

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

MINUTES

1. Meeting Called To Order at 10:01 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 Ledge, 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
Alexandra Rodriguez, Member		X
Thomas Lang, Member	X	
Rafael Martz, 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 Thomas Lang

5. Invocation

The Invocation given by Chaplin Dr. Samuel Paul

6. Changes to the Agenda

No Additions/Deletion or Revisions at the present time

7. Approval of Minutes

Motion Offered by Committee Member Thomas Lang and **Second** by Committee Member Willie Moree approve the minutes for March 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 March 19, 2022 through April 16, 2022. No change or addition funds added to committee's treasury. Current balance of funds available is \$2,507.32. **Motion Offered by Committee Member Willie Moree and Second by Committee Member Thomas Lang** approve the committee's treasury report for the period of March 19, 2022 to April 16, 2022 Report. All present voting in favor and none oppose

9. Presentation/Correspondence

A. VFW 6467 Auxiliary Bus Trip-Atlantic City for May 21,2022

Committee Member Amos White, updated the committee on the process for the Auxiliary Bus Trip-Atlantic City for May 21,2022. The flyer and tickets are already publish and people are starting the buy their tickets for this bus trip. Committee Member Amos White recommended that the committee for May 21, 202 be reschedule to an earlier date in May 2022.

B. May 2022 Meeting Date Change

Committee Chairman John Smith, recommend that the May 21, 2022 meeting date be reschedule to May 19,2022 do to a scheduling conflict with the committee meeting and bus trip are both on the same date for May 21, 2022. **Motion Offered by Committee Chairman John Smith and Second by Committee Member Thomas Lang**, to reschedule May 21, 202 meeting date to May 19, 2022 at 7:00PM to resolve the date conflict for the Auxiliary Bus Trip. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

C. VFW Post 6467 Garage Sale for June 18-19, 2022

Committee Chairman John Smith, updated the committee on the VFW Post 6467 Garage Sale for June 18-19, 2022. This garage sale is a VFW event and with need some volunteers to help out with event. The VFW is asking if any committee members and there neighbors have any items to donate to this garage sale for drop-off items at the VFW Post starting on June 1st 2022.

10. Unfinished Business

A. Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade (Update)

Committee Chairman John Smith presented to the committee members an update of the process status for the 2022 Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade. There are 17 organizations have already confirmed their participation in this year Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade. All parade element must sign-in at 11:00AM on May 30, 2022 in front of Borough hall and must be present for the morning ceremony.

B. Parade Grand Marshall Selection

Committee Member Warren Williams asked the committee members to turn-in there nomination packet for the Parade Grand Marshall. There were no packets turn-in; which some members request to extend the due date. **Motion Offered by Committee Member Warren Williams and Second by Committee Member Amos White**, to extend the due date to May 1, 2022 for the nomination packets for the Parade Grand Marshall. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

C. Banner Street Pole Plan (Update)

Committee Member Warren Williams presented the committee an update on the assigned street poles that the committee has the selected locations. The street locations are; New Bridge Road, South Prospect Ave, South Washington Ave. These street poles location have been identify. The street poles for West Church, West Clinton Ave and West Main Street still need to be worked on and still waiting on the

Mayor and Council to approval the Liability Insurance, so the committee be ready to response back to PSEG for the finial approve of the street poles and locations to place the banners.

D. Create & Sharing Meeting Zoom Link (Update)

Committee member Thomas Lang presented the committee an update on the status of the Zoom Link. The meeting zoom link is still being worked on. **Motion Offered by Committee Member Warren Williams and Second by Committee Member Amos White**, to give more time to be giving for Committee member Thomas Lang to work on the zoom link and to give another update report by June 2022 meeting. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

E. Discuss Ideas/plans for Special Golf or Bowling Events (Update)

Committee Member Benjamin Whaley presented the committee an update on the Bowling Event for the committee. Committee member Benjamin Whaley, reported that all the local Bowling centers are asking a very high cost rate for special event and will not give any discounts. Mr. Benjamin Whaley recommended to the committee that this bowling event be closed matter at this time. **Motion Offered by Committee Member John Smith and Second by Committee Member Thomas Lang** to close out the idea of having a bowling event at this time due high cost rate. All present voting in favor and none oppose. **Motion Offered by Committee Member Warren Williams and Second by Committee Member Amos White**, to close and drop the idea of a Special Golf event due to fact that Committee Member Joseph Sokol, was not present at this month meeting and did not forward any information on any local golf clubs and planning information. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

11. New Business

A. Bergen County Veterans Services (Director, Shaun Hutchinson)

Mr. Shaun Hutchinson, the new appointed Director for the Bergen County Veterans Services Office, in Hackensack, NJ. Was a special guest at this month committee meeting. It is the mission of the Bergen County Veterans Services Office to share the many resources and benefits that are currently available for our veterans in Bergen County. Mr Hutchinson has asked for this committee to teamed up with the this office to offer assistance and adding the Bergenfield Veterans Committee another resource by assisting veterans as another link to assist veterans and their family. **Motion Offered by Committee Member John Smith and Second by Committee Member Warren Williams** to approve the partnership with the Bergen County Veterans Services Office to support our veterans throughout Bergen County. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

B. Revision of Committee By-Laws

Motion Offered by Committee Member John Smith and Second by Committee Member Warren Williams. This matter for the Revision of the Committee By-Laws be moved to June 202 Meeting All present voting in favor and none oppose.

C. May 2022 Buddy Poppy Program

The Buddy Poppies are available and need volunteers to help out by giving out poppies during Memorial Day weekend. Need the volunteers names and location by May 19, 2022 meeting

12. Verbal Communications

No public communications at this time

13. Chairman's Comments

No comments at this time from Committee Chairman

14. 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 Thursday, May 19, 2022; Time 7:00 PM, location VFW Post. There being no further business to come before the Veterans Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Warren Williams
Sgt Major (Ret), U. S. Army
Committee Secretary