

## **Veteran's Committee Meeting West Deptford Municipal Building**

**October 2, 2023**

Attendance:

Lee Ann DeHart: Township Administrator, Absent      Latiya Holmes: Event Coordinator, Present

Gerald O'Hare: Present & Eric Mizner, Absent: American Legion Post 100

Joe Diggs - Present, Bill Johnston - Present: Army/Navy Garrison

Rhonda Gundersen: Present, John Austin: Absent: VFW Post 7125

Chaplain Jimmy Earle dropped off proclamation sample.

Meeting was called to order by Gerald O'Hare at 1700 hours followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes by Johnston , seconded by Diggs.

A discussion ensued led by O'Hare on the three Posts holding a Veteran's Day Ceremony followed by a luncheon on Saturday, November 11 at 11 am. The Army/Navy Garrison holds a ceremony followed by an Open House every Veteran's Day. O'Hare said that he and Austin had previously got the idea and discussed having a Veteran's luncheon.

The Garrison, located at 26 River View Ave, National Park, 08083, would host the function and provide the soda & beer, both the American Legion and VFW would be asked to pitch in for the catered food, about \$600 each for a total of \$1200 to feed an estimated 100 guests.

Following the Garrison's normal Veteran Day ceremony, O'Hare suggested having the mayor say some words and read a proclamation on veterans. Then names of recently deceased veterans would be read with a bell ringing after each name, similar to the Memorial Day ceremony. The Honor Guard would fire a volley of shots and taps would be played to conclude the ceremony. Garrison would provide the Honor Guard and American Legion would provide the bugle. It was suggested to invite the police and West Deptford dignitaries to both the ceremony and open house which would run from noon to 4 pm.

O'Hare stated that he had a caterer in mind, Linda Pilleri, Paradise Catering in Westville. He stated her numbers as 856.534.8775 and 856.931.0999. He would call to get menus of options.

The Chaplain Jimmy Earle came in to the meeting to distribute sample wording for the proclamation to everyone in attendance.

It was decided to hold another meeting on November 6, 2023 at 5 pm, West Deptford Municipal Building to go over final details.

Motion to adjourn by Johnston, seconded by Diggs.