

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services

Commissioner's Chambers (201 N. Shiawassee St, 1st Floor)

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021

3:00pm

Roll-Call of Committee Members:

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| • Chairman | Michael Nations | Absent |
| • Secretary | Mary Jo Moore | Present |
| • Member | Jim Carrothers | Present |
| • Member | John Pajtas | Present |
| • Member | Les Schneider | Present |
| • Member | Dan Smith | Present |
| • Member | Gary Duehring | Present |

Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services Staff:

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| • Director | Mike Reeve | Present |
| • VSO | Marc LeConte | Absent |
| • Administrative Assistant | Patti Davis | Absent |
| • Transportation Coordinator | Paula Jager | Absent |

Visitors:

Commissioner Cindy Garber, Matthew Shepard

Call to Order

Secretary Mary Jo Moore called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

John Pajtas voted to approve the agenda, seconded by Gary Duehring. Motion carried by all members present.

Last Meeting's Minutes (January 27, 2021):

Motion was made by Gary Duehring to accept the previous meeting minutes, seconded by John Pajtas. Motion carried by all members present other than Les Schneider who denied the motion as he mentioned last month that papers were missing from his book after he removed them and doesn't believe all have been replaced.

Burial Reports:

There were six (6) burial applications March/April for a total of \$1,900.00. A balance of \$16,500 is in the burial fund with 18% of the funds having been spent. Motion was made by John Pajtas to approve the burials, seconded by Jim Carrothers.

Motion to Approve or Deny Assistance Applications:

PA-214 fund and Peacetime Veterans fund consideration:

There was one (1) Application for Assistance since the meeting of March 17, 2021.

A. Director / Committee Approved Applications – One (1)

PA-214 Fund

20-12-40 2018 Property Taxes \$1,910.46 *Committee disapproved application as veteran received assistance in 2020 with 2017 taxes and feel that veteran has a pattern arising with non-payment of property taxes.*

PEACETIME FUND

None

Director's Update and Board Discussions

- Director Reeve went over the Monthly Directors report
 - Budget
 - Burials
 - VSO Metrix
 - Transportation – only 1 of the 9 drivers are out, due to quarantine
 - Training
 - Meetings/Agencies
 - VSO Blog

Committee updates

None


Public Comment:

Mr. Shepard commented on the BS&A program, and believes that the expenditures sheet should be available. Mary Jo explained that the committee will need to get with Director Reeve on how they would like him to report moving forward as he has outlined several different ways he can, they just have to let him know what they would like. Mr. Shepard commented on offering veterans financial coaching on taxes before they are in foreclosure. He also said he thought he heard that the WWII monument was slated to be taken down due to Christianity movement. Mr. Shepard stated that when he once talked to Julie Swenson from the treasurer's office she stated that there are seven different veteran affairs accounts.


Les Schneider discussed legal opinions that were given out in the past and that the members should all have copies of those to make better decisions on. Jim Carrothers mentioned that the committee might not be privileged to legal opinions without going through the new county lawyer.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for April 21, 2021.



 Mike Nations
 Chairman
 Shiawassee County
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 Mike Reeve
 Director
 Shiawassee County
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