



Middle Township Veteran's Advisory Board Agenda

Township Hall

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MEETING DATE/TIME: January 27, 2016, 7:00pm Sharp

LOCATION: Township Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER - Welcome

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Maureen Harden-Lozier, Francey Burke, Ed Dillio, Joe Griffies, Bill Hawk, Fred Trasatti, Jr. and Krystal Arana.

FLAG SALUTE

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION – concurrent with other Agenda items

No new contact information.

GUEST SPEAKER:

No guest speaker.

DISCUSS AND ESTABLISH BOARD OBJECTIVES

OLD BUSINESS

Update on American Legion Post #198 – any new information

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Project is tabled for the time being.*
- *Currently making an effort for approval of the Open Space Grant for the landscaping aspect of the project.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Searching for donations and grants to help refurbish the building.*

Fred Trasatti, Jr.:

- *Are there any grant writers for the township?*

Ed Dillio:

- *Yes, Anne Garrison.*

Joe Griffies:

- *Why can't we get the mayor to put us on a budget?*
- *Does the post generate enough money to pay the bills?*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *The mayor providing us with a budget is to be discussed in the future.*

Bill Hawk:

- *The hall is rented out for occasions such as birthday parties, weddings, etc. therefore creating some sort of an income.*

Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Event rescheduled for March 12th.*
- *Food item donations from McDonald's and Donut Connection.*
- *Will be requesting donations from Avalon Coffee in Rio Grande in the near future.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Acme also donated a \$25 and a \$10 gift card.*

Terms of Members and New Member

Maureen Harden Lozier:

- *Will look into Nicholas Anzelone's contact information concerning joining the board.*

Joe Griffies:

- *There should be a bylaw in place stating that if a member is unable to attend three or more meetings without a legitimate excuse, they should have to relinquish their position on the board.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Everyone is now serving three year terms.*

Ask Mayor Clark about fundraising

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Fundraising and budgeting is to be addressed with the mayor at an upcoming date.*

Francey Burke:

- *Has a couple ideas for fundraising: car wash.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *The main issue concerning fundraising is how the money will be managed and who will be assuming the responsibility of such task.*
- *Another concern is what we will be doing with the money collected.*

Contact other Veterans organizations to attend meetings AARP and Middle Township Senior Citizens Meeting in 2016

VFW – Villas, Sea Isle City, Woodbine

American Legion Posts – Stone Harbor, Wildwood, Ocean City, Woodbine, Cape May

Vietnam Veterans of America – Wildwood, Erma

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Needs help identifying the dates other veteran organizations hold their meetings so she can attend.*
- *Would like to learn about what other posts are doing to get people involved and raise money.*

Joe Griffies:

- *Main worry is healthcare.*

Fred Trasatti, Jr.:

- *Lost CDL License due to VA not being able to schedule him for an appointment when needed.*

Francey Burke:

- *Are any other communities having problems with traveling to get healthcare?*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Yes, all communities are facing some sort of difficulty concerning the subject matter.*

Fred Trasatti, Jr.:

- *Many use their personal insurance for healthcare.*

Joe Griffies:

- *Would like to utilize the Veterans Advisory Board to fight for local healthcare for veterans.*
- *Veterans have serious issues and they are not being addressed.*

Fred Trasatti, Jr.:

- *Wildwood American Legion meets on third Friday of every month.*
- *Vietnam Veterans uses the facility in Wildwood.*

DAV

Ed Dillio:

- *Would like to raise money to provide scholarships to boys and girls who will be attending the Boys and Girls State through their post.*
- *Hoping to sponsor at least one girl and one boy next year.*
- *Biggest aspiration is to try and provide something to the community through the Veterans Advisory Board.*

Fred Trasatti, Jr.:

- *The other post in Middle Township donates to Catholic charities in Rio Grande who help provide to veterans.*

Brochure with Consolidated Veteran Information

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Asked people in November meeting to consolidate any additional material to be added on a new information card.*
- *That will be our assignment to be brought into February's meeting.*

Fred Trasatti, Jr.:

- *New Director of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Cheryl J. Rawls.*
- *Philadelphia and Wilmington Regional Offices.*
- *First time he attended a meeting she was present; he was super impressed by her and is hoping for good things to happen.*
- *Any veterans with problems should email her; she has two people answering her emails.*
- *She is a little slower responding to phone calls.*

Any Other Unfinished Old Business

Bill Hawk:

- *Would like to target recruiting centers for free stuff to hand out to the public at events.*
- *Freebies lure people in.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Will work on obtaining a letter to be able to obtain free stuff.*

NEW BUSINESS – Suggestions for Guest Speakers

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Invite Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend meeting next month.*

Other New Business

Francey Burke:

- *Spoke of her event “Fins Sunday Socials” being held on February 28th from 10:30am – 2:30pm at Fins Bar & Grille located on 142 Decatur Street on the Washington Street Mall.*
- *Live music, drink and brunch specials.*
- *Make your own Bloody Mary’s and Mimosas*

Joe Griffies:

- *We should start thinking about preparing for Memorial Day.*

Next meeting date:

Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

QUESTIONS: N/A

ADJOURN: 8:28pm

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Minutes – Krystel Arana

Time Keeper – Allyn Penkethman