

LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERANS' COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Livingston County East Complex, Conference Room D
2300 E. Grand River | Howell, MI | 48843

February 20, 2019
5:30 p.m.

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| Members Present | Bruce Hundley Kevin Nagle Joe Riker James Wallace Robert J. Bezotte |
| Staff Present | Mary Durst Dena Daher |

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Joseph Riker called meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call by the Chairman indicated the presence of a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve as presented.

Moved By Robert J. Bezotte

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 October 22, 2018 minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

4.2 January 30, 2019 minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented.

Moved By Robert J. Bezotte

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

4.3 February 11, 2019 minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Bruce Hundley

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

George Hastings and Herb Dorow of Mad Mitten Outdoors in Howell extended an invitation to all veterans and children to participate in fishing and hunting trips free of charge.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF

6.1 19-23

Motion to approve \$2,650 for new furnace.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Bruce Hundley

Yes (4): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and Robert J. Bezotte

Absent (1): James Wallace

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

James Wallace enters at 6:01 P.M.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Child care relief policy

Revisited past policy and discussed if there was still a need for program.

Motion to table until new policy is written by Director.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Yes (5): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

7.2 Mental health relief policy

Revisited past policy and discussed if there was still a need for program.

Motion to table until new policy is written by Director.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Yes (5): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

7.3 Financial relief policy

Motion to table until full draft is completed.

Moved By Robert J. Bezotte

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Yes (5): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

7.4 Office policy

Motion to table until full draft is completed.

Moved By Robert J. Bezotte

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Yes (5): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

7.5 Minute taker

Two quotes for minute taker were presented. Discussion on whether a professional minute taker is needed or if Director should be formally trained and continue to take minutes.

Motion to table and have Director look into minute taking classes and cost before making a decision.

Moved By James Wallace

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Yes (5): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

7.6 NACVSO training

Motion to approve up to \$6,000 to send up to four employees to National Association for County Veterans Service Officer accreditation in Omaha, NE.

Moved By Bruce Hundley

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Yes (5): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

7.7 Veterans Court Coordinator Memorandum of Understanding

Motion to deny proposed Veterans Court Coordinator Memorandum of Understanding due to incorrect terms stated in document.

Moved By Bruce Hundley

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Yes (4): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

No (1): Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (4 to 1)

7.8 19-16

Previously tabled DTE bill as part of a full application. Bill was denied in office as new information showed it was not an emergent need. Individual also agreed to receive financial counseling as a condition for relief approved during last meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 2019 Proposed VSC meeting dates and times

Motion to approve proposed 2019 VSC meeting dates and times stated as the third Wednesday of every month at 6 P.M.

Moved By Robert J. Bezotte

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Yes (5): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

8.2 Detailed 2018 Emergency Relief Fund report

Director presented itemized report of all emergency relief money spent on veterans and dependents in 2018. Total *relief funds* expended in 2018 were \$233,387.83.

8.3 Peace Time Emergency Relief Fund

Director presented idea of having an emergency relief fund for peace time veterans that would be similar to emergency relief fund currently being used for war time veterans. Director also presented written opinion from Livingston County lawyer stating millage monies could be used for said fund. Committee will consider idea.

Motion to table until Director presents proposed yearly budget and policy for new fund.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Yes (5): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

8.4 MV1 repair vs. replace

Director presented quote to fix MV1 transportation van blower for \$739.66. Also discussed the difficulty in obtaining parts for this vehicle and the ongoing issues that keep it in the shop. Director requested to replace MV1 with wheelchair accessible van. Committee requested 3 quotes for van.

Motion to table until 3 quotes are obtained.

Moved By Bruce Hundley

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Yes (5): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

9.1 Bid for office renovation

Director presented quote for Director's office to have a permanent wall built and installing a door. Total cost quoted: \$4,215.00. Director stated she would like construction to occur over the week the office staff will be at training.

Moved By Bruce Hundley

Seconded By Robert J. Bezotte

Yes (5): Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, James Wallace, and Robert J. Bezotte

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

9.2 Elks Club donation

Director reported that \$1,900 was donated from the Elks Club to be used for peace time veteran emergency relief and in any other situation that the Director sees fit.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:28 P.M.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Bruce Hundley

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

Mary Durst, Director

Recorder

Joseph Riker, Chair