

Shiawassee County Veteran Affairs

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 18, 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 Gary Duehring Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Doug Bowman made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark Drayton. Motion approved by all members present.

Last Meeting’s Minutes (November 20, 2024.):

Doug Bowman made the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mark Drayton. Motion carried by all members present.

Burial Reports:

There were (0) burial applications in December. A balance of \$11,000.00 is in the burial fund with 45% of the funds spent.

Re-election of Chairman and Secretary:

Mark Drayton made the motion to re-elect Gary Duehring as Chairman and David Mogg as Secretary and seconded by Doug Bowman. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion to Approve or Deny Assistance Applications:

PA-214 fund and Peacetime Veterans fund consideration:

There were (2) Applications for Assistance since the meeting on November 20, 2024.

A. Director / Committee Approved Applications – (1/2)

PA-214 Fund

Peacetime Fund

1. 24.11.24 Water Bill/Food \$398.44 / \$450.00

Dan Smith made the motion to approve paying current water bill of \$398.44 (amount to include any reinstatement fee) and also the upcoming water bill if Veteran signs up for Financial Counseling; Doug Bowman seconded the motion. Motion approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, Mark Drayton, and David Mogg.

2. 24.12.13 Furnace \$6,887.00

Doug Bowman made the motion to approve payment for the “ProFurnace” with Maurer Heating and Cooling, Chuck Hegg 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 Committee Discussions

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

The VA Committee voted to Re-Establish the Peacetime Budget for next year from the Operational Fund for \$50,000.00. Doug Bowman made a motion; Mark Durfee seconded. Motion approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, Mark Drayton, and David Mogg.

Mark Drayton voted to pay \$3,600.00 from the PA 214 Fund to Elite Facility for work on the Veteran Memorial Garden project; Dan Smith seconded. Motion approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, Mark Drayton, and David Mogg

Director Reeve asked the VA Committee to approve this year’s Veteran Christmas Miracle for a Veteran whose house burnt down. Director Reeve asked for \$5,000.00 to Meijer for Household necessities and \$5,000.00 to Godwins for furniture. Mark Durfee made the motion to approve; seconded by Mark Drayton. Motion approved by Gary Duehring, Dan Smith, Mark Durfee, Chuck Hegg, Doug Bowman, Mark Drayton, and David Mogg

Committee Updates

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

Public Comment:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM.

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for December 18.

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

Mike Reeve
Director
Shiawassee County
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