

Manitowoc County
Veterans Service Commission Minutes
March 8, 2016

Meeting of the Commission called to order by Mike Demske at 9:33 a.m. in Conference Room 302 in the Manitowoc County Office Complex, 4319 Expo Drive. We are in compliance with the open meeting law.

Present: Mike Demske, Al Karl and Tom Hoffman Commission Members present.

Minutes of 1/12/2016 Meeting Affirmed. Motion made by Tom Hoffman, seconded Al Karl to accept minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Al Karl, seconded by Tom Hoffman, to go into closed session as per 19.85 (1) (f). The purpose of the meeting is to review the applications received the prior month; interview applicants for financial aid to determine if the need requirement is met; deny or approve such application; and if approved, determine the amount of aid to be given the applicant.

Roll call on motion: All members voted affirmative. Motion carried. Yes

Emergency Applications and Requests made since last Commission Meeting:

Name	Address	Request	Purpose	Date	Approved
NONE					

Cards issued since 2/9/2016 Commission Meeting: 2 - \$50 Grocery Cards & 5 - \$25 Gas Cards

Relief Balance as of March 7, 2016: \$15,112.92

Donations Made as of March 8, 2016: \$0

After meeting with the following applicants, the Commission GRANTED assistance to the following applicants:

Request	Purpose	Approved
\$398.00	Water Heater	\$398.00
\$400.00	Lot Rent	\$200.00

Presented by CVSO:

Name	Address	Request	Purpose	Approved
NONE				

Motion made by Mike Demske, seconded by Al Karl, affirmed by all present, Motions carried to approve the application(s).

After meeting with the following applicants, the Commission DENIED assistance to the following applicants:

Request	Purpose	Date	Denied
\$200.00	Flat Screen TV	03/08/2016	Denied

Motion made by Tom Hoffman, seconded by Al Karl, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried.

Discussion: CVSO discussed number and amounts of gas and grocery cards distributed since last Commission meeting, the current Commission budget and the order placed for additional flags and "Veteran" flag holders to be put on veteran graves.

Mike discussed a member of Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH) had approached him and wanted him to support an effort to get Purple Hearts awarded to all deceased veterans whose deaths could be traced to Agent Orange. The Commission does not support this effort.

Al discussed that he was approached by a concerned citizen as to why a veteran's name is not listed on the memorial. The veteran is thought to have suffered from PTSD and committed suicide. The Commission feels that this is an avenue that may have unimaginable repercussion in the future. In regards to this particular veteran the family does not appear to want to have any type of recognition. The Commission is going to suggest to the citizen that a donation of \$300 be made to the memorial which will then get the veterans name listed on the back of the memorial "In Memory Of."

The next 3 Commission meeting dates are: Second Tuesday each month

12 April, 2016 @ 09:30 AM

10 May, 2016 @ 09:30 AM

14 Jun, 2016 @ 09:30 AM

Motion made by Mike Demske, seconded by Tom Hoffman, to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 A.M.