

**VILLAGE OF LINDENHURST
VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023
VILLAGE HALL**

- I. **Call to Order.** Meeting called to order by Chairman Murray at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Murray.
- III. **Roll Call.** Present: Chairman John Murray, Art Dutkovic, Tobias Gruchot, Jonathan Kellogg, Fernando Sanchez, and Philip Rovang. Also Present: Trustee Patrick Dunham and Trustee Patrick Dixon. Absent: Alfredo Gallardo.
- IV. **Discuss and Finalize Tasks for the Memorial Day Event.** Chairman Murray informed Mr. Rovang that he can pick up his Commission name tag at the Village Hall during business hours.

Chairman Murray led the Commission in a discussion regarding outstanding tasks for the Memorial Day Ceremony by reviewing the Lindenhurst Veterans' Memorial Commission Memorial Day Assignment and Contact Sheet. The Commission reviewed and discussed the following event items/tasks: Lakes High School Band, vocalist, Chaplain, rifle squad, Young Marines, guest speaker (Mr. Kellogg), program development, event script, event timeline, Lindenhurst Queens, media press release, invitation letters, event invite to BJ Hooper Elementary School, Floral Acres for ceremony flowers, sound system, Public Works event setup, and ceremony programs.

Chairman Murray said that he confirmed with the Lakes High School Band Director that they would perform during the ceremony. He also said that that the band would play the national anthem rather than having a vocalist this year. Chairman Murray said that the Chaplain, Deacon Jack Ruskin, was confirmed for the event. He also confirmed that the Marine Corps League would be present at the event as the rifle squad. Chairman Murray said he was unable to confirm participation with the Young Marines. Mr. Kellogg confirmed that he would be participating as guest speaker. Mr. Dutkovic said that he is nearly done with the program development. Chairman Murray reported that Mr. Gallardo confirmed the participation of the Lindenhurst Queens. Mr. Rovang reported that he provided BJ Hooper Elementary School with information about the event to invite the teachers and students. Mr. Gruchot said that he would contact the Village first thing tomorrow morning to work with Village staff to order flowers from Floral Acres. Chairman Murray said that the sound system was confirmed to be operated by the Village Administrator. Trustee Patrick Dunham confirmed that Public Works staff will have the event set up the morning of the ceremony to include the podium, flags, chairs,

and traffic control barriers. Mr. Dutkovic said that he would give the programs to the Lindenhurst Queens to hand out to attendees at the event.

Once the outstanding event items/tasks were discussed, Chairman Murray and the Commission went over the draft script for the ceremony and some minor edits were made. Chairman Murray said he would send a final draft of the script to the Commission members prior to the Ceremony.

The Commission discussed the dress code at the ceremony for Commission members. The Commission decided that business casual attire with a sport coat or blazer would be acceptable for the event.

V. Public Comments. Trustee Dixon informed the Commission about the new initiative “Back in the Fight.” He explained that it is a non-village initiative to bring Lindenhurst Veterans together to get involved with the community. Trustee Dixon said that a Facebook group under the same name was created, and that the initiative was recently launched.

VI. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Dutkovic, seconded by Mr. Gruchot. Motion carried. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.