

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

**1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:33 AM**

**2. Chairman's Statement**

Vice Committee Chairman Thomas Lang 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**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Venus Carpenter, Member	X		
Kean Castillo, Member	X		
Edgar Garcia, Member		X	
Thomas Lang, Vice Chairman	X		
Marc Pascual, Council Liaison	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

**4. Flag Salute**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Thomas Lang

**5. Invocation (Chaplin)**

Invocation was given by member Dina Moore

**6. Agenda Changes (Additions/Deletion)**

No Deletions/Additions to Agenda

**7. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion Offered** by Dina Moore and **Second** by Kean Castillo to table February 17, 2024, Regular Committee Meeting minutes for next month's meeting. All present voted in favor, and none opposed.

**8. Treasury Report**

**Motion Offered** by Fredrick Sahlberg and **Second** by Richard Morf to table treasury report for February 17, 2024 through March 16, 2024 for next the committee meeting. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

**9. Presentation**

a. Welcome of New Committee Members: Venus Carpenter and Kean S. Castillo

**10. Correspondence**

No Correspondences at this time.

**11. Unfinished Business**

a. Grants: State/Federal/Private donators Update – AARP & State  
-Borough Grant writer has been given assistance for the committee by submitting a grant application for the Veteran Committee to AARP.  
-The NJDCA-SAGE Grant has been submitted and is being processed and pending approval.

b. Boating Safety Course Update - April 13, 2024. Registration Opens on March 1, 2024

c. Munder Mystery Night Update – April 20, 2024 – Tickets are available.  
- All-out effort to support the VFW Post in tickets be sold to public for this event.

**12. New Business**

a. Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade Information (See Invite Notice)  
- The letter and entry form for this year Memorial Day is completed and forwarded to Borough Mr. AJ Stewart for distribute to the public and VIPs.

b. Grand Marshall Application Packet  
- The Grand Marshall Application must be ready NLT April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**13. Public Comment** – Please be advised there will be a limit of three (5) minutes per speaker and each speaker and each may speak only once.  
- No one for public comments at this time.

**14. Good of the Order**

a. Murder Myster Fundraiser Event, Bergenfield VFW Post-6467, April 20, 2024, 7PM -11:30PM  
-Tickets are now available, just contact the VFW Post for tickets.

b. Annual Four Chaplains Award Ceremony, Kearny, March 16 at 11AM  
- Attendees: Chairman Warren Williams & Chaplain Dr. Samuel Paul

c. VFW District-2 Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy Essay Winners Award Ceremony  
- Little Ferry VFW Post 805, March 27, 7PM. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner Bergenfield (Liam Garcia)


- d. National Vietnam War Veterans Day Event, Fort Lee, March 29, 9AM – 3PM
- e. VFW Post Service Officer Training – March 30, 2024, Bergenfield Post, 9AM – 2:PM
- e. VA Benefits Handbooks have been ordered for all committee members.

**15. Committee Comments (Members Only)**

- a. New Borough Hall building – Now Open for day-to-day Business.

**16. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Veterans Advisory Committee, **Motion Offered** by Dina Moore **Second** by Jose Vasquez to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM. All present vote in favor. The next schedule committee meeting will be on April 20, 2024, time 10:30 AM at the location of Bergenfield Public Library



Committee Secretary