



Middle Township Veterans Advisory Board Agenda

Township Hall

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MEETING DATE/TIME: June 22, 2016, 7:00pm Sharp

LOCATION: Township Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Welcome

Roll Call

Members Present:

Maureen Harden-Lozier, Nicholas "Nick" Anzelone, Ed Dillio, and Krystal Arana.

FLAG SALUTE

GUEST SPEAKER – Mayor Clark

Mayor Clark:

- *Has no knowledge of attendance requirements for board members.*
- *Board can make the recommendation to the Governing Body to have non-participating members replaced.*
- *There are plenty of other people who would like to be a part of this board.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Sent the board member letters months ago regarding lack of attendance and received no response.*

Mayor Clark:

- *To create a resolution for the removal of inattentive board members at one the next few township meetings.*
- *Will accept recommendations for prospective board members.*
- *Board members should be required to attend at least 60% of meetings.*
- *Veterans Court per Maureen's email previously sent regarding list of items to be discussed.*
- *Hasn't had the chance to talk to Judge Dorothy Incarvito-Garrabrant concerning the amount of veterans that are seen through Middle Township's Municipal Court system.*
- *Investigate if topic concerns State and/or Federal approval and how we go about starting.*
- *Possibility of doing something locally.*
- *As far as homeless veterans, they could obtain vouchers from the County.*
- *Provide them with contact information for County offered services.*
- *Organizations for homeless in Rio Grande.*
- *ROTC program for high school students in progress.*

- *Understands locating medical care for veterans locally is a problem and needs a solution.*
- *Federal or State concern?*
- *Hospital is working on improving their current programs.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Joe stated the card for local healthcare services will hopefully be available by the end of the year.*
- *Limited healthcare services offered at the Coast Guard Base such as hearing and eye tests.*
- *Associated with Wilmington.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Getting veterans registered with the County and Veteran Affairs has been a goal of mine since the creation of the board.*
- *Asked Mayor Clark if there is any way the board could set up tables with registration forms and instructions at polling places of upcoming elections.*

Mayor Clark:

- *Suggested Maureen ask the Board of Elections concerning the rules and regulations regarding that topic.*
- *No campaigning.*
- *Handful of polling places.*
- *Probably need a few people from the board to work the tables.*
- *Dawn Stimmel could help veterans fill out the paperwork for the county as part of her job duties.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Would like to hold a Veterans Registration Week.*
- *Possible locations for the affair include Township Hall's conference rooms, the senior center, and the library.*

Mayor Clark:

- *The senior center would be ideal.*
- *Talk to Marilyn Miller.*
- *Set-up at Burke's event.*
- *Spoke of the next item on his list; suicide prevention.*
- *Hotlines.*
- *"You can lead people to water but you can't make them drink."*
- *Welcome troops home as was done with Nick.*
- *He can rally the troops with enough lead time.*

Follow-Up Regarding Information Event for Families – Fall

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Using information based on what Nick and his family have shared.*
- *What it was like to be home after having served.*
- *What it was like to have a family member return home from the service.*

Mayor Clark:

- *Happy to participate and help in any way.*
- *Press release.*
- *Get organizations to sponsor a booklet of local information for the board.*
- *Raise awareness.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Briefed the Mayor on the "Flag Stars" project the board has planned.*
- *Hoping to give some exposure to the board.*
- *The board's website link will be printed on the card contained in the bag with the star.*

Mayor Clark:

- *Beef and beer was fairly well attended for the first time.*
- *Host another beef and beer during the winter when there isn't as much activity going on.*
- *Several veterans at the fire house.*
- *Some do not take advantage of the benefits offered.*
- *Will mention getting registered at his upcoming meeting at the fire house.*
- *Grandfather was in the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) camps.*
- *He was on a dynamite crew.*
- *Built a lot of roads in Vermont.*
- *Would tell a lot of stories.*
- *Other grandfather was medically discharged for a blood problem.*
- *Personally never entered the service and is a little envious because he could have retired from the military by now.*
- *Instead became a volunteer firefighter which he believes is the next best thing.*
- *Father was also a volunteer firefighter.*
- *Asked Nick if there was anything he could do for the younger generation of service members.*

Nicholas "Nick" Anzelone:

- *Nothing that Maureen is not taking care of or working on.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *We're trying.*
- *There was another younger vet that had applied for the board.*
- *Stew Merrick.*
- *Just a little older than Nick.*

Mayor Clark:

- *Somehow get them involved with the American Legion.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Would like to see younger members on the board.*
- *The American Legion is showing a profit.*

Mayor Clark:

- *Things are looking up at the American legion.*

- *Can definitely see a difference.*
- *Phenomenal job.*
- *The breakfast hosted in March was a good idea can be done a couple times a year.*
- *Inexpensive.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Has been named the new Commander of the American legion.*
- *Pretty much all of the breakfast items were donated.*

Ed Dillio:

- *We actually made money holding that event.*
- *50/50.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *The American Legion Centennial Celebration is coming up.*
- *The American Legion is a Charter Post.*
- *Howard Trout is working on writing up the history of the post.*
- *Trying to get a building fund together.*
- *Volunteers.*
- *Nick's father owns Anzelone Electric and has offered to help.*
- *Thinks there are enough people in the township that could help to get the job done.*

Mayor Clark:

- *Agrees with Maureen.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Would like an article to be published highlighting the project when the time comes.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Press release worked out well last time.*

DISCUSS AND ESTABLISH BOARD OBJECTIVES

OLD BUSINESS

Terms of Members – Follow-Up (Reappointments/Changes) – Any Letters Received?

Discussed above.

Fundraising – Beef and Beer – Update

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Made \$640 dollars.*
- *Scheduled on the same night as the American Legion Convention and Parade being held in Wildwood.*
- *Wildwood's event took away from our event.*

Krystal Arana:

- *If we would have known Wildwood was hosting a convention and parade we definitely would have planned the beef and beer for another night.*
- *Echoed Mayor Clark's idea of holding another beef and beer during the winter when there is not much activity.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Maybe in November sometime around Veterans Day.*

Brochure with Consolidated Veteran Information – Received from Fred – Still Retyping

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Browsed the information packet that Bill handed out at last month's meeting.*
- *Found it contained a lot of useful information.*
- *Distribute information pamphlet created by Krystal at the Cape May County Library.*

Follow-Up Regarding Information Event for Families – Fall – Date Choices

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Allyn was going to provide us with some possible dates for the event but she did let me know she was going to be unable to attend the meeting tonight so we will hold off until the next meeting.*
- *Asked the members present if there was any weekend in November in which they will be unavailable other than Thanksgiving weekend.*
- *The board members present agreed on the second weekend in November after Veterans Remembrance Day.*
- *Will be brought to the attention and discussed at the next meeting in July.*
- *Wants to make sure she has the participation from everyone in the group during events.*
- *Would like to speak with Nick's parents to get their input on their thoughts and feelings on what they felt in order to have something to base the distribution of information off of.*

Follow-Up Regarding "Flag Stars" Project – Establish Committee

Krystal M. Arana:

- *Board should distribute at Nursing Homes as well as the hospital as previously planned.*

Unable to establish committee due to lack of attendance.

South Jersey Veterans Conference

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Recalls someone mentioning something about the South Jersey Veterans Conference at the meeting held the previous month.*

Krystal Arana:

- *Ed attended the event with Joe.*

- *He mentioned Stephanie Dearden and a program called the New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy.*

Homelessness – Conferences and Stand-Downs – September, 23 2016 – Cherry Hill, New Jersey

- o Casey McCollum (215) 823-5800, Ext. 3680 or casey.mccollum@va.gov
- o James Maher (888) 865-8387 or standdownsj@gmail.com

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *<http://www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp>*
- *If this is something we are interested in doing maybe we could look into getting the township to fund us in order to be able to send someone to a conference.*
- *Holding a stand-down September 23rd in Cherry Hill.*
- *I will not be able to personally attend.*
- *Provide information and supplies to the homeless.*
- *Hoping to get an event to be held in Cape May County.*
- *People in our area that could find the program useful.*

Ed Dillio:

- *What is that?*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *If you look into the website I have provided, it explains everything to you.*
- *They hold conferences in order to educate people like us on the best ways to help the homeless.*

Burke Motor Car, Truck & Cycle Show – REMINDER – Saturday, July 9 – Noon-4pm

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *To ask Francey for an estimate on veterans who attend the car show.*
- *Set-up a table at the event for distribution of information.*

Discussion of NJ Youth Challenge Academy – Mentor Program

Topic to be discussed at the next meeting.

Retirement of Flag Ceremony – Postponed until the Fall

CVAC – Resource Employment Fair

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Spoke with Bill the previous night.*
- *He will be meeting with a woman who is a service officer.*
- *More in tune with the duties of being a service officer.*
- *He will be an even bigger addition than he already is to the board.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Spoke with John Walker.*

- *He wants a liaison, a person from the board to make the meetings and keep in touch.*
- *I believe meetings are held in the afternoon on the fourth Thursday of the month.*
- *I will find when exactly the meetings are held.*

Any Other Unfinished Old Business

None

NEW BUSINESS

VA Mobile Unit

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Bill has brought to my attention.*
- *No date available.*
- *But when date does become available we will do a press release.*
- *Advertise on the website.*

Krystal Arana:

- *Received a brochure from Genesis Healthcare Court House Center with flyer enclosed containing information on the Veterans Mobile Outreach.*
- *Thursday, September 29, 2016.*
- *10am – 2pm.*
- *For more information or to register, please contact Admissions Director Patti Preston at (609) 465-7171 or patricia.preston2@genesis.com.*

Any Other New Business

Ed Dillio:

- *Would like Nancy McDevitt to be nominated as Employee of the Month.*
- *Went above and beyond preparing the American Legion for Memorial Day activities.*

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Maureen Harden-Lozier will not be in attendance.

Secretary Krystal Arana and Time Keeper Allyn Penkethman will direct the meeting.

QUESTIONS N/A

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ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Minutes – Krystal Arana

Time Keeper – Allyn Penkethman