

MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Held: Monday, September 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Roger Freund (Chairman), Brian Jopek, and Mark Espeseth

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 Brian Jopek, seconded by Mark Espeseth, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes from the December 21, 2020, meeting were reviewed. **Motion** made by Brian Jopek, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The minutes from the June 21, 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 Brian Jopek, seconded by Mark Espeseth, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

The donation account was reviewed. Since the last meeting, two donations were received in the amount of \$3,798.32, and one grant was made in the amount of \$2,550.00. The donation account has a balance of \$11,998.41. **Motion** made by Brian Jopek, seconded by Mark Espeseth, to approve the donation account report. Motion carried.

Brian Jopek's 3-year term on the Veterans Commission expires in January 2022, and he agreed to serve another 3-year term. **Motion** made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Roger Freund, to recommend to the Oneida County Board Chairman an extension of Brian Jopek's term for three years. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Veterans Service Office putting Honor Guard donations into their donations account yet keeping it separate and using it to pay bills for the Honor Guard for things like uniforms. Brian Jopek recommended running it by Corp Counsel to make sure that's an acceptable practice before they make a decision. This item is tabled until the next meeting.

The walk-in shower for the veteran in a wheelchair has been started and a \$2,550 down payment has been made to the contractor. An additional donation of \$1,000 was received, which leaves a balance of \$1,675.

The Commission reviewed the 2020 Veterans Service Office Annual Report that was presented to the County Board on August 17, 2021.

There was no public comment.

Items for the next agenda:
- Honor Guard donations

The next meeting will be held on December 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 9:22 a.m. Motion carried.

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____