CIVICS AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2026

Meeting opened at 7:30pm and ended at 8:15pm.

Members present: Pat Degnan, Chairperson; Jerry Applebaum; Mitch Lefkofsky and Barry Mendelson.

We discussed the events we would like to do this year. We decided that there were several successful events that we would do on a yearly basis. We decided that in August we will do our Back-to-School Supplies Drive which goes to Township residents in need. In September we will have a POA Candidates Night before the September Board meeting beginning at 7pm. In October we will schedule a Political Candidates Night and invite all those running for both local and state positions.

Other suggestions were to have a speaker from the aarp.org/NJSpeakersBureau. Pat will contact them to get more information and availability.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Degnan
Pat Degnan, Chairperson

Approved by: Michelle Cromwell-OIC

CIVICS AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2026

Meeting opened at 7:30pm and ended at 8:15pm.

Members present: Pat Degnan, Chairperson; Jerry Applebaum; Barry Mendelsohn, Michelle Cromwell.

Pat contacted aarp.org/NJSpeakersBureau, but they could not accommodate our schedule.

May is mental health awareness month. Jane usually tries to get a program for us, but Pat has not heard from her.

Michelle asked for the contact Pat has for Battered Women as she has a few ideas she would like to run by this contact.

Pat contacted JCP&L about having a speaker for one of our meetings, but we would have to guarantee a minimum of twenty-five people.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Degnan, Chairperson

Approved by: Michelle Cromwell, OIC

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Attendence: Michelle Cromwell, Barry Mendelsohn, Jane Hobson

Meeting called to order: 7:05

1) From Pat: sent a notice to the Newsletter to let everyone know that September is National Preparedness Month.
2) From Pat: September POA Board meeting at 7pm we will have Candidates Night for POA candidates' night.
3) From Pat: Our October Civic Affairs meeting will be our Political Candidates' Night beginning at 8pm.
4) Social security & medicare: Barry brought it up to host a meeting. We will ask Alyssa to post a poll on FB.

    📣 Community Interest Survey 📣

    The POA is exploring the possibility of hosting informational seminars on Social Security and Medicare. Before moving forward, we'd love to hear from our residents!

    Please take a moment to complete the poll below so we can better understand community interest and schedule events at times that work best for you.

    Select all that apply:
    ✅ I would be interested in attending a Social Security seminar
    ✅ I would be interested in attending a Medicare seminar
    ✅ Afternoon programs work best for me
    ✅ Evening programs work best for me
    ✅ Weekend programs work best for me
    ✅ Weekday programs work best for me

    Thank you for your feedback! Your responses will help us plan programs that best serve our community.

5) Reviewed that future events this year:
    a) July: Festival Day
    b) August: School Supplies Collection
    c) September: POA Meet the Candidates NIght
    d) October: General Election: Meet the Candidates Night

Meeting adjourned: 7:32 PM

Submittted & and approved by Michelle Cromwell-OIC

CIVICS AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2026

Meeting opened at 7:30pm and ended at 8:00pm.

Members present: Pat Degnan, Chairperson; Jerry Applebaum.

Pat contacted Alyssa to have three articles in the Newsletter. August we will have our annual School Supplies Drive. Donations will be brought to the Rockaway Township Municipal Building to be distributed to RT residents.

Jerry suggested Pat contact our EMO in the Township to see if they have a presentation.

Jerry said he attended a presentation regarding an AI Presentation at Seton Hall, he said was very informative. He will get Pat the contact to see if he does such presentations outside of Seton Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Degnan, Chairperson

Approved by: Michelle Cromwell, OIC