

Township of Egg Harbor

Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098
3029 Spruce Avenue, EHT

August 24, 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 – *Absent*
Mike Ebert – *Absent*
William Hegarty – Present
Paul Hodson – Present
Douglas Lundberg, Jr. – Present
Pat Moschetto – *Absent*
John Rush – Present

Guests: Brian Borowski, Township Veteran
Dennis Sharpe, Assistant Chief, Farmington Fire Company

APPROVALS

§ Minutes of June 22, 2015

The meeting minutes were discussed.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BOARD BUSINESS

Member Lundberg brought to the attention of the Board that all Township Boards, Commissions, and Authorities are being requested to follow the procedure concerning absences. This request is given in a letter dated August 19, 2015 from Township Administrator Peter Miller, and references Article XXV of Chapter 6 of the Township Code.

Member Hodson said that he would review the Board's absences to see if any member is beyond the limit as it was thought some members might be in danger of exceeding the limits.

OLD BUSINESS

§ September 11th Ceremony Preparation

Members discussed the September 11th program. Asst. Chief Sharpe reported that Farmington was on board and was working on finishing preparations on their end.

The date and time picked is September 11, 2015, at 6:00pm.

Brian Borowski mentioned that he will look into securing a speaker from the USCG Air Station Atlantic City. Members thanked him for this assistance. Member Rush suggested using Assemblyman Brown as a speaker. Farmington Fire Company leadership would also be speaking in addition to the reading of the Proclamation.

Member Lundberg said that he would update and read the Proclamation.

Asst. Chief Sharpe said that Farmington will provide the chairs and the refreshments. He will also look into securing a podium.

Member Lundberg will reach out to Member Moschetto to see if he could sing, and reach out to Member Clayton to see if he can provide sound.

Member Lundberg will also reach out to Alder Avenue Middle School to see if their chorus is able to participate this year, they had previously shown interest. He will also reach out to the Atlantic City Sandpipers.

Member Hodson said he will advertise the event in *The Current*.

Asst. Chief Sharpe will check who can do the benediction and invocation. He will also contact Cardiff and Scullville Fire Companies to obtain a latter truck to hang the large American Flag.

Asst. Chief Sharpe will provide Member Lundberg the Artifact Number and a picture of the monument to be possibly places on the program.

Member Lundberg asked Asst. Chief Sharpe if Farmington could do something different and special at the event. Sharpe thought it over and decided they could Ring the Memorial Bell. Members thought this was a great and fresh idea.

§ Veterans Day Essay Contest

Members discussed what they wanted to do concerning the essay contest this year. Member Lundberg asked for a definite answer at this meeting as both principals from the Alder and Fernwood Middle Schools wanted it provided to them before the start of the school year.

Members decided to stick with the format followed in the most recent years. They felt even though there have been a few problems with the essay, of which are beyond the Board's control, the essays are generally successful.

Decided was that the topic would remain the same, "What Veterans Day means to America" that each teacher will pick the top of their class, then those essays will be judged by the Board.

Member Lundberg will work with the Township secretary to ensure the essay information is sent out to the principals immediately.

Member Rush will talk to the Superintendent about the essay program.

Timeline for the essays will assigned to give the students enough time to complete them and for the Board to do the final review.

§ Veterans Memorial Beautification

Member Lundberg asked Member Hodson if there was and development concerning Beautification of the Memorial. Hodson reported that he passed all of the Board's requests to Administrator Peter Miller and that Miller had been out to the Memorial with the Township Engineer.

Member Lundberg said that the Historical Society has some ideas of what to include for the new monument.

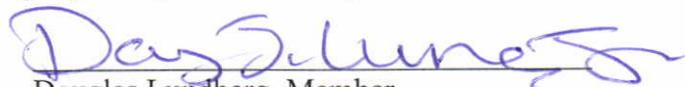
NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Cardiff VFW.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 8:25 PM:
→ Motion made by Rush, second Hegarty. All present voted- yes.



Douglas Lundberg, Member
Acting Secretary