

**Doylestown Township Veterans Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 23, 2025 @ 7 PM, Caucus Room

Attendees:

VAC Members: Chris Suessenguth, Joe Volk and Jack Kearins.

Others in attendance included: Barbara N. Lyons, , Vice-Chair, Doylestown Township Supervisors-Liaison via Zoom, Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township Manager Andrea Mergner, Doylestown Township Assistant Township Manager and

Welcome - Chris Suessenguth, welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Reorganization – Ms. Mason asked for nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Veterans Advisory Committee.

Mr. Volk made a motion to nominate Chris Suessenguth to be Chair, with Mr. Kearins seconding the nomination, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Volk made a motion to nominate Jack Kearins to be Vice-Chair, with Mr. Suessenguth seconding the nomination, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Suessenguth made a motion to nominate Joe Volk to be Secretary, with Mr. Kearins seconding the nomination, with the vote being unanimous.

New Member - Jack Kearins discussed his background having served in the Air Force, and a member of the Doylestown American Legion Post.

Minutes Approval - After corrections were discussed, Mr. Suessenguth made a motion to approve the September 26, 2024 meeting minutes, with Mr. Kearins seconding the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Eagle Scout Flag Retirement Project – Mr. Suessenguth indicated that the Boy Scout planning to make the flag retirement boxes for the Vac was unable to get his project approved by the Boy Scout Counsel. Therefore, we'll have to find another way to create such boxes for flag retirements.

Veterans Flag Pole – Ms. Mergner reported that \$1,395 has been raised toward the \$6,000 goal for the flag pole to recognize Veterans. Mr. Suessenguth will spread the word in the community to help this effort.

Naming of the Roundabouts - State Senator Steve Santarsiero's Office has been approached to ask for his support for naming the two new roundabouts at Easton Road & New Britain and Sauerman Roads for our Gold and Blue Star Families. Mr.

Suessenguth indicated that in addition to hopefully naming the roundabouts that flowers in blue and gold could be planted within the roundabouts or near the signs.

Other Business – Mr. Volk asked about additional members for the VAC. Ms. Mason reminded everyone that anyone interested in joining the Veterans Advisory Committee should send a resume to the Township to be considered for Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Mergner reminded the VAC that there had been discussion previously about changing the time of their meetings. After discussion it was the consensus of the members to move their meetings to 4 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of the month. Keeping every other month schedule for 2025.

Adjournment – Mr. Suessenguth made a motion, and Mr. Kearins seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 4 p.m. .

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Volk, Secretary