

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services

Griffin Home, (1042 N. Shiawassee St. Corunna)

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2021

3:00pm

Roll-Call of Committee Members:

• Chairman	Michael Nations	Present
• Member	Jim Carrothers	Present
• Member	John Pajtas	Present
• Member	Les Schneider	Absent
• Member	Dan Smith	Absent
• Member	Gary Duehring	Present
• Member	Mark Drayton	Present

Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services Staff:

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

Visitors:

Commissioners Gregory Brodeur and Cindy Garber, Eddie Urban, Matthew Shepard, Annemarie Darnell, Coleen King

Call to Order

Chairman Mike Nations called the meeting to order at 2:56 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

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

Last Meeting's Minutes (November 17, 2021, and Special Meeting November 24, 2021):

Motion was made by Gary Duehring to accept the previous meeting minutes for both the regular meeting and the special meeting, seconded by Mark Drayton. Motion carried by all members present.

Burial Reports:

There were five (5) burial applications in November/December for a total of \$1,600.00. A balance of \$7,700.00 is in the burial fund with 62% of the funds having been spent. Motion was made by Gary Duehring to approve the burials, seconded by Mark Drayton. Roll call for approval, approved by all members present.

Motion to Approve or Deny Assistance Applications:

PA-214 fund and Peacetime Veterans fund consideration:

There are one (3) Application for Assistance since the meeting of November 17, 2021.

A. Director / Committee Approved Applications – Three (3)

PA-214 Fund

21-11-23 Bathroom plumbing/Toilet replacement \$464.00 Director Approved, Gary Duehring made the motion to approve the funds, seconded by Mike Nations, motion carried by all members present.

21-12-25 Flooring replacement/repair/carpet \$1,436.02 Gary Duehring made the motion to approve the funds, seconded by Mark Drayton, motion carried by all members present.

Peacetime Fund

21-12-24 Rent, Auto Insurance, Gas Money \$981.98 Director Approved, Mark Drayton made the motion to approve the funds, seconded by Gary Duehring, motion carried by all members present.

Director's Update and Board Discussions

- ❖ Director Reeve went over the Monthly Directors report
- ❖ Michigan Veterans Trust Fund has added a Peacetime Fund
 - Budget
 - Burials
 - VSO Metrix
 - Transportation – only 2 of the 9 drivers are out, due to health concerns, 1 out due to illness.
 - Paula has turned in her resignation and is retiring at the end of December.
 - Training
 - Meetings/Agencies
 - VSO Blog

Wheels for Warriors held a dinner and donated \$6,000 to one of our local veteran families that were in need of some help for Christmas. A very nice article was printed in the Argus Press.

2022 Chair and Secretary Position – Nominate / Vote – Mike Nations nominated Gary Duehring for Committee Chairman, approved by all members present. Dan Smith asked Mike Nations to nominate Mark Drayton as Secretary in his absence, approved by all members present.

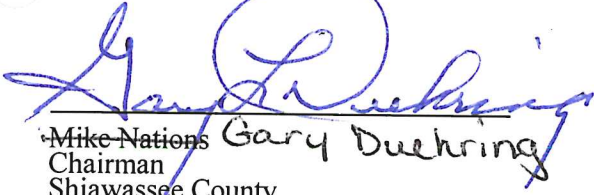
- King Media Presentation – Coleen King - Committee asked to have prices on specific items.
- Tour of the Griffin Home – meeting in recess at 4:05pm, called back to order at 4:18pm
- Approval of the proposed office site – Mark Drayton made the motion to approve the Griffin Home as the new home for the Veterans Affairs offices, seconded by John Pajtas. Motion carried by all members present.
- Architectural Services Contract, up to \$30,000 – Mark Drayton made the motion to approve the services with Creekwood Architecture, Inc, seconded by Gary Duehring. Motion carried by all members present.

Committee updates**Public Comment:**

Mrs. Darnell thanked the committee for approving her case.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for December 15, 2021.



~~Mike Nations~~ Gary Duehring
Chairman
Shiawassee County
Veterans Affairs and Services



Mike Reeve
Director
Shiawassee County
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