**Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission Regular Meeting**

**November 10, 2023 7pm Fowler Building**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Opening:** The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular Meeting on Thursday November 10, 2023 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Tom Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Donald Moore

Chris Attardo,

Tom Jackson

Emily Sopchak

Jack Jansen

Frank Rodriquez

**Guests:**

Bill Kates -

Cathy Gorman Rose – Recording Secy –

Senior Vice Commander from DAV – Bob Graham

**Agenda review of parade**

**Consideration of Minutes:** Review of October Minutes

Chris made motion, to accept minutes, Emily seconded all in favor, motion approved

**Old Business:**

**Veterans Day:** November 12, 2023

* Wreath laying at Dough Boy Monument: 11/11/11 - 11/11 at 11am – 10:45am arrival
* Put flags at monuments on Green
* Parade: 11/12, step off at 2pm, gather at Fowler at 1pm
* Grand Marshall suggestions: Marine Colonel Adele Hodges,
* Wayne Siegmund, Special Office Senior Chief Petty Officer, Retired

Wreath laying: dough boy, 11/11/11

1 wreath only

**Dough Boy Ceremony:**

Lou Eden from Post 196 to handle music and benediction

Sean Eden to speak about Dough Boy, WWI

Bill Kates will narrate “In Flanders Fields”

Pastor Jim Loomer will do benediction at the gazebo

* Get policeman for parade lineup
* Get barricade at end of the driveway
* Bob suggest inviting softball team
* Reviewed order of parade
* Send to participants, commissioners

**New Business:**

* Need a replacement for Travis
* Bricks at Fowler building
* Brick wall for deceased Vets
* Bench at entrance to building
* Mention Tom Flowers at closing ceremony
* Swearing in of new Mayor

Next meeting is December 14,2023

**For the good of the group:**

Chris made motion to adjourn, seconded by Don, all in favor, meeting adjourned

Meetingadjourned at 7:50pm

*Respectfully submitted by Cathy Rose, Recording Secretary*