

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2021

3:00pm

Roll-Call of Committee Members:

• Chairman	Michael Nations	Present
• 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:

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

Visitors:

Commissioner Cindy Garber, Matthew Shepard

Call to Order

Chairman Nations 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 John Pajtas to accept the previous meeting minutes with changes to the last meeting minute's dates, seconded by Dan Smith. Motion carried by: all members present.

Burial Reports:

There were two (2) burial applications January that were approved at January's meeting. A balance of \$19,400 in the burial fund with 3% 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 was one (1) Application for Assistance since the meeting of January 27, 2021.

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

PA-214 Fund

20-12-43	Vehicle Repairs	\$2,999.37	Gary Duehring made the motion to pay \$1,500.00, ½ of the amount requested for the repairs as the veteran does have income left over at the end of the month. Mary Jo
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seconded the motion with the stipulation that the veteran seeks free financial coaching. Approved by all members present.

PEACETIME FUND: No discussion

Director's Update and Board Discussions

- Director Reeve went over the Monthly Reports and Directors report
 - Active Claims – Marc 277 (+14), Mike 108 (+2)
 - Homeless Veterans YTD – 0
 - Transportation – 9 drivers currently – 1 out due to wife's health, 1 out due to husband's health, 1 out due to eye surgery, 1 out due to due to COVID concerns

Mike Nations questioned how the funds allocated when there is a PA-214 rider and a Peacetime rider, Director Reeve explained that Paula records gas spent based on if the veteran is a PA-214 or peacetime; so if there were a peacetime and PA-214 veteran she would split the cost and charge ½ to PA-214 and ½ to peacetime funds.

Committee Updates:

None

Public Comment:


Matt Shepard commented on MOU with Fiddler's Green, discussion took place on the investigation with Fiddler's Green and the fraudulent document, and is out of the committee's hands. Gary Duehring spoke regarding a conversation that he had with the board of Fiddler's Green, that the purpose of the facility was never meant to be a "homeless shelter". Mike Nations again explained that for the future, more vetting will be done on homeless veterans. Making sure that they are in fact residents of Shiawassee County, and we will not accept "squares" program as a form of DD-214.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for January 27, 2021.



Mike Nations
Chairman
Shiawassee County
Veterans Affairs and Services



Mike Reeve
Director
Shiawassee County
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