

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services

Capitan Building (149 E. Corunna Ave., 2nd Floor)

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 16, 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	Absent
• Administrative Assistant	Patti Davis	Present
• Transportation Coordinator	Paula Jager	Absent

Visitors:

Commissioner Cindy Garber

Call to Order

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

Agenda:

Gary Duehring voted to approve the agenda, seconded by Chairman Mike Nations. Motion carried by all members present.

Last Meeting's Minutes (May 19, 2021):

Motion was made by Gary Duehring to accept the previous meeting minutes, seconded by John Pajtas with the amendment of the burial approval. Motion carried by all members present.

Burial Reports:

There were zero (0) burial applications in May for a total of \$00.00. A balance of \$15,700 is in the burial fund with 22% of the funds having been spent. John Pajtas made mention that the \$40,000 veteran assets needs to be verified on the burials.

Chairman Nations addressed telephonic approvals of emergency assistance applications going against the open meetings act. Discussion took place and Gary Duehring made a motion to authorize Director Mike Reeve to approve "Emergent" applications, in the amount up to \$5000.00 and cannot wait until the next meeting to take place, with notification of the Chairperson. John Pajtas seconded the motion, motion carried by Dan Smith, John Pajtas, Gary Duehring, and Mike Nations, Motion denied by Mary Jo Moore, Jim Carrothers, and Les Schneider. Motion passed with majority, however tabled until July's meeting when Director Reeve defines an "Emergency" in the policies.

Chairman Nations read over the confidentiality statement, explained that all of the Members on the Committee have signed the agreement other than Les Schneider. Les stated that he signed one that he brought in from the VA, Director

explained that the one he signed is for “employees” of the VA in which he is not. Chairman Nations asked Mr. Schneider again to sign the Shiawassee County Veteran Affairs confidentiality form, in which he said he would not. Chairman Nations Adjourned the meeting before addressing any of the assistance applications with confidential information pertaining to those individuals.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Shiawassee County Veterans’ Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for June 16, 2021.

Mike Nations
Chairman
Shiawassee County
Veterans Affairs and Services

Mike Reeve
Director
Shiawassee County
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