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JEFF BARNES
DIRECTOR

MINUTES

Lansing Central MVTF Office
Lansing, Michigan

January 5, 2016
10:34 a.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairman John E. James, present
Vice Chairman Charles Kosal, present
Trustee Robert Williams, present
Trustee Barry Wood, present
Trustee Shawn Wilson, present
Trustee Brandi McBride, present
Edwin Fore, excused

Lindell Holm, *Director*
Dawn Bollis, *Dept. Analysis*
Mary Kay Robinson, *Financial Supervisor*
Erik Napieralski, *Dept. Tech*,
Tom Diaz, *Dept. Tech*

Chairman John James called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Ms. Robinson stated that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

Introduction of Guests

None

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Williams/Wilson) to approve the Public Minutes, of December 1, 2015, passed and carried.

Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration

There were no personal hearings conducted at the January 5, 2016 emergent need work session. A total of 21 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case A-1 (Lapeer County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,076.63; for electric (\$899.00), phone (\$865.00) and hospital co-pay (\$312.63). After reviewing your request for assistance it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged because sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case A-2 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new boiler (\$6,300.00). After reviewing your request for assistance it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case A-3 (Manistee County)

WITHDRAWN

Case RO-4 (Luce County)

WITHDRAWN

Case RO-5 (Genesee County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$4,314.90; for rent (\$550.00), 1st auto payments (\$1,109.90), 2nd auto payments (\$1,346.48), water/sewer (\$427.98) and auto/rental insurance (\$880.64). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RH-6 (Marquette County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for 2013 property taxes (\$2,129.23). After reviewing your request for assistance it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RH-7 (Kent County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$3,000.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-8 (Calhoun County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$1,200.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RH-9 (Chippewa County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for VA overpayment (\$6,166.35). After reviewing your application it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RR-10 (Roscommon County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for home generator (\$10,463.00). After reviewing your application it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RH-11 (Allegan County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for 2nd mortgage (\$10,000.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-12 (Monroe County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for 2013 and 2014 property taxes (\$4,106.07). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-13 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a rent (\$1,400.00). After reviewing your request for assistance it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case A-14 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,500.00; for auto insurance (\$274.96) and auto payments (\$1,225.04). After reviewing your request for assistance it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-15 (Huron County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,798.80; for vehicle repairs (\$3,200.00) and new tires (\$598.80). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RR-16 (Ingham County)

PARTIAL

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for rent (\$598.00). The security deposit (\$350.00) will be your responsibility.

Case A-17 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,398.17; for water/sewer (\$663.52), auto payments (\$339.65) and new furnace (\$2,395.00). After reviewing your request for assistance it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities. The applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-18 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof (\$16,730.00). After reviewing your request for assistance it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged because sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case A-19 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a rent (\$1,048.00). After reviewing your request for assistance it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged because sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s). Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-20 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a dining set and sofa (\$803.48). After reviewing your request it was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case A-21 (Muskegon County)

APPROVED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for new tools (\$1,392.20).

A MOTION (Wood/Kosal) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials that were made in the closed session, passed and carried.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved was 2/21 for \$1,990.20. Approved 1/13 Appeals for (\$1,392.20), 0/4 Review/Housing for (\$0.00), 0/0 Review/Medical for (\$0.00), 0/0 Review/Conflict of Interest for (\$0.00), 1/2 Review/Repetitive for (\$598.00) and 0/2 Review/Other for (\$0.00).

Accounting Report

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

COMMITTEE	AMOUNT INVOLVED	DESCRIPTION OF ERROR	RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION
Chippewa County	\$200.00	Administrative error for eligibility	Waive Repayment

A MOTION (Williams/Kosal) to accept the recommendation to waive repayment on the administrative errors passed and carried

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (Wilson/McBride) to accept the following appointment and re-appointment passed and carried.

The American Legion recommends the following **new appointment:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Jack Hunn	Calhoun	12-31-2018

The AMVETS recommends the following **new appointment:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Duane Anderson	Baraga	12-31-2018

The DAV recommends the following **new appointments:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Bradley Finkbeiner	Grand Traverse/Leelanau	12-31-2018

The VFW recommends the following **new appointments:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Frances McCarthy	Dickinson	12-31-2018

The VVA recommends the following **reappointments:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Clarence Rule	Branch	12-31-2018
Fred Palmiter	Calhoun	12-31-2017
Richard Mayo	Cheboygan	12-31-2018
William Perkins	Iosco	12-31-2018
Vic Rombeck	Marquette	12-31-2018
Michael Goode	Monroe	12-31-2017
Michael Allumi	Roscommon	12-31-2017
Wayne Weaver	St. Clair	12-31-2018

Recommendation of the following **Independent reappointment:**

Name	County	Term of Service
David Hennion	Oakland	12-31-2018

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees of a letter sent to a county regarding complaints received about conduct on the telephone.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that the work for the online application is set to be started this month. Projection date for the pilot program is May 1st.

A MOTION (Kosal/McBride) for Director Holm to send a letter to County offices, County Committees and VSO's explaining the pilot and the projected starting date.

A MOTION (Williams/McBride) to maintain Chairman James and Vice-Chairman Kosal for another year, passed and carried. Both Trustees accepted their positions.

Trustees Williams ask that a policy be created which states that new members to the Board of Trustees must be on the board for at least 12 months before they can hold the position of Chair or Vice-Chair. The rest of the Trustees concurred.

MVTF Board Activities

Trustee Wood will be attending the American Legion Winter Conference on February 12, 2016

MVTF Staff Activities

None

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None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 pm

Approved:

John James, Chairman

Date