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MINUTES

Lansing Central MVTF Office
Lansing, Michigan

June 2, 2015
10:32 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

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 10:32 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

Ron Runyan, Adjutant for the American Legion

Public Comments

Mr. Runyan discussed with the Board of Trustees that one of his goals as the Adjutant is to educate the American Legion members about the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Williams/Kosal) to approve the Public Minutes, of May 5, 2015, passed and carried.

Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration

There were no personal hearing conducted at the June 2, 2015 emergent need work session. A total of 27 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case A-1 (Ingham County) WITHDRAWN

Case A-2 (Ingham County) APPROVED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application authorizing no more than \$3,117.89 for mortgage payments.

Case A-3 (Kalamazoo County) DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,905.00; for dentures for veteran (\$1,060.00) and dentures for spouse (\$845.00). A grant is not approved to cover the cost of the requested dental procedures because a medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RO-4 (Genesee County) DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for heat and electric (\$3,307.25). 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 statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-5 (Oakland County) UNTIMELY

Case A-6 (Lapeer County) DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,961.02; for vehicle repair (\$2,069.00), water heater (\$639.00) and electric (\$253.02). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and 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 the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RR-7 (Jackson County) DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for propane (\$1,094.00). The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and 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 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-8 (Chippewa County) DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new furnace (\$2,400.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and 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). The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-9 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$1,000.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and 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 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 A-10 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for 1st month's rent (\$490.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and 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 sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

Case A-11 (Jackson County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for auto repairs (\$1,946.54). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and 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 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-12 (Marquette County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$2,758.66; for mortgage (\$2,253.27) and phone bill (\$505.39). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial state reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals that 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-13 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a new roof (\$9,420.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and 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 with existing income.

Case RM-14 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for five medical bills (\$2,854.26). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and 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 RH-15 (Montcalm County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a new roof (\$3,510.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. It is advised that you discuss your situation with the Montcalm County Trust Fund Committee to review further options and additional resources.

Case A-16 (Oakland County)

PARTIAL

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for \$1,702.47; for rent (\$1,325.00), electric (\$251.00) and heat (\$126.47). The remaining request for car insurance (\$74.57) was denied because the emergent need was resolved.

Case RO-17 (Macomb County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$1,893.44; for auto body repair (\$929.92) and auto insurance (\$963.52). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-18 (Ingham County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a delinquent furnace bill (\$3,770.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and 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 financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-19 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof (\$5,350.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and 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 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 A-20 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage payments (\$2,010.31). 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 statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-21 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for auto repairs (\$2,000.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and 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 the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-22 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$10,051.00; for lien settlement offer (\$8,000.00) and delinquent property tax (residence) down payment (\$2,051.00). 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 her financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-23 (Cheboygan County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your request for an auto repair (\$2,264.90) because you do not meet the eligibility requirements per Board Policy #102.

Case A-24 (Manistee County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a new roof (\$6,512.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income. The statement also reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense.

Case RH-25 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your request for rent (\$3,505.00). 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 RO-26 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for heat and electric (\$5,397.64). 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 statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RR-27 (Saginaw County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for rent (\$726.25). 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 statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

A MOTION (Kosal/Wood) 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 2/27 for \$4820.36. Approved 2/15 Appeals for (\$4,820.36), 0/6 Review/Housing for (\$0.00), 0/1 Review/Medical for (\$0.00), 0/0 Review/Conflict of Interest for (\$0.00), 0/2 Review/Repetitive for (\$0.00) and 0/3 Review/Other for (\$0.00).

Accounting Report

None

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

COMMITTEE	AMOUNT INVOLVED	DESCRIPTION OF ERROR	RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION
Grand Traverse	\$1,489.52	Administrative error for eligibility	Waive Repayment

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

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

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

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

Name	County	Term of Service
Charles Berlin	Otsego County	12-31-2016

The Emmet County Committee would like to recommend Richard Wiertalla as their new agent replacing Jim Alton. There will be no change in administrative expense.

Unfinished Business

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees of the county training dates which are July 7th (Midland), July 14th (Traverse City) and July 21st (Kalamazoo). Director Holm asked if at least one Trustee could be at the Traverse City and Kalamazoo trainings. Trustee Williams and Trustee Wood stated they would be at the Midland and Traverse City training. Trustee Williams stated he also would be at the Kalamazoo training.

Director Holm reminded the Board of Trustees that the July 7th board meeting will be held at the American Legion Post in Midland with county training to follow.

New Business

A MOTION (Wood/Williams) to temporarily suspend the Ontonagon County Veterans Trust Fund office effective immediately passed and carried.

A MOTION (Wood/Williams) to place restrictions on the Saginaw County Veterans Trust Fund effective immediately passed and carried.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees of HB 4642 that was enrolled on May 26, 2015. Chairman James and Director Holm will be working with the representative on making improvements to the bill.

MVTF Board Activities

Board Trustee Williams stated he would be attending the VFW Convention on June 5th & 6th and would like an updated report.

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he will be attending the VFW Convention on June 6, 2015.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he will be attending the CORE program being held in Detroit on June 5, 2015.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he will be going to Saginaw County on Monday June 8, 2015 to talk to the committee and agent regarding the restrictions the Board imposed.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that Mary Kay Robinson will be going to Schoolcraft, Ontonagon and Dickinson counties the week of June 8th to conduct training and audit county records.

Good of the Order

None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 am

Approved:

John James, Chairman

Date