

LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERANS' COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Members Present	Hansel Keene Bruce Hundley Kevin Nagle Joe Riker James Wallace
Staff Present	Adam Smiddy Andrea Hodges

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Indicated the presence of a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Joe Riker asked to add Transitional Housing Committee to the Agenda as item 7.3.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Moved By Joe Riker

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Yes (5): Hansel Keene, Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

Motion : Carried (5 to 0)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Approval of Minutes dated 29 May 2018

Jim Wallace asked that the item in Good of The Order be fixed from Pinckney to Hamburg Township.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended

Moved By Kevin Nagle
Seconded By Joe Riker

Yes (5): Hansel Keene, Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

Motion : Carried (5 to 0)

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

6. APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF

6.1 18-83: \$1,537.00 for Dental Procedure

Discussion: Andrea Hodges presented the application. The committee asked for clarification of details of dental invoice and the variety of quotes which was provided.

Moved By Kevin Nagle
Seconded By Joe Riker

Motion to authorize up to \$1,537 for application 18-83 for dental work.

Yes (5): Hansel Keene, Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

Motion : Carried (5 to 0)

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 CMH Proposal

The Director asked if further information would be required to consider providing mental health services. The Committee asked that a wider net be casts to find alternatives for Mental Health in the County.

7.2 Outreach Event

Joe Riker presented information on Vet Fest being held at Mt. Brighton on August 11, 2018. He asked if it would be possible for the office to provide financial support to purchase promotional materials for the event. The Director indicated he would investigate if that would be possible as well as social media boosting for posts.

7.3 Transitional Housing Committee

Joe Riker presented an initiative to form a Sub-committee of the Veterans Services Committee to investigate Transitional Housing for Veterans in Livingston County. The goal of the Committee would be to determine the viability of Transitional Housing and if so how to accomplish it.

Moved By Joe Riker

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

To form a Transitional Housing Committee with a membership of Joe Riker, Kevin Nagle, Bob Bezotte (County Commissioner District 6), Josh Parrish (VCAT Region 9 Coordinator), Dave Grissim, Josh Barrett (Odin's Outcasts), Adam Smiddy (Director) and a member to be named from Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency.

Yes (5): Hansel Keene, Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

Motion : Carried (5 to 0)

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Directors Report

1. Director Report:
 - a. Office and Transportation Production
 - b. Relief Budget Report
 - c. Resolutions
 - d. March Events Update
 - e. April Events Update
 - f. Board of Commissioners Report

The Director presented the office production for the month to date of June. The Director discussed the possibility of a State Veterans Home coming to Green Oak Township, but that a final decision will not be made until August 1st by the MVAA. The Director also discussed that in speaking with Director of the MVAA, that service may be needed from Livingston County Veterans Services to support Veterans at the facility. The Director also previewed the annual report to be given to the Board of Commissioners and highlighted the low number of VA Pension recipients in the County as well as the increase in Veterans serviced by the Department.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Bruce Hundley highlighted a golf outing on August 4th hosted by the Brighton VFW. Hansel Keene asked for participation and support at a meeting on June 26th with Howell Township to discuss a digital sign proposal for American Legion Post 141.

The Director presented the new hire, Carol Reeve, for the open Veterans Benefits Counselor position.

10. ADJOURNMENT

An audio recording is available.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Moved By Joe Riker

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Yes (5): Hansel Keene, Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

Motion : Carried (5 to 0)