

Shiawassee County Veteran Affairs

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 20, 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 | Present |
| • 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 |

Visitors:

Commissioner Cindy Garber.

Call to Order

Chairman PhD. Gary Duehring called the meeting to order at 2:58 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Doug Bowman made the motion to approve the agenda with the change to include the additional of an Application for Food Assistance approved by the Director for \$300, seconded by Mark Durfee. Motion approved by all members present.

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

Doug Bowman made the motion to approve the agenda with the change to the date listed in the; “Motion to Approve or Deny Assistance”, to the date the last Committee Meeting was held, seconded by Mark Durfee. Motion carried by all members present.

Burial Reports:

There were (1) burial applications in June for a total of \$400.00. A balance of \$11,500.00 is in the burial fund with 45% of the funds spent. Doug Bowman made the motion to approve, seconded by Mark Drayton. Roll call to pay the \$400 approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, Mark Drayton, and David Mogg.

Motion to Approve or Deny Assistance Applications:

PA-214 fund and Peacetime Veterans fund consideration:

There were (6) Applications for Assistance since the meeting on October 16, 2024.

A. Director / Committee Approved Applications – (1/5)

PA-214 Fund

- 1. 24.09.25 Auto Repair \$4,715.24

Doug Bowman made the motion to approve \$2500.00 toward car repairs as Blue Book on the vehicle was only \$2300; Chuck Hegg seconded the motion. Motion approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, Mark Drayton, and David Mogg.

- 3. 24.10.08 Rent \$1,450.00

Dan Smith made the motion to pay R & S Real Properties first month rent and security deposit for Veteran to move in; Mark Durfee seconded the motion. Motion approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, Mark Drayton, and David Mogg.

- 4. 24.10.30 Water Heater \$1,481.44

Mark Durfee made the motion to pay Felkers Plumbing \$1,481.44 for a Water Heater and hook up; Chuck Hegg seconded the motion. Motion approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, Mark Drayton, and David Mogg.

- 5. 24.09.25 Rent \$9,500.00

In Committee update, the Director had been in contact with the Veteran and it was indicated that there may be an appeal. Per the Committee’s policy, no request was made in writing; hence, if an appeal is made, it would now go through the Circuit Court.

- 6. 24.11.12 Food Assistance \$300.00

Dan Smith made the motion for Food Assistance to Save-A-Lot in the amount of \$300.00; Doug Bowman seconded. Motion approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, Mark Drayton, and David Mogg.

Peacetime Fund

- 2 24.08.30 Rent \$5,581.48

Chuck Hegg made the motion to approve paying back rent to R & S Real Properties with the inclusion that the Veteran seek Financial counseling, and sit with a VSO to file for both medical benefits and a potential claim; Doug Bowman seconded the motion. Motion approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, Mark Drayton, and David Mogg.

Director’s Update and Board Discussions

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

Committee Updates

The Director had no change; still waiting delivery of vehicles to both Lunghammer, and State DAV office.

Public Comment:

There were no Public Comments.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for November 20, 2024.

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

Mike Reeve
Director
Shiawassee County
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