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STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY
LANSING

ZANETA ADAMS
DIRECTOR

MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING

March 4, 2020

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairperson Barry Wood, present
Vice Chairperson Robert Williams, excused
Trustee James Tighe, present
Trustee Carol Hebert, present
Trustee Jim Dempsey, present
Trustee Jill Mathews, present
Trustee Thomas Smith, present
Lindell Holm, Director present
Carolyn Harden, present
Dawn Shinaver, Departmental Analyst

Chairperson Wood called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Chairperson Wood received confirmation that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

Introduction of Guests

Woodrow Tyler, CFA – Senior Investment Manager, Treasury, State of Michigan

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (James Dempsey/J.J. Thighe) to approve the Public Minutes, of February 5, 2020, passed and carried.

A total of 23 appeals and reviews were considered

Case 145 (Region 4A, Newaygo)

Withdrawn

Case 146 (Region 10, Oakland County)

Moved to next month

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Case 147 (Region 3, Montmorency County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new furnace in the amount of \$2,724.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency and sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expenses.

Case 148 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for new gutters and down spouts in the amount of \$946.00 contingent upon payment and receipt for the remaining half in the amount of \$946.00.

Case 149 (Region 6, Huron County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$2,635.00 and electric in the amount of \$386.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case 150 (Region 1C, Chippewa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$2,508.29, garbage in the amount of \$88.74, home phone in the amount of \$89.24, heating gas in the amount of \$809.98 and cable in the amount of \$499.02. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency and sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expenses.

Case 151 (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$399.88 or \$1,225.78. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved your situation.

Case 152 (Region 2, Leelanau County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for electric in the amount of \$543.70 and heating/gas in the amount of \$156.30. The Board of Trustees requests you to call an organization for budgeting.

Case 153 (Region 9, Monroe County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for a mortgage reinstatement in the amount of \$4,999.99 in an interim decision. The remaining \$228.43 was paid by you.

Case 154 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$2,139.30. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable you to resume your financial responsibilities. Your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

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Case 155 (Region 5, Gladwin County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for mortgage pay-off in the amount up to \$1,100.00 and disapproved your request for truck repair in the amount of \$9,987.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case 156 (Region 1, Houghton County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for fuel oil in the amount of \$1,516.22, electric in the amount of \$283.47 and mortgage in the amount of \$376.36.

Case 157 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$959.93 and electric in the amount of \$211.70. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case 158 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

Moved to next month

Case 159 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent in the amount of \$800.00 and vehicle payments in the amount of \$617.21. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case 160 (Region 4A, Osceola County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$3,901.75. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. Your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case 161 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new furnace in the amount of \$3,040.00 in an interim decision.

Case 162 (Region 10, Macomb County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$3,039.64.

Case 163 (Region 8, Cass County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for new roof in the amount of \$27,125.00 or \$16,875.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case 164 (Region 9, Hillsdale County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent mortgage in the amount of \$11,062.23. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable you to resume your financial responsibilities. Your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

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Case 165 (Region 1C, Chippewa County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for furnace repair in the amount of \$567.00, electric in the amount of \$345.53 and heating gas in the amount \$593.35. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expenses.

Case 166 (Region 3, Oscoda County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$3,844.38. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case 167 (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for electric in the amount of \$614.53, heating gas in the amount of \$398.40 and water/sewer in the amount of \$1,073.95. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and, after reviewing the documents you provided, has determined that your situation requires a more long-term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case 168 (Region 10, Wayne County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for chimney repair in the amount of \$5,750.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case 169 (Region 7, Eaton County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$5,114.40.

Case 170 (Region 8, Calhoun County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for delinquent rent in the amount of \$2,705.61.

Case 138 (Region 3, Montmorency County)

Reconsideration

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a paid and installed well in the amount of \$11,801.64. The Board of Trustees reviewed the new information and overturned their original decision to approve the request.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved/partially approved was nine for **\$23,821.69**.

Accounting Report

Reviewed without comment.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (James Dempsey/J. J. Tighe) to accept the County & District appointments submitted to the Board, passed and carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Director Holm reported the he met with Mason County VSO's and discussed moving the VSO agent into the County office. Director Holm also reported that the Oakland County VSO has resigned and that he has a possible replacement. Director Holm is proposing having a conversation with the legislature to move grants to be paid to all veterans, not just war-time veterans.

MVTF Board Activities

Trustee Dempsey reported that he traveled to Washington DC for the purpose of Capitol Hills visits the last week of February.

MVTF Staff Activities

None

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None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Approved: 
Barry Wood, Chairperson

Date 