

**Office for the Aging Advisory Council  
Report to the Town of Taghkanic Town Board Meeting  
of 10 May 2021**

The first of three spring Advisory Council meetings was held on Friday, April 16, 2021.

The following information is notable:

COVID has kept the Nutrition Centers closed but OFA hopes to open them slowly beginning in mid to late May.

The NY State Police are administering vaccinations in the homes of those unable to journey to a distribution site.

The OFA now has a Facebook page for those interested in the latest information!

The HEAP program has been extended through August 31, 2021. Volume of requests has increased so much that the OFA has had to hire a full-time person to handle them.

Requests for frozen Meals on Wheels has doubled. The OFA has also developed a backup program of 1000 frozen meals housed a two-week supply at the County Highway freezer to have on hand should food staff develop COVID or have to quarantine.

FEMA has begun to provide funeral expense relief to families suffering deaths due to COVID. To apply, call OFA at 518.828.4258.

The Healthcare Consortium is looking for a Navigator, a person who helps applicants find the right Medicare and Medicaid services.

The HCC also has some funding to help with COVID-related hardships with rent, food or internet for telehealth services.