

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 16, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**1. Meeting Called To Order at 10:06 AM**

**2. Open Public Meeting Statement**

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, the notice requirements have satisfied. Meeting dates are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. Notices of this meeting was provided to the Record, Star Lodge, and Cablevision. These minutes are posted on two municipal public notice bulletin boards, published on the borough website and veterans committee's website and on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**3. Roll Call**

Roll Call	Present	Absent	Excused
Alexandra Rodriguez, Member		X	
Edgar Garcia, Member			X
Thomas Lang, Member	X		
Rafael Marte, Council Liaison		X	
Richard Morf, Member	X		
Willie Moree Jr, Member	X		
John Opatovsky, Vice Chairman			X
Dr. Samuel Paul, Chaplin			X
Fred Sahlberg, Member	X		
Joseph Sokol, Member			X
John Smith, Chairman	X		
Wilfred Selby, Member			X
Benjamin Whaley, Member	X		
Amos White, Member			X
Warren Williams, Secretary	X		

**4. Salute to the Flag**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Committee Member Willie Moree

**5. Invocation**

The Invocation given by Committee Member Benjamin Whaley

**6. Changes to the Agenda**

No Additions/Deletions to the agenda

**7. Approval of Minutes (June 2022)**

**Motion Offered** by Committee Member Thomas Lang and **Second** by Committee Member Wilfred Selby to approve the minutes for May 19, 2022 regular committee meetings minutes and publish to the committee's website. All present voting in favor and none opposed.

**8. Treasury Report**

Committee Member Warren Williams update the committee with the monthly treasury report for period of June 25, 2022 through July 16, 2022. No change or addition funds added to committee's treasury. Current balance of funds available is \$1,710.32. **Motion Offered** by Committee Member Thomas Lang and **Second** by Committee Member Richard Morf approve the committee's treasury report for the period of June 25, 2022 to July 16, 2022 Report. All present voting in favor and none oppose

**9. Presentation/Correspondence**

**A. New Committee Member (Edgar Garcia)**

The Welcome Ceremony for Edgar Garcia was rescheduled for August 2022 Committee Meeting

**B. Meeting w/ Mayor (State Veterans Award Program)**

A meeting with Mayor Arvin Amatorio, Councilman Rafael Marte, Committee Chairman John Smith and Committee Member Sgt Major Warren Williams, on July 9, 2022, how our community of Bergenfield can further support our veterans such as recognition, providing scholarships for high school students of our military or veterans families, discounts for community-based recreation, accreditation of veterans and to form a quarterly meetings with the Mayor and a couple of Council members on how Bergenfield can better support our local veterans.

**10. Unfinished Business**

**A. Banner Street Pole Plan (Update)**

Committee Member Warren Williams presented the committee an update on the assigned street poles. The committee is waiting on the Mayor and Council to give approval of the Liability Insurance Certification for the Committee.

**B. Introduce Amendment (Draft) to Committee By-Laws**

Committee Member Warren Williams presented the committee members a draft copy of the By-Laws, for review and make suggestion or change to the committee by-laws to help better the committee's overall structure how this committee should perform.

**11. Good of the Order**

**A. Banner Presentation for (Leonardo J. Zucconi) Family**

**B. Installation Ceremony for VFW Post 6467 & Auxiliary Officers**

**12. New Business**

No New Business at this time

**13. Verbal Communications**

No public communications at this time

**14. Chairman's Comments**

No comments at this time from Committee Chairman

**15. Adjournment**

**Motion Offered by** Committee Member Thomas Lang and **Second by** Committee Member Richard Morf to adjourned the meeting. The announcement for next month meeting is on Saturday, August 20, 2022; Time 10:00 AM, located at VFW Post. There being no further business to come before the Veterans Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren Williams", written over a horizontal line.

Warren Williams  
Sgt Major (Ret), USA  
Committee Secretary