

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)  
Relief and Business Meetings  
Meeting Minutes December 2, 2022

**Business Meeting**

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room meeting room by Chairman Derik Van Baale.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Derik Van Baale, Terry Dykema, Gina Mead, Paul Dees Jr., Tracy Blamer

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: None

Public Comments:

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by TB

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by GM

Voice vote, Yes 5 No 0

Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes TB

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by GM

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

Correspondence: None

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report**

There were 104 veterans that came to office this month.

The VSO would like suggestions for the next veterans spotlight.

Oceana County Eagles donated 25 Christmas boxes for veterans in need.

The VSO and assistant attended the VFW luncheon.

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There were four \$25 gas cards, a \$100 food voucher were provided by the VSO.

The MVTF has provided \$1548 for fuel pellets.

**Budget and Finance Committee**

TB briefed the committee on the current budget numbers and various balances. The end of 2022 balance and the proposed 2023 budgets were discussed.

**Community Relations**

GM received a donation of 75 pairs of slipper socks. She would like to pass these out at a medical care center. She will also be collecting donations of soap and shampoo that will be stored at the VSO office.

GM participated as an organizer for a portion of the Muskegon Veterans parade. She reported that there was a very low turn out for the parade, this may have been due to weather.

**Personnel Committee**

DV will be doing annual reviews with the VSO and office assistant.

DV is looking at proposing new chairs for the committee.

**Policy and Procedures**

Nothing new to report.

**County Commissioners Veterans Liaison**

Martha briefed the committee on the current county commissioners' projects. This will be the last meeting Martha attends as the county commissioner.

**Old Business**

The veteran's day 5K was very successful. There was a large amount of positive feedback from the participants. The route of the 5K was well received as many of the runners commented that it was well planned. It is expected that next year's event will be much larger.

**New Business**

DV spoke with an individual on the purchase of a Ford E-250. The asking price on the van is \$8500.00 with 204K miles.

Discussion opened-The question was asked about who would be driving the van. This was still to be determined. The committee also discussed the ability to borrow a vehicle from other county

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entities when there is a transportation need. GM may know of some private companies that could be hired to transport veterans. TB is going to reach out to Grace Adventures, The council on aging, to inquire about a possible vehicle- discussion closed.

TB makes a motion to purchase six additional gas cards at \$50 each. These will be provided to volunteers that are currently driving veterans in need to appointments.

Motion 2nd GM

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved.

GM makes a motion that the 75 pairs of donated slipper socks be added to the food pantry for distribution.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> TB

Voice Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

### **RELIEF MEETING**

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 12:31 P.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room by Chairman Derik Van Baale.

Roll Call: Derik Van Baale (DV), Gina Mead, (GM) Paul Dees Jr. (PD) Terry Dykema (TD), Tracy Blamer (TB)

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: None

Claims for Review and Considerations

Claim # 52-22 Veteran is seeking \$1000.00. This would pay for wood that the veteran ordered without consulting the committee, and without any prior approval.

There was no motion after discussion on this claim.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:52 by DV


The next general meeting will be held on Jan 13th, 2023, in the County Annex Conference Room.



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11:30 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

12:30 PM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting



Derik Van Baale Chairman



Paul Dees Jr Secretary