

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Held: Monday, September 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Mark Espeseth, Pearl Fessenden, and Tammy Javenkoski (CVSO)

Members Absent: Brian Jopek

The following new matters were taken up, to wit:

Mark Espeseth called the meeting to order in conference room #1 of the Oneida County courthouse at 9:10 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 Pearl Fessenden, seconded by Mark Espeseth, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes from the June 19, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Pearl Fessenden, seconded by Mark Espeseth, 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 Pearl Fessenden, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

The donation account was reviewed. Since the last meeting, no donations were received but \$3,000 was spent to assist an Oneida County veteran with home renovations to accommodate his wheelchair. The donation account has a balance of \$13,765.33. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Pearl Fessenden, to approve the donation account report. Motion carried.

We just received tablets for the Veterans Commission but they have to be set up. Once they are, the CVSO will contact the Commission members to come pick them up.

Discussion was held on bylaws for the Veterans Commission. It was decided bylaws weren't necessary but the CVSO will do a welcome letter and packet for future new Commission members.

Discussion was held on the large American flag flown in downtown Rhinelander. As of the meeting date, no one had responded to the CVSO's email inquiring about when it's flown and not flown.

Pearl discussed fundraising for the Veterans Commission donation account. If other Commission members are interested in doing that, please bring ideas to the next quarterly meeting.

The CVSO informed the Veterans Commission she's going to discuss with her committee, the Social Services Committee, she would like to have veterans on the committee. It was recommended by a recent Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis done for the county.

There was no public comment.

Items for the next agenda:

- Commission fundraising
- Veterans on Social Services Committee update

The next meeting will be held on December 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in conference room #1 in the courthouse. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Pearl Fessenden, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____