

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Bergenfield Public Library
November 16, 2024
10:30 AM**

MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:32 AM

2. Chairman's Statement

Committee Chairman Warren Williams called the meeting to order by reading the Open Public Meeting Act and the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. Notices of this committee's meeting are here by posted on two municipal public notice bulletin boards, published on the websites for the Borough of Bergenfield and the Veterans Advisory Committee and on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk

3. Roll Call

Roll Call	Present	Absent	Excused
Venus Carpenter, Member			X
Kean Castillo, Member			X
Joseph J. Cutolo, Member		X	
Gerald J. Ferra Jr.			X
Edgar Garcia, Member		X	
Barry Hirschberg, Member	X		
Thomas Lang, Vice Chairman	X		
Edward Lora, Member	X		
Peter M. Matthews, Member	X		
Richard Morf, Member	X		
Dina Moore, Member			X
Willie Moreé Jr, Member		X	
Marc Pascual, Council Liaison		X	
Dr. Samuel Paul, Chaplin	X		
Fredrick Sahlberg, Member	X		
Wilfred Selby, Member		X	
Amos White, Member	X		
Warren Williams, Chairman	X		

4. Flag Salute

Led by Committee Chairman Warren Williams

5. Invocation (Chaplin)

Given by Committee Chaplin Pastor Dr, Samuel Paul

6. Agenda Changes (Additions/Deletion)

7. Approval of Minutes (October 2024)

Motion Offered by Fredrick Sahlberg and **Second by** Richard Morf to approve minutes for October 26, 2024 Regular Committee Meeting minutes and to be published on the Veterans Committee website. All present voted in favor Yes.

8. Treasury Report (November 2024)

The treasury report for November 16, 2024, the current account balance, \$1569.63 USD. Payment of the expenses or billing transactions for the reporting period of October 26, 2024 – November 16, 2024 treasury report. There are no expenses or billing transactions. There was a donation of \$36.00 by Gerald Ferra to contribute to the printing of an event flyer for Veterans Resource Fair on October 19, 2024. The new balance of funds available is now \$1605.63

Motion Offered by Barry Hirschberg and **Second by** Thomas Lang to approve treasurer's report for November 16, 2024 Regular Veterans Committee Meeting. All present voting in favor Yes.

Discussion of following Topics

- Committee Shirts: Colors are: Primary Color Burgundy. Alternate Color: Gray
- Still search for price quotes for shirts and logo embroidery and will need shirt sizes on all committee members
- Table Cover (Replacement): Have 1-piece quote for \$300. Waiting for 2 more quotes from local business for an affordable rate.

9. Presentation

No Presentation

10. Correspondence

No Correspondence

11. Unfinished Business

- Holiday Dinner/Party Pre-Planning (Update)
 - a. Must schedule a special meeting with the leadership of AL, DAV, VFW & Committee, to approve the final food menu for Holiday Dinner/Party.
 - b. Location: Camp Merritt AL Post-21, 75 Legion Drive, Cresskill NJ
Date: December 20th, 2024 & Time: 7:00
 - c. Must send of invite to the Mayors (Bergenfield & Cresskill) also invite to one of County Commissioner.
 - d. Special request to invite a person from Honor Flight of NJ to speak during Holiday Dinner.
 - e. Flyer: The flyer has already completed and been posted on websites. Thank you to Barry Hirschberg for creating this flyer and getting published.

12. New Business

- Annual Continuation as Committee Member.

Each member of this committee who was present has confirm to continue to serve for the year 2025 as follows:

- a. Roll Call Results:

Roll Call	YES	NO
Venus Carpenter, Member	X	
Kean Castillo, Member	X	
Joseph J. Cutolo, Member	X	
Gerald J. Ferra Jr.	X	
Edgar Garcia, Member	X	
Jose Henriquez, Member		X
Barry Hirschberg, Member	X	
Thomas Lang, Vice Chairman	X	
Edward Lora, Member	X	
Peter M. Matthews, Member	X	
Richard Morf, Member	X	
Dina Moore, Member	X	
Willie Moree Jr, Member		X
Dr. Samuel Paul, Chaplin	X	
Fredrick Sahlberg, Member	X	
Wilfred Selby, Member	X	
Jose Vasquez, Secretary		X
Amos White, Member	X	
Warren Williams, Chairman	X	

- Any member who was absent for this meeting, will be contacted by the Committee Chairman, to verify their continuation of serve to this committee for year 2025.

b. Nominating and Electing Committee Officers

The nomination and election of committee officer to be table for December meeting. The purpose to table the Nomination and Election to give all members an opportunity to select nominees for each of the committee's officer positions: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. A notice for Nomination with be sent out immunity to all committee members and conduct the Elections of Officers at the next committee meeting. **Motion Offered by** Fredrick Sahlberg and **Second by** Thomas Lang to approve the election of committee officer at the next committee meeting schedule for December 14, 2024 at 9:00AM at the Disabled American Veterans Center, for the "Election Only". All present voting in favor Yes.

c. Committee Meeting Schedule

- Chairman Warren Williams, presented the Meeting Schedule for year 2025 to committee members. Committee meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Chairman Williams, asked all members, would our committee monthly meetings continue doing rotation of locations or start holding our meetings at the new Borough Hall Building.

Motion Offered by Dr. Samuel Paul and **Second by** Richard Morf to start having all the committee meetings at the new Borough Hall Building and submit 2025 meeting schedule to Councilman Pascual for the use of the meeting room at Borough Hall beginning in January 2025. All present voting in favor Yes.

13. Public Comment *(Please be advised there will be a limit of three (5) minutes per each speaker)*
Closed Meeting- No Public Comments

14. Good of the Order

- Bergen County Commissions Luncheon, Soldier Hill Golf Course, Nov-8-2024 - Very Good
- Bergenfield Veterans Day Ceremony Cooper's Pond Nov-11-2024, 11:00AM - Very Good
- Veterans Day Appreciation Day Ceremony, Bergenfield High School, Nov-11-2024, 1:00PM - Very Good
- Mayor & Council Annual Volunteer Dinner, The Fiesta, Woodridge, Dec-1-2024 5:00PM, (RSVP Mandatory Nov-22-2024) All committee members who attend this event Must get their RSVP done before November 22, 2024

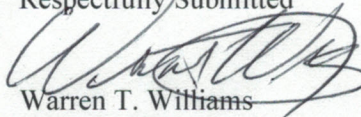
15. Committee Comments (Members Only)

- Committee Chairman Warren Williams, suggested to have all our veteran's organization to donate some funds as award/donate to Miss Uma Nath for her support to all our veterans' events as the vocalist to show our appreciation to her for serve and commandments. The suggestion is to raise about \$500 and a Plaque for her outstanding community service and support our veterans' special events.
- Committee Chairman Warren Williams, spoke more about creating a Student Community Service Program for today's students by offering an opportunity for students to assist our local veterans' organizations to develop or upgrade their digital social media and vital communication website page and to maintain and upgrade email/digital network system for our local veterans' organizations. The program will offer our local students an opportunity to particularly improve their technology skills in the social media field and to earn civic credit by assisting our students with community service requirements. Chairman Warren Williams would like to create a Program Development Committee to be formed in January 2025, to start the groundwork by developing program plan to be introduce to our area high schools & Voc-Tech Schools. All committee members agree with this ideal and start on the planning creation phase in January 2025.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Veterans Advisory Committee, **Motion Offered by** Fredrick Sahlberg and **Second by** Peter M. Matthews to adjourn the meeting at **11:33 AM**. All present voted in favor of adjourning the meeting. The next schedule committee meeting will be on **December 14, 2024 (Election Only)** time **9:30 AM** at the location of **Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Hall**.

Respectfully Submitted


Warren T. Williams
Committee Chairman