

July 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Veterans Affairs was held in room 212 of the County Building. Veteran Service Officer, Marlene Hopp called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Members – Charles L. Berlin, Paul Cafuk, Claude Huff

EXCUSED: Henry Mason

OTHERS: Marlene Hopp

Members welcomed and roll call was performed.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles L. Berlin.

Additions/Deletions to agenda:

MOTION: by Paul Cafuk, approve the Veteran Affairs regular minutes of May 18, 2021, as presented.
Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

New Business:

Steven Rollins recently moved and resigned as Veterans board member. Per county department of Veterans' Affairs Act 192 of 1953 the Veteran Director placed a notice in the local newspaper and letters were sent to local veteran service organizations (Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Military of the Purple Heart) within the county. One application for appointment was received and board reviewed.

The Forgotten Eagles of Michigan is scheduled on August 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Veteran Memorial for donations for the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and 22 2 NONE and 92 For 22.

The VA funding year 2020 summary of expenditures by County was presented and reviewed. Otsego County having approximately 2,120 Veterans with \$19,739,000 total expenditures.

Director reviewed the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA), County Veteran Service Fund grant quarterly report.

The MVAA county training reimbursement program application with attachments were reviewed. This is a reimbursement grant for September 22 -24 Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselor (MACVC) conference registration and lodging expenditures, due August 1.

MOTION: by Paul Cauk, approve Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, County Training Reimbursement Program application, reimbursing VA conference scheduled 9/22/2021.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Chair and Director signed to submit to MVAA.

The MVAA County Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) grant application was reviewed. Application with attachments submitted to MVAA on July 15 with blank signature, as being due July 16. This is pending County Finance Board review and Board of Commissioners approval and signature.

Director submitted notice that the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund will be holding their meeting for the County Trust Fund members to attend on July 26 in Traverse City.

Director/Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Reports:

Director reported all staff have been updating their annual on-line Talent Management System (TMS) trainings and will be traveling to Saginaw to renew their Personal Identity Verification (PIV) badge for VA system access.

Financial Reports:

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

MOTION: by Claude Huff, approve month end financial reports ending June 30, 2021, as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Chairman, Charles L. Berlin opened up the meeting for public comment.

Public comment: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes written by, Marlene K. Hopp, Veterans Counselor

Chairman, Charles L. Berlin
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