



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP
VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 30, 2012**

PRESENT: Bill Grun
Peter Grochowiak
Michael Walton
Jeanine Winslow
Paul Plotnick
Supervisor Shirley Yannich

CALL TO ORDER: 4:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November 28, 2011 meeting minutes were unanimously approved (first motion, Peter Grochowiak second motion, Michael Walton).

Paul Plotnick said he is in attendance as a citizen. *Supervisor Shirley Yannich* advised she is in attendance to learn more about the VAC and that she was not sent and there are presently no supervisor liaisons for any committee/board/council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approved Memorial Wall Application Updates:

Mike Walton advised approval letters were mailed to the wives of the following applicants:

- Walter T. Shevchik, Army, Vietnam, 2219 Palomino Dr., Warrington
- John J. Rossetti, Army, World War II, 1753 Street Rd., Warrington

Jeanine Winslow advised the Water and Sewer Department confirmed 10+ years residency for the following approved applicants:

- Earl W. Hansen, Army, World War II, 2142 Longview Rd., Warrington
- Claude L. Higgins, Marine, Vietnam, 512A Taylor Ave., Warrington
- Herbert H. Roeder, Army, World War II, 2464 Kelly Rd., Warrington
- Russell R. Wiley, Navy, World War II, 72 Woodlawn Ave., Warrington

Pending Memorial Wall Application Updates:

Alexander Swaan, Otto Swaan and Joseph Cohen – Approvals pending documentation.

Mike Walton reviewed a list of veteran's names from the Bucks County Veterans' Bureau. Alexander Swaan's name is on this list with the source being the Warrington's Honor Role Board and he is listed as active duty. Otto Swaan's name is not listed but he was younger than Alexander. **Mike Walton** spoke to Lee Wolfe who made the applications for her father and uncle. Mike requested Lee to provide him with a copy of the SF180 form she submitted to determine if there are other boxes that could have been checked off to acquire additional documentation. Lee received a letter that Alexander's files were destroyed in a 1975 fire. Mike hopes to pull records from other sources. Lee has military service numbers for Alexander and Otto Swaan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Newly Submitted Memorial Wall Applications:

- Leonard H. Point, Air Force, World War II, 2080 Bristol Rd., Warrington:
- Robert T. Allen, Army, 2513 Bristol Rd., Warrington
- William H. Wallace, Air Force, 1846 Carriage Way, Warrington

The VAC unanimously approved the newly submitted applications pending proof of residency.

Mike Walton advised that the lettering SSGI for Mr. Allen and Crew Chief title for Mr. Wallace would be omitted from the inscription and only their first name, middle initial and last names would be inscribed with a further discussion to follow. **Mike Walton** advised applicants that families can purchase bricks and pavers where rank/designation could be listed.

Review of Total Memorial Wall Applications: **Mike Walton** said there are 68 names currently engraved on the wall and 24 names to date to be added to the wall and the names should be submitted to the engraver by early March. **Jeanine Winslow** said we have collected \$800 to date in brick/paver payments to pay for the engravings. **Shirley Yannich** asked if brick purchases were restricted to residents only and **Mike Walton** advised non-residents can also make purchases. **Shirley Yannich** recommended reaching out to the fraternal organizations such as the Elks and Knights of Columbus. **Jeanine Winslow** said she would reach out to fraternal organizations.

Disabled American Veterans Logo Request for Paver: **Jeanine Winslow** advised we received our first paver application with a logo. The logo DAV requested is too detailed to be duplicated on the paver. There are various DAV logos and Olde Mill Impressions will supply a DAV logo which is doable and we will ask the local DAV if it is acceptable.

Memorial Wall Engraving Policy: **Mike Walton** proposed that the VAC develop a memorandum of understanding that based on past practice, existing conditions and to maintain consistency of the design and nature of the wall, that we maintain no rank, no service affiliation or conflict but first name, middle initial, and last name only. Also, the font/size will be listed. **Mike Walton** said he would compose the memorandum and mail to the VAC members. **Jeanine Winslow** advised that Rich from Kulinnski Memorials traced the lettering of the wall and knows which font and size is on the wall. Jeanine will ask Rich how he classifies them to compare to other documents. **Mike Walton** plans to check with CKS Engineering in an attempt to acquire the wall documentation.

continued that liaisons keep good interaction between the supervisors and the boards. **Shirley Yannich** said she sees something more important than the communications and that is the self worth of the volunteers.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS:

Mike Walton stated that it was essential for the VAC to have a Board of Supervisor liaison to avoid holding up important progress in accomplishing goals and a liaison creates a much smoother procedure. A general discussion **Shirley Yannich** recommended that the VAC advertise the sale of bricks in The Link. **Jeanine Winslow** advised plans were previously made for the VAC brick promotion to be advertised in the spring 2012 Link. **Jeanine Winslow** recommended that Mike Walton write a letter to the Board of Supervisors explaining the VAC's memorial wall endeavors in which there are over 24 approved applications to be added to the wall. We have a number of living World War II veterans to be honored and we cannot say we do not have the funding to complete the engravings. **Shirley Yannich** recommended before writing a letter to try to arrange a one-on-one discussion between Mike Walton and Supervisor John Paul.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:45 p.m.