

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Held: Monday, March 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Roger Freund (Chairman) and Mark Espeseth

Members Absent: Brian Jopek

Executive Secretary: Tammy Javenkoski (CVSO)

The following new matters were taken up, to wit:

Roger Freund called the meeting to order in conference room #1 on the first floor of the Oneida County courthouse at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly posted, the news media was notified and pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, is handicapped accessible.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes from the December 21, 2020 meeting could not be approved since Mark Espeseth did not attend that meeting and Brian Jopek did not attend this meeting.

There was no public comment.

The Veterans Service Office and Veterans Commission vouchers were reviewed. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

The donation account was reviewed. Since the last meeting, ten donations were received in the amount of \$2,800; however, seven donations totaling \$2,550 are earmarked to help pay for a walk-in shower for a veteran in a wheelchair. The donation account has a balance of \$14,483.77. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the donation account report. Motion carried.

The CVSO updated the Commission on the final status of the 2020 budget. Due to COVID, there was no CVSOA spring conference and only the CVSO attended the fall conference. The approved Limited Term Employee was not able to work in the office at all in 2020, and the CVSO and ACVSO furloughed for six weeks, which left thousands of dollars in their budget. In total, \$11,535.23 was saved in personnel expenses and \$4,724.46 was saved in non-personnel expenses.

The CVSO presented the Commission with the 2021 CVSO Grant application, which was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs on February 3.

The CVSO gave the Commission an update on the Northwoods National Cemetery.

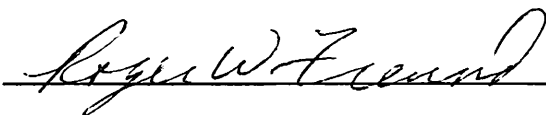
The CVSO informed the Commission that the multi-county Veterans Benefits Expo that would normally be held this April will be postponed until April 2022 just to be on the safe side. She's planning on having next year's expo at the Hodag Dome in Rhinelander.

There was no public comment.

Items for the next agenda:

- Update on walk-in shower for veteran in wheelchair
- Update on Northwoods National Cemetery

The next meeting will be held on June 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in conference room #1 in the courthouse. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Roger Freund, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Chairman: 

Secretary: 