

Township of Egg Harbor

Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098
3029 Spruce Avenue, EHT

November 24, 2014

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.

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

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

APPROVALS

§ Minutes of October 27, 2014

Last meeting minutes were discussed.

- Motion to accept minutes as read: Motion made by Ebert, second Hodson. All present voted- yes.

BOARD BUSINESS

§ Meeting Minutes

Member Lundberg reminded the Board that minutes should be approved by the members in a timely fashion so that the Township can file them as soon as possible.

§ Member Ebert's Leave of Absence

Member Ebert explained to the Board the circumstances surrounding his inability to attend recent meetings and his needing a short leave of absence so that he can participate in an out of state rehabilitation program for an ongoing health related issue. The program is slated to begin in January. Members voiced their support for Ebert and he will keep the Board informed of his progress and needs.

§ Robert Williams

Members welcomed Active Duty Veteran and current NJ National Guard member Robert Williams to the meeting. Williams stated he found about the Board through the Township website and thought of it as a good way to participate in local events and connect with other veterans. He showed interest in coming to future meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

§ Veterans Day Essay Contest

Member Hodson stated that he thought that the presentation of the Veterans Day Essay Contest Winner, Jacob Valenzuela of Mr. Ed Rupp's Fernwood 6th grade class, at the Township Committee's November 5th meeting went very well. Members Hagarty and Lundberg, who were present at the meeting, agreed.

Member Lundberg advised the Board that he had talked to Alder Principal Joe Marinelli and Fernwood Principal James Battersby concerning their problem with producing essays this year. Both Principals agreed that if the Board presented to them the essay notification right at the beginning of the school year that then can work it into part of the curriculum instead of a secondary event. Lundberg suggested, and Members agreed, that planning for the essay take place in the August meeting for submittal to the schools in the beginning of September.

Beth Epstein has let the Board know that she has gift certificates for the essay winner. If Member Hodson is able to obtain them, he will make sure the student receives them.

§ Veteran's Day Activities

Member Hodson mentioned that he was able to attend the event at Somers Point and was pleased. Member Hegarty attended the event Slaybaugh School was holding and said he was overwhelmed with pleasure in their response to him. Members Ebert and Lundberg attended Alder Middle School's event and was very pleased with the student's participation. Guest Robert Williams also attended the event at Slaybaugh School as well at the event at Atlantic Cape Community College.

Member Lundberg suggested, and the Board approved, that the Board send to the teachers-in-charge, the principals, and the school sponsors who held the events at Slaybaugh and Alder schools.

Guest Robert Williams suggested that the Township post on their website the local events available to veterans for Veterans Day.

NEW BUSINESS

§ Veteran's Day Weeklong Events Project

Member Ebert advised the Board that he and Atlantic County Veterans Service Officer Robert Frolow are working together to seek the support of businesses to provide services to veterans in a weeklong event instead of one day of remembrance.

ADJOURNMENT

*Note: The Board does not hold a meeting in December.

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

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 8:05 PM:
→ Motion made by Ebert, second Lundberg. All present voted- yes.

Douglas Lundberg, Member
Acting Secretary