

**Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs
Relief Meeting
Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2016**

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. in the County Commissioners Conference Room by Bob Fong, Chairman.

Roll Call: Bob Fong (BF), Darrell Hogston (DH), Steve Fell (SF).

Members Absent: Ruth Burmeister (excused), Terry Dykema (excused), Kim Loncar (excused).

Guests Present: Dave Crofoot.

No claims for review.

Claims Review Session was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. by Bob Fong, Chairman.

Went into Workshop Session.

Dave Crofoot. Former OCDVA Committee member presented updates related to veteran issues.

Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTF) Regional Model Pilot. There are accessibility to services concerns due to the pilot program taking effect July 1, 2016 that placed the Oceana County Trust Fund Committee on hiatus from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Beginning July 1, 2016, area veterans will be instructed to email the MVTF (holm1@michigan.gov) to apply for assistance.

Newaygo County VSO Office. The misinformation regarding the Newaygo VSO handling Oceana County veteran cases has been clarified. The Newaygo VSO is taking no new Oceana County Cases at this time.

MVAA Grants. If we have not yet applied for grant for staffing and equipment needs, an application should be submitted to MVAA.

OCDVA Office Staff. Discussion of future staffing needs and staff training.

Millage Renewal. Millage renewal yard signs to be placed during the next two weeks. Old signs to be located; order will be submitted for additional signs if needed.

Workshop Session closed at 11:58 p.m. by Bob Fong, Chairman.

**Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs
Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2016**

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. in the County Commissioners Conference Room by Bob Fong, Chairman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Bob Fong - Chairman (BF), Darrell Hogston (DH), Steve Fell (SF), Kim Loncar (KL), Andy Sebolt - County Commissioner Liaison (AS).

Members Absent: Ruth Burmeister (excused), Terry Dykema (excused).

Guests Present: None.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by DH to accept Agenda as published:

Voice Vote: Yea – 4, Nay - 0 All in favor.

Motion 2nd by SF.
Motion Approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by SF to accept Consent Agenda as published.

Voice Vote: Yea – 4, Nay - 0 All in favor.

Motion 2nd by DH.
Motion Approved.

Correspondence – None.

Sub-Committee Reports

VSO (Veterans Service Officer) Report – RB

Nothing to report at this time.

Budget and Finance Committee - SF

New Expenditures:

V#-78-16: XoneTech. \$481.25.

Motion by SF to pay \$481.25 for webmaster services.

Roll Call Vote: Darrell Hogston, Steve Fell, Kim Loncar, Bob Fong.

Yea – 4, Nay – 0 All in favor

Motion 2nd by DH.

Motion Approved.

V#-79-16: Tax Chargeback. \$123.71.

Motion by SF to pay \$123.71 for tax chargeback.

Roll Call Vote: Darrell Hogston, Steve Fell, Kim Loncar, Bob Fong.

Yea – 4, Nay – 0 All in favor

Motion 2nd by DH.

Motion Approved.

Budget Expenses Report:

Total department expenditures through June 21, 2016.

\$3,373.84.

Motion by SF to accept as published if no corrections, subject to audit.

Motion 2nd by KL.

Voice Vote: Yea – 4, Nay – 0 All in favor.

Motion Approved.

Community Relations – TD

KL – Millage Renewal updates:

- Information card for mailing in development.
- Oceana County Herald article will be published next week.
- Oceana County Veterans Coalition meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., Hart VFW. The primary focus of this meeting is our Millage Renewal Drive.

Personnel Committee – DH

Separate meetings for further discussion on job descriptions to be scheduled.

Policy and Procedures – BF

Department Policy and Procedures draft in development.

County Commissioner’s Veterans Liaison - Andy Sebolt

Ferry Township sponsored community event:

Friday, July 1, 2016. Hot dogs, etc., 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., \$5.00

Attendance is encouraged, as Ferry Township is a supporter of the community, and of veterans.

Old Business

Website. Website development work near completion.

Second computer for office. Out of DMC, HP, and Dell, HP currently offers the best pricing.

Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors (MACVC) brief to Committee. In a future Committee meeting, Carrie Jo Anderson, President, MACVC, and team associates will attend to present an information briefing to the Committee, date TBD. There will be an open invitation for anyone interested to attend.

People’s Fund Grant. Department will apply for new grant by October 1, 2016 deadline.

New Business

None at this time.

No further committee business at this time.

No public comments.

Adjournment

Motion by DH to close Department Meeting

Motion 2nd by SF.

Department Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m. by Bob Fong, Chairman.

The next general meeting will be Wednesday, July 13, 2016.

9:00 a.m. Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting

1:00 p.m. Veterans Affairs Business Meeting, held in **County Commissioners Board Room.**

Refreshments – SF



Bob Fong, Chairman



Kim Loncar, Secretary