

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING	
Room	Annex Conf Room A
Date	1/8/2026
Facilitator	Gabe Smalt
Scribe	Mikayla Gardner

MINUTES

Member	PRESENT	Member	PRESENT
Chilson, Denise		Nasca, Lou	X
Crosby, Mary Lee		Ormsby, Adam	
Dabby, Nicole	X	Sargent, Connie	Z
Hallinan, Mary – Chairman	X	Smith, Gary	
Hammes, Nan		Smith, Lena- Vice Chair	
Hanna, Michael		Stillman, Tracy	
Harrington, Cynthia		Wells, Michelle	Z
Lewis, Phyllis		Woodring, Pastor John	X
Mahr, Alise	X		
Maio, Anthony (Tony)			
McDonald, Ann Marie		Linda Tetor	
Miller, Suzanne	X	Christine Towner- Dep Director	X
		Smalt, Gabe – Ex-Officio	X
		Gardner, Mikayla - Scribe	X

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm by Mary Hallinan. All were welcomed.

1. Welcome and Introduction- Mary Hallinan welcomed all to the meeting, All advisory council members introduced themselves.

2. Floor Open for General Public Comments - None

3. Review of December Minutes: Mary Hallinan asked if there is any corrections to be made to the December minutes. One correction to be made on the previous minutes for the date. Mary Hallinan motioned to approve. Suzzane Miller second this. All in favor

4. Committee Assignments-If all couple fill out there top 3 choices for the committee's sheet that was given out and leave in the front, we will update the committee assignments. The meeting schedule was handed out in December for when the committees meet through out the year. Gabe Smalt went over what all committees' duties are,

5. Directors Report: Joan Watkins has tendered her resignation, Gabe Smalt recognized all that Joan Watkins has done for the committee. The next is the bank account, AC is under the OFA and with that we can not maintain our own bank

account due to conflict. The county has made a special line item to be managed under the county finance so that it is visible. We will still have complete control over this money they will just be able to see how it is used. We can have a report every month because Tara will be able to print it out for us. Suzanne Miller moved to motion closing the Five Star bank account to move funds to the county, Lou Nasca seconds. All in favor. We have had a resignation and some retirements. We have 3 opening one in out HIICAP, New York Connects, and a driver for our Easy rider program. WE have interviews scheduled Monday. Our search is still on going for our driver, this is a part time position that will eventually be moved to full time. Our easy rider expansion will allow wheelchaired riders. The government shut down is over and have been in contact with YMCA and the waiting is over and the funds are waiting to be received so we can resume. We have had request for a tax program but are unable to gather the recourses in time to be functional for this year's tax season. Will be pushing hard to have this program for next year.

6. Suzzane Miller - Stated the Hornell Senior Center is doing very well being ran by Kelly, the programs in the building are thriving and is very active. Stated she has a concern with seniors and their Mental Illness and wondering if we have any program to help with this. Gabe Smalt stated he joined the Mental Health Board for Steuben County and is happy to raise the issue and see if we can get something in place for the Hornell Senior Center. Christine Towner stated Compher is something we can looking into to work with them for this issue as well. NAMI (National alliance on Mental Illness) is becoming very present in Steuben County as well and hoping it will be a nice addition to turn in a better direction.

7. SSSF Report: The fundraising aspect for the HSC raised about \$600 and that will go to painting of parking lot and handicap spaces. Mother Cabrini Fund to combat elderly loneliness in Steuben County has been awarded to be a part of that

8. Ramp Guys Update- Dan who started this recently passes away, along with Glenn Davis. We are very grateful we still have the fund to do the programs. We help a RSVP orientation that was successful. We also have grown in the program, We partnered with BOCES to help support the Hornell area with being able to get ramps. We ended using every dollar that was allocated to us for this year.

9. Birthdays: Denise Chilson, Alise Mahr and Adam Ormsby

Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Lou Nasca and Nicole Daby Seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting:

Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 1:00 PM
Steuben County Annex Building, Conference Room A
20 E. Morris St., Bath, NY 14810