

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
October 15th, 2022
10:00 AM**

MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Chairman's 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 will be posted on two municipal public notice bulletin boards, published on the website for the Borough of Bergenfield and the website for the Veterans Advisory Committee and on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. In case of an emergency, exits are to the rear at your left and to your right the main entrance. Please turn off all cell phones.

3. Roll Call

Roll Call	Present	Absent	Excused
Edgar Garcia, Member	X		
Thomas Lang, Member	X		
Rafael Marte, Council Liaison		X	
Richard Morf, Member	X		
Dina Moore, Member	X		
Willie Moree Jr, Member	X		
John Opatovsky, Vice Chairman		X	
Dr. Samuel Paul, Chaplin	X		
Alexandra Rodriguez, Member		X	
Fred Sahlberg, Member	X		
Wilfred Selby, Member		X	
Joseph Sokol, Member		X	
John Smith, Chairman	X		
Benjamin Whaley, Member	X		
Amos White, Member		X	
Warren Williams, Secretary	X		

4. Flag Salute

Pledge of Allegiance led by Committee Member Thomas Lang

5. Invocation (Chaplin)

The Invocation given by Committee Chaplin Dr. Samuel Paul

6. Agenda Changes (Additions/Deletion or Revisions)

No Additions/Deletion or Revisions to this agenda

7. Approval of Minutes (August & September 2022)

Motion Offered by Committee Member Fred Sahlberg and **Second** by Committee Member Richard Morf to approve the minutes for August 20, 2022, regular committee meeting minutes and publish notice for September 17, 2022 was cancelled due to the POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony on the evening of September 17, 2022 to publish the minutes to the committee's website. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

8. Treasury Report (September 2022)

Committee Member Warren Williams updated the committee with the monthly treasury report for the period of August 20, 2022 through September 16, 2022. No change or funds added to the committee's treasury. The current balance of funds available is \$2,240.32. **Motion Offered** by Committee Member Edgar Garcia and **Second** by Committee Member Thomas Lang to approve the committee's treasury report for the period of August 20, 2022 through September 16, 2022, report. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

9. Presentation/ Correspondence

A. Welcome New Member (Dina Moore)

Committee Chairman John Smith and Committee Secretary Warren Williams, welcome Dina Moore as a new member to the Bergenfield Veterans Advisory Committee. Committee Dina Moore was presented a BVETAC Committee shirt and BVETAC Challenge Coin and was given the veteran's oath of commitment and support to our veterans.

B. Request Submitted for 1 Additional Veterans Parking Space (VFW)

Committee Chairman John Smith and Committee Secretary Warren Williams presented the committee members that request for submitted the Mayor & Council to create Ordinance for Designated Parking spaces for Purple Heart Recipients and to amend the Veterans Parking Ordinance No. 299-32 from 50 feet to 75 feet on Lilac Street in front of the VFW Post. This matter was table by all committee members.

Motion by Committee Member Dina Moore and **Second** by Committee Member Willie Moree that the Designated Parking space for Purple Heart Recipients be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the Designated Parking space for Purple Heart Recipients was recorded as follows:

Edgar Garcia, Member	<i>aye</i>	Fred Sahlberg, Member	<i>no</i>
Thomas Lang, Member	<i>aye</i>	Wilfred Selby, Member	<i>aye</i>
Richard Morf, Member	<i>aye</i>	Joseph Sokol, Member	<i>absent</i>
Dina Moore, Member	<i>aye</i>	John Smith, Chairman	<i>aye</i>
Willie Moree Jr, Member	<i>aye</i>	Benjamin Whaley, Member	<i>aye</i>
John Opatovsky, Vice Chairman	<i>absent</i>	Amos White, Member	<i>absent</i>
Dr. Samuel Paul, Chaplin	<i>aye</i>	Warren Williams, Secretary	<i>aye</i>
Alexandra Rodriguez, Member	<i>absent</i>		

C. New Public Wireless Program (U&I Wireless)

The owner of U&I Wireless, Mr. Delvis, presented members of the Veterans Committee information about the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a U.S. Government program run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to help low-income households to pay for low cost or free internet service and connected tablet devices. Mr. Delvis would like to offer the Veterans Committee to join this

program. **Motion** by Committee Member Fred Sahlberg, Member and **Second** by Committee Member Benjamin Whaley to table this matter for more discussion and vote on at the November 19th Committee meeting. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

10. Unfinished Business

No discussion

11. New Business

A. Planning Veterans Day Ceremony (November 11, 2022)

The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held in front of the borough municipal building at 11:00AM.

B. Discuss Bring the Vietnam Moving Wall to Bergenfield

Chairman John Smith presented the committee information on how to give the Vietnam Moving Wall to Bergenfield. This project will take some serious planning and funding. It was rerecommended to table this the discussion of this project until more information becomes available.

12. Good of the Order

A. VFW Auxiliary Atlantic City Bus Trip (October 29, 2022)

B. Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony (November 4, 2022)

C. Bergenfield High School Veteran's Appreciation Day Ceremony (November 9, 2022)

D. Veteran's Day Ceremony (November 11, 2022)

13. Verbal Communications

No discussion

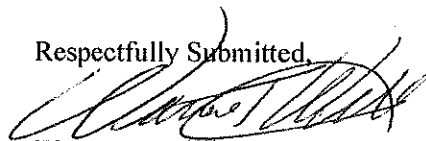
14. Committee Comments

No discussion

15. Adjournment

Motion Offered by Committee Member Benjamin Whaley and **Second** by Committee Member Thomas Lang to adjourn the meeting. The next schedule committee meeting will be on Saturday, November 19th, 2022, time-10:00AM, at the VFW Post. There being no further business to come before the Veterans Committee. This meeting was adjourned at 11:556AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Warren T. Williams
Sgt Major (Retired), USA
Committee Secretary