



Middle Township Veterans Advisory Board Agenda

Township Hall

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MEETING DATE / TIME: September 28, 2016, 7:00pm Sharp

LOCATION: Township Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Welcome

Roll Call

Members Present:

Maureen Harden-Lozier, Ed Dillio, Allyn Penkethman, Fred Trasatti, Bill Hawk, Howard Trout, and Krystel Arana.

FLAG SALUTE

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE:

GUEST SPEAKER – None

DISCUSS AND ESTABLISH BOARD OBJECTIVES – Establish Board Objectives and Goals – 2016

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-Up – Questions and Comments Regarding August’s Meeting

Members worked on “Flag Star” project during the beginning of the meeting.

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Apologized for delay in the minutes from previous month’s meeting.*
- *Was sidetracked in the middle of revising.*

Terms of Members – 60% Attendance Requirement in Order to Remain on Board

Krystel Arana:

- *In the process of creating spreadsheet to keep track of attendance in the New Year.*

Veterans Court

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Referenced Atlantic County's program.*
- *Veterans Assistance Program (VAP) – voluntary referral service for veterans who come into contact with the court system and who may be in need of veterans services from their local Veterans Service Officer.*
- *Poster of program displayed outside of Middle Township's Municipal Court area.*
- *Available services can include mental health counseling, addictions services, legal services, and housing.*
- *If a veteran desires to be enrolled in program, the Judge then acts upon request.*

Bill Hawk:

- *Emailed Virginia Tomlin on the topic of veteran's court and she stated it is still currently being discussed.*

Homelessness of Veterans – American Legion Department Commanders Project – Community Hope – Hope for Veterans

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Community Hope homeless mission: Helping individuals, including veterans, and their families, overcome mental illness, addiction, homelessness, and poverty by providing housing and on-site support services.*
- *Gave statistics concerning the positive impact the program has had.*
- *American Legion Commander's goal is to raise funds to pay for the on-site mental health clinician.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *Find out about the Old Chapin House.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Property valued at a little over 3 million dollars.*
- *Needs repair; hasn't been used in a long time.*
- *Suggested leasing the building.*
- *Committee questioned staffing the building; salaries.*
- *No one seems interested.*

Suggestions to Improve Veteran Registration in Cape May County

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Would like committee to be in agreement concerning holding a stand-down for veteran registration.*

**Harvest Festival – Saturday, October 22, 2016 – Booth
Sign-Up for Hours to Man the Booth – Set-Up and Clean-Up – Hand Out Stars**

Maureen passed around a sign-up sheet.

Vets Returning from Deployments – How Can We Find out Who They Are?

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Would like someone to contact the high schools in Middle Township and find out if a list of students who have enlisted can be disclosed.*

Dates for Veterans Information Event for Veteran's and Families – Next Spring – Title, Dates, Share topics

Event changed for the spring time.

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Would like to get the committee established for the event; start planning and preparation.*
- *Put a presentation together; take pictures of veteran board's progress.*
- *Will work on establishing date in order to start invites of guest speakers.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Title for event: "Veteran United Forum".*

Veteran Nation Video

Board members agreed video was too long to play in its entirety at the informational event being held in the spring.

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Would like to incorporate an excerpt from the movie into the beginning of opening presentation.*

Any Other Unfinished Old Business

Ed Dillio:

- *Asked Maureen if she had heard back from the hospital regarding identifying veterans on the inpatient logbook.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Not yet.*

VA Mobile Unit – Dates in Future - Bill Hawk to keep Board Posted

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Knows a veteran who is employed by Pest Control and specializes in eliminating bed bugs.*
- *Willing to help fellow veterans; looking for work.*

NEW BUSINESS – DAV Retirement of Flag Ceremony

Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 1:30pm – Cape May County Park South.

Any Other New Business

Bill Hawk:

- *Walgreens is offering free flu shots to veterans who present a veteran identification card.*

Next Meeting Date

*Wednesday, October 19, 2016 – Location: First Floor Conference Room
(Change due to Middle Township's Halloween Parade)*

QUESTIONS N/A

ADJOURN 8:23pm

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Minutes – Krystal Arana

Time Keeper – Allyn Penkethman