

**Veterans Events Committee
Police Department
450 E. 11 Mile, Royal Oak, MI 48067**

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Minutes

Call to Order at 7:01 pm

Ilene Harmon-McGough, David Wandoff, Mike Sherman, Bob Jurva, Sgt. Steve Teichow, Cynthia Garrett,

Absent: Alex McMall, John Williams,

Public Comment: James Roland

Motion made by Cynthia, second by Mike to Approve the Agenda for May 24, 2022 with the addition of Memorial Criteria under Old Business. Approved.

Ex Officio – Sgt. Steve Teichow – no official report but all went well. No bad comments from the police. Sgt. Steve Teichow is retiring June 24th. Officer Chris Platt will be the new liaison working with us.

Chairperson report – no official report really impressed with how things went. More discussions about the parade under Old Business.

Motion by Cynthia Garrett, second by Bob Jurva to accept Minutes for May 24, 2022 and June 1, 2022 as written. Approved.

Old Business

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony notes

Judy

- 3 hours to take down flags so next time should be part of our schedule
- Fantastic comments on the ceremony
- Closing ceremony of flags dedication – need podium
- Photographs on the card and laminate cards attaching to the flags so weather is not a factor

- Each year we need to allocate payment to Colonial Flag to use the name
- Processing check for Evan (found out after the meeting that we had not voted to pay Evan).
- Videotaped but the battery was dead so we have no video

Motion made by Cynthia, second by Mike to Purchase 25 flags (up to \$500).
Approved.

Dave Wandoff

- Chairs with tents for shade for the ceremony
- Benediction – need additional language when working with someone

On June 27th, Dave Wandoff will attend the Commissioner Meeting to officially add Nick Manoukain on the Monument on the record.

Bob

- We should continue allowing any Veteran to walk in the Parade

Motion by Bob Jurva, second by Mike Sherman to reimburse Cynthia \$140 for purchasing the Veteran Banner. Cynthia abstained. Approved.

Cynthia

- Politicians were an issue in this year's Parade

Ilene

- Need a total of 4 spacers
- Inventory all items (meeting at the “she shed” in the parking structure for the next meeting)
- Walkie Talkies should be used next year. Train held up the Parade but none of us knew the start was delayed.

Thank you notices to be completed: Ilene Harmon-McGough, Judy Davids, and Cynthia Garrett will get that organized.

Memoria Day Criteria

Discussion on this and then Subcommittee made up of Mike Sherman, Cynthia Garrett, and Ilene Harmon-McGough to meet and present information to the Committee at the August 2022 Meeting.

July 5, 2022 will be the next VEC meeting

New Business

Motion by Cynthia Garrett, second by Mike Sherman for Ilene to gather information about advertising Ruck 22 March and Veterans Day with Don Nahat. Approved.

Discussions of new location for the Ruck 22 March. Come back to next meeting with new ideas.

Discussions of trying to find a Royal Oak Veterans organization to use the funds raised from Ruck 22 March.

Public Comment: James Roland asked: 1) What is the Ruck 22 March; 2) When is it; 3) Coverage of the Parade and Ceremony was slim – was there a reason. We explained about C & G Newspaper getting hacked prior to the article coming out.

Motion made by Mike Sherman, second by Cynthia Garrett to adjourn. Approved.

Adjourned at 8:02 pm