

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2022

3:00pm

Roll-Call of Committee Members:

• Chairman	Gary Duehring	Present
• Member	Jim Carrothers	Present
• Member	John Pajtas	Present
• Member	Les Schneider	Present
• Member	Dan Smith	Present
• Member	Mike Nations	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, Matthew Shepard

Call to Order

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

Agenda:

Jim Carrothers made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark Drayton. Motion carried by all members present.

Last Meeting's Minutes (December 15, 2021.):

Motion was made by John Pajtas to accept the previous meeting minutes for the regular meeting, seconded by Mike Nations. Motion carried by all members present.

Burial Reports:

There were two (2) burial applications in December for a total of \$700.00, and five (5) for January/February for a total of \$1,700.00. A balance of \$7,000.00 is in the burial fund with 65% of the funds having been spent for December and a balance of \$18,300.00 is in the burial fund for 2022 with 92% of the funds having been spent for January/February. 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 (5) Application for Assistance since the meeting of December 15, 2021.

A. Director / Committee Approved Applications – Five (5)

PA-214 Fund

22-01-01 Food Assistance/Gas Card \$325.00 Director Approved, roll call for final approval, approved by all members.

22-02-03 Consumer's Energy \$1,592.35 Mark Drayton made the motion to approve the \$1,592.35, seconded by Jim Carrothers, roll call for final approval, approved by all members.

22-02-04 Rent Eviction/Consumers Energy \$3,094.00 / \$2,147.11 Jim Carrothers made the motion to approve the Consumers for \$2,147.11, seconded by Les Schneider, roll call for final approval. Dan – yes, Jim – yes, John – no, Les – yes, Mike – no, Mark – no, Gary – yes. Motion passed 4/3 for approval of Consumers payment.

Peacetime Fund

21-12-26 Homeless/Food Assist/Gas Card \$904.00 Director Approved, roll call for final approval, approved by all members except Les Schneider dis-approved. Motion passed 6/1.

22-02-02 Property Taxes/Auto Repair/Consumers \$1,514.47 / \$2,029.98 / \$856.83 Dan Smith made the motion to approve the \$856.83 Consumers Energy, seconded by Mark Drayton, roll call for final approval. Approved by all members.

Case 22-02-04 Rent Eviction and 22-02-02 Property Taxes/Auto Repairs will be referred to MVTF and the Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund.

Director's Update and Board Discussions

- ❖ Director Reeve went over the Monthly Directors report
 - Budget
 - Burials
 - VSO Metrix
 - Transportation – only 2 of the 9 drivers are out, due to health concerns, 1 out due to illness.
 - Training
 - Meetings/Agencies
 - VSO Blog

Committee updates

Building update – Grant approval for \$89,000.00, of that \$50,000.00 was deposited on Feb. 4, 2022. Commissioner Chair Greg needs to know if we want a covered area for drop off area, replacing all doors/windows in the building. Keeping any existing showers?

King Media – Approval

Dan Smith made the motion to approve the \$99,325, seconded by Mike Nations. Roll call for approval, motion failed by all members present.

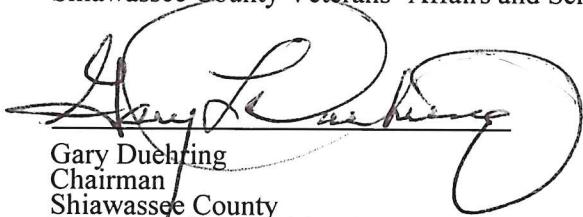
- ❖ Michigan Veterans Trust Fund will be delivery Food for Vets food cards for Shiawassee County
- ❖ Personnel update – Katrina has resigned, Patti will be going on medical leave for 6 weeks
- ❖ Ballot update needs to be submitted by May 10th to be put on the August ballot

Public Comment:


Matt Shepard – Suggested that all veterans are transported in the van in 1 trip daily, rather than multiple trips to the same facility. Suggested that some of the rooms in the new building be used as bunk houses for homeless veterans. Asked is the veterans vote be held on the general or primary election?

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for February 16, 2022.



Gary Duehring
Chairman
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Mike Reeve
Director
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