

October 19, 2017

A meeting of the Otsego County Veterans Affairs was held in room 212 of the County Building. Chairman, William Ahrenberg called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members – William Ahrenberg, Charles Berlin, Duane Switalski  
EXCUSED: Paul Cafuk, Steven Rollins  
OTHERS: Marlene Hopp

Chairman, William Ahrenberg welcomed members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by William Ahrenberg.

Additions/Deletions to agenda: None.

MOTION: by Charles Berlin, approve the Veteran Affairs minutes of September 21, 2017, as presented.  
Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Soldier Relief Applications:

MOTION: by Duane Switalski, approve to assist Veteran #06-2017 of \$640 payable to Smith Realty Group for rent.  
Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

MOTION: by Duane Switalski, approve to assist Veteran #07-2017 of \$1,780 payable to Green Meadows regarding rent.  
Ayes: None  
Nays: Three – William Ahrenberg, Charles Berlin, Duane Switalski.  
Motion Defeated

MOTION: by Charles Berlin, approve to assist Veteran #08-2017 of \$165.91 payable to Verizon.  
Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Counselor met with MVTF members and Mark Kriezis, VA Clinic Social Worker, at a local Veterans home on 10/18/2017. Discussed and presented a plan for home cleaning restoration, furnace/duct work, hot water heater, pipes, and roofing needed. Does not qualify for most local programs to assist. Counselor will make calls to other resources and keep in contact with Veteran.

Reappointments:

MOTION: by Duane Switalski, approve to reappoint Charles Berlin to the Otsego County Veterans Affairs, term expiring 12/31/2021.  
Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

MOTION: by Duane Switalski, approve to reappoint Paul Cafuk to the Otsego County Veterans Affairs, term expiring 12/31/2021.  
Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Counselor Updates:

Since assistant left in September, counselor is extremely busy with Veterans claims.

Financial Reports:

Month end Veterans Affairs, burial, Soldiers relief and transportation financial reports were reviewed. Budget amendment of \$5,000 from 293 soldiers' relief fund balance submitted to Finance Department on 10/18/2017.

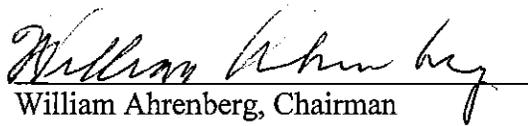
MOTION: by Charles Berlin, approve month end financials reports ending September 30, 2017, as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion

Public comment: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Minutes written by, Marlene K. Hopp, Veterans Counselor.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Ahrenberg", written over a horizontal line.

William Ahrenberg, Chairman  
Otsego County Veterans Affairs