

# ***Livingston County Veterans' Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

July 13, 2017

### **I. Call to order**

Hansel Keene called to order the special meeting of the Livingston County Veteran's Committee at 7:00 pm on July 13, 2017 at Livingston County Veteran Services.

### **II. Roll call**

Hansel Keene conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Jim Wallace, Kevin Nagle, Joe Riker with Adam Smiddy and Dawn Learst

### **III. Call to Public:**

Erica Karfonta, Livingston County OLHSA Director, presented the committee with information concerning homelessness and the need for affordable housing in the county, also presented the committee what must be done to effectively eradicate Veteran homelessness in the county.

### **IV. Applications for Relief:**

- 17-052: \$117,595.00 for Termite Damage Repair, concerning party presented their need to the committee, Hansel Keene made a motion to table application until legal counsel is approached, Kevin Nagle Seconded, 4 yeas with Bruce Hundley not present, Motion Passes.
- 17-050: \$2,550.00 for Deck Reconstruction, Committee discussed the merits of the application, Hansel Keene made a motion to approve application, Joe Riker Seconded, 4 yeas with Bruce Hundley not present, Motion Passes.
- 17-042B: \$2,004.30 for DTE Bill, previously approved needing formal vote, Hansel Keene made a motion to approve application, Joe Riker Seconded, 4 yeas with Bruce Hundley not present, Motion Passes.
- 17-053: \$5,400.00 for Roof and Chimney Repair, Committee discussed the merits of the application and cited the assets available to the Veteran, Hansel Keene made a motion to disapprove application, Kevin Nagle Seconded, 4 yeas with Bruce Hundley not present, Motion Passes.
- 17-049B: \$2,229.32 for Medical Expenses and Rubbish, Committee discussed the merits of the application and cited the unnecessary expenses of the Surviving Spouse, Hansel Keene made a motion to disapprove application, Kevin Nagle Seconded, 4 yeas with Bruce Hundley not present, Motion Passes.

- 17-054: \$3,257.00 for Dental Work, Committee discussed the merits of the application and cited the need to peruse every available dental benefit, Hansel Keene made a motion to table the application, Kevin Nagle Seconded, 4 yeas with Bruce Hundley not present, Motion Passes.

#### **V. Old business**

Committee meeting dates; will discuss further at next meeting-will send out email asking for vote on day of meeting to be moved to Monday's 5:30 or 6:00pm and two a month. Hansel Keene made a motion to table the issue, Kevin Nagle Seconded, 4 yeas with Bruce Hundley not present, Motion Passes.

#### **VI. New business**

Adam Smiddy updated the committee on the status of the Relief Fund and discussed the need to reign in expenditures to prevent over use and fraud.

Adam Smiddy discussed the need for a new counselor position to handle the Relief Fund as well as allow for flexibility to conduct outreach. Committee asked for more data before considering authorizing another hire.

#### **VII. Good of the Order**

Announcement; August 5<sup>th</sup> is the Veteran Appreciation Picnic will be hosted by Livingston County Veterans Council at Brighton Recreation Area.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Hansel Keene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm Kevin Nagle seconds, 4 yeas with Bruce Hundley not present, Motion Passes..

Minutes submitted by: Adam Smiddy