

VETERANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

May 3, 2010 – 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Lucia, Thompson, Yepsen; Hargrave; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Jennifer Ciulla, Publications Specialist; Bob Mitchell, Veterans' Service Agency; Gene Corsale, Veterans' Volunteer; The Saratogian

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Lucia moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 5th. Ms. Yepsen seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Hellwig said he has spoken to Jen regarding maintenance of the grounds surrounding the Saratoga County Veterans' Monument at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. He said he has been told by Ricky Gardner that every other week his crew goes there and takes care of maintaining that area. He said if there is something special that needs to be done, just let him know. He said there was an unwritten agreement between the County and the Cemetery, but over time, it has evolved to our people taking care of it. Mr. Hellwig said it is his understanding that it wasn't being taken care of. Mr. Thompson said it hasn't been taken care of because he was out there last year. He said he called DPW-Buildings about it, and someone went out the next day, but we should maintain it and not rely on someone else.

Ms. Ciulla stated the Air Force Band of Liberty has confirmed their concert date of September 25th at 3:00 p.m. at SPAC. We will provide some per diem expenses and hotel rooms for them. Because of that, we will not be providing the back stage meal, she said. She stated the total for this concert all together will be \$29,500. Chairman Johnson said Marcia White of SPAC has negotiated a \$2,000 decrease in rental fee to \$9,500 vs. \$11,500. Ms. Ciulla said SPAC's contract is getting started for that, and we will be going out for quotes for the hotel rooms. We have contacted Stewart's for distributing the tickets, she said. Chairman Johnson said she would hope snacks could be provided to the band. Last year the total cost for the concert was \$41,500, and this year, it will be \$29,500. The big expense was the fireworks which we are giving up. Ms. Ciulla said she will have the proofs for the invitations and tickets at the next meeting.

Ms. Yepsen asked if we have ever had signers on stage for the concert. She said she knows of a group of kids who sign. They only do veterans'

events, and maybe we should include them at some point at one of our veterans' events, she said. Ms. Ciulla said she would check into that.

Chairman Johnson mentioned that 20 applications have been received so far for the Veterans' Director position. We will probably look at these next week, she stated.

On a motion by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann