

LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERANS' COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2018
5:00 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 5:02 pm. Indicated the presence of a quorum.

2. ROLL CALL

Indicated the presence of a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Moved By Bruce Hundley

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Remove section 8.1 Directors Evaluation. Discussion: Jim Wallace asked why the item needed to be removed if a quorum would be present. Hansel Keene stated that some of the members needed to leave early and that he wanted all members present.

Yes (4): Hansel Keene, Bruce Hundley, Kevin Nagle, and Joe Riker

No (1): James Wallace

Motion : Carried (4 to 1)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes Dated 25 June 2018

Motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Moved By Bruce Hundley
Seconded By Joe Riker

Amend the motion under 7.3 to include Adam Smiddy and OLHSA member to be part of the motion.

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 18-089: \$TBD for Legal Expenses

Moved By Bruce Hundley
Seconded By James Wallace

Motion to deny application 18-089. Discussion: Applicant discussed the event on April 1st leading to current legal troubles. Bruce Hundley discussed not wanting to reward bad behavior and cited other expenditures by the applicant.

Yes (3): Bruce Hundley, Joe Riker, and James Wallace

No (1): Hansel Keene

Abstain (1): Kevin Nagle

Motion : Carried (3 to 1)

6.2 18-090: \$TBD for Auto Repair

Moved By Joe Riker
Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Motion to deny application 18-090 for auto repair. Discussion: Members of the Committee discussed that the current state of the vehicle was not good and they did not want to pour money into a poor situation.

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

Motion : Carried (5 to 0)

Moved By Joe Riker

Seconded By Kevin Nagle

Motion to donate an available vehicle to the Veteran. Discussion: Jim Wallace asked the Veteran if he would be willing to pay for the transfer of the vehicle with acceptance of the donation. The Veteran accepted the cost of the transfer.

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

Motion : Carried (5 to 0)

6.3 18-091: \$TBD for Utility and Mortgage Debt

Discussion: Committee members inquired about the nature of the families finances to include revenue from a new business and if the family could sell a motorcycle.

Moved By Joe Riker

Seconded By Bruce Hundley

To Approve \$1,429.41 for delinquent payments for spouse vehicle, phone bill and Consumers bill.

Yes (2): Bruce Hundley, and Joe Riker

No (3): Hansel Keene, Kevin Nagle, and James Wallace

Motion : Failed (2 to 3)

Discussion: Kevin Nagle stated that he believed if we are to help this family we should assist with the entire application as the family is in need. Jim Wallace proposed but withdrew an amendment to include a DTE bill, and voiced his inclination to deny a motion for a partial application.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Hansel Keene

Motion to pay all requested bills for an amount of \$5,259.21.

Yes (3): Hansel Keene, Kevin Nagle, and James Wallace

No (2): Bruce Hundley, and Joe Riker

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Transitional Housing Committee

Joe Riker stated that the Transitional Housing Committee would wait to meet until after the fall election cycle due to scheduling conflicts.

Joe Riker left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

7.2 Mental Health Proposal

The Director reported on an upcoming Request for Proposals to be released to find alternative mental health providers in Livingston County to a previously discussed CMH collaboration. The Director also discussed Dr. Elaine Tripi, a local psychologist, and her presenting a Livingston County Veterans Services meeting.

7.3 County Incentive Grant

Hansel Keene asked the Director to walk through the approval of the MVAA County Incentive Grant approval progress. The Director reported that after an extension was granted, the Grant was approved for \$20,000 and that the funds would be sent when the MVAA finalizes their process. Hansel Keene asked why there was a need for an extension. The Director discussed the timeline for receiving the acceptance letter from the County Administrator and that it came in late. Hansel Keene and Bruce Hundley expressed their dissatisfaction with the latency of the letter. Jim Wallace expressed his disagreement with the pertinence of this topic. Hansel Keene requested the Director be available at a meeting of the Board of Commissioner to discuss this matter in detail.

8. NEW BUSINESS

~~8.1 Director Evaluation~~

8.2 FY 2019 Budget Review

The Director presented the Department Budget Request for FY 2019. For FY 2019, a millage rate of 0.1127mills to levy \$1,000,606 was requested and approved. This small decrease from the 0.1190 levy for FY 2018 was due to a desire to maintain funding for millage initiatives yet to be implemented. The two largest items in the budget are Employee Salaries and Veterans Emergency Assistance. The decision to maintain the current employee salary budget for Benefits Counselors at 4 FTE is in keeping with the demonstrated and projected increase in office use by the public. Also included in the budget is funding for national accreditation training for new counselors and funding for outreach activities.

8.3 Directors Report

The Director presented office production though July 23rd. The Director noted that SSFV Housing grant funds being administered by OLHSA were exhausted and that we were working with them to ensure Veterans were being serviced to the best of our ability. The Director discussed events taking place in August to include the Veterans Council Picnic, Vet Fest and the Vietnam moving wall.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

An audio recording is available.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15.

Moved By Kevin Nagle

Seconded By Hansel Keene

Motion : Carried