Egg Harbor Township Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098 3029Spruce Avenue, EHT November 28, 2011

MINUTES

Chairman Robert Dodson called the Meeting to Order, 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Dodson read the Opening Statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Robert Dodson – Present

Paul Hodson – Absent

Douglas Lundberg, Jr. – Present

Pat Moschetto – Absent Dan Clayton – Present Mike Ebert – Absent John Rush – Absent

Members saluted the flag and held a moment of silence for the departed.

Also in attendance was Bill Hagherty. Mr. Hagherty brought in his 214 paperwork and drivers license.

OLD BUSINESS

Members spoke of the certificate of appreciation presented to Fred Vineyard by Township Committee on November 9th, for his service to all veterans living and to the forgotten veterans.

Details were given on the Thanksgiving dinner Mr. Vineyard is coordinating on behalf of the VFW in Somers Point.

Board members discussed the essay contest that was held for Veterans Day and thought the response was good.

OTHER BUSINESS

Those present decided Member Rush should be contacted in regards to his absences. Board Member Rush needs to decide if he wishes to remain a member or not.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Lundberg requested the board continue the process of creating By-Laws. He feels they are necessary for direction. He also referred to Egg Harbor Township

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Resolution No. 53 of 1997 wherein the Township Committee established the Veterans Advisory Board and the number of members. He said the resolution indicates that the board shall not consist of more than seven (7) members, of not more than one (1) shall be a member of the Township Committee. The board currently has seven (7) regular members and a Township Committee Liaison. Therefore, it is his opinion that the board is currently one (1) member too many.

Chairman Dodson explained to Member Lundberg that the Mayor approved ten (10) members and one (1) Township Committee Liaison. Member Lundberg said he does not see the ten (10) member change in writing. He also indicated that the board needs By-Laws because without them the board is not a board.

A lengthy discussion followed in regards to members and By-Laws.

Member Lundberg reported that Eagle Academy would like to make a dedication to the veterans of recent war. They were looking for the board's advice on how to go about it. Chairman Dodson will contact Greg Smith in regards to the dedication.

Member Lundberg advised the board that he is unable to attend meetings from January until April due to school obligations on Monday evenings.

APPROVALS

Motion Clayton second Lundberg to approve minutes of October 24, 2011. Vote: all present voted, yes.

MEETINGS

Next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2011. No meeting in December.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Dodson second Clayton to adjourn the meeting. Vote: all present voted, yes.

Robert Dodson, Chairman	