

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

May 19, 2022

MINUTES

1. Meeting Called To Order at 7:02 PM

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 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 Benjamin Whaley

5. Invocation

The Invocation given by Chaplin Dr. Samuel Paul

6. Changes to the Agenda

Yes, Additions to the Agenda. Good of the Order.

Motion Offered by Committee Chairman John Smith and **Second** by Committee Member Thomas Lang, to add another item to the agenda call Good of the Order, to honor of a fallen or deceased of Veteran.

All present voting in favor and none opposed

7. Approval of Minutes

Motion Offered by Committee Member Thomas Lang and **Second** by Committee Member Fred Sahlberg approve the minutes for April 16, 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 April 16, 2022 through May 19, 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 Willie Moree and **Second** by Committee Member Thomas Lang approve the committee's treasury report for the period of April 16, 2022 to May 19, 2022 Report. All present voting in favor and none oppose

9. Presentation/Correspondence

A. 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 will need some volunteers to help out with event. The VFW is asking if any committee members and their neighbors have any items to donate to this garage sale for drop-off items at the VFW Post starting on June 1st 2022.

B. June 2022 Meeting Date Change

Committee Secretary Warren Williams, recommend that the June 18, 2022 meeting date be reschedule to June 25, 2022 do to a scheduling conflict with the committee meeting and VFW Post 6467 Garage Sale for June 18-19, 2022 are both on the same date for June 18, 2022. **Motion Offered** by Committee Chairman John Smith and **Second** by Committee Member Fred Sahlberg, to reschedule June 18, 2022 meeting date to June 25, 2022 at 10:00AM to resolve the date conflict for the VFW Post 6467 Garage Sale. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

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 32 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 Chairman John Smith has submitted the nomination packet for the Parade Grand Marshall of Alexandra Rodriguez and Committee Member Fred Sahlberg nominate Thomas Lang for Parade Grand Marshall. Both nomination packets are ready for selection. There were not no nomination from the DAV Chapter submitted to the committee at this time. **Motion Offered** by Committee Member Warren Williams and **Second** by Committee Member Amos White, that the committee to approve the nomination of Thomas Lang as the Parade Grand Marshall for this year's Memorial Day Parade and submit the final summary by next week to the Mayor's Office. 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. The street locations are; New Bridge Road, South Prospect Ave, South Washington Ave, for total of 130 poles. 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. Committee Member recommend that the committee need to submit the street pole roster now. Its been over 60 or more days since our first to response back to PSEG.

11. Good of the Order

No mentions at this time

12. New Business

A. Bergen County Veterans Services (Director, Shaun Hutchinson)
Mr. Shaun Hutchinson, the new appointed Director for the Bergen County Veterans Services Office, Hackensack, 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

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, June 25, 2022; Time 10:00 AM, location VFW Post. There being no further business to come before the Veterans Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


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