

# Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

## REGULAR MEETING OF July 10th, 2023

<b>Commissioners</b>		
Merlin Reimer -	President	<b>Present</b>
John McAllister –	Vice President	<b>Present</b>
Christine Santiago-Foos -	Secretary	<b>Present</b>
Dave Hyatt -	Member	<b>Present</b>
Richard Ray -	Member	<b>Present</b>
<b>Veteran Services</b>		
Brian Galligher	Director	<b>Present</b>
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	<b>Present</b>
<b>Guest(s)</b>		

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:

President Reimer at 1731.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Reading and approval of minutes:

1734 hrs.

**MOTION – 23-0710-01** to approve the minutes from June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting with minor grammatical errors.

1<sup>st</sup> McAllister

2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt

5-0 Vote

PASSED

**MOTION – 23-0710-02** to go into executive session

1736 hrs.

1<sup>st</sup> McAllister

2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Discussed one veteran's request

Commissioners only – discussed an operational idea

**MOTION – 23-0710-03** to exit executive and return to public session

1852 hrs.

1<sup>st</sup> Santiago-Foos

2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister

5-0 vote

PASSED



## **OLD BUSINESS**

No report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No report

## **DIRECTOR REPORT**

The Veteran event scheduled for July 14, 15, and 16<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Adaptive Sports Connection, Wounded Warrior and TEAM Red, White, and Blue in Shawnee Hills/ Powell Ohio will be attended by Lisa with a table and Brian may stop by to see what the event is all about.

Parking – Randy from facilities was contacted regarding the parking issue. He stated that the top section of the parking garage by the new court house has availability. No more comments / info has been received by the Historical Society.

Request: Fairview Cemetery has a Veteran + Spouse buried but the family believes they are not buried together. Recently, Berlin Township was directed by a court that they are responsible for this cemetery. The family petitioned the township and they refused to help exhume and put veteran and spouse together. The request is if Veteran Services would help pay for the proper placement. Based upon discussion, the decision was deferred back to the township who is responsible.

**NEXT MEETING: July 24 2023 – begins at 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services)**

**Motion – 23-0710-06** Motion to adjourn the meeting

1920 hrs.

1<sup>st</sup> McAllister      2<sup>nd</sup> Santiago-Foos

5-0 vote

PASSED



**MOTION-23-0724-04**

To approve Veteran Redacted to have a patio door and screen replaced in her home for \$2,744.00.

1<sup>st</sup> Santiago-Foos                      2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister                      4-0 Vote                      PASSED

**Motion 23-0724-05**

To approve Veteran Redacted \$1,893.40 (all that is left out of \$15,000) for his request for his monthly bills incurred since he is still out of a job.

1<sup>st</sup> McAllister                      2<sup>nd</sup> Santiago-Foos                      2-2 Vote                      Denied

**MOTION 23-0724-06**

Part 1- To reduce Veteran Redacted Motion 23-0710-04 amount from \$9,152.47 to \$5,224.56 for cabinets, flooring, and misc. items minus any of the appliances listed originally on the quote.

Part 2 - To move the difference of part 1; \$3,927.91 and add an additional \$4,647.53 to assist Veteran Redacted pay for the repair of his roof and the remaining can go towards any appliances needed. This total amount of assistance equals \$13,800.00.

**Reference: in Part 1**

**Motion - 23-0710-04:**

To approve Veteran Redacted \$9,152.47 for the supplies needed to remedy the home after a tragic fire with the stipulation to work with the Auditor if the contractor requires funds to be released early.

1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt                      2<sup>nd</sup> Santiago - Foos                      5-0 Vote                      PASSED

**OLD BUSINESS**

No report

**NEW BUSINESS**

No report

## **DIRECTOR REPORT**

Not Present

Commissioner Ray questioned, since the director has an excused absence, where is the deputy director?

**Motion -23-0724-07 In the future, the Director or Deputy Director need to be present at these scheduled meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> Ray

2<sup>nd</sup> Reimer

4-0 vote

Passed!

**NEXT MEETING: August 14th 2023 – begins at 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services)**

**Motion – 23-0724-08 Motion to adjourn the meeting**

1920 hrs.

1<sup>st</sup> McAllister

2<sup>nd</sup> Santiago-Foos

4-0 vote

PASSED