

Township of Egg Harbor

Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098
3029 Spruce Avenue, EHT

May 11, 2015

MINUTES

Member Hodson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and members held a moment of silence for the departed.

Member Lundberg read the Public Announcement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.

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

Guests: SFC Robert Williams, Active Duty Army Veteran, current NJ Army NG

APPROVALS

‡ Minutes of April 27, 2015

The meeting minutes were discussed.

→ Motion made by Hodson, second Moschetto. All present voted- yes.

MISCELLANEOUS BOARD BUSINESS

Member Lundberg was informed by Township Secretary Jenna Rocco that the Board must read the Public Announcement at each meeting and state the reading in the minutes.

Member Ebert updated the Board concerning his needs.

OLD BUSINESS

‡ Memorial Day Preparation

→ *Parade Setup*

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Member Hodson reported that the American Legion Riders must be placed towards the front of the parade lineup so that they can immediately leave to another parade.

Member Hodson reported that he has obtained the golf carts.

Member Lundberg confirmed with Patrolman Weldon that the EHTPD Color Guard can be placed anywhere in the parade order the Board wishes.

Member Lundberg confirmed the Atlantic County Squadron-Civil Air Patrol is providing a Color Guard.

SFC Williams suggested that he could mark out on the street the locations each parade unit should form up. Members suggested that it may help but otherwise would probably be unnecessary.

Member Lundberg reported that he called the Northfield Armory to see if they could provide parade assistance this year with military marchers and equipment, but he was unable to reach anyone.

→ *Ceremony Setup*

Member Moschetto informed the Board that the Atlantic County Library confirmed that the bathrooms will be open for our use. He suggested, and Member Hodson agreed, that the Township send out a thank you letter in advance to their representative, Karen George at the Mays Landing office, to serve as a reminder. Member Lundberg said he would prepare and have the letter sent.

Member Clayton brought up, and members discussed, the placement and number of bleachers needed. It was confirmed two bleachers are needed and must be pushed back to the side as far as possible to allow maximum center space.

Member Lundberg reported that the ceremony program was nearly completed. Confirmed was the Civil Air Patrol Color Guard, the Puggi family speaker, the EHTHS Band for the music and Taps, Jeff MacNeill for bagpipes, and Boy Scout and Girl Scout for Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Clayton suggested that he could setup a microphone for the Boy and Girl Scouts so that they could pick a leader each to start the Pledge of Allegiance. Members thought that it would be an improvement.

SFC Williams reminded the Board to secure flags to be handed out. Member Hodson reported he had plenty of them at Township Hall.

Member Hodson mentioned that he will ensure the flags along Ocean Heights and at the Memorial will be in place and new.

Member Hodson reported a possibility of improving the Veteran Memorial with additional pavers so that the ceremony site will be better suited for events.

→ *Miscellaneous*

Member Hegarty suggested that pamphlets be developed so that he, and anyone interested, could post and hand out them around the Township. Members thought that it was a good idea. Member Lundberg stated he would work with SFC Williams and Township Secretary Rocco to ensure a pamphlet is developed and printed out, and will let Hegarty know when complete.

⚔ Veterans Memorial Beautification

Member Hodson again informed the Board of his increasing success in obtaining support to beautify and improve the memorial location. He again request members provide input on the needs of the site as he would like to begin finalizing a list as soon as possible.

Members discussed general thoughts and ideas such as improving the area the ceremonies are held with matching pavers in an arched design, to replace and upgrade the benches, and replace the trash cans.

Member Clayton informed the Board that the small County Veterans Memorial at the corner of Zion Road and Bargaintown Road was being worked on. He presented the idea if it could be moved to our Memorial but Members thought unlikely as it was a County stone.

Members agreed to meet at the Memorial next meeting to look over the site more thoroughly.

⚔ Flag Day 2015

Member Hodson asked the Board what they wanted to do with Flag Day. Member Lundberg suggested a loose duplication of last years program as it was very successful.

Members agreed to meet on June 1st to discuss and plan the Flag Day ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS

⚔ September 11th Events

Member Hodson reported that the Township will again do a golf tournament in support of the Wounded Warrior Project on Thursday, September 10th. He reported a 144 participant cutoff.

Member Clayton suggested the Board continue to hold the September 11th program at the firehouses with World Trade Center Steel. Member Lundberg reminded the Board that Farmington firehouse had interest in dedicating their memorial this year, and Member Hodson confirmed their request.

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ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the *EHT Veterans Memorial*.

This meeting will strictly be for Memorial Day preparation.

Member Clayton notified the Board that he is unable to attend.

The following meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 1st.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 8:15 PM:
→ Motion made by Hodson, second Moschetto. All present voted- yes.

Douglas Lundberg, Member
Acting Secretary