

# Township of Egg Harbor

## Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098  
3029 Spruce Avenue, EHT  
**September 28, 2015**

### MINUTES

Member Lundberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, dated September 16, 2015.

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

Guests: Brian Borowski, Township Veteran  
Robert Williams, Active Duty Army Veteran, current NJ Army National Guard

### APPROVALS

#### § Minutes of August 24, 2015

The meeting minutes were discussed.

Member Rush expressed his thoughts that a portion of the minutes might be in error, specifically the section of the September 11th Preparation.

Member Lundberg postponed the approving of these minutes until all four members that were present in that meeting can discuss the issue.

### MISCELLANEOUS BOARD BUSINESS

None discussed.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### § September 11th Ceremony After Action Report

Members discussed the September 11th program. Members generally thought that it went well without any major issues.

Member Lundberg explained why some organizations were able to participate while others were not.

Member Clayton was pleased that the Board chose a speaker from the US Coast Guard. His thoughts were that because the USCG is a part of Homeland Security, that it was appropriate for the ceremony.

Member Lundberg thanked Brian Borowski for assisting the Board in obtaining this speaker. Brian Borowski stated that the USCG was very pleased to be asked to speak, and had a number of officers, perhaps up to four, willing to do so.

Member Lundberg stated he had an issue of placing Assemblyman Chris Brown into the program, as his acceptance was an hour before the program was printed.

Member Hegarty thanked Member Lundberg for putting together the program. He also stated that *The Current's* write-up of the event was excellent.

Member Lundberg asked Brian Borowski and Robert Williams what they thought of the ceremony, as they were part of the general public in attendance. They both thought that it was a nice event to attend.

Brian Borowski noted poor advertisement of the event.

Member Lundberg noted besides those in attendance related to the program itself, there was poor attendance by the general public. Brian Borowski stated some of that is due to lack of advertisement.

Member Clayton started a discussion questioning again if the Board should be the primary force behind a September 11th program. Clayton stated his belief that it would be more appropriate for the Township Fire Companies to take charge of the event and have a more active role in the program, and leave the Board only in a secondary support role.

Member Lundberg was against this idea for a few reasons- because the Board was the one that had started the program at his request; that it is not only tied to Firefighters, but to other organizations- including the military- of which the Board includes all of them, but which they might otherwise not be included; and that he feared the event would be lessened as Memorial Day once was in the Township before the Board took on the responsibility, including his fear of decreasing attendance.

Members discussed the pro and cons of who should be in charge of the Memorial Service. Members generally agreed that it should be looked into to see if the Fire Companies are

interested and able to start holding the event on their own, with most members hoping they will accept.

Member Lundberg requested Robert Williams to check with the Fire Company leadership to see if they will attend a future Board meeting to discuss the issue, as he has frequent dealings with them.

Member Clayton also stated that he thought the programs for the September 11, as well as the Flag Day program, should be changed to be more unique and not the generic standard format. However, he had no thoughts on how to accomplish this.

### **§ Veterans Day Essay Contest**

Member Lundberg informed the Board that he prepared the Veterans Day Essay Contest and a letter to the principals, and had the Township Secretary send it out, which was done.

Member Rush stated he talked to the Superintendent Dr. Scott McCartney about the Essay Contest, of which the Superintendent stated he will make sure the essays are completed this year.

Member Lundberg requested Member Hegarty to discuss with Beth Epstein in securing three gift card for the winners, as she as in the past provided them.

Member Lundberg asked Members to check their emails to look over the incoming essays, so that final thoughts and the winners can be discussed in the October meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **§ Possible Veterans Day Program**

Member Moschetto started a discussion concerning if the Board has an interest and the ability to hold a Veteran's Day program because he knows many towns hold one, but that the Township does not.

Member Lundberg stated that he was asked the same thing by Brian Borowski at the end of the September 11th program, who had the idea of the Township holding a Program of Remembrance for Veterans.

Members generally thought that such a program would be possible but some issues need to be solved, such as inclement weather with the program being held so late in the year. Also at issue would be developing a program that was not generic, as Member Clayton had stated earlier in the meeting.

Member Clayton suggested holding it at Zion Church Cemetery as they have many Revolutionary War Soldiers buried there.

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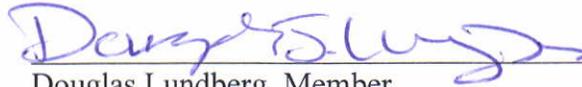
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Member Clayton stated it was a good idea but that the Board does not have enough time to put together a program. Member Lundberg informed the Board that there was enough time to put it together, as the September 11 and Flag Program often only takes a few weeks to put together. Members still decided to push off the idea until next year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Cardiff VFW.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 8:10 PM:  
→ Motion made by Moschetto, second Rush. All present voted- yes.



Douglas Lundberg, Member  
Acting Secretary