

Township of Egg Harbor

Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098
3029 Spruce Avenue, EHT
February 25, 2013

MINUTES

Chairman Dodson called the Meeting to Order.

Chairman Dodson read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Chairman Dodson led the Pledge of Allegiance and members held a moment of silence for the departed.

Roll Call: Robert Dodson – Present
 William Hegarty- Absent, Excused
 Paul Hodson – Present
 Douglas Lundberg, Jr. – Present
 Pat Moschetto – Present
 Dan Clayton – Present
 Mike Ebert – Absent, excused
 John Rush – Present

APPROVALS

⌘ Minutes of January 28, 2013

Read and approved.

BUSINESS

⌘ Memorial Day Parade

Member Moschetto confirmed that the restrooms at the library will be open for the parade. Atlantic County Library Director Karen George has given the okay.

Member Rush and Chairman Dodson will circulate flyers that were prepared by Township Committee Secretary Hughes asking veterans to participate in the planning of the parade and/or to be included in the procession. Members were thankful for the flyers.

Member Hodson advised the members that golf carts will be available for the parade from McCullough's Emerald Golf Links.

Member Rush suggested that we have an indoor location to be used as an alternate in the event of rain. Member Hodson will look into using the community center.

Member Lundberg will attempt to find one of the family members whose name appears on the memorial and ask them to speak at the ceremony.

Also, additional speakers should be added to the ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS

⌘ Employment Opportunities

Member Lundberg suggested former military members should help with security in our district schools. This topic was discussed at length by the board and the bottom line was money and health issues of our veterans.

Member Clayton stated that Egg Harbor Township is looking to hire veterans seeking employment, specifically dispatchers for police and fire.

⌘ Veteran Housing

The issue of veteran housing in the Township was brought up and discussed. Member Hodson advised the board that the Township did not have many positive results in the past. Most projects did not have enough money and or experienced construction companies. Plus, the Pinelands Commission was hammering the Township over housing issues.

⌘ Information for Veterans

Member Rush suggested the board place information for veterans around the Township that includes what state benefits are available to them. He read an article dated March 5, 2012 published in The Press of Atlantic City titled "For Their Service."

⌘ July 4th Ceremony

The board discussed the possibility of having fireworks for this year or in the near future at the 4th of July Ceremony. Money is the main issue, but the board will work on same.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW.

Motion Dodson second Rush to adjourn the meeting. Vote: all present voted, yes.

John Rush, Member
Secretary