

## 140<sup>th</sup> NYVI Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2022

Location: Ely Fagan Stevens Connor American Legion Post 1151

30 members were in attendance in person and 5 attended on Zoom. The regular meeting was called to order by President Sarah Northan at 6:30 p.m. Welcome was given to all in attendance.

**Secretary** Secretary Thomas Eney was late due to work so Susan Berardi volunteered to take minutes and attendance: Minutes from the last meeting were not available.

**Treasurer** Sheila Eney reported on the status of the bank accounts. The accounts of the Unit were moved from Chase Bank to Family First Credit Union. Expenditures were \$166 for PO Box renewal, \$504 Philadelphia Insurance, and \$500 RIT Inn & Conference Center to reserve for the Anniversary party in the Fall. Additionally, \$1000 was transferred from checking into savings. Final balances: Checking: \$1595.39 and Savings \$2284.18.

**Vice President and Membership** RuthAnn Williams introduced new civilian members Amy Coddling and the Barton Family and Mike O'Connor introduced new military member Jonah Ben Dov

**Civilian Coordinator** Cathy Curley reported that Civil War Days at Genesee Country Village & Museum (Mumford) will be a week later this year, July 23-24 and the Museum has set both this year and next as Living History days, not battle reenactments. There are hurt feelings at the Museum due to remarks made on the survey on our Facebook page last year following the event. Some remarks were inappropriate and personal, some were made by people no longer members. Cathy asked whether Civilians were interested in a Civilian Seminar this year (only two people attended last year) and if so what topic or topics were of interest. Also, please let Cathy know what you would like to portray at Mumford this year.

**Military Coordinator** Mike O'Connor discussed the changes at Mumford to Living History only and some possible scenarios for military. He listed all the local and out of area reenactments and described them giving some recommendations.

**New Business:** A vote was held to select at least 3 Maximum effort events for 2022 the 140th will participate in, with at least two being local events per our By-Laws. Events selected by vote were: Newfane Apple Blossom, Mumford, and Hale Farm in Ohio. Events also receiving many votes were Waterloo Memorial Day, West Sparta, Newfane Harvest Festival (military) and Angelica (civilians).

Election of Officers: An election ballot for 2022 was distributed by Vice President RuthAnn Williams. President Sarah Northan conducted the election asking, as each office came up whether there were nominations from the floor. The offices of President, Military Coordinator, and Civilian Coordinator had individuals running unopposed so those offices each received one vote by Secretary Tom Eney for the Unit. For the office of Vice President, there was a nomination from the floor by Jarrett Northan for Tom Eney for Vice President. Tom accepted the nomination. The other offices had two people running , but there were no further nominations from the floor. Members attending indicated their choices on the ballots which were collected and votes tabulated.

### 140th NYVI Officers for 2022

President: Sarah Northan

Vice President/Membership: Thomas Eney

Secretary: Susan Berardi

Treasurer: Sheila Eney

Military Coordinator: Mike O'Connor

Civilian Coordinator: Cathy Curley

The group attending next split into military and civilian groups to finish electing other positions. Results were as follows:

Military: 1st Sergeant: Dave George, 2nd Sergeant: Andy Sikes, Corporals: Mark Hudson and Jarrett Northan

Civilian: Civilian Co-Cordinator: Karen Nitschke; Civilian Committee: Sue Erdle, Mary Sikes, Ruth Williams, Pat Smith, Julie Chamberlain, and Karen Lech.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan R. Berardi, Secretary