

Township of Egg Harbor

Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098
3029 Spruce Avenue, EHT
April 22, 2013

MINUTES

Chairman Robert Dodson called the meeting to order.

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

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

APPROVALS

§ Minutes of March 25, 2013

Read and approved with the following correction:

The boy scout troop is not in need of new leaders, they are looking for a new home to meet. It appears as though Linwood will be it.

Members discussed and approved that members should not call Township Committee Secretary Hughes to modify minutes. All future adjustments or corrections to minutes are to be brought up at the regular meeting and approved by the members.

OLD BUSINESS

§ Memorial Day Parade

Adjustments and preparations are in the works for the parade including speakers, memorial site site clean up and setup of bleachers. Members are still working on getting a final number of veterans who will need rides in the parade. It is the boards intention to obtain golf carts and vintage autos to accomdate the veterans who need a ride.

The four (4) main speakers will be; Thomas Vesper, USMC, Chief Warrant Officer, William Gunther, related to Thomas A. Gunther whose name appears on our memorial site for vietnam veterans who were killed in the conflict. Also speaking will be Robert Frolow, Veterans Service Officer for Atlantic County, Frank Balles, Atlantic County Sheriff.

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The Mainland High School Band will march and play at the memorial site. The alternate site will be the community center on English Creek Avenue (if it rains). VFW Post 8098 will march in parade, but we might need vehicles for the disabled. Committee Liason Hodson and Member Clayton are trying to get help from Ft. Dix and the Coast Guard to participate in some way.

Egg Harbor Township PAL Cheerleaders will be disbursing flags and water to all visitors.

NEW BUSINESS

§ Veterans Housing

Commander Humphries of VFW Post 8098 spoke to the board about the veterans housing proposal that was brought up at the committee meeting. Also, Committee Liaison Hodson, Members Lundberg, Moschetto, Clayton, Rush, Dodson and Hegarty all spoke. The board agreed that it was generally a negative attitude they had with the project. Members should all attend the next meeting.

§ Street Flags

Member Lundberg suggested that the flags on the street poles be lowered. This would stop the flags from being caught up and torn most of the time. Committee Liaison Hodson will look into same.

§ Flag Dropoff

The clerks office received a recommendation from a resident to have a dropoff box for torn and/or tattered flags at Town Hall. Members advised that there is a drop off at VFW Post on Spruce Avenue. Committee Liason Hodson will look into the possibility of a drop box at Town Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board welcomed two (2) new veterans in the audience; Kim Yoder and Bruce Gittleman.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are generally held at the VFW, but board members are hoping to move this meeting to the Library on Swift Drive to discuss parade items.

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

John Rush, Member
Secretary