



VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting start time and location

- 9:31 AM
- VACLCL, Gurnee

Members Present:

- Nick Konz, Andrew Tangen, John DeReu, Tom Marciciak, Paul Hettich, Allan Ayers, Larry Klauser

Members of the Public:

- None present

Motion to Approve Previous Minutes

- Motion made to approve the Minutes from July made by Delegate Marciciak
- Motion seconded by Delegate Hettich
- Motion passed

NFP Expense Report

- Currently \$55,593.59 in NFP account for July 2023
- Deposits of \$5,270.00; \$15.00-was for the notary charge
- Check paid for \$5,045.00 to Lynch Foundation for the Golf Outing
- Motion made to approve Expense Report by Delegate DeReu
- Motion seconded by Delegate Marciciak
- Motion passed

President's Remarks

- No Remarks

Superintendents Report

- Office relocation update-Going well
 - Technology issues are being worked out
 - Printer maintenance complete
 - We have a couple extra offices to grow our staff



- FHCC offices update-there is furniture but no computers. John Murray is working with Kenny List to find out why we need to be registered as volunteers since we are paid employees, this has been on-going for seven months. President Konz will talk to them
- Our office attended the PACT Act outreach in Hoffman Estates with Cook, Kane and Will counties with three Lake County Veterans out of 100 Veterans attendees
- Initial Vision session with the architect took place from 8:00AM-6:00PM in our office for the new location. The architects listened to our staff with a follow-up visit with me and John Murray. The meeting was positive. Next step, initial design session with zoning board to get the land parcels zoned for government lots. A Special Use Permit (SUP) is required because we are governmental. Our attorney, architect and Village of Gurnee. The SUP is required as it will be a government building.
- Closing on the land is scheduled for September 15, 2023
- Senator Morrison is no longer the Chairperson of the Veteran Affairs Committee. Senator Hastings from Will County is the Chairperson now and is also a Veteran. Senator Morrison talked through happenings in the Veteran Community at meeting.
- There was a change in leadership, I would like to move John Murray to Assistant Superintendent and remove the Chief of Staff. There will be a pay increase for SVO Shane McNerney and SVO Jilian 'Summer' Padoan. The plan is to promote John Murray next month to Assistant Superintendent. Next fiscal year we will remove the Chief of Staff position. We asked for six VSO positions to increase our staff to seven VSOs. We have had inquiries from Texas and a Director of County Services from Douglas County, Iowa, who is already certified and accredited
- CVSO Act introduced four times in Congress. This bill is similar to grant funding other local partners receive from the Federal Government, like the SAO and Sheriff receiving funds from DOJ and Health Department receiving grants from HHS. CVSOs have never had a similar program. The funds would be used on a trial basis for hiring and more outreach.
 - Representative Mike Levin (H.R. 984) and Senator Baldwin (S. 106) reintroduced the CVSO Act. It provides 5 years for \$50 million for supplemental federal funds to county funds. These funds cannot be used to replace county funding
 - HVAC passed version provides \$35 million per year over a 5 year period passed out of committee. It is pending before the House currently
 - The House Bill is more likely to pass both the House and Senate.
- VFW is on board with MOWW will be alerted by Delegate DeReu
- I am the FOIA officer and once during delegates term on the board, they need to be certified for the OMA. The certification is completed one time. Delegate Klauser and Delegate Gandara will need to complete the OMA certification. I will track all delegates for compliance. Our office will keep certificates of all delegates
- Motion to accept the Superintendent Report made by Delegate Ayers
- Motion seconded by Delegate Hettich
- Motion passed

Unfinished Business

- Nothing to report

Old/New Business



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- President Konz will take our Trifolds to FHCC

Report by Officers

- President Konz – Nothing to Report
- Delegate Hettich – Nothing to report
- Delegate DeReu – Nothing to report
- Delegate Marciciak – American Legion Convention end of the month
- Delegate Klauser – Newsletter confused people. September on time, October issues

Motion to adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Delegate Marciciak
- Motion to adjourn seconded by Delegate Hettich
- Motion passed
- Meeting adjourned at 10:14am

Next Executive Board Meeting will be held on September 13, 2023 at the American Legion Post in Gurnee, IL