

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Bergenfield VFW Post-6467
July 20, 2024
10:30 AM**

MINUTES

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		
Edward Lora, Member			x
Amos White, Member		x	
Warren Williams, Chairman	x		

4. Flag Salute

Led by Committee Chairman Warren Williams

5. Invocation (Chaplin)

Given by Vice Committee Thomas Lang

6. Agenda Changes (Additions/Deletion)

No changes to agenda

7. Approval of Minutes

Motion Offered by Willie Moree and **Second** by Dina Moore to approve minutes for June 15, 2024, Regular Committee Meeting minutes. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

8. Treasury Report

The treasury report for July 20, 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 June 15, 2024 – July 20, 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

- Welcome of New Committee Members: Edward Lora & Peter M. Mathews

- Special Guest: Councilman Buddy Deauna want to be temporary member of the committee for the upcoming Bataan Death March of World War-II Project. This project will be the 1st Nation memorization.

10. Correspondence

No Correspondence

11. Unfinished Business

a. Grants: State/Federal/Private donators Update

- AARP Grant: Application still in process and waiting approval

- State Grant: Been approved for \$50,000, Waiting on funds to be release

- Renovation Plans and Bids are still pending.

- Committee Chairman recommend to committee members to look for local contractors to offer their services to update the VFW Post.

- Committee Table Display Cover: VFW Jr. Vice Commander Mr. Jose Henriquez has offered his assistance by getting the table cover for the committee. All committee members have thanked Mr. Henriquez for his assistance.

- Committee need a 10x10 Popup tent and canopy to have the same colors & designs as the table cover.

12. New Business

a. New Borough Hall Exterior Overly (Flagpole & Veteran Monuments)

- Veterans Committee need to bring recommendations to the Councilman Pascual and Committee Chairman Williams on the best location the monuments to be displayed in front of the new building. Councilman Deauna recommends the same ideal.

b. POW?MIA Recognition Day (September 20, 2024) Must start planning for ceremony.

- c. Veterans Day Ceremony (November 11, 2024) Must start our pre-plan. Need to work on an alternative location to hold ceremony, due to the pending demolition of the old borough building and construction of the new borough building front parking area/lawn.
- d. Mayor's Memorial & Remembrance Bataan Death March Project for 2025. Committee Chairman Williams recommends that all committee members need to get more familiar about Bataan Death March during World War-2.

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

No public comments at this moment.

14. Good of the Order

- Game Night with the Vets, July 11, 2024, 6:30PM-9PM Bergenfield VFW Post. Good Turn-Out
- Upcoming Game Night with the Vets, July 15, 2024, Bergenfield VFW Post
- Summer Latin Night, Cooper's Pond, July 27, 2024, 7PM, Bergenfield NJ.
- Bergenfield VFW Post-6467 Auxiliary, 7th Annual Pig Roast, August 24, 2024, 1PM-6PM
- Bergen County Annual Senior Festival, September 12, 2024, 10AM-2PM, Van Daun County Park Paramus, NJ
- VFW-NJ District-2 Annual Picnic, September 14, 2024, 12PM-3PM, AL Post-170, Rochelle PK, NJ

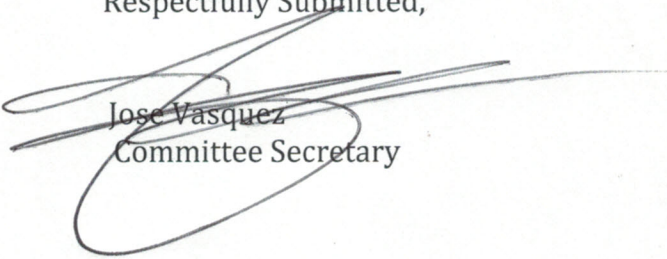
15. Committee Comments (Members Only)

- 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.
- Committee By-Laws needs to revise: Chairman Warren Williams recommend that By-Laws Subcommittee formed and will like to have 3 members to volunteer for the By-Laws Committee

16. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Veterans Advisory Committee, **Motion Offered** by Venus Carpenter **Second** by Dina Moore to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 PM. All in favor none opposed. The next schedule committee meeting will be on August 17, 2024, time 10:30 AM. at the location of Bergenfield VFW Post.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jose Vasquez
Committee Secretary