

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
Disabled American Veterans, Building  
October 26, 2024  
10:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:38 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**

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

#### **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)**

No Additions / Deletion to this agenda

#### **7. Approval of Minutes (September 2024)**

**Motion Offered** by Wilfred Selby and **Second** by Barry Hirschberg to approve minutes for September 21, 2024 Regular Committee Meeting minutes and to be published on the Veterans Committee website. All present voted in favor Yes.

#### **8. Treasury Report (October 2024)**

The treasury report for October 26, 2024, the current account balance, \$1569.63 USD. Payment of the following expenses or billing transactions for the reporting period of September 21, 2024 – October 26, 2024 treasury report. **Motion Offered** Gerald J. Ferra and **Second** Edward Lora to approve treasurer's report for October 26, 2024 Regular Veterans Committee Meeting. All present voting in favor Yes.

#### **9. Presentation**

No Presentation

#### **10. Correspondence**

No Correspondence

#### **11. Unfinished Business**

Veterans Day Ceremony (November 11, 2024) Final-Plan Update

- The ceremony agenda has been submitted and still awaiting final confirmation of VIP Speakers and the Bungler from the Bergenfield High School
- Ceremony location will be at Cooper's Pond on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:00AM.
- Reminder that the Bergenfield High School Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at 1:00PM.
- Need to ensure that all organization Wreaths are ready and in place for the ceremony.

#### **12. New Business**

a. Holiday Dinner/Party Pre-Planning

- Need to set date and place: Committee Member Gerald Ferra will speak with AL Post, Mr. Joseph J. Cutolo secure date for December 6 or 13.
- Need to work on dinner menu or catered: Committee Member Gerald Ferra will check with Roman's Pizza & Restaurant for catering rate.
- Holiday Party for committee members and family and special invite to the local Mayor/Council
- Barry Hirschberg will create a flyer for this year's committee's holiday party

b. Fundraiser Events:

Committee Member Gerald Ferra, presented to the other committee members some ideals to have some form of fundraiser for the year 2025.

The fundraiser event would be a Golfing Fundraiser at one of the County's golf courses and to invite the major business and corporations to support the golfing event. All the other committee members like this idea and would like to create a planning committee for the golfing event for 2025.

- Need to form a committee
- Set date of the golfing event
- give support for the County executive and commissions
- Advertising this event county and statewide social media and local news network

**13. Public Comment** *(Please be advised there will be a limit of three (5) minutes per each speaker)*

No one came forward

**14. Good of the Order**

- VA PACT ACT/Resources Fair, October 19, 2024, Conlon Hall, Bergenfield, NJ (AAR)
- 2024 Educational Forum, October 24, 2024, NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial & Museum, Holmdel, NJ (AAR)
- Bergenfield Veterans Day Ceremony, November 11, 2024, 11AM, Cooper's Pond.
- Bergenfield High School, Veterans Day Appreciation Ceremony, November 11, 2024, 1PM

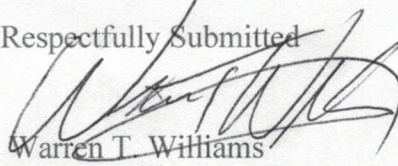
**15. Committee Comments** (Members Only)

- Create ideals and 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. 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.

**16. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Veterans Advisory Committee, **Motion Offered by Peter M. Matthews Second by Fredrick Sahlberg** to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 PM. All present voted in favor of adjourning the meeting. The next committee meeting will be on **November 16, 2024, 10:30 AM** at the location of **Bergenfield Public Library**.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Warren T. Williams  
Committee Chairman