

Shiawassee County Veterans’ Affairs and Services

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2021

3:00pm

Roll-Call of Committee Members:

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| • 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:

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| • 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:

Gary Duehring voted to approve the agenda, seconded by Jim Carrothers. 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 percentage left in the burial fund, seconded by Jim Carrothers. Motion carried by all members present.

Burial Reports:

There were no (0) burial applications February, to-date there have been three (3) burials for March. A balance of \$18,400 in the burial fund with 8% 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 February 17, 2021.

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

PA-214 Fund
None

PEACETIME FUND

21-03-07	Food Assistance	\$300.00	<i>Director Approved, all members present approved.</i>
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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, 1 due to eye surgery, and 1 due to being out of state
 - Training
 - Meetings/Agencies
 - VSO Blog
 - ABC 12 News Interview

Committee updates

- Director to send out the link to the ABC 12, VA interview clip
- Vietnam dates for eligibility have changed
- DIC Eligibility for surviving spouses who remarry was 57 now 55.
- Records request for NPRC/Archives is about 8-10 months behind!
- Free recreational therapy programs coming to Shiawassee County – Project Healing Waters, Fly Fishing, and Hero’s to Hives, Bee Keeping.

Les Schneider questioned the budget – Director Reeve explained discretion with incoming taxes, and said he would send out an email to follow up his findings after speaking with county treasurer, finance director and county administrator.

Public Comment:

Matt Shepard spoke about the Perry VFW hosting Corn Beef and Cabbage dinners for St. Patrick’s Day, dinner until 6pm.

Les questioned why papers were taken out of the committee member’s books, Patti responded that he had emptied his book after taking it home and she has been putting in the monthly papers that go in each member’s book. Patti to update his book with the papers that he has removed.

Mike Nations asked that all books be updated, as some have updated policies and some do not. Director to go through the policies and update for the committee meeting next month. Also, include the confidentiality form with committee member’s signatures.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Shiawassee County Veterans’ Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for March 17, 2021.

Mike Nations
 Chairman
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Mike Reeve
 Director
 Shiawassee County
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