

**Elder Services Advisory Board**  
**January 29, 2026**

Present: Rosina Bloomingdale (speaker phone), Sue Bronson, Katie Gnau, Alan Purintun

Staff/Others: Elizabeth Price, Senior Resource Center Director

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m..

2. Minutes of January 8, 2026.

Ms. Bronson moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2026. Mr. Purintun seconded the motion. It carried unanimously 4 - 0.

3. Chairperson Report

Members reviewed the ESAB 2025 Annual report. The information will be reorganized to create a category of Shorewood Connects initiatives and ESAB's related actions.

4. Age-Friendly Community Subcommittee Reports

Ms. Gnau reviewed comments submitted by Shorewood Conservation Committee in the Village Manager's Memo related to ADU's. ESAB members support changing the Village Code to allow bedrooms in basements and support allowing ADU's with appropriate standards and oversight related to green space and water drainage.

5. Senior Resource Center Director Report

The SRC refrigerator needed replacement. A new one will be delivered Feb. 2.

The SRC Snow Angel program – one Snow Angel has resigned due to an injured wrist. A second snow angel was successfully connected to a resident for long-term snow help.

Long-time Tech Tutor Facilitator Leila Maani has relocated to Australia. Karina Schafer has signed a contract to provide these services in 2026. A UWM student will begin volunteering as a tech tutor next week, Feb. 6 – May 1.

The SRC is partnering with the library Shorewood Reads community-wide reading event and offering a book discussion on April 14. This year's book is Happiness Falls by Angie Kim.

January's Monthly luncheon was converted to delivery the day before as weather and participant safety were considered.

Ms. Price provided an update on the Senior Resource Center to the Shorewood Foundation in January. She reviewed the history of the Benjamin Fund, a 2002 bequest to the Shorewood Foundation. She also discussed the spending policy that guides disbursements and the proposed renovation of the former Health Department space, which would require special disbursement requests beginning in mid-2026. Shorewood Foundation members offered a letter of support, which is included in the Village Board materials for consideration on February 2.

A candidate Meet & Greet will take place at the SRC on Wed. Mar. 4, 10:30 – 11:30 am. Members were encouraged to join.

#### 6. Shorewood Connects Initiatives Updates

(1) I met with a community member who is interested in collaborating on a summer community-wide picnic potluck. We met again next week and hope to put together a small committee of people interested in helping to organize it. If any of you are interested in being part of the planning, please let me know. Our goal is to have it be more fun than complicated!

(2) I was in touch with Amber Miller from the AARP of Wisconsin and she wrote a letter of support for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUS) to the Plan Commission. I am attaching that letter to this email. I think her letter, along with support from ESAB, will be critical in persuading members of the Plan Commission and Trustees to support amending our building codes.

(3) The Dementia Awareness Workgroup (DAWG) met on Tuesday, January 13th. DAWG is planning an educational event entitled, "What Questions do you have about Dementia?" The description is below. It will be a panel discussion featuring members of the Dementia workgroup and it will start with a brief introduction to Dementia and to Dementia-friendly Shorewood and DAWG before opening up the session to questions.

***What Questions do you have about Dementia?***

*Shorewood is a Dementia Friendly America community, committed to supporting people living with dementia and their caregivers. This work is led by the Dementia Awareness Work Group (DAWG)—come meet the group, learn about local resources, and bring your questions.*

(4) Shorewood Connects is partnering with the library and school district to host an inter-generational discussion of the Shorewood reads book, *Happiness Falls*. It will be held on April 9th at 7 pm in the SHS library media center. The discussion will be led by SHS English teacher, Sheila Mooney, and SHS student Abby Cashman.

#### 7. Senior Services Long-term Planning Discussion

ESAB Members discussed current and future initiatives. A capital campaign initiative may be considered in the future depending on funding needs for the planned renovation of the former NSHD space.

The Village Board Strategic Initiative Committee approved of the SRC proposal to occupy the former Health Department space at their Jan. 21, 2026 meeting. The Village Board will consider the request on Feb. 2, 2026.

#### 8. Health Department Updates

No Report

#### 9. Other business as authorized by law

#### 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Elizabeth Price, Director of Senior Services, Senior Resource Center