

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
American Legion Post-21, Cresskill, NJ  
September 21, 2024  
10:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:35 AM**

**2. Chairman's Statement**

Committee Chairman Warren Williams called the meeting to order by reading the Open Public Meeting Act and the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. Notices of this committee's meeting are here by posted on two municipal public notice bulletin boards, published on the websites for the Borough of Bergenfield and the Veterans Advisory Committee and on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk

**3. Roll Call**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Venus Carpenter, Member			X
Kean Castillo, Member			X
Gerald Ferra, Member	X		
Edgar Garcia, Member		X	
Jose Henriquez, Member			X
Thomas Lang, Vice Chairman	X		
Edward Lora, Member			X
Peter M. Matthews, Member	X		
Richard Morf, Member		X	
Dina Moore, Member			X
Willie Moree Jr, Member		X	
Marc Pascual, Council Liaison	X		
Dr. Samuel Paul, Chaplin	X		
Fredrick Sahlberg, Member	X		
Wilfred Selby, Member	X		
Jose Vasquez, Secretary			X
Amos White, Member		X	
Warren Williams, Chairman	X		



#### **4. Flag Salute**

Led by Committee Chairman Warren Williams

#### **5. Invocation (Chaplin)**

Given by Committee Chaplin Dr. Samuel Paul

#### **6. Agenda Changes (Additions/Deletion)**

- Meeting location change from Bergenfield Public Library to American Legion Post-21 Cresskill, NJ

#### **7. Approval of Minutes (August 2024)**

**Motion Offered** by Gerald Ferra and **Second** by Thomas Lang to approve minutes for August 17, 2024 Regular Committee Meeting minutes and to be published on the Veterans Committee website. All present voted in favor.

#### **8. Treasury Report (August 2024)**

The treasury report for September 21, 2024, the current account balance, \$1569.63 USD. There are no other expenses or billing transactions for the reporting period of August 17, 2024 –

September 21, 2024 treasury report. **Motion Offered** Fredrick Sahlberg and **Second** Thomas Lang to approve treasurer's report for September 21, 2024 Regular Veterans Committee Meeting. All present voting in favor.

Discussion on the following Topics

- New Committee Polo-Shirts: Color Navy Blue/AF Blue: All Committee Members approve to change new committee shirt color to Burgundy or Gray.
- Still inquiring about the cost of the shirt, style and logo.
- Table for October's meeting: The new table display cover will not be available. Table cover needed some minor errors to be corrected.

#### **9. Presentation**

- Welcome Committee Member Nomination: Mr. Gerald Ferra

#### **10. Correspondence**

- Letter to Bergen County Executive: Proposal for Additional Veterans Service Officers, submitted to the Bergen County Executive James Tedesco and County Commissioners. Waiting for a response from the Office of the Bergen County Executive.
- Letters of Resigning from Committee: Members Jose Henriquez and Jose Vasquez.

#### **11. Unfinished Business**

- AARP Grant (Update): Veterans Committee was not chosen for a grant from AARP -No Grant
- State Grant (update): VFW Post been awarded a \$50,000 grant. Received half of the grant funds to begin renovations project.
- New Borough Hall Exterior Overlay (Flag poles & Veterans Monuments) -Update: Disregard current overlay. New plans are being worked out, once the old building been demolition and when new planning are developed.
- Monuments in front of the old borough building will be moved within the next couple of weeks.
- Veterans Day Ceremony (November 11, 2024) Pre-Plan Update: Need to finalize ceremony agenda, program and send out invites now.
- Veterans Resource Fair & Borough Health Screen Event: Discussion (Update)  
Date: October 19, 2024, Time: 8:00AM – 3:00PM  
Location: Conlon Hall, Bergenfield NJ



## 12. New Business

- Holiday Party: Discussion on a combined holiday party between American Legion, DAV, VFW, and Veterans Committee. Mr. Joseph Cutolo, offered to host the holiday event at the Cresskill American Legion Post. The date of the event is be worked on.
- New Committee Member Nominations; Committee Chairman Warren Williams nominates; Mr. Joseph Cutolo and Mr. Barry Hirschberg to be part of the Veterans Committee.  
Motion Offered by Wilfred Selby and Second by Gerald Ferra to approve Mr. Joseph Cutolo and Mr. Barry Hirschberg as members of Veterans Committee. All present voted in favor

## 13. Public Comment *(Please be advised there will be a limit of three (3) minutes per speaker)*

- No Public comments at this moment.

## 14. Good of the Order

- VFW Post-6467 & Auxiliary Annual Pig Roast, August 24, 2024 (AAR)
- Bergen County Sheriff BBQ, September 7, 2024, (AAR)
- DVA BBQ, September 7, 2024 (AAR)
- Annual Senior Festival, September 12, 2024, Van Saun County Park, Paramus (AAR)
- VFW District-2 Annual Picnic, September 14, 2024, AL Post 130 Rochelle Park NJ (AAR)

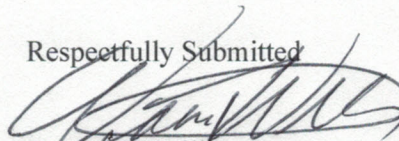
## 15. Committee Comments (Members Only)

- No Comments at this moment

## 16. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Veterans Advisory Committee, **Motion Offered** Fredrick Sahlberg **Second by** Thomas Lang to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 PM. All present voted in favor of adjourning the meeting. The next committee meeting scheduled will be on **October 26, 2024 time 10:30 AM at the location of Bergenfield DAV- Chapter 32 Building**. The meeting date and location been changed due to the Veterans Resource Fair scheduled for October 19, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted



Warren T. Williams  
Committee Chairman