

Shiawassee County Veteran Affairs

SGT Clay W Reeves Veteran Center, Conference Room, 1042 N Shiawassee St, Corunna, MI 48817

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024

Roll-Call of Committee Members:

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| • Chairman | Gary Duehring | Present |
| • Member | Mark Durfee | Present |
| • Member | Chuck Hegg | Present |
| • Member | Dan Smith | Present |
| • Member | Doug Bowman | Present |
| • Member | Mark Drayton | Absent |
| • Member | David Mogg | Present |

Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services Staff:

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| • Director | Mike Reeve | Present |
| • Administrative Assistant | Paula Rock | Present |
| • VSO | Marc Leconte | Absent |
| • VSO | John Sprague | Absent |
| • Peer Support Specialist | Jennifer Bennett | Absent |

Visitors:

Commissioner Cindy Garber.

Call to Order

Chairman PhD. Gary Duehring called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

David Mogg made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Doug Bowman. Motion carried by all members present.

Last Meeting’s Minutes (September 18, 2024.):

A motion was made by Doug Bowman to accept the previous meeting minutes for the regular meeting, seconded by David Mogg. Motion carried by all members present.

Burial Reports:

There were (1) burial applications in June for a total of \$400.00 A balance of \$11,400.00 is in the burial fund with 43% of the funds having been spent. Dan Smith made the motion to approve, seconded by Chuck Hegg. Roll call to approve the \$400.00, approved by all members present.

Motion to Approve or Deny Assistance Applications:

PA-214 fund and Peacetime Veterans fund consideration:

There were (3) Applications for Assistance since the meeting on September 16, 2024.

A. Director / Committee Approved Applications – (1/3)

PA-214 Fund

1. 24.09.25 *Auto Repair \$4715.24*

The committee decided to wait on this proposal until more details were available, i.e. millage on current vehicle, payoff, and questions of a possible lawsuit for damage that was done to vehicle.

2. 24.09.25 *Rent \$9500.00*

The committee denied the request for rent.

3. 24.10.11 *Consumers Energy \$758.57*

Doug Bowman made the motion to pay Consumers energy \$758.57 with the stipulation that the veteran's spouse get financial counseling; Mark Durfee seconded that motion. Motion approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, and David Mogg.

4. 24.09.24 *Emergent Housing \$70.00*

Mark Durfee made the motion to pay Comstock Inn \$70.00 for one night for a homeless veteran; Doug Bowman seconded. Motion approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, and David Mogg.

Peacetime Fund

Director's Update and Board Discussions

- Budget
- Burials
- VSO Metrix
- Transportation
- Training
- Meetings/Agencies

Committee Updates

The Director requested that the Committee approve the purchase of a new VA County van from Lunghammer for \$55,000. This van is intended to replace our current vehicle, which will be traded in to meet the legal requirements for vehicle purchases dated November 16, 2018. Additionally, the Director asked the Committee to approve the purchase of 2 DAV vans at a total cost of \$50,000.00. These vans have been pre-ordered through the Michigan State DAV office. Our current DAV van has exceeded the turn-in mileage requirement of 125,000, with a current mileage of 149,000. We also surpass the monthly mileage requirement necessary to support a second DAV vehicle, which is why we are requesting an additional van.

Doug Bowman made the motion to approve the payment of \$105,000.00 for the purchase of Three (3) new Ford Explorers; Mark Durfee seconded the motion. Motion was approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, and David Mogg.

Public Comment:

There were no Public Comments

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for October 16, 2024.

Gary Duehring, PhD.
Chairman
Shiawassee County
Veterans Affairs and Services

Mike Reeve
Director
Shiawassee County
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