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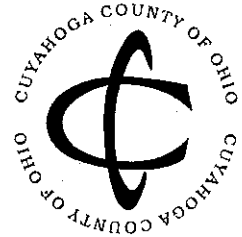


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MINUTES

DATE: December 5, 2012 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Frank Pocci, President
Bob Potts, Vice President
Clayton E. Uzell, Secretary
Daniel T. Weist, Commissioner
Mel Baher, Commissioner
Robert E. Schloendorn, Executive Director
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary

VISITORS: Mel Davis

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the President, Frank Pocci, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts 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, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Clay Uzell – VFW

- November 7th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- November 10th & 11th – I distributed VFW buddy poppies at the So. Euclid Giant Eagle.
- November 12th – I attended a Veterans' Day wreath laying ceremony at the Lyndhurst Veteran Memorial.
- November 14th – I attended the CCVSC Level III appeal hearings.
- November 16th & 17th – I attended VSC training for discrimination and harassment in the workplace.
- November 17th – I attended the VFW District 7 Military Ball held at St. Clarence Hall in North Olmsted.
- November 19th – I attended the VFW Post 7536 monthly meeting where discussion took place regarding the upcoming Christmas party.

- November 21st – I attended the CCVSC open public Board meeting.
- November 26th – I attended a VFW Auxiliary funeral in Madison, Ohio.
- November 28th – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeal hearings.

Dan Weist – DAV

- November 7th – I attended the CCVSC open public Board meeting
- November 9th – I attended a VFW Veteran's Day program at the Olmsted Manor on Mill Rd.
- November 11th – Veteran's Day – I attended an S.O.S. Breakfast at the Post followed by a medals presentation ceremony.
- November 12th – The Color Guard left the Post at 9:00 a.m. for the Renaissance on John Road and then to Emerald Village at 11:00 a.m.
- November 12th – The Color Guard met at North Olmsted City Hall at 12:50 p.m.
- November 14th – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeal hearings.
- November 17th – I attended a Military Ball at St. Clarence.
- November 21st – I attended the VFW weekly meeting and Police and Fire award dinner.
- November 21st – I attended the CCVSC open public Board meeting.
- November 28th – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeal hearings.

Mel Baher – American Legion

- November 7th – I attended the American Legion 13th District Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 703 in Parma, Ohio. I presented the District financial reports as District Finance officer.
- November 8th – I missed the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 7:00 p.m., however, the membership report was given by the Post Commander.
- November 11th – Veteran's Day at Post 91 included a luncheon served by the Ladies Auxiliary from noon until 2:00 p.m. and dinner served by the S.A.L. from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- November 16 & 17th – I attended the OSAVSC meeting and training in Dublin, Ohio receiving my final point of four required for all Commissioners.
- November 21st – I attended the American Legion Post 91 executive board meeting held at 7:00 p.m. I gave an updated membership report as First Vice Commander.
- November 26th – I attended the American Legion 13th District e-board meeting held at 7:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 703 in Parma, Ohio. I presented the District financial reports as District Finance officer.

Upcoming Events:

- December 2nd – American Legion 13th District Council Winter Conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at American Legion Post 91. I will present the District financial reports as District Finance officer.
- December 13th – American Legion Post 91 membership meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.
- December 27th – American Legion Post 91 executive board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.
- December 31st – American Legion 13th District e-board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 703 in Parma, Ohio.

Bob Potts – VVA

- November 6th – I attended the VVA Chapter 249 Board meeting at 6:45 p.m. and the membership meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- November 7th – I attended the first CCVSC open public Board meeting of the month.
- November 8th – while picking up a prescription at the Wade Park VA Hospital, I stopped by the CCVSC office and talked with Service Officer, Libby Jenkins.
- November 14th – I attended the CCVSC first appeals meeting of the month.
- November 28th – I attended the second CCVSC open public Board meeting. At this meeting, I assisted in the presentation of service medals to Carl Cummings.
- December 4th – I attended the VVA Chapter 249 Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the membership meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- December 4th – I provided the financial report for Post 80 at the general meeting.
- The requested documentation for the appointment of the AMVETS Commissioner to the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission was mailed on November 8th.
- Post 80 is going to try some ideas suggested by members to increase membership.
- Post 80 has reviewed the new norm for funeral services at the National Cemetery in Rittman and continues to participate on a monthly basis.

Other Activities:

- I attended the two appeal meetings and two open public Board meetings during the month of November.
- I attended the OSAVSC Fall Conference in Dublin, Ohio on November 16th & 17th.
- I visited VFW Post 3345 in Strongsville, Ohio where they had a wonderful ceremony on November 11th in the memorial area behind the post which also includes benches dedicated to the various U.S. armed forces services around the perimeter.
- VFW Post 3345 also participated in the Veteran's Day event at Drake Elementary school in Strongsville.
- The Italian American War Veterans did not hold its regular monthly meeting in November, however, an executive meeting was held and the Post had a holiday dinner attended by members and guests on December 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to accept the revised Guideline for Term of Financial Assistance dated December 5, 2012 as submitted.

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

The Food and Shelter Monthly Allowance Guideline dated April 4, 2012 was tabled to the next open public meeting in order to obtain further information.

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Bob Potts to accept the revised House Call Policy dated December 5, 2012 as submitted.

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

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Clay Uzell to accept the revised Guideline for Medical Transportation dated December 5, 2012 as submitted.

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

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Clay Uzell to accept the revised Guideline for Applying for Assistance and Verification dated December 5, 2012 as submitted.

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

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Mel Baher to approve Resolution 2012-26 requesting authority for David Hatcher, CCVSC Social Worker, to attend a training program sponsored by Cleveland State University in February 2013, expenses not to exceed \$120.00.

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

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Mel Baher to approve Resolution 2012-27 requesting authority for Terry Walker, CCVSC Social Work Manager, to attend a training program sponsored by Cleveland State University on December 13, 2012, expenses not to exceed \$120.00.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The CCVSC will have a presence at the USO of Northern Ohio's suicide prevention symposium on December 10th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Bob Potts to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:55 a.m.)

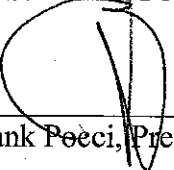
A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular order of business.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (11:30 a.m.)


In Executive Session, the Board discussed personnel issues. The Executive Director was instructed on how to proceed with applications for the new veterans service officer positions and a part-time to full-time position.

With no further business, a motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Clay Uzell to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

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



Frank Poci, President



Clay Uzell, Secretary

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Filing claims with the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs: Melinda Halliburton, Service Office Manager (216-698-2639)
Memorial Affairs: Laurene Rutkowski, Manager (216-698-2655)
Social Work Dept.: Terry Walker, Manager, Social Worker/Case Management (216-698-2379)
Executive Director: Bob Schloendorn (216-698-2611)
Commissioners: Lorri Slivka, Secretary to the Board (216-698-2646)