

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Bergenfield Memorial Post 6467 VFW
February 17, 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

Roll Call	Present	Absent
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
Jose Vasquez, Secretary	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 (January 2024)

Motion Offered by Fredrick Sahlberg and **Second** by Amos White to approve minutes for November 18, 2023, Regular Committee Meeting minutes and to be published on the website for the Veterans Advisory Committee. There was no committee meeting, and no minutes published for December 14, 2023, due to the Mayor and Council Annual Volunteer Dinner. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

8. Treasury Report (January 2024)

The current balance of funds available is \$1,886.63. There are no other expenses or billing transactions during the reporting period of January 20, 2024 to February 17, 2024. **Motion Offered** by Richard Morf and **Second** by Dina Moore to approve the committee's treasury report for the period of January 20, 2024 to February 17, 2024. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

9. Presentation

10. Correspondence

No Correspondence at this time.

11. Unfinished Business

a. Dates for State Service Medal Ceremony

- Looking at June 14, 2024 if date available. Need request backup date for 2-weeks after June 14.
- The location for this Service Medal Ceremony may be at New Boro Hall or VFW Post.

b. Sponsor a Unit Deployment: 1500 NJ National Guard soldiers from 44th Brigade being sent to the

- Middle East. Need to sponsor a local unit (250th BSB & 508 MP) for farewell, care packages and welcome home ceremonies.

c. Veterans Information Resources:

- Pact Act to notify the public about Bergen Region. Boro Hall, Conlon Hall, or VFW Post for 2-day event. Need more information.

d. NJ Boating Safety Course

- Boating Safety Course will be held on April 13, 2024. Registration Opens on March 1, 2024 and \$20 non-refund deposit when registering. The course is an 8-hour class with 30 student seating limits. All course attendees must contact Mr. Fredrick Sahlberg to register and course information.

e. Service Officer Training

- Bergen County VSO Kevin O'Hara is hosting a VFW Service Officers Training
- Date & Time: March 30, 2024. Reporting time 9:00AM and Training from 10:00 AM -2:00PM
- Service Officers training is to get local VFW Post Service Officers updated with VA Benefits and how to understand the VA.

f. Fundraising

- New Bridge BP Gas Station Gasoline Pump donation drive
- GoFundMe web page for VFW Building Upgrades
- Need more information from New Bridge Regional
- Munder Mystery Night – April 20, 2024, 7PM to 12AM. Need to have tickets available by March 1st.
- Grants: State/Federal/Private donors

12. New Business

No New Business at this time.

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).

-John Smith: Displeased with the way his claim has been managed. Displeased with how community care manages his health care. Received a bill from New Bridge Bergen Regional.

-Kevin Gynegrowski, New assigned VSO, to Bergen County Veterans Services Office. Kevin announces himself and has offered this assistance for the Bergenfield's Veterans who have or are getting ready to file VA claims.

14. Good of the Order

-The Chapel of Fours Chaplains Legion of Honor Award Ceremony, March 16, 2024, 10AM, St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, Kearny, NJ

-VFW District-2 Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen & Teachers of Year Winners Awards ceremony. March 27, 2024, 7PM, Little Ferry VFW Post-809.

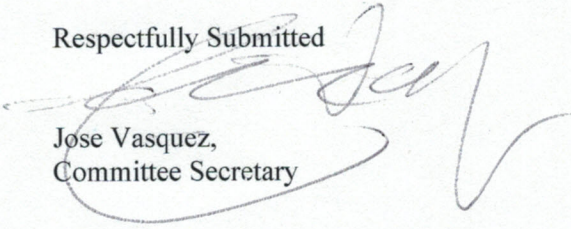
15. Committee Comments (Members Only)

No committee members comments at this time.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Veterans Advisory Committee. The meeting is adjourned **Motion Offered** by Warren Williams **Second** by Dina Moore to adjourn the meeting. All present voting in favor and none oppose. The ended at 12:05PM. The next schedule committee meeting will be on March 16, 2024 at 10:30AM at the location at Bergenfield Public Library.

Respectfully Submitted


Jose Vasquez,
Committee Secretary