



Middle Township Veterans Advisory Board Agenda

Township Hall

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MEETING DATE / TIME: January 25, 2017, 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, Allyn Penkethman, Fred Trasatti, Bill Hawk, Howard Trout, and Krystal Arana.

FLAG SALUTE

GUEST SPEAKER – None

DISCUSS AND ESTABLISH BOARD OBJECTIVES – Establish Board Objectives and Goals – 2017

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-Up – Questions and Comments Regarding November's Meeting

No questions or comments were to be had.

Date for Veterans Forum – April 29, 2017 – 10:00am – 12:30pm

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *To get working groups together to put forward an event that is worthy.*
- *Asked the board members what aspect of event planning they'd best function in.*
- *Would like to put together a working meeting to focus on event rather than utilizing a general meeting.*
- *Bill to be the point of contact for presenters.*
- *Allyn to receive information from presenters for creation of PowerPoint.*
- *Volunteer needed for gathering of booths to offer information outside.*
- *Board member needed to oversee marketing event.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *Asked Maureen to give a brief description of the types of vendors she is looking for.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Would like a representative from the DAV, Robert "Bob" McGeehan if available.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *Requested clarification of Virginia "Ginny" Tomlin's attendance.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Explained Ginny would not be attending but would be sending a replacement.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Questioned how advertising would be executed.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Press release as early as February.*

Howard Trout:

- *Asked Maureen if she had obtained Red Cross flyers.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Reassured she had sent flyer over email to all board members.*
- *Recalled Francey had reached out to Bob Andrzejczak and Karen Matsinger from Stockton to present.*
- *Karen Matsinger waiting to hear back from the board concerning date and time of event.*
- *Has not heard anything from Bob Andrzejczak in regards to his attendance.*

Allyn Penkethman:

- *To reach out to Dave Mullins from the VA's Veterans Outreach Program.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *To contact representative from telemedicine.*

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Reiterated she'd be responsible for creation of PowerPoint.*

The rest of the members are on board with sharing the duty of advertising/marketing event.

Bill Hawk:

- *Reviewed list of contacts anticipated to present information on behalf of their organizations.*
- *Reached out to USAA; has yet to receive confirmation of attendance.*

Allyn Penkethman:

- *To ask the practitioner from the VA van to distribute information.*

Bill Hawk:

- *Asked Maureen if Booths to Business is still a viable contact.*
- *To reach out to pending contacts.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *To reach out to Booths to Business.*
- *Will create agenda when presenters are confirmed.*
- *Looking for a mental health practitioner to speak.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *To reach out to local mental health practitioner and Service Officer Robert "Bob" McGeehan.*

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Mentioned getting a hold of Debbie West, who is also a Service Officer, if Robert "Bob" McGeehan was unable to attend for any reason.*

Krystal Arana:

- *To reach out to committee regarding their attendance.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Department Commander of the American Legion offered to attend.*
- *Members will have stars to hand out to attendees.*
- *Two weeks to schedule presenters; Working Meeting to be held Tuesday, February 7th at 7pm.*

Committee – SCHEDULE WORKING MEETINGS

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Collected names of members who would be available to attend working meetings in preparation of event.*

ESTABLISH AGENDA

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Agenda to be created after attendance of presenters is confirmed.*

Follow-Up Regarding Invitations for Guest Speakers

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Virginia "Ginny" Tomlin will be sending a representative.*
- *Rita Fulginiti has not responded.*

Terms of Members – Follow-Up

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Francey submitted resignation letter in November; her term was up.*
- *Stated she wanted to allow the opportunity for another veteran to sit on the board; more appropriate for a veteran to be on the board rather than a civilian.*
- *Will continue to share information back and forth with Francey regarding events.*
- *Thanked Francey for her service.*

Krystal Arana:

- *Resignation to be acknowledged by resolution at Township Committee meeting being held on Monday, February 6th.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Apparent there are members who no longer want to participate.*
- *The board could get more done with a full staff.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *To send letter to all board members regarding 60% attendance requirement.*
- *Reviewed applicants from initial call for volunteers.*
- *Two vacant positions; one member position and one alternate member position.*
- *Additional vacancies to be filled in the future after consulting with the Mayor.*
- *Would like to involve younger veterans.*

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Members must be Middle Township residents.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Take applications for new members.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Made suggestions of who she'd like to welcome to the board from current list of applicants.*

Suggestions to Improve Veteran Registrations – Any Updates

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *To mention importance of registration at forum.*

Vets Returning from Deployments – Allyn – Update

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Had one veteran returning home but his mother was not sure exactly what day and time he would arrive; was driving up from the south.*
- *Is in contact with family members from a handful of veterans for the future.*

VA Mobile Unit – Dates in Future - Bill Hawk Will Keep Us Posted

Bill Hawk:

- *Genesis Court House Center to host Veterans Mobile Out Reach on Thursday, March 30th.*

Follow-Up from Dan Lockwood

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Forwarded idea to organization that would find holding particular event beneficial.*

NEW BUSINESS

Genesis Mobile Van – Event – Thursday, March 30, 2017 – 10:00am-2:00pm

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Admissions Director Patty Preston asked the board to co-host event.*
- *Would like a Service Officer to be present.*
- *Suggests Bob McGeehan.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *Clarified his availability for that day; in the process of adding a new driver.*
- *Back-ground checks take months.*

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Suggested Fred put together a small presentation on how to become a driver.*
- *Invite Mayor and Deputy Mayor to walk through the VA van.*

Bill Hawk:

- *Gave future dates van would be in the area.*

Fins – Burke Motors – DAV Fundraiser

Fred Trasatti:

- *Sunday, March 12th.*
- *Estimates time of event to be from 10am-2pm.*
- *No cost to get in.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Asked if they'd accept donations.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *Donations are accepted; percentage of profits made that day are donated.*
- *Good food; nice place.*
- *Interested in helping organizations.*

Any Other New Business

Bill Hawk:

- *Read an article featured in the Gazette in December concerning Veterans Court.*
- *Van Drew's approval to create a bill for a "Statewide Veterans Diversion Program."*
- *Budget Appropriation Committee.*
- *Purpose of the bill is to get veterans who have committed non-violent offenses into treatment centers.*
- *Being forwarded to state for approval.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *Not sure if Van Drew is for it or not; bill in NJ for unemployed active duty personnel to either eliminate, defer, or discount utilities.*
- *Opening up the option of sewer and water utility discounts.*
- *VA is also trying to produce a deferment plan with assistance to mortgages and other things related.*

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Referred to an internet article in regards to females being eligible to register for draft; to go into effect in 2018.*

Howard Trout:

- *Over \$3,000 tax credit concerning gas; to start in 2017.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Mad Batter hosted a luncheon for "Battle of the Bulbs" WWII veterans.*
- *His dad has a park named outside of Normandy for him.*
- *Handed out seven stars.*

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, February 22, 2017.

QUESTIONS N/A

ADJOURN 8:19pm

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Minutes – Krystel Arana

Time Keeper – Allyn Penkethman