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MINUTES

DATE: May 3, 2017 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Bob Potts, Vice President
Clayton E. Uzell, Secretary
Mel Baher, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary

EXCUSED: Frank Pocci, President
William R. Caine, Commissioner

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bob Potts followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Clay Uzell and seconded by Mel Baher to dispense with the reading of the Consent Agenda and to accept the agenda with the necessary corrections and/or additions. (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes.)

AYES: Baher, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Mel Baher – American Legion

- Saturday, April 1st – I, along with my fellow Commissioners, attended the OSAVSC Spring training session in Dublin, Ohio.
- Wednesday, April 5th – I attended the American Legion 13th District Council meeting held at American Legion Post 610 in Brook Park, Ohio. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. I presented the executive approved financial reports for February 2017, as District Finance officer.
- Thursday, April 13th – I attended the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. Nominations were received for the May election of new officers.
- Monday, April 24th – I attended the 13th District executive board meeting held at American Legion Post 610 in Brook Park, Ohio. I presented the March 2017 financial reports for approval by the District Executive board.

- Thursday, April 27th – I attended the American Legion Post 91 executive board meeting at 7:00 p.m., where I serve as an elected board member.

Clay Uzell – VFW

- April 1st – I attended the VFW District 7 Testimonial Dinner for District Commander Luke Sawicki and Auxiliary President Mary Lynn Church at Chardon Post 6519. State Commander Ronnie Davis and State Auxiliary Conductress Kathy Oldham were guest representatives.
- April 5th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- April 12th – I attended the CCVSC Level III appeals hearings.
- April 17th – I attended the VFW Post 7536 meeting. Regular business was conducted and elections for post officers were held and all chairs were filled. I was re-elected Post Commander. Discussion took place concerning poppy distribution and the Lake View Cemetery Memorial Day Program.
- April 18th – I attended a veteran’s funeral at Busch Funeral Home in Avon Lake.
- April 19th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- April 22nd – I attended the VFW Post 1500 Willoughby Past District Commander’s meeting and interviewed candidates wanting to go up the chairs for District 7.
- April 26th – I attended the Level III appeals hearings.
- April 30th – I attended the Past Cuyahoga County Council dinner held at Santo’s Restaurant in Middleburg Hts.

Bob Potts – VVA

- April 1st – I attended the OSAVSC Spring Conference in Dublin, Ohio.
- April 4th – I attended the VVA Chapter 249 membership meeting and board meeting.
- April 5th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- April 12th – I attended the CCVSC appeal hearings.
- April 19th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- April 26th – I attended the CCVSC appeal hearings.
- April 29th – I attended an American Legion Post 572 spaghetti dinner. I met with Commander Tony Kessler and discussed going to meetings and doing an outreach.
- April 30th – I attended the End of the Vietnam War Commemoration.
- May 2nd – The VVA Chapter 249 membership meeting and board meeting were held.
- In May, I will be speaking on the Vietnam Experience at Westlake High School (5/18/17), Normandy High School (5/26/17) and Rocky River High School (5/26/17).

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2017-06; a purchase agreement between the Veterans Service Commission and G & B Electric Company for the purpose of having a web server controller to monitor and maintain the heating and cooling system for County Veterans Service was presented to the Board for approval. Following some discussion, the matter was tabled for further consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jon Reiss proposed that vacant office space at the CCVSC main location be utilized by bringing in community partners to better serve our veteran clients. The Board was receptive to the idea, on a temporary basis, but asked the Executive Director to provide a fact sheet by the next meeting detailing specifics, such as the use of phone lines, fax machines, printers, etc.

The Executive Director was asked to provide a six-month review of clients seen at the libraries by the next open public meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

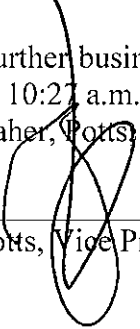
It was noted that Memorial Day flags were delivered to the wrong location. Steve Fernandez is in the process of picking them up for storage at the CCVSC mail office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


There were no items for Executive Session.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

AYES: Baher, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.



Bob Potts, Vice President



Clayton Uzell, Secretary