

## **Tinley Park Veterans Commission Minutes of the January 11, 2023, Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:01 p.m. Housekeeping items for the good of the order were announced. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent**

P - Doug Rasmussen - Chairman	E - Colleen Sullivan, Trustee Liaison
P - Roxane Tyssen-Secretary	A - Pat Carr, Staff Liaison
P - Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets	P - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander
P – Bruce Haffner	P - Chris Hansley-VFW Aux. Pres.
E - Jim Hudik	P - Jimmy Hunter
A - John Maher (Assoc.)	P - William McNellis, Commander Amer. Legion
P - Norm Pestlin	E - Georges Sanon
E - Karen Tobola	P - Don Tomich - MCL, Commandant
A - Ken Wrezzes (Assoc.)	

### **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Minutes were distributed and read for the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Jimmy Hunter made the motion to approve the October 2022 minutes, Chris Hansley seconded.

### **Remarks by Trustee Liaison:**

Trustee Sullivan was not present:

- Roxane Tyssen was given her announcements and read them on her behalf.
  - The Tinley Park Irish Parade is set for March 5, 2023.
  - Crumble Cookies has opened in Tinley Park.
  - The Village is working on eliminating vehicle stickers for Tinley Park residents.

### **Static Display for Veterans Parkway:**

- No news from TACOM.
- The Chairman would like to get some applications for Air Force and Navy equipment. Bob Bullard will look into this.
- There is still a plane downstate but it needs extensive work.

### **Education in Art in Public Places:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Memorial Flag and Citation:**

- Chris Hansley reports that there is nothing to report at this time.
- Bill McNellis suggested that Chris reach out to Representative Sean Casten to see if he can offer any assistance.

### **Brick/Banner Program\*:**

- Chris Hansley stated that Lisa Valley at Village Hall coordinates this program. There are no updates to report.

### **Correspondence:**

- No correspondence has been received.

### **Ongoing Business:**

- Veterans Day recap:
  - General conversation that offered perspectives on the event.
  - Tinley Park resident, WWII Veteran Eddie Durham, who is 101 years old, was present at the event.

### **New Business:**

- Memorial Day:
  - Recognition of WWII veterans was reviewed.
  - Andrew band needs to get lined up for the event.
  - The American Legion has a new member in review; he was a former bugler in the Air Force.

### **REPORTS:**

- Report from the VFW
  - Fred Cagle spoke about the Christmas event at the post for the Great Lakes cadets. This event has not been done in three years due to COVID, and it turned out very well.
  - The VFW and the Andrew football team had a food drive for the Manteno Veteran's Home; they only accept snacks at this time and will not accept food items. All food items collected were then donated to local food banks.
  - Fish Fry starts February 24.

#### VFW Auxiliary:

- Nothing to report.
- Report from the American Legion
  - A pasta day event will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is \$9.00 at the door.

### **Announcements:**

- There were no announcements.

### **Comments from the public:**

- There were no comments.

Jimmy Hunter made the motion to adjourn, Bruce Haffner seconded, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.

\*The military Banner Program can be found here: [https://www.tinleypark.org/news\\_detail\\_T5\\_R241.php](https://www.tinleypark.org/news_detail_T5_R241.php)