

## Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services

James P. Capitan Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (149 E. Corunna Ave.)

### Regular Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2020

3:00pm

#### Roll-Call of Committee Members:

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

#### Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services Staff:

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

#### Visitors:

Kelly Schneider, Commissioners Cindy Garber and Dan McMaster, Matthew Shepard

#### Call to Order

Chairman Carrothers called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Agenda:

It was moved by Gary Duehring, to approve the Agenda for today's meeting; seconded by John Pajtas, motion carried by: all members present.

#### Last Meeting's Minutes (September 16, 2020):

Motion was made by John Pajtas to accept the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Gary Duehring. Motion carried by: all members present.

#### Burial Reports:

There were zero (0) burial applications this month. Continuing a balance of \$3,700 in the burial fund with 75% of the funds having been issued out of the burial budget.

#### Motion to Approve or Deny Assistance Applications:

PA-214 fund and Peacetime Veterans fund consideration:

There were seven (7) Applications for Assistance since the meeting of November 18, 2020.

## A. Director / Committee Approved Applications – Seven (7)

### PA-214 Fund

- 20-11-28      *Consumers Energy shut off*      \$997.23      *Director Approved, roll call for the committee to approve, all members present approved.*
- 20-11-32      *Permanent housing*      \$1500.00      *Phone approval, roll call for the committee to approve, all members present approved.*
- 20-11-36      *Furnace Replacement/ Consumers Shut Off/Food Assistance*  
\$2542.70/\$400.72/\$150.00      *Director Approved \$150.00 food assistance, Gary Duehring made the motion to approve with Financial Coaching recommended. Dan Smith seconded the motion. Roll call for the committee to approve, all members present approved.*
- 20-11-37      *Mortgage, Consumers/Water Shut off*      \$1500.46/\$1260.24/892.83      *Mike Nations made the motion to approve the water shut off notice, Dan Smith seconded the motion with recommendation for financial coaching. Roll call for the committee to approve the water shut off, all members present approved.*
- 20-11-39      *Rent Eviction/Propane Fill/Food Assistance*  
\$1815.00/\$510.61/\$500.00      *John Pajtas motioned to approve all for a total of \$2825.61, Gary Duehring seconded the motion. Roll call for the committee to approve, Jim Carrothers approved, all other members present disapproved. Dan Smith made the motion to approve the Rent eviction and propane fill for a total of \$2325.61 with the requirement of financial coaching, Gary Duehring seconded the motion. Roll call for the committee to approve, John Pajtas disapproved, all other members present approved.*

### PEACETIME FUND

- 20-11-31      *Permanent housing*      \$1500.00      *Phone approval, roll call for the committee to approve, all members present approved.*
- 20-11-33      *Permanent housing*      \$1500.00      *Phone approval, roll call for the committee to approve, all members present approved.*

### Director's Update and Board Discussions

- Director Reeve went over the Monthly Reports and Directors report
  - Budget
  - Active Claims – Marc 258 (+6), Mike 100 (+3)
  - Homeless Veterans YTD – 6
  - Transportation – 9 drivers currently – 1 out due to wife's health, 1 out due to husband's health, 1 out pending physician release, 1 out due to being quarantined due to COVID

### Committee Updates:

#### Confidentiality Form for the committee to sign

- Discussion about the forms and why they are needed.
- Policy Change: Section 103, policy 104 – homelessness/residency.

Mary Jo Moore suggested changes to the wording in homeless section of policy 104. Mike Nations made the motion for the changes, seconded by Gary Duehring, motion carried by all members present.

Motion to approve the policies made by John Pajtas, seconded by Mike Nations, motion carried by all members present.

- Revisited the MOU with Fiddler's Green that has been tabled the last couple of months. Gary Duehring made the motion to approve the MOU, John Pajtas seconded the motion, motion carried by all members present.

**Public Comment:** Matthew Shepard commented on the information that had been released in the past during public meetings, discussion took place on the changes that have been put into place to prevent any further discrepancies. Chairman Jim Carrothers explained that when discrepancies are thought to have been made that they should be addressed with the committee and gone through the chain of commands.

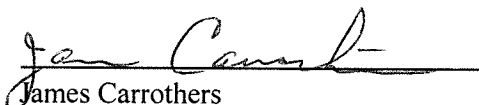
Mr. Shepard addressed his feelings on homeless veterans and that he believes the VA should be the first place for veterans to go to seek assistance rather than seeking other entities before.


Director Reeve went over projected 2021 meeting schedule and explained the need to move the meetings to the end of the month for more accurate monthly reports and the availability of the commissioner's chambers being open.

Mike Nations addressed the committee on items that could have been added to the agenda. Committee discussion took place.

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for December 16, 2020.

  
James Carrothers  
Chairman  
Shiawassee County  
Veterans Affairs and Services

  
Mike Reeve  
Director  
Shiawassee County  
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