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FRANK POCCHI
COMMISSIONER



Disabled American Veterans
LENON WRIGHT
COMMISSIONER



Veterans of Foreign Wars
JAMES RILEY
COMMISSIONER



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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: June 18, 2025 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: James Riley, President
Frank Pocchi, Vice President
Lenon Wright, Secretary
Bob Potts, Commissioner
Mel Baher, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Feronne Williams, Deputy Director
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary
Craig Morice, Assistant County Prosecutor

EXCUSED: None.

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Riley with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Lenon Wright called roll.

OLD BUSINESS

The Executive Director gave his weekly building update. Everything is on schedule except for the elevator repair. The delay with the elevator may be as long as two months but hopefully will not delay the occupancy date. The sloped sidewalk at the front entrance is in. The flagpole will be at the end of the sidewalk and each post along the walk will have an emblem of each branch of service. American flags will be displayed in all common areas. All offices and bathrooms are ADA accessible.

The lease for the storage facility is now being re-considered. The owner of the storage facility must supply a certificate of insurance prior to approval.

Conversations with the Sherri's Department continue. Once the plan is solidified, Protective Services will be notified.

The OPS Tracker was reviewed by the Board. The Executive Director will provide a graph comparison at the next review.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mel Baher to approve the Vehicle Policy for Transport. Motion seconded by Frank Pocci.

Discussion: None.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Riley, Wright NAYS: None.

The 4th of July joint event between the CCVSC and the Fire Department has been delayed. Once a new date is finalized, Mr. Reiss will work with the fire department to bring a ladder truck with a flag.

A security absence tracker will no longer be created. The tracker will be revisited once the VSC is in the new headquarters building.

Director Reiss will present possible projects for budget carryover at the meeting on July 9th.

The MOU between the Veterans Service Commission and the Greater Cleveland Veterans Memorial has been reviewed. Once the current board of the Veterans Memorial has left, the VSC will take over markers for the monument and the website. Jon Reiss will ask that the MOU be updated with the suggested changes.

Deputy Director Williams posed the idea of being more liberal with financial assistance requirements because most staff is working remotely and financial assistance usually drops off when working remotely. After discussion, the board agreed to the suggested changes.

No resolution is necessary for Channel 5. The board will not be moving forward with the Channel 5 proposal as presented.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Riley stated that American Legion 703 will be joining the Rittman Honor Guard rotation.

Commissioner Potts reminded all that the Salute to Vietnam Veterans end of the war ceremony will take place on June 28th at the park in Olmsted Falls.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

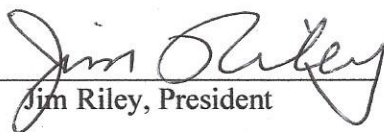
A motion was made by Bob Potts to go into Executive Session to consider employment of a public employee. Motion seconded by Mel Baher.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Riley, Wright. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:51 a.m.)

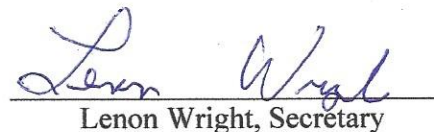
The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:27 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed employment of a public employee. The grievance was upheld.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. Motion seconded by Bob Potts.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Riley, Wright. NAYS: None. Motion carried.



Jim Riley, President



Lenon Wright, Secretary

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