

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
Bergenfield Public Library  
May 18, 2024  
10:30 AM  
MINUTES**

**1. Meeting Called to Order at 10:33 a.m.**

**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	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 Chairman Warren Williams

**5. Invocation (Chaplin)**

Invocation was led by Chairman Warren Williams

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

No Changes to Agenda

**7. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion Offered** by Jose Vasquez and **Second** by Thomas Lang to approve minutes for April 20, 2024, Regular Committee Meetings minutes and to be published on the website for the Veterans Advisory Committee. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

**8. Treasury Report**

The current balance of funds available for the month of April 2024 is \$1,936.63. There are no other expenses or billing transactions for the month of April 2024. **Motion Offered** by Fredick Sahlberg and **Second** by Wilfred Selby to approve the committee's treasury report for the period of March 16, 2024 to April 20, 2024. All present voting in favor and none oppose.

**9. Presentation**

None

**10. Correspondence**

None

**11. Unfinished Business**

**a. Grants: State/Federal/Private Donators (Update)**

- AARP Grant is still pending approval.
- NJDCA-SAGE Grant been still pending approval.

**b. Murder Mystery Night Update – April 20, 2024**

- Ticket are available. All-out effort to support the VFW Post in tickets sold to the public.

**c. Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade Information – May 27, 2024**

- Next year's nomination form packet and organization form will be sent out by April.
- Ceremony will be held at Coopers Pond. Still need confirmation from all dignitaries attending event. - -
- DAV will drive the new bus in the parade.
- Grand Marshall Nominee Review/selection
- Grand Marshal for 2024: Edward Lora, USMC Veteran, selected by Nomination committee
- Needs Saha for Grand Marshal. Saha will be available by next week (May 25).

**12. New Business**

Comedy event-still need more information

Murder mystery event for October 19,2024, creating a committee.

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

No persons present for public comments.

**14. Good of the Order**

- New veteran bill in the House, backed by the American Legion-VA Dental Act
- Patriot Pen/ Voice of Democracy - need committee to help judge the papers being submitted.
- Sergeant Major Warren Williams is now the new VFW District-2 , Junior Vice Commander.

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

No comments

**16. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Veterans Advisory Committee, **Motion Offered** by Fredrick Sahlberg **Second** by Richard Morf to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 PM. All in favor none opposed. The next schedule committee meeting will be on **June 15, 2024, time 10:30 AM.** at the location of **Bergenfield VFW Post.**

Respectfully Submitted

*Jose Vasquez*

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Committee Secretary