

## Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services

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

### Regular Meeting Minutes

August 19, 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
• Member	Chris Bagwell	Absent

#### Shiawassee County Veterans Affairs and Services Staff:

• Director	Mike Reeve	Absent
• VSO	Marc LeConte	Absent
• Administrative Assistant	Patti Davis	Present
• Transportation Coordinator	Paula Jager	Present

#### Visitors:

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 John Pajtas, to approve the Agenda for today's meeting; seconded by Les Schneider, motion carried by:

John Pajtas – “Aye”	Michael Nations – “Aye”
Dan Smith – “Aye”	Jim Carrothers – “Aye”
Les Schneider – “Aye”	

#### Last Meeting's Minutes (July 15, 2020):

Motion was made by John Pajtas to accept the previous meeting minutes, pending corrections (to include Senator with Tom Barrett's name), seconded by Michael Nations. Motion carried.

All approved and in favor of, by:

Michael Nations – “Aye”	
Dan Smith – “Aye”	Jim Carrothers – “Aye”
John Pajtas – “Aye”	Les Schneider – “Aye”

#### Burial Reports:

There were two (2) burial applications needing approval in the amount of \$600.00. With approval, this would leave a balance of \$5,600.00 in the burial fund with 62.66% of the funds having been issued out of the burial budget.

Les Schneider made a motion to approve the burial fund expenditures in the amount of \$600 for the month of July; this was seconded by Michael Nations.

All approved and in favor of by:

Michael Nations – “Aye”      Daniel Smith – “Aye”  
 John Pajtas – “Aye”      Jim Carrothers – “Aye”  
 Les Schneider – “Aye”

Michael Nations made the motion to shorten the meeting due to the absence of Director Reeve, the committee agreed.

**Motion to Approve or Deny Assistance Applications:**

PA-214 fund and Peacetime Veterans fund consideration:

There were two (2) Applications for Assistance since the meeting of July 19, 2020.

A. Director / Committee Approved Applications – zero (0)

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| 1. | 20-07-13 | Auto Repair    | \$5,999.55 | (PA-214) | Denied - cost of repairs exceeds value of vehicle             |
| 2. | 20-07-14 | Property Taxes | \$3642.25  | (PA-214) | Denied – Taxes have been paid and the property has been sold. |

**20-07-14:** Recap from July 2020 meeting; Request for help with 2018 home property taxes. The home has qualified for tax exemption in previous years as well as years since. The city claims that they never received the exemption form for the year in question, however the client has a signed copy from the city. The veteran was 100% disabled and just passed away February 2020. Director Reeve has spoken with the county and the city, as well as Senator Tom Barrett, and they say that their hands are tied. Since the July meeting, the property taxes have been paid and the property has been sold. The committee found that this case does not qualify for emergency assistance, as the taxes have been paid.

**20-07-13:** Recap from July 2020 meeting, Request for an automobile repair for a 1999 Cadillac Sedan Ville with 230,000 miles and a KBB value between \$1,863-\$3,526. Client did submit estimates for the repairs from Youngs Chevrolet in the amount of \$5,999.95 and from Shaheen Chevrolet in the amount of \$6,205.36. John Pajtas motioned to deny this case as the cost of the repairs exceeds the value of the vehicle. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Nations, 3<sup>rd</sup> by Dan Smith.

**Director’s Update and Board Discussions**

- Director Reeve was absent, no update given

Paula went over transportation, 2 new drivers; Paula Jager and Terry Haulzhausen. Mike questioned why Transportation Solutions rides exceeded the county van rides. Paula explained the lack of Volunteer drivers and if any of the board members would like to apply, she can get them the papers to submit.

Jim asked to have Director Reeve check with other counties to see how their numbers are for helping the veterans in need. Also, have Mike check with local newspapers about getting an ad in the papers saying that we are open and here to help.

John asked how many Veteran Organizations were in the area, last known was 16, is this still true to date.

**Public Comment:**

Commissioner Cindy Garber stated that she was discouraged that we are not getting the veterans that need help coming in.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on September 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the James P. Capitan Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Shiawassee County Veterans' Affairs and Services Relief Fund Committee minutes for August 19, 2020.



James Carrothers  
Chairman  
Shiawassee County  
Veterans Affairs and Services



Mike Reeve  
Director  
Shiawassee County  
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