

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 10, 2021**

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM

**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, Twin Boro News and 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**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
John Smith	X		
John Opatovsky	X		
Warren Williams	X		
Kevin Clancy			Incap Svc
Thomas Lang	X		
Richard Morf	X		
Ralph Ritter			Incap Svc
Fred Sahlberg			X
Joseph Sokol	X		
John Smith	X		
Wilfred W. Selby	X		
Amos White	X		
Rafael Marte			X

**4. Salute to the Flag**

Pledge of Allegiance led by John Smith

**5. Changes to the Agenda**

No additions/revisions or deletions at this time

**6. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion Offered** by Committee Member John Opatovsky and **Second** by Committee Chairman John Smith, to approve minutes of the March 13, 2021 Regular Committee Meeting. All present voting in favor and none opposed.

## 7. Correspondence

### A. Amendment to Veterans Committee Resolution

The Amendment to Veterans Committee Resolution been approved and passed by the Borough Mayor and Council Board meeting on March 16, 2021. To change committee members to twenty (20) members and approved new appointed member Wilfred W. Selby to the Veterans Advisory Committee, in accordance with Bergenfield Resolution No.# 21-115.

### B. Welcome New Committee Member

The Veterans Committee like to welcome it's newest member Wilfred W. Selby to the committee. Committee Chairman John Smith and Committee Secretary, presented Committee Member Wilfred Selby, with a Veterans Committee's Challenge Coin to show that he is now part of organization of veterans that band together in support of our in the community

## 8. Verbal Communications

No Verbal Communications from committee members or the public at this time.

## 9. Unfinished Business

### A. Memorial Day Parade Planning

Meeting with Mayor Arvin Amatorio, Councilmans Rafael Marte and Hernando Rivera and Borough Administrator, on March 16, 2021, for the planning of the 2021 Memorial Day Parade. Committee Members John Smith and Warren Williams attend this meeting and informed the Borough that the parade route for 2021 parade will leave Coopers Pond, West Church Street as the staging area. All parade elements will march South Prospect Ave, to New Bridge Road to Veterans Memorial Field. The other Departments attended this planning were Bergenfield PD, Bergenfield FD, Bergenfield DPW and the Bergenfield Ambulance Corps. All parent for this planning meeting for Memorial Day.

### B. Selection of Grand Marshall for 2021 Memorial Day Parade

The committee, has selected all three nominees as the Grand Marshalls for the 2021 Bergenfield Memorial Day Parade,. The individuals are: Shifali Masih, Marine Cops; Visitation (Vickie) Arirao, Air Force and Melissa Duffy, Army. **Motion Offered** by Committee Member Warren Williams and **Second** by Committee Member John Opatovsky to select all three nominees as the 2021 Grand Marshalls for the Memorial Day Parade and to represent the female Veterans and female members in our Armed Force. Committee Chairman John Smith recommend that all selected nominees be contacted of the results and submitted their military service write ups to committee chairman NLT May 1, 2021. All present voting in favor and none opposed.

### C. Civil Service Commission Information

Committee Member Fred Sahlberg and Committee Secretary Warren Williams attended Virtual Information Event for Veterans with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission. This event gives a better understanding how the civil service system works and how to lookup civil service jobs and how to apply for these positions by using the NJ Civil Service Commission website. This event give out the latest update information and process for civil service listing, exams and job announcements and eligibility requirements for current open positions

**D. Committee's Shirts/Caps/Jacket Logo Ideas**

Committee Chairman John Smith, appointed Committee Members Amos White and Wilfred Selby as the committee's special project team to handle the creating the committee's shirts/caps/jacket and logo Ideas. All present voting in favor and none opposed.

**E. Challenge Coin Program & Ceremony**

Committee Secretary Warren Williams presented each member of the Veterans Committee with the Sergeant Major Challenge Coin for there commitment to service and support for all veterans for the Borough of Bergenfield and for Bergen County. This challenge coin has a special meaning with shows how this committee still displays the seven values to this country, Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage

**10. New Business**

**A. Fundraiser Campaign New Bridge Garage BP Station**

Councilman Marc Pascual and business owner of New Bridge Garage and BP Gas Station, will be sponsoring a fundraiser for the Bergenfield Veterans Committee which the BP Oil Company has approved this campaign in support of the Veterans Committee and the local veterans for Bergenfield,. Committee Chairman John Smith will update the committee members when the campaign begins.

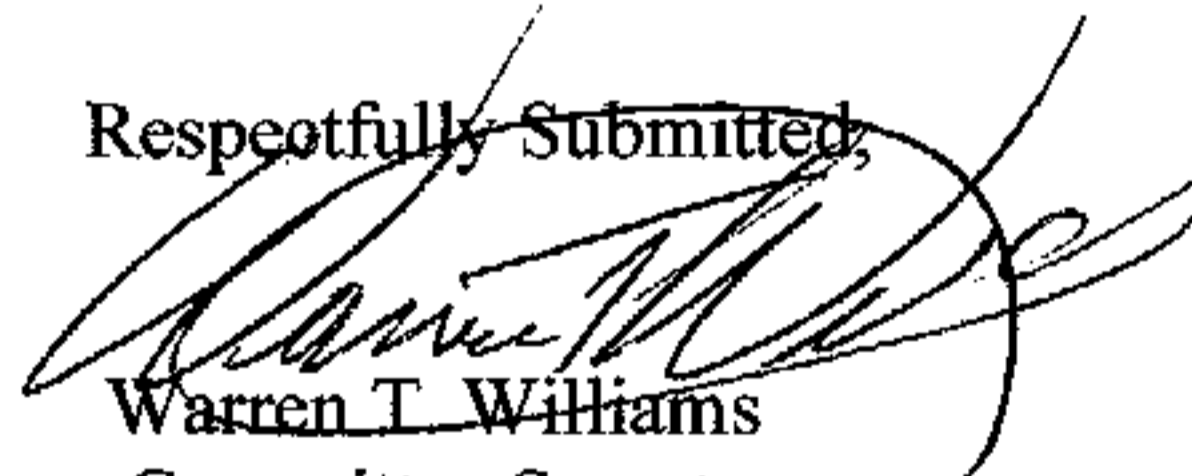
**B. Borough Mandatory MEL Training**

All Veterans Committee members has completed the mandatory MEL Training as required by the Mayor and Council. The Committee Chairman and Secretary forward a Letter of Certification to the Borough Safety Coordinator to confirm which committee members successfully competed the training.

**9. Adjournment**

**Motion Offered** by John Opatovsky and **Second** by Thomas Lang, to adjourned the meeting and announce next month meetings on May 8, 2021 and May 22, 2021, 11:00AM at the VFW Post 6467 on both days. There being no further business to come before the Veterans Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 1: 47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Warren T. Williams  
Committee Secretary