

Shiawassee County Veterans’ Affairs and Services

Capitan Building, 2ND Floor (149 Corunna Ave. Corunna)

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

3:00pm

Roll-Call of Committee Members:

- Chairman Gary Duehring Present
- Member John Pajtas Present
- Member Chuck Hegg Present
- Member Dan Smith Present
- Member Doug Bowman Present
- Member Mark Drayton Present
- Member David Mogg Present

Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services Staff:

- Director Mike Reeve Present
- VSO Patti Davis Present
- VSO Marc Leconte Present
- Administrative Assistant Mallory Mead Present
- Transportation Coordinator Ben Yonker Absent

Visitors:

Commissioner Cindy Garber, Commissioner Greg Brodeur

Call to Order

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

Agenda:

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

Last Meeting’s Minutes (January 18, 2023.):

Motion was made by Doug Bowman to accept the previous meeting minutes for the regular meeting, seconded by Mark Drayton. Motion carried by all members present.

Burial Reports:

There was (4) burial applications in January for a total of \$1400.00 A balance of \$18,600.00 is in the burial fund with 7% of the funds having been spent for January. David Mogg made the motion to approve, Second by Doug Bowman. Roll call to approve the \$1,400.00, approved by all members present.

Motion to Approve or Deny Assistance Applications:

PA-214 fund and Peacetime Veterans fund consideration:

There are (1) Applications for Assistance since the meeting on January 18, 2023.

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

PA-214 Fund

1. 23-03-02 Furnace/Consumers \$2,630.00/ \$1,498.22 Chairman Duehring Approved Both
David Mogg made the motion to approve the funds, seconded by Chuck Hegg, motion carried by Dan Smith, Mark Drayton, Gary Duehring, Doug Bowman, and John Pajtas.

Peacetime Fund

Director’s Update and Board Discussions

- Budget
- Burials
- VSO Metrix
- Transportation
- Training
- Meetings/Agencies
- New Building Updates

Patti Homeless Pitch

Patti Pitched a Homeless Housing Suggestion to the Committee. Suggestion is to start looking at Vacant Homes that need to be fixed up for our homeless Veterans. Gathered ideas and suggestions from the committee board and commissioners, and asked board for permission to continue researching and gathering information. Greg Brodeur asked how many homeless Veterans we have in Shiawassee County. Greg Brodeur also suggested that the title of the homes stays in our name and not the veterans. Mike Reeve suggested an apartment building for our veterans with possibility a mental health office in building. John Pajtas mention he is on the board for Kiwanis Village, and that they have 13 open efficiency apartments.

Committee updates

Public Comment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Shiawassee County Veterans’ Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for February 15, 2023.

Gary Duehring
Chairman
Shiawassee County
Veterans Affairs and Services

Mike Reeve
Director
Shiawassee County
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