

## Minutes of the Raritan Historic & Cultural Committee August 21, 2024

- Committee called to order at 6:31PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Members in attendance: Karen Eastlund, Ed Ruzbarsky, Gail Ostapczuk, James Fidacaro, Jane Fidacaro, Debbie Thomas, Dave Fritzinger, Joyce Tronolone, Nicole
- Excused Members: Mark Esposito, Lisa D'Angelo, Frank Del Rocco, Dawn Wilde, Tim Rack
- Secretary's Minutes from 06/2024
  - No Changes
  - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Balance in treasury month \$3388.04
  - Trust Fund \$1199.15
  - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve.
- **Old Business**
  - Library Programs
    - U-Boats – negotiating for 9/24/24 or 9/27/24
    - Tea Party Burning is scheduled for 11/2/2024. Needs to be earlier, Library closes at 2pm on Saturdays. In conjunction with Paul Soltis
  - Washington School Sign
    - Lisa will be meeting with Vince and Glass Castle to remeasure
  - Shirts – new ones came in
  - Open House at Frank Tropiano's – on hold
  - Facebook Page – no updates, looks good
  - Participation in Basilone Parade
    - Ed's Car
    - Images and quotes
      - 24x26 inches \$73/each – \$292.08
      - 24x18 inches \$46.90/each – \$187.60
      - Motion to choose the 24x26. Seconded. All approve.
    - Motion to accept 4 previous photos or 4 new photos. Seconded.
      - New photos: Benches, Veterans Park, Library Porch Knox Porter/Committee 2021, Welcome to Raritan
      - All approve 4 new photos
  - Banner on Somerset Street
    - Banner is too small for Mainstreet
    - County will be asked if it can be put on the walking bridge
    - Cost for a bigger one 20x4 feet, estimated to be \$500
  - Hometown Heroes for 2026
    - Further updates forthcoming
- **New Business**
  - Gail makes a motion to accept spending \$150 on shelves and casters for storage. Seconded. All approve.
  - Received a photo of initial Basilone Statue unveiling. Need to reframe. Suggested to get a similar size photo of the recent unveiling of the new and updated plaque on the statue
  - Postcards to 4H
  - Received street signs
    - Have been power washed
    - Think about designs to utilize them and display
  - Metal shelving installed
    - Thanks to DPW for putting them together

- Washington School Site – received a letter from someone about putting a playground on the site of Washington School, wants input from our committee. Gail, Jim, and Debbie will meet with Lexi
- Try and meet at Fire House in October
- Will have quick September meeting to prep for Parade

➤ **Meeting Adjourned 7:17 PM**