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JEFF BARNES
DIRECTOR

MINUTES

Lansing Central MVTF Office
Lansing, Michigan

August 4, 2015
10:50 a.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Trustees and Staff

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

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

Chairman John James called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

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

Introduction of Guests

Paul McIvor, VFW State Commander
Woodrow Tyler, Dept. of Treasury, Defined Contribution
Lan Chen, Department of Treasury

Public Comments

Discussion among the guests and Board of Trustees regarding policies and the monthly Board meetings

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (James/Williams) to approve the Public Minutes, of July 7, 2015, passed and carried.

Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration

There were no personal hearings conducted at the August 4, 2015 emergent need work session. A total of 22 appeals and reviews were considered.

- Case A-1** (Ingham County) DENIED
- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$746.64; for rent (\$60.00) and child support arrears (\$686.64). The Board of Trustees 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-2** (Wayne County) DENIED
- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$6,870.00 for a new roof. The Board of Trustees determined your request for assistance 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-3** (Marquette County) DENIED
- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$3,300.82 for a new chimney. The Board of Trustees determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.
- Case RH-4** (Genesee County) DENIED
- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$11,682.00 for a bathroom remodel. The Board of Trustees 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 RH-5** (Manistee County) DENIED
- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application \$5,800.00 for a furnace and a/c unit. The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request 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 RO-6** (Charlevoix County) DENIED
- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$14,804.71; for HOA expenses (\$4,753.00), 2014 property taxes (\$3,433.75), auto loan pay-off (\$2,166.96), delinquent medical bill (\$555.31), dental work (\$2,750.00), heat utility (\$295.70) and prepaid funeral expenses for spouse (\$850.00). The Board of Trustees 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 RR-7** (Osceola County) RESOLVED

Case RR-8 (Schoolcraft County)

WITHDRAWN

Case A-9 (Cheboygan County)

MOVED TO SEPTEMBER

Case RR-10 (Jackson County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$954.18 for auto repairs. The Board of Trustees 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-11 (Jackson County)

WITHDRAWN

Case RR-12 (Presque Isle County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$2,680.89; for auto repairs (\$1,870.89) and rent (\$810.00). The Board of Trustees 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-13 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$509.45; for four medical bills (\$233.79), (\$96.10), (\$76.38), (\$76.38) and one dental bill (\$26.80). 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 her financial responsibilities. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-14 (Mecosta County)

APPROVED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and approved your application authorizing no more than \$900.00 a new furnace.

Case RR-15 (Ingham County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$283.56 for BWL utilities. 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-16 (Cass County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$3,500.00 for a water well. The Board of Trustees 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 A-17 (Monroe County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$4,775.25 for electric. The Board of Trustees 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-18 (Wayne County)

UNTIMELY

Case RR-19 (Mecosta County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$1,130.74; for electric (\$280.74) and mortgage/rent (\$850.00). 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 RH-20 (Lapeer County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your application and disapproved your application for \$2,450.00 for a 2nd layer of roof shingles. The Board of Trustees 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 RH-21 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your application and disapproved your application for \$3,065.71 for home repairs. 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 financial statement also reveals the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-22 (Jackson County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$1,722.36 for heat and electric. The Board of Trustees determined your request for assistance 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.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved was 1/22 for \$900.00. Approved 1/8 Appeals for (\$900.00), 0/8 Review/Housing for (\$0.00), 0/0 Review/Medical for (\$0.00), 0/0 Review/Conflict of Interest for (\$0.00), 0/5 Review/Repetitive for (\$0.00) and 0/1 Review/Other for (\$0.00).

Accounting Report

None

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (Fore/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
Jerry Andrus	Jackson – Independent	12-31-2018

The AMVETS recommends the following reappointment:

Name	County	Term of Service
Danny Smith	Saginaw – Independent	12-31-2017

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

Name	County	Term of Service
Daniel Bauer	Saginaw County	12-31-2018

The DAV recommends the following **reappointment:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Daniel Hines	Livingston County	12-31-2018

Recommendation of the following **New Independent appointment:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Richard Jacob	Lapeer County	12-31-2018

Recommendation of the following **Independent reappointment:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Russell Martin	Presque Isle County	12-31-2018

Unfinished Business

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees of the results of the investigation into the Ontonagon County Authorized Agent. As a result, a letter dismissing the agent and closing the office in Ontonagon County until further notice was signed by Chairman James.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees of the updated status on the MiVHAP program and that August 7, 2015 will be the last day for taking applications.

New Business

Mr. Tyler gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees on the investment status of the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and a review of additional investment options available for the MVTF. Treasury intends to pursue an investment strategy which forecasts greater returns while maintaining risks at an acceptable level.

Trustee Williams discussed the VFW Unmet Need Fund.

MVTF Board Activities

None

MVTF Staff Activities

None

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None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:16 pm

Approved:

John James, Chairman

Date