

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2020

3:00pm

Roll-Call of Committee Members:

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

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:

Bobbi Jo, Jim Rhodes, Ford Griffin, Cindy Garber, Board of Commissioners

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 Mike Nations, to approve the Agenda for today's meeting; seconded by Dan Smith, motion carried by: all members present. (2) Revision is needed for "Committee Claims review" to reflect PA214 and Peacetime. Motioned by Mike Nations and seconded by John Pajtas.

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

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

Burial Reports:

There were two (2) burial applications needing approval in the amount of \$600.00. With approval, this would leave a balance of \$4,300.00 in the burial fund with 71.33% of the funds having been issued out of the burial budget.

Roll Call for all members present to approve pay the \$600 for 2 burials.

Motion to Approve or Deny Assistance Applications:

PA-214 fund and Peacetime Veterans fund consideration:

There were six (6) Applications for Assistance since the meeting of September 16, 2020.

A. Director / Committee Approved Applications – Six (6)

20-10-23	Tires	\$383.08	Director Approved, Roll call for the committee to approve, all members present approved.
20-10-24	(1) Emergency housing for 10 days at \$70 a day for \$700		Director approved. Roll call for the committee to approve, all members present approved
	(2)Permanent housing	\$1500	Committee Approved, Roll call for the committee to approve the \$1500, all members present approved.
20-10-25	Mortgage assistance	\$3500	Dan Smith made the requirement that veteran seeks financial assistance. Les Schneider, made the motion to approve the funds, John Pajtas seconded the motion. All members present approved.
20-10-26	(1) Emergency housing for 10 days at \$70 a day for \$700		Director approved. Roll call for the committee to approve, all members present approved
	(2)Permanent housing	\$1500	Committee Approved, Mike Nations made the motion to approve; Les Schneider seconded the motion, approved by all members present.

Residency for homeless veterans to qualify for assistance with Shiawassee County. Director Reeve; policy 103, item 5 residency shall be established for 6 months. Look into other counties, and how they look at residency for PA214 and peacetime funds. Commissioner Garber stated that we should look at case by case to help as many veterans as we can. Director will look into this topic and report back next month.

Bobbi Jo from Fiddler's Green spoke about Fiddler's Green.

Director's Update and Board Discussions

- Director Reeve went over the Directors report
 - Transportation – 9 drivers currently
 - Michigan Veterans Trust fund, we have 1 case to refer to them.
 - Discussed Michigan Veterans Trust Fund committee, how they become chairpersons, and the need to get Patti certified to become a Trust Fund Agent.
 - VFW VSO in the office Monday-Thursday
 - Les would like all service funds be added to the directors notes
 - Gary Duehring has been appointed to the committee, at the commissioners meeting.
 - Veterans Treatment court treatment is up and running

Director Reeve went over MOU to cover Fiddler's Green, committee tabled approval until next month.

Update - 12 cemetery plaques have been placed with the help of Les and the boys

Director Reeve proposed changing the homeless policy to cover 14 days instead of the 10 that it currently covers. John Pajtas motioned to make the change to cover 14 days, Mike Nations seconded the motion, motion carried by all members present.

Updated County Organization list and contact info.

Committee signed travel vouchers

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for October 21, 2020.

James Carrothers
Chairman
Shiawassee County
Veterans Affairs and Services

Mike Reeve
Director
Shiawassee County
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