

Doylestown Township  
Veterans Advisory Committee  
Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 7PM

**Members in attendance:** Chris Suessenguth, Chairman; Nicholas Jasionis, Vice Chairman; Joseph Volk, Secretary.

**Absent:** Megan McCuen

**Township Staff:** Stephanie Mason, Township Manager

**Via Zoom:** Barbara Lyons, Liaison

**Guests:** Marianne Davis

**Welcome:** Mr. Suessenguth welcomed everyone, introduced the newest members Mr. Volk.

**Reorganization:** Ms. Mason lead the members in reorganization:

**Chairman:** On motion of Mr. Jasionis, seconded by Mr. Volk – Mr. Suessenguth was voted chairman, the motion carried 3 – 0.

**Vice Chairman:** On motion of Mr. Suessenguth, seconded by Mr. Volk – Mr. Jasionis was voted vice Chairman, the motion carried 3 – 0.

**Secretary:** On motion of Mr. Suessenguth, seconded by Mr. Jasionis – Mr. Volk was voted secretary, the motion carried 3 – 0.

**Presentation:** Mariann Davis; Blue Star Family Organization

Ms. Davis stated the helping other families helps her family and mentioned that Pennsylvania was one of the first states to start a chapter of the Blue Star Family Organization. There is a lot of interest with in-kind donations for special events and each blue star represents a child of a military serving family. Mr. Volk invited Ms. Davis to visit Pine Run Village and Mr. Suessenguth suggested the Blue Star Family Organization link be added to the Township website to help children of military families that are serving. Mr. Suessenguth mentioned the National Salute dinner and Ms. Davis said care packages mean a lot to soldiers. She expressed an interest in joining the Committee as she is a member of a Veteran Family.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes Approval:** The approval of the September 28, 2023 was tabled.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Suessenguth led a discussion of old business. The Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 10, 2023 was well attended. Planning for a Veterans Advisory informercial aided by the Telecommunications Advisory Board (TAB) is in progress.

Mr. Jasionis gave an update regarding Wreaths Across America that was scheduled for December 16, 2023.

**New Business:**

Mr. Suessenguth stated that Mr. Navarre left the Veterans Advisory Committee to devote time to Veteran Family Alliance and Ms. Wirth-Torrente has also resigned from the committee, leaving two positions on the Veterans Advisory Committee. Ms. Lyons discussed the email sent by Ms. Wirth-Torrente with the committee.

Mr. Suessenguth led a discussion about ways the Veterans Advisory Committee work could be recognized with the future construction of the new recreation center, such as fundraising, sponsorship at the new building maybe a flagpole, walkway or bench.

Ms. Lyons suggested a respectful receptacle idea that she heard about to retire American flags. It was mentioned that Township emails are a good way to get the word out about what the Veterans Advisory Committee does for the community.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Suessenguth asked for closing comments: the consensus was that everyone is happy to serve on the Veterans Advisory Committee. On motion of Mr. Jasionis, seconded by Mr. Volk the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

The next meeting of the Veterans Advisory Committee will be Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 7pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Volk