

Veterans' Committee Minutes
October 1, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Rowland, Lucia, Hargrave, Wright, Richardson, Collier, and Wood; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Andrew Davis, Veterans' Director; Press.

Chairman M. Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Davis said there have been approximately three complaints to his office with regard to the changes to the Veterans Van. He said once they realize that Saratoga County is the only one in upstate New York that does not receive any Federal State or not for profit support they understand.

Mr. Davis said the Run for Veterans is still progressing along. He said his office had approximately 200 posters printed with approximately 130 of them having been hung thus far. He said that yard signs will be available as well.

Registrations include just under 50 on the active site, 20 paper registrations and General Electric has confirmed 27 runners thus far.

Mrs. Johnson said Keith Manz and Ryan Moore have been working with different people to try and find out where the signs were for the Saratoga County Veterans Memorial Bridge. Mr. Manz finally did get in touch with someone at DOT. The signs are being shipped as of today and will be put up by the DOT prior to Mid October, she said. Mrs. Johnson said after speaking to Mr. Wood, the dedication for the bridge has been scheduled for October 19th at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Johnson said since part of the bridge is in the City of Saratoga Springs, Mayor Johnson will be receiving an invitation to attend the dedication ceremony along with Mr. Veitch and Ms. Yepsen.

Mr. Wood said he received a communication from Mr. Hartman from VFW Post 420 in Saratoga Springs about a special program that will take place on Veterans' Day. A letter has been sent out to the Superintendent of each of the local school districts in Saratoga County asking them to share with the teachers in gathering pictures of family members in their military dress. For their Veterans Day program they will have a large collage of the pictures with a special unveiling and lighted display. There will be a special program at the unveiling at 2:00 p.m. he said. Mr. Wood asked that Supervisors reach out to their school Superintendent's within their districts to confirm that they received a copy of the letter and ask them if they could encourage their staff and students to participate in gathering pictures. Mr. Wood said the pictures would include all Veterans and active duty.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Wright the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom