

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
Bergenfield Public Library  
November 18, 2023  
10:30 AM  
MINUTES**

**1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:30 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>
Yvonne Aponte, Member		X
Edgar Garcia, Member	X	
Thomas Lang, Vice Chairman	X	
Marc Pascual, Council Liaison	X	
Richard Morf, Member	X	
Dina Moore, Member	X	
Willie Moree Jr, Member		X
Dr. Samuel Paul, Chaplin	X	
Fredrick Sahlberg, Member	X	
Wilfred Selby, Member		X
Joseph Sokol, Member		X
Jose Vasquez, Secretary	X	
Benjamin Whaley, Member	X	
Amos White, Member	X	
Warren Williams, Chairman	X	

**4. Flag Salute**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Warren Williams



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

Invocation was given by the Committee Chaplin Dr. Samuel Paul

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

No Changes to Agenda

## **7. Approval of Minutes (September 2023)**

**Motion Offered** by Fredrick Sahlberg and **Second** by Thomas Lang to approve minutes for October 14, 2023, Regular Committee Meeting minutes and to be published on the website for the Veterans Advisory Committee. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

## **8. Treasury Report (October 2023)**

The current balance of funds available is \$1,886.63. The committee has wants to donate \$500 to the Bergenfield High School Music Department. There are no other expenses or billing transactions during the reporting period of October 14, 2023 to November 18, 2023. **Motion Offered** by Fredrick Sahlberg and **Second by** Jose Vasquez to approve the donation of the \$500 to Bergenfield High School Music Department and the committee's treasury report for the period of October 14, 2023 to November 18, 2023. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

## **9. Presentation**

No Presentation at this moment

## **10. Correspondence**

No Correspondence at this moment

## **11. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Murder Mystery Night (Update)**

- We need dates to schedule between February and March.
- Questions for the Murder Mystery Representatives
- Need create Flyer for date and Rain date.
- Cost per amount per person
- Overall cost for Murder Mystery casting actors, food and drinks

### **b. Galar Fundraiser Dinner**

- Dates, Donation Price, and Location
- Recommend that this Galar Dinner Event be open for more decision at later date. Need more information.

### **c. Veteran Information Resources**

- Pact Act to notify the public about New Bridge Regional.
- Boro Hall or St. John's Conlon Hall
- Need more information from New Bridge Regional

### **d. State Service Medal Ceremony**

- Find out if this ceremony could be done on the weekend.



- Most people are working during time (11:00AM) Monday – Friday
- Still need dates and location for ceremony, Ideal locations (VFW, Boro Hall, or St. John's Conlon Hall)
- Need more information and guidance for State POC

## **12. New Business**

### **a. Fund Raiser Ideas**

- Poppy Flower to raise funds for the VFW Post and Committee
- Businesses in town to donate to the Committee.
- Need procedure to follow prior to asking for donation.
- List of businesses to target.
- Create flyers for donation to the VFW and Develop letter for tax purposes.

### **b. Committee Members Renewal (Verify/Confirmed)**

- Need all committee members to confirm continued servicing on the Veterans Advisory Committee. Must response back to the Committee Chairman by December 8, 2023

### **c. Veterans Information Workshop**

Get unregistered veterans enrolled into VA Healthcare System.

What type of entitlements or benefits are eligible for.

Need to create flyer to send out to have workshop for Spring 2024.

Need dates and location of workshop.

### **d. State Service Medal Ceremony (Update)**

- State Level POC is Mr. Chuck Robbins
- No more than 30 recipients for the award, on Monday or Friday at 11:00AM.
- Submit DMAVA Medal Application with a copy of their DD-214.
- Need to have two (2) dates for Medal Ceremony.
- Primary date and Back-Up date, Location
- Need committee member(s) to be part of the Award Committee to assist with planning efforts.
- Award Committee assisting filling out application clearly and create a PDF Fillable form for online request.

## **13. Public Comment** – Please be advised there will be a limit of three (5) minutes per speaker and each

speaker and each may speak only once.

No persons present for Public Comment

## **14. Good of the Order**

a. Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner, Graycliff Restaurant, Moonachie, NJ (November 22, 2023: 11AM-4PM)

b. Army/Navy Game Together, Bergenfield VFW Post (December 9, 2023: 2PM-8PM)

c. Bergenfield Mayor & Council Volunteer's Annual Dinner (December 14, 2023: 6PM-10PM)



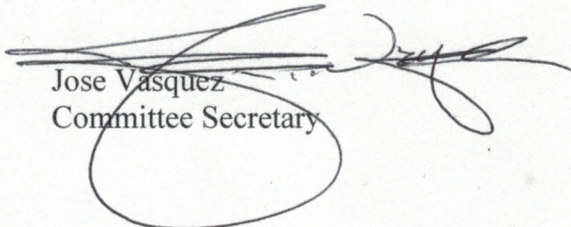
**15. Committee Comments (Members Only)**

Committee meeting to be changed from December 16, 2023 to December 14, 2023 for the upcoming Mayor & Council Volunteer's Annual Dinner.

**16. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Veterans Advisory Committee. The meeting is adjourned **Motion Offered** by Fredrick Sahlberg **Second** by Benjamin Whaley to adjourn the meeting. All present voting in favor and none oppose. The ended at 12:00PM. The next schedule committee meeting will be on December 14, 2023; time 6:00 PM, at the location of St. John's Conlon Hall, Mayor & Council Volunteer's Annual Dinner

Respectfully Submitted



Jose Vasquez  
Committee Secretary