

Village of Hanover Park



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**VETERANS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

**Police Headquarters – 2011 W. Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133**

**Saturday, December 1, 2012
9:00 am**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chair Rick Roberts called meeting to order at 9:05 am

**PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ann Delort
Beverly Baier
Nikki Russ
Rick Roberts
Dave Warkel
Ken Griesemer
Laura Minor**

**ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Les Belzer
Jeff Blackmon
Frank Euliano
June Euliano**

**ALSO PRESENT: Steve Wilson
Bruce Baier
Tim Murphy**

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

**Motion by: Ken
Second by: Bev
Vote: All Ayes**

3. PRESENTATION/REPORTS

N/A

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 2012

**Motion by: Ken
Second by: Dave
Vote: All Ayes**

5. ACTION ITEMS

6. TOWNHALL SESSION: N/A

7.

8. OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

7a. Veterans Day Review

- Special “thank you” to Public Works for doing a wonderful job with the tent and unveiling of statue on a very challenging day with the high winds.
- Special “thank you” to Beverly & Bruce Baier for all the footwork getting the refreshments and making the signage cards.
- Special “thank you” to Steve Wilson, VFW Post 5151 and 11018 and State Commander Joseph J. Stachon.
- No photographer was provided by the Village so there are no pictures of the actual ribbon cutting or the event. Ken did indicate that he has other pictures and will send them to both Rick and Ann.
- The restored Army jeep was added at the last minute and was a big success.
- There were over 400+ attendees and was very emotional for several people. No complaints were heard and all positive comments regarding both the event and the Veterans Plaza were indicated.
- It was suggested for Chairman to contact Costco and personally thank them for the generous amount of food that they donated. It was also suggested to have a “Certificate of Appreciation” printed from the Veterans Committee and presented to the businesses that do donate.

7b. Memorial Plaza Update

- Howard is talking to architect in regards to the lighting by the medallions.
- We will continue accepting brick applications throughout the years and they will be presented Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
- Possibly the brick application should have the “due by” date removed.

8. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

8a. People have asked why the flags are at half-masked. This is requested by the Governor and usually is due when an Illinois Military, Police or Firefighter was killed in the line of duty. It was suggested that this information should be available or emailed to the public as it is announced.

8b. Chairman Roberts indicated about having a Toys for Tots during next year’s Christmas Lighting. Nicki indicated that the Lions Club already does something similar for needy Hanover Park families. It would be nice that the donations remain in Hanover Park and that the possibility of the Lions Club get involved with this for next year. This will be reviewed in 2013.

8c. Ann indicated that due to her availability, she will be stepping down from the Committee. Her term is up in April and she will finish her term. She will continue with the 9-11 event.

- It was suggested by the entire Committee that the work should be distributed.
- Chairman Roberts has already spoken to Mayor Craig and Howard regarding this. The letters for the Honor Roll applications can be sent by Village staff.
- Nicki volunteered to assist.
- Ann will reconsider.

8b. NEXT MEETINGS: Saturday, January 5, 2013

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Ken to adjourn at 9:53 am. Second by: Dave Vote: All Ayes