

Minutes of Langlade County Veterans Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order on Monday, October 12, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Jim Jansen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jim Jansen, Larry Poltrock and Richard Schuh.

Others Present: John Zenkovich, Mary Lex, Marie Schuh, Robert Graupner, and Tom Matucheski.

Agenda Item #3. Approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting held September 14, 2015.

Motion by Larry Poltrock to approve the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting held September 14, 2015. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Approve Budget Summary.

Motion by Richard Schuh to approve the budget summary report. Motion seconded by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 Public Comment.

Tom Matucheski stated that the Marine Corp League Birthday Ball will be held on Monday, November 9 at Schwartzendrubers starting at 5:00. November 12th the Phlox Legion dinner will be held at Vicki and the Vets.

John will be attending the Phlox Legion meeting on October 27th in Phlox.

Agenda Item #6. PTO accrual for CVSO

John stated that when he was hired there is not a record of what was negotiated for PTO (Paid Time Off) hours earned per pay period. When John was here for six months he started accumulating PTO at the rate of a new employee but not as a department head. John is getting the rate of 4.38 hours per pay period. Department heads have the right to bargain for a different rate of PTO hours. John has requested 7.29 hours per pay period which is the rate for an employee that has worked here for 7 to 14 years. Gary also noticed that John was taking leave without pay for his military reserve time, according to the law he must get paid for 15 days per year for military reserve time. John will become an hourly employee after the first of the year instead of being on salary due to the change in the law. John has completed the accreditation requirement and his first year will be up so the board needs to elect via consent agenda. Larry made a motion to set John's PTO rate of 7.29 hours per pay period. Motion seconded by Richard Schuh. All ayes, motion approved. Resolution will move to personnel committee for approval.

Agenda Item #07. Veterans Issues and Office Updates

John talked about a training session he was at which was held in the Waupaca courthouse for all government offices how to deal with veterans who have PTSD. This included the police department, judges, district attorneys, social services department members, and the Green Bay Vet Center. Veterans who have PTSD and get into some type of trouble with the law will be more unruly and the situation escalates more quickly. This training was set up to teach the

officers how to respond and bring the situation under control. The Green Bay Vet Center takes care of veterans in our area. John stated that after talking with a representative from the Green Bay Vet Center he decided to hold a Veteran Stand Down which will bring together resources for our veterans to view for help with problems they may be having. We will invite the Disabled Veterans Outreach Representative for job seeking veterans, the Green Bay Vet Center, VFW, American Legion and DAV representatives for recruiting new members. Both John and Mary will be present to help veterans set up appointments to file claims or sign them up for benefits they may be eligible for. John plans to advertise in the paper, have radio ads and have the sign at the fairground also announce it. As of right now there is not a facility secured for this event. Larry Poltrock suggested the Blue Building which has heaters in since it will be in December, and also has an overhead door that the Mobile Vet Center could drive in. John stated that he will first arrange a date with the Vet Center and go from there for the site and inviting all the attendees we would wish to be there.

John is now the treasurer of the NECVSO Association. This organization meets monthly but hopefully the new officers will be able to reduce that to six or possibly four per year.

Dale has hosted a meeting in the past and John plans to host one in the future.

John told about the new CVSO Grant clarifications in regards to what is allowed as expenses for this grant. This year there is not a problem with getting this grant because we can use some salary as an expense but next year may be more difficult. It appears it is an attempt to prevent counties from obtaining this grant by making it more difficult to verify expenses that qualify for reimbursement.

John will be holding a commission meeting on Wednesday, October 21. There are no applications to be approved at this time. Usually applications start coming in when fuel is needed to heat the homes.

Being gone for a week it has been a busy Monday. This week will be catch-up with phone calls and veterans who missed us last week.

John stated he has a speaking event on Veterans Day in Elcho. Marie Schuh stated she would send John a program from last year so he could see how it all went.

Agenda Item #08. Set Date for November meeting and Tentative Date for December

The committee scheduled the next meeting for November 09, 2015 at 1:30 pm. December's meeting date was tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 1:30 pm.

Agenda Item #09. Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Richard Schuh to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Larry Poltrock. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted by,
Mary Lex