

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Held: Monday, June 21, 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 9:05 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.

The minutes from the March 15, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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, one donation was received in the amount of \$32.32, and one grant was made in the amount of \$3,766. The donation account has a balance of \$10,750.09. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the donation account report. Motion carried.

Mark Espeseth's 3-year term on the Veterans Commission expired in January 2021. Mark agreed to serve another three years. Motion made by Roger Freund, seconded by Mark Espeseth, to recommend to the Oneida County Board Chairman an extension of Mark Espeseth's term for another three years. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Senate Bill 173 is a bipartisan bill written to try to get CVSO Grants increased. In the case of Oneida County, it would increase the grant from \$10,000 annually to \$22,000. The

CVSOA-WI Legislative Committee does not expect the bill to pass; however, the biennium budget will increase the grant to \$11,000, if passed.

The CVSO requested a Limited Term Employee (LTE) for 2022 to work 160 hours in the office. Sixty of those hours would be during the two weeks the CVSO and ACVSO are at their spring and fall conferences. The other 100 hours would be at the CVSO's discretion to help scan the several thousands of paper files in the office. The request still has to go in front of the LRES Committee and the Budget Committee for approval.

The walk-in shower for the veteran in a wheelchair has not been started yet and no final cost has been given. The contractor is very busy with other projects but he is working with area businesses to get as many donations as he can to help keep the cost down.

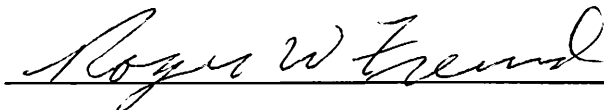
Northwoods National Cemetery is doing burials and no longer has a limit on the number of family members who can attend services at the cemetery.

There was no public comment.

Items for the next agenda:

- Reappointment of Brian Jopek for another 3-year term
- Update on walk-in shower for veteran in wheelchair

The next meeting will be held on September 20, 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: 