

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the December 9, 2015 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1900 hrs.

Present – E=Excused – A=Absent

P- Wiley Roberts – Chairman
P- Bernard Brady – Liaison Trustee
p- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman
P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary
P- Colleen Simon
P- Bruce Lorence
E- Bill Conner
A- Robert Baisa
P- Doug Rasmussen
P- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPH

E-Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791
P- Bill McNellis –, American Legion
P- Jack Morley
P- Arlene Morley
P- Ken Wrezzes
E- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans
A- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA
A- Tony Castillo
P- Chris Hansley
P- Don Tomich MCL

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as published.

Remarks by Trustee Brady:

Bernie reported that he has spoken to Laura. G & Judy B. about the resolution the Commission had requested pertaining to equipment from TACOM. They need more information in order to properly draft it. The Village budget in on track for this year and we are making progress on the water meter problems.

The agenda was suspended to allow Megan Hann to report on her Girl Scout Gold Award project which the Commission has supported. She is locating containers at various locations around town to collect old unserviceable American flags for proper disposal.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

The Village is waiting for information in order to write a proclamation.

Zion Cemetery veteran's grave:

Nothing new. Bill Conner was not present to give a report.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug reported on the re-presentation of the artwork at the annual Andrew H.S. veteran's breakfast.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

No new requests and no outstanding flags or citations to be presented.

Challenge Coins:

Our goal has been met and coins have been distributed to all targeted veterans.

Funds Transfer:

A motion was made to transfer \$7,451.50 currently held in the Village's escrow account to the capital improvement fund to cover costs attributed to the establishment, demilitarization, transportation and maintenance of static equipment provided by TACOM. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

Christmas cards made by local school children we given to the American Legion & VFW reps to be passed out Christmas day to the Navy recruits they are hosting at their posts.

New Business:

Wiley mentioned that he would like to see local school children get active in our Memorial and Veteran's Day programs. He will check with the schools and report at the next meeting.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

The Holiday Market is over & we made a little money. Christmas Day we will be hosting about 50 Navy recruits from Great Lakes Training Center and also residents of the Manteno Veteran's home at our Post.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

Monday our honor guard will be participating in a direct burial ceremony at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery. Adult Christmas party Sat. Dec. 19th Christmas day.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:

No Report – No Rep

REPORT FROM THE CHICAGO BASE U.S.SUBMARINE VETERANS:

No Report – No Rep

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

The MCL and the S.A.L. held a luncheon & Bingo at Manteno last week.

Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA):

We're holding our Christmas party on the 13th of Dec. Three of our members passed away this past month.

Report from the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH):

Two of our members passed away this past month. We're taking pies out to Manteno on the 13th of Dec.

AVMRA

No Report – No Rep

Any other business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 1955 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held January 13, 2016