



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY  
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

ZANETA ADAMS  
DIRECTOR

**MINUTES**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

February 5, 2020

***Board of Trustees and Staff***

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

Chairperson Wood called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.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**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Robert Williams/Edward Hirsch) to approve the Public Minutes, of January 8, 2020 and the corrected minutes of November 4, 2019, passed and carried.

**A total of 26 appeals and reviews were considered**

**Case 118 (Region 4B, Muskegon)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for home repairs in the amount of \$5,855.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and determined that your situation does

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not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency and sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expenses.

**Case 119 (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 120 (Region 10, Oakland County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$2,999.00. 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 121 (Region 2, Emmet County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for dental extractions in the amount of \$2,204.00. The remaining cost of dental extractions in the amount of \$337.30 and dentures in the amount of \$2,516.00 was not approved. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for these costs and determined that it did not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

**Case 122 (Region 9, Jackson County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for basement repairs in the amount \$7,650.00 or \$3,825.00. 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 123 (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for medical insurance in the amount of \$246.30, vehicle insurance in the amount of \$78.24 and delinquent dental bill in the amount of \$2,017.92. 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 124 (Region 5, Saginaw County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle pay off in the amount of \$2,963.23, 1st mortgage in the amount of \$5,526.60 and 2nd mortgage in the amount of \$2,237.94. 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 125 (Region 1A, Houghton County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent rent in the amount of \$3,600.00. 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.

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**Case 126** (Region 5, Saginaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for completed vehicle repairs in the amount of \$7,111.03.

**Case 127** (Region 4B, Kent County)

Resolved

**Case 128** (Region 10, Oakland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$4,570.88. 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 129** (Region 4B, Muskegon County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for delinquent mortgage in the amount of \$4,100.00.

**Case 130** (Region 5, Saginaw County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for VA debt in the amount of \$4,798.65. 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 131** (Region 3, Iosco County)

Resolved

**Case 132** (Region 2, Manistee County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for installed furnace in the amount of \$4,500.00. 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 133** (Region 5, Midland County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage in the amount of \$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 134** (Region 2, Grand Traverse County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for 2018 property taxes in the amount of \$2,499.11 and 2017 property taxes in the amount of \$3,255.80. 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.

**Case 135** (Region 5, Gladwin County)

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof for \$10,000.00 or \$5,000.00. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and disapproved your request because more information is required for the application.

**Case 136 (Region 10, Macomb County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent mortgage in the amount of \$5,780.74. 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 137 (Region 10, Macomb County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for sewer pipelines in the amount of \$8,500.00.

**Case 138 (Region 3, Montmorency County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new well in the amount of \$12,783.27.

**Case 139 (Region 3, Montmorency County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a new wall furnace in the amount of \$3,100.00.

**Case 140 (Region 10, Oakland County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent mortgage in the amount of \$2,139.30 or \$3,208.95. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and disapproved your request because supporting documents required by the Board are missing from your application such as the son's income, expenses and liabilities. Also, contact the mortgage lender for confirmation of payments that you claimed to have made and a current statement which reflects these payments.

**Case 141 (Region 10, Oakland County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle purchase in the amount of \$2,740.98. 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 142 (Region 5, Saginaw County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent rent in the amount of \$1,400.00. 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 143 (Region 5, Bay County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for delinquent VA medical bill in the amount of \$1,011.72. The Board of Trustees has considered your request for assistance and disapproved your request because a medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated.

**Case 144 (Region 10, Oakland County)**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for vehicle payment in the amount of \$465.00, rent in the amount of \$968.04, motorcycle payment in the amount of \$319.97 and motorcycle insurance in the amount of \$264.26. 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.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved/partially approved was six for **\$35,698.30**.

**Accounting Report**

Reviewed without comment.

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None

**County & District Committees--Committee Appointments**

A MOTION (Robert Williams/Ed Hirsch) to accept the County & District appointments submitted to the Board, passed and carried.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

Elections of MVTF Chair (Barry Wood) and Vice Chairman (Robert Williams) to a second term (each) passed by voice vote and carried.

**MVTF Board Activities**

Vice Chairman Williams attended the VFW Mid-winter Conference that was held in January and reported that he handed out literature on GreenPath and gave out the free Desert Shield/Storm books provided by the MVAA. Chairman Wood also reported the American Legion Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 14-16, 2020, in Flint. Trustee Dempsey reported that the DAV Mid-winter Conference will be held February 24-27, 2020.

**MVTF Staff Activities**

Director Holm reported he will be attending Mason County VSO offices to discuss the possibility of re-locating the MVTF agent in the Lakeshore Resource Center building.

**Good of the Order**

Trustee Dempsey reported that he had traveled to Mansfield Ohio to assist and teach disabled veterans to ski.

**Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Approved:

Barry Wood, Chairperson

Date