

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Bergenfield Public Library
June 15, 2024
10:30 AM**

1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:33 a.m.

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	Excused
Venus Carpenter, Member	x		
Edgar Garcia, Member	x		
Thomas Lang, Vice Chairman	x		
Kean Castillo, Member			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

Led by Committee Chairman Warren Williams

5. Invocation (Chaplin)

Given by Committee Chaplin Dr. Samuel Paul

6. Agenda Changes (Additions/Deletion)

No changes to agenda

7. Approval of Minutes

Motion Offered by Jose Vasquez, and second by **Thomas Lang** to approve minutes for May 18, 2024, Regular Committee Meeting minutes. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

8. Treasury Report

The treasury report for May 18, 2024, **Motion Offered** by Venus Carpenter, and **Second** by Dina Moore. No change to the committee account balance, \$1936.63 USD. There are no other expenses or billing transactions for the reporting period of May 18, 2024 - June 15, 2024 treasury report. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

- We are still inquiring about a new committee design for table display covers and shirts.

9. Presentation

None

10. Correspondence

None

11. Unfinished Business

a. Grants: State/Federal/Private donators Update

- AARP Grant: Application still in process and waiting approval
- State Grant: Been submitted and approved for \$50,000, Waiting on funds to be release
- Renovation Plans and Bids are still pending

b. Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade Information

- Next year nominations form packet and organization form will be sent out by February 2025.
- Grand Marshal: Edward Lora, SSG USMU, Bergenfield
- Morning Ceremony: great turnout at Coopers Pond.
- Parade: Started on time, 27 organizations participated and Good turnout

c. Banner design/ table clothes for future event.

- Committee Chairman Williams, is working on new table cover design for future event display.

12. New Business

- Murder mystery event for October 19,2024, creating a committee.
- New committee member nominations. Committee Chairman Warren Williams here by nominates Mr. Peter Mathews and Mr. Edward Lora to be part of the Veterans Committee. **Motion Offered** by Dina Moore and **Second** by Richard Morf to approve Peter Mathews and Edward Lora as members of Veterans Committee. All present voting in favor.

13. Public Comment *(Please be advised there will be a limit of three (5) minutes per speaker and each may speak only once.)*

- Special Guest: Bergenfield Mayor Arvin Amatorio is requesting for the Bergenfield Veteran Committee to be involved in the development of a statue or memorial for the Bataan Death March Memorial Project and to work with all other organizations in our community. Committee Chairman approved Mayor Amatorio request and appointed two (2) committee members, Peter Mathews and Fredrick Sahlberg to represent the veterans committee to the Bataan Death March Memorial Project Planning Committee.

14. Good of the Order

- Women Veterans Recognition Day, June 12, 2024, Bergen Community College-
- Flag Retirement Ceremony, June 14, 2024, 12:30PM, Bergen County Admin Bldg., Hackensack, NJ
- VFW-NJ Auxiliary Luncheon (Carolyn Rovito, State Auxiliary President), VFW Post-6699, Paramus, NJ

15. Committee Comments (Members Only)

- Committee Member Venus Carpenter request to create a Juneteenth committee for next year's National Juneteenth Day, to get the community more involved. Committee Chairman Williams approved the request appointed Committee Member Venus Carpenter as Juneteenth Day Chairperson.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Veterans Advisory Committee, **Motion Offered** by Fred Sahlberg **Second** by Richard Morf to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM. All in favor none opposed. The next schedule committee meeting will be on **July 20, 2024, time 10:30 AM. at the location of Bergenfield VFW Post.**

Respectfully Submitted
Jose Vasquez
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Committee Secretary