

January 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Veterans Affairs was held remotely by Zoom in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Charles Berlin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Members – Paul Cafuk, Steven Rollins, Charles L. Berlin
EXCUSED: Claude Huff, Henry Mason
OTHERS: Marlene Hopp

Counselor, Marlene Hopp welcomed members and introductions were performed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles Berlin.

Additions/Deletions to agenda: Soldier and Sailor relief application.

MOTION: by Paul Cafuk, approve the Veteran Affairs regular minutes of November 17, 2020, as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Soldier Relief Application was reviewed.

MOTION: by Steve Rollins, approve Veteran #01-2021 soldier and sailor relief application in the amount of \$1,071.71 to Affordable Auto Repair.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Veteran Service Officer Reports:

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) County Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) grant status:
Reported completion of MVAA CVSF FY21 first quarter report ending 12/31/2020 with initial \$50,000 grant received on 11/19/20; remaining FY20 grant funds of \$12,170 received on 1/8/21, this completing FY20 grant totaling \$62,170.

All staff working in office and processing Veterans claims. Staff continue to reach out to Patriot Place Veterans.

New board list will be sent to all members.

A list of the Veterans meeting schedule has been submitted to board members, posted on web-site and in the county building. Meetings this year are bi-monthly unless a soldier relief application is received, then the meeting shall fall on the third Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Counselor was on local broadcast radio station on January 4 with the Eagle 101.5 for Military Monday at 7:50 a.m. to announce Veterans benefits.

Financial Reports:

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

MOTION: by Paul Cafuk, approve month end financial reports ending December 31, 2020 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 9:49 a.m.

Minutes written by, Marlene K. Hopp, Veterans Counselor



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