



Post No. 216

Ernest F. Oldenburg Post #216, The American Legion, 510 West Commerce Road, Milford, MI 48381
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Minutes of the October 2008 General Membership Meeting

Commander Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the proper opening ceremonies being observed.

Chaplin Robert Janoska gave the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

		Present	Excused	Absent
Commander	John Nelson	x		
Senior Vice Commander	Tony Puente	x		
Junior Vice Commander	Todd Herron	x		
Adjutant	Charles Hoobler	x		
Finance Officer	Ron Nevorski	x		
Chaplain	Bob Janoska	x		
Historian	Robert Maxwell	x		
Sergeant –at-Arms	Skip Davison		x	
Exec. Committee	Dennis Finkbeiner		x	
Exec. Committee	Jim Hunter	x		
Exec. Committee	Jack Winder	x		
Exec. Committee Aux	Linda Maxwell			x
Exec. Committee SAL	Mike McDonnell	x		

Minutes:

Adjutant Hoobler presented the minutes of the September 16th 2008 Executive Board Meeting and made a motion to accept the minutes. Second was Jack Winder. The motion passed.

Guests:

Larry Waligora Milford Twp. Fire Chief
Steve Przbylla Milford Twp Fire Department
Daniel Schiedeman Squadron 216 Commander

Guest Presentations:

A motion was made by J. Salvia to suspend the regular order of business to allow for guest presentations. Seconded by B. Janoska, and passed by voice vote.

- Larry Waligora the Milford Twp Fire Chief presented the plan for improvement of the existing Fire House from its 5000 Sq Ft. facility to a 17000 Sq Ft facility with Offices, Training Room, and Living Quarters. The Training Room converts into an Emergency Operations Center when needed to house Police Operations during an emergency.

- The cost to township property owners will be approximately \$29.00 per \$100,000 of value assessed for 22 years or .293 Mills. This proposal will be on the Nov 4th ballot.
- Questions:
 - Bob Janoska – Is there much opposition to this proposal? Chief Waligora – With the economy in the position that it is in there is some opposition but not an extreme amount.
 - Joe Salvia – Is the cost based upon today’s property values? Chief Waligora – The cost is based upon an amortization over 2 years.
 - Rich Chowaniec – How did you get around the requirement for an elevator to the 2nd floor? Chief Waligora – The 2nd floor area is only available to the Fire Fighters.
 - Tony Puente – Will you still have to do training in Highland? Chief Waligora – In the past we have sent our Fire Fighters to Boot Camp in Highland. When this is completed the Boot Camp and Fire Academy will move here.
 - Bob Jamoska – What do you want from the American Legion? Chief Waligora – Your support in the upcoming election for this proposal.
- Joe Salvia presented a motion that the Post recommend approval of the renovations as presented. Second was Lance Oberg. The motion passed. The Adjutant will write a letter to the Township Supervisor addressing the Post support for the renovations.
- The pictures of the renovated Fire House will be posted prominently at the Friday night Bingo.
- Steve Przbylla on behalf of the Milford Fire Department thanked the membership for their support.

A motion was made by B. Janoska to return to the regular order of business. Seconded by J. Salvia, and passed by voice vote.

Report of Officers

Senior Vice Commander: Tony Puente reported:

- **Flag Retirement:** BS Troop 33 will support the flag retirement scheduled for November 8, 2008 at the Post starting at 11:00AM.
- **Scouts:** There was a campout for the Boy Scouts and Pack 52 held at Kensington Park last weekend. It was a chilling experience for all who attended.
- **Baseball:** Baseball starts again in the High School Gym in 2 weeks for boys 16-19 years old. There will more information presented at a later date.

Junior Vice Commander: Todd Herron reported:

- **Children’s Christmas Party:** The Christmas Party will be held on December 7th this year.

Finance Officer: Ron Nevorski reported:

- Ron presented the September 2008 Finance Report. B. Godwin made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Support by J. Moore. The motion passed by voice vote.

Chaplain: Bob Janoska reported:

- Cloyd Feigley a 63 year member of Post 216 passed.
- Skip Davison Sergeant at Arms for Post 216 was in a Motorcycle Accident and injured requiring hospitalization.

Historian: Bob Maxwell reported:

- No Report.

- Bob Janoska complemented Bob Maxwell on the beautiful picture display in the Clubroom. It is a great addition to the Post.

Auxiliary: No Report

SAL: Mike McDonnell reported:

- Hamburger Night is on Thursday. Help is needed. Please sign up in the kitchen.

Committee Reports

Service Officer: Bruce Hayden reported:

- Three veteran's families were helped last month with food and other assistance this month.

Membership:

• Bruce Hayden made a motion that the following applicants be approved for membership in Post 216:

Michael Willihnganz, U.S. Army, Vietnam - Support by T. Herron. Michael is a transfer from Post #3.
Brian Ziehinski, U.S. Army, Persian Gulf - Support by Hoobler. Brian is currently on AD.

- Bruce Hayden indicated that the Post has a goal of 419 members for 2009 and currently has 288 paid members. We have obtained 8 new members this month..

Boys State: No report.

Ceremonial Committee: John Moore reported:

- The unit provided Military Honors at the Clyde Feigley Funeral last week.
- 8 new members have been certified by the Army to perform as Honor Guard and/or Pallbearers at funerals.
- Rich Chowanec reported that MSG Richter of the USAR will return and certify those people who were only able to complete 1 class.

Scholarship Committee: No report.

Honor Walk: No report.

Poppy Committee: No report.

Memorial Day Parade Committee: No report

Bingo: Reported by Bruce Hayden:

- Bruce gave the September 2008 Bingo report. A check for \$3400 was remitted to the post financial officer. Hayden made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Seconded by R. Maxwell. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Charitable Gaming Tickets: Reported by Bob Janoska:

- There is a checkbook balance of \$1021.00.

Clubroom: Reported by Mike McDonnell:

- Mike gave the Clubroom Report for September 2008. Mike made a motion that the report be accepted subject to future audit. Seconded by Janoska. The motion passed by voice vote.

Legion Riders: Reported by Commander Nelson:

- The riding season has come to its official conclusion for this year on a sad note. One of our members Skip Davison was injured and is recuperating at home after a week in the hospital and surgery.
- The Legion Riders Leadership is going to work to provide a safer program format for the organization. We will work to fix existing safety issues so that we are a safer organization for all of our members.

House: Reported by Mike McDonnell:

- The new fan in the kitchen is installed and working. It is awesome. There is no smoke in the kitchen. There are no blown breakers. The circuit was changed to 30 amps and rewired with 14 gauge wire so the fan is up to code.

Unfinished Business:

- **Better lighting for the flag:** Commander Nelson reported that this issue is off the table as it has been approved and we have the money to perform the work. All that is needed is the how and when. J. Salvia commented that it is a job that needs to be completed before bad weather comes.
- **November 6, 2008 – Michigan PVA Presentation Gala.**
- **November 8, 2008 - Veterans Day Parade:** The parade starts in Detroit at 12:00PM. To participate arrive around 10:00AM. If you are participating in the parade please park in the back of the Post parking lot.
- **November 9, 2008 - Veterans Day Walk in Milford:** Participants need to assemble at the Post NLT 1:00pm. Kickoff time is 2:00PM. The walk will be to the park on the Huron River.
- Commander Nelson reported that for the Department Commanders Tour that will stop at Post 216 and there is talk of media coverage.
- **Breast Cancer 3 day Walk:** Jennifer Hurst daughter of a Past Post Commander and Auxiliary President has asked Bruce Hayden for permission to operate a concession stand for 1 night to raise money for her cause. B. Janoska presented a motion to donate \$50.00 to American Cancer Society. Second was J. Winder. J. Salvia commented that these requests for money should be covered in a budget line item. Lance Oberg commented that the Executive Board should provide input. Commander Nelson commented there was no need for a group meeting if the funds are available. Post participation is appropriate. The motion carried.

New Business:

- Commander Nelson read the Certificate of Achievement on Children and Youth Citation presented to Post 216 from National.
- Commander Nelson received a phone call from a woman who had a RVN era POW Bracelet with the name of a POW from Milford on it. She was looking for assistance in locating his family members if possible so that she could return the bracelet to the family. The veteran's name is Milton J. Vescelius Jr.
- **Correspondence:**
 - a) Adjutant Hoobler presented a book to the membership that was donated by Tom Lynch. The title is "Final Salute".

b) Adjutant Hoobler read correspondence from:

- 1) Casual Quilters Quilt Guild requesting donations. J. Salvia made a motion to donate \$25.00. Support was B. Janoska. The motion was tabled until the next meeting.
- 2) Huron Valley State Bank requesting help in the display and collection for sale of Poinsettia Plants in Post 216. Commander Nelson is to talk with the bank to better understand their request.

Good of the Legion:

- **Department Commanders Tour:** Commander Nelson reported that Post 216 will be the first stop on the Department Commanders Tour. The Post Auxiliary provided a great breakfast for 50-60 people. There were 21 members of the Post 216 family present. The Department Commander thought very highly of the Post facilities. It was a good showing and a very good day for the tour. The Post 216 contribution toward the bus is \$50.00.
- **Posting Colors:** Lance Olberg commented that he liked the idea of posting the colors at the bottom of the staircase into the clubroom.
- **Table Repairs:** Mike McDonnell reported that the older tables are being clamped so they can be used otherwise they are falling apart. He is getting them fixed and when finished they should last quite a long time.

There being no more business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM with the proper closing ceremonies being observed.

Prepared and submitted by.

Charles L. Hoobler
Adjutant