

December 17, 2019

A meeting of the Otsego County Veterans Affairs was held in room 212 of the County Building. In Pro-tem, Charles L. Berlin called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

PRESENT: Members – Charles L. Berlin, Claude Huff, Julie Powers, Duane Switalski

EXCUSED: William Ahrenberg, Paul Cafuk

OTHERS: Marlene Hopp

In Pro-tem, Charles L. Berlin welcomed members and introductions were performed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marlene Hopp.

Additions/Deletions to agenda: None.

MOTION: by Duane Switalski, approve the Veteran Affairs regular minutes of October 15, 2019, as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Soldier Relief Applications

MOTION: by Duane Switalski, approve soldier and sailor relief application #09-2019 Veteran in the amount of \$1,000 to Amerifirst Home Mortgage.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Received \$240 donation from Ace Hardware and with other memorial donations of \$165 totals \$405 to assist peace-time Veterans.

MOTION: by Claude Huff, approve relief for peace-time Veteran application #P10-2019 Veteran in the amount of \$405 to Great Lakes Energy.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) grant status:

The \$4 million budget for veteran services has been negotiated with a supplemental appropriation bill that was passed and presented to the Governor, pending signature. We are preparing for the pending application with direction from MVAA.

Counselor Reports:

Met with Ryan Sanderson, Northeast MI Region Coordinator to host and plan a Gaylord veteran benefit fair in September 2020.

Continue to meet with Veterans at Gaylord Regional Airport during coffee hour.

Financial Reports:

Month end Veterans Affairs, burial, and soldier's relief financial reports were reviewed.

MOTION: by Duane Switalski, approve month end financials reports ending November 30, 2019, as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

The meeting schedule for year 2020 was presented. Board requested to move meeting time to 9:00 a.m.

Public comment: None

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

Charles L. Berlin

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