

# Bay County Veteran Affairs

## Organizational Meeting

Date: Mar 15, 2022

Subject: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by the President of the Board , Vaughn Beqick at 3:00 pm.

Commissioners present were Mike Pergande, Troy Stewart, Tim Eckstein, Marilyn Lazarz, and Vaughn Begick.

Committee Minutes.

### **Citizens Input**

Gary Jezewski (sp?) Request that the amount that each of the honor guards receives for funeral services be increased from \$5.00 per driver per funeral to \$10.00. The request is due to the increased fuel cost. Pergande made a motion to increase the gas fee from \$5.00 per trip to \$10.00 per trip, retro to this meeting date. The motion was seconded by Lazarz, all in favor motion passed. Goulet will check on the line number the monies will be coming from and to note the increase.

### **Petitions and Communications**

None

### **Service Officer Report:**

Kaczmarek not present; Beqick; 5a and 5b under Petitions and Communications will be moved to the May meeting. Kaczmarek, Bowersock and Davis-Johnson are working on what is "indigent" and "emergency relief" as it pertains to the Bay County Veterans Affairs. Beqick; The members of the MI Veterans Trust Fund were Mike Burke, Fred Zipler, Jamie, and Bruce Douglass. The prior Trust Fund laws were 1899, and 1946.

### **Old Business**

Goulet; Kaczmarek looked into putting air cleaners in the Veterans Affairs Office, due to the large area it was not cost effective.

Begick/Jezewski: The Vets Council plans to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade, they are asking all Veterans to meet at the PLAV, the bus pulls out at 1300. The Veterans Council will line up behind the Fire Trucks.

Pergande: The American Legion will be open for Coffee at 0800 and there will be Brats for lunch.

Pergande: No more than \$2,500 worth of flags will be ordered on March 16, 2022. Begick; Mark Smith will store them at Village Hall.

### **New Business**

Matt Clark/Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority (SCMHA) presentation; Clark has been with the SCMHA since February 2021 and as the Community Liaison since August of 2021. Matt put on a very informative presentative on how the Saginaw Community Mental can work with Veterans. Their group will work with veterans with felony charges and had a list of several services that they will help with. Stewart asked if their organization will work with Veterans that are incarcerated and he said that do. Stewart will set up a date and time for Clark to meet with any Bay County incarcerated Veterans that would like the services.

Beqick; The Cemetery Veterans research position will be posted soon. Goulet; "this is a contractual position set up just for this task".

### **Citizens Input**

None

Motion to adjourn by Pergande, seconded by Eckstein motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm. Next meeting is May 17, 2022.