

May 16, 2013

A meeting of the Otsego County Veterans Affairs was held in room 212 of the County Building. Member, Clark Bates called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Members – William Ahrenberg, Clark Bates, Charles Berlin, Paul Cafuk, Don Peterson
Absent: All present
OTHERS: Marlene Hopp

Additions to agenda: None.

MOTION: by Charles Berlin to approve Veteran Affairs minutes of April 18, 2013 as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Two Soldier and Sailor Relief Applications were reviewed:

MOTION: by William Ahrenberg to assist Veteran #03-2013 \$500.00 toward delinquent accounts.

Ayes: Ahrenberg, Bates, Berlin, Peterson

Nays: None

Sustained: Cafuk

Motion Carried

MOTION: by Paul Cafuk to assist Veteran #04-2013 \$483.52 toward delinquent accounts.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Counselor Updates:

Reviewed and discussed Michigan Veterans Homeowner Assistance Program (MiVHAP) \$5 million funds available to assist military members, Veterans, and their surviving spouses with mortgages foreclosure, prevention and home repair issues.

Otsego County Township Association ordered 1,440 cemetery flags. Veterans Affairs (VA) office received and submitted to VFW Ralph Holewinski post 1518 for disbursement.

Director reported April 19, 2013 telephone conference of Detroit VA Regional Office announced that claims that are over one year that are pending will be decided by December 2013. Fully developed claims are a priority.

Maintenance cleaned the Veteran Memorial Monuments. VA board reviewed after meeting.

Vetraspec MOU approved and signed by the Board of Commissioners and Michigan Department of Veterans Affairs April 23, 2013. Grant for signature pad submitted with MOU and received today.

Month end reports of Veterans Affairs, burial, Soldiers relief and transportation financial reports were reviewed.

Additional Business: None

Public comment: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Marlene K. Hopp, Veterans Counselor