

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 12, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**1. Meeting Called To Order at 11:01 AM**

**2. Open Public Meeting Statement**

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, the notice requirements have satisfied. Meeting dates are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. Notices of this meeting was provided to the Record, Star Ledger, Twin Boro News and Cablevision, posted on two municipal public notice bulletin boards, published on the borough website and veterans committee's website and on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**3. Roll Call**

Roll Call	Present	Absent	Excused
John Smith	X		
John Opatovsky			X
Warren Williams	X		
Thomas Lang	X		
Richard Morf	X		
Fred Sahlberg	X		
Wilfred Selby	X		
Joseph Sokol			X
Amos White	X		
Rafael Marte		X	

**4. Salute to the Flag**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Richard Morf

**5. Changes to the Agenda**

No additions / revisions or deletions at this time

**6. Presentation**

Appointment of new committee members – Alexandra Vanessa Dmeza and Willie Moree Jr.

**Motion Offered** by Committee Member Warren Williams and **Second** by Committee Member Thomas Lang, to approve the appointments of Alexandra Vanessa Dmeza and Willie Moree Jr, as members of Veterans Committee.

On roll call the vote is noted as follows

John Smith aye	Richard Morf aye	Joseph Sokol absent
John Opatovsky absent	Fred Sahlberg aye	Amos White aye
Thomas Lang aye	Wilfred Selby aye	Warren Williams aye

## **7. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion Offered** by Committee Member Fred Sahlberg and **Second** by Committee Member Thomas Lang, to approve minutes for May 8 & May 22, 2021 Regular Committee Meeting. All present voting in favor and none opposed.

## **8. Treasurer Report**

**Motion Offered** by Committee Member Warren Williams and **Second** by Committee Member Fred Sahlberg, to approve Treasurer's Report for June 2021. All present voting in favor and none opposed.

**Motion Offered** by Committee Member Thomas Lang and **Second** by Committee Member Fred Sahlberg, to approve to cost of the committee's challenge coins donate by Warren Williams be given a donation voucher in lieu of reimbursement of funds to purchase the BVAC Challenge coins. All present voting in favor and none opposed.

## **9. Correspondence**

A. Submit Amendment to Veterans Committee Resolution for approval by the Borough Mayor and Council Board to add new appointed new members, Alexandra Vanessa Dmeza and Willie Moree Jr, to the Veterans Advisory Committee in accordance with Bergenfield Resolution 21-115.

B. Gordon H. Mansfield Veteran's Housing Community, Tinton Falls, NJ  
Introducing the newest Veterans Housing opportunity. The Gordon H. Mansfield Veteran's Housing Community, will provide permanent housing for veterans of the US Armed Forces, including veterans transitioning from homelessness will be opening in November 2021 occupancy. The Gordon H. Mansfield Veteran's Housing Community is a brand new apartment community is specially designed to meet the needs of New Jersey veterans seeking permanent housing in a welcoming and caring environment. This community will feature Of the 70 units, 18 are for individuals with special needs and two or more units will be for the visual/hearing impaired. and a special women's only wing. Residents will enjoys a vast offering of community supportive services, general wellness, health and social opportunities. The property will feature beautifully landscaped grounds, outdoor tranquility terrace with seating area and community gathering spaces for events, group classes and more. Soldier On Inc., is the service provider, will ensure that the veterans they serve are empowered to take the leading role in creating and maintaining all aspects of the veterans community. Soldier On Inc., case managers will assist residents with maintenance, transportation, service referrals, intakes and discharges. Soldier On's philosophy of peer managed housing and programs enables veterans to make the transition to stable permanent housing. For more information visit [www.GordonMansfieldTintonFallsNJ.com](http://www.GordonMansfieldTintonFallsNJ.com)

## **10. Verbal Communications**

No public or committee members comments at this time.

## **11. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Memorial Day Parade (Discussion/Feedback)**

The Memorial Day was a great successful event. The turn out from the residents of Bergenfield was great along march route of South Prospect Ave. The The color guard did a great job leading the parade. The committee would like to say thank you to all the organizations who participate in making 2021 Memorial Day Parade a great successful event after recovering the Covid-19 Pandemic. This event help bring our community together by having this joyful event.

### **B. Committee's Shirts/Caps/Jacket Logo Ideas (Special Project Team)**

Committee Members Amos White informed the committee there will be a samples of a shirt/Cap by July 2021 meeting.

C. Street Pole Banners for Veterans (Update)

Committee Chairman John Smith, has have some updated information on how to setup, start and a sample banner for July 2021 meeting.

D. Veterans Memorial Park Upgrade Project (Update)

**Motion Offered** by Committee Member Warren Williams and **Second** by Committee Member Amos White, that the Veterans Memorial Field Project be put on hold until year-2022. All present voting in favor and none opposed.

E. Fundraiser Campaign New Bridge Garage BP Gas Station (Update)

Committee Member Warren Williams, informed the committee that the fundraiser campaign by New Bridge Garage BP Gas Station will end sometime after July 4, 2021 and may restart again for Veterans Day in November 2021. Thank you Marc Pascual for sponsoring this fundraiser.

**12. New Business**

No New Business at this time

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion Offered** by Warren Williams and **Second** by John Opatovsky, to adjourned the meeting and announce next month meeting on July 10, 2021. There being no further business to come before the Veterans Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Warren Williams

Committee Secretary