recent state tax meeting. Seniors standard tax deduction up by 12k. starting soon, Federal Government will no longer send paper checks.

Additional checks based on property taxes will soon be coming to seniors.

September 30th, 2025	General A/C	Trip A/C Opening Balance
	\$5,690.88	\$23,705.04
Deposits	\$ 208.00	\$ 7,300.00
Disbursements	\$ 100.00	\$ 8,298.70
Closing Balance	\$ 5,798.88	\$22,706.34

Treasurers report was accepted.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Kris

A thank you letter was sent to Justin McCarthy,

Thank you from Family promise for donation of supplies.

Thank you from Kris regarding card sent regarding death of her nephew.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Get wells were sent to Evelyn Sisco, Betty Conover, and Linda Smith.

VP REPORT: Nancy noted that there were 124 members present at today's meeting. New members are Margaret Smith.

TRIP COMMITTEE:

Gail:

Hunterdon Oct 12 - depart DPW 12:15 - full

Jim Thorpe Oct 15 - depart DPW 8:15 – full

Hanover Manor Nov 20 - depart DPW 10:30 4 spots available.

Christmas Party Dec 11 - no price yet - sign up now no price yet.

Valentine dance/party on February 14th at Parish Center.

June 4th Installation lunch

June 13th Hunterdon Neil Diamond Show at night

July 15th BBQ picnic

August 18/19 Lancaster trip

Pretty Woman / Joshua

ThankOs to LeeAnn for her help on the trip committee

own Liaison: Mayor Galate

Thanksgiving meals can also be delivered. 400 meals were dispensed last year

Various businesses are involved in the program. Free to everyone regardless of personal income.

Council business: Water system in town is old. Repairs are ongoing.

There have been various promotions amongst our staff in Administration, sewer, water and DPW.

Two new Eagle Scouts in town, Miss Hopatcong is a volunteer on our Ambulance Squad.

St Jude's 65th Anniversary celebration will have a recognition proclamation.

Our town's Patriotic Day was a success

Renee Hoer , Ida Brown and Rich Chiarella were recognized as exemplary citizens.

Senior Lunch was a great success.

If you are waiting be sure to get your Anchor Savings form in by October 31st.

GUEST SPEAKER:

NJ Veterans Affairs rep Luis Seguerri spoke.

His office processes claims for vets and their spouses. Claims are not based on income. VA benefits are based on where you served for both you and spouse, All services are free.

Some services like furnace repair are free. Can help install ramps and stairs. Don't hesitate to ask. All counties have Vet's offices. Luis works in Dover and Franklyn.

Scott:

Our next meeting will have Rob Bond and Cliff Lundin with a survey on Open Spaces in Hopatcong. Karen Fucito of the Lake Hopatcong Magazine will be at our December meeting.

DARK HORSE DRAWING: Sue Klemm announced the winners.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, our meeting closed at 11:09 with a show of hands and no opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

Manny Fernandes Recording Secretary