MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Held: Monday, December 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Roger Freund (Chairman) and Brian Jopek

Members Absent: Mark Espeseth

Executive Secretary: Tammy Javenkoski (CVSO)

The following new matters were taken up, to wit:

Roger Freund called the meeting to order in conference room #1 on the first floor of the Oneida County courthouse at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly posted, the news media was notified and pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, is handicapped accessible.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. <u>Motion</u> made by Brian Jopek, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes from the September 23, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

<u>Motion</u> made by Brian Jopek, seconded by Roger Freund, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

The vouchers were reviewed. <u>Motion</u> made by Roger Freund, seconded by Brian Jopek, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Northwoods National Cemetery. Because of the snow conditions this year, the contractor was unable to complete construction on the cemetery. When they're able to work on it again in the spring, sod will need to be put down and a few little things will need to be done, then it will open. No date has been set, though.

Discussion was held on Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF), a new federally-funded program that will be coming to Oneida County in 2020. SSVF can help with rental assistance, child care services, utility payments, moving costs, and much more.

The donation account was discussed. Since the last meeting, four donations were received totaling \$1,407.32. The donation account has a balance of \$11,617.13.

The 2019 Veterans Service Office budget was discussed. As of right now, there is a small surplus in the budget but with Christmas coming up, that could change.

The 2020 Veterans Service Office budget was discussed. The Budget Committee approved a Limited Term Employee (LTE) for 160 hours. Sixty of those hours will be used for the spring and fall conferences, and the other 100 hours will be used to scan paper files so the office can get rid of old files and go paperless.

The 2020 Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Grant application was reviewed. When approved, the Veterans Service Office will receive a \$10,000 grant.

Items for the next agenda:

- Review the current Veterans Commission Grant application

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The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in conference room #1 in the courthouse. <u>Motion</u> made by Brian Jopek, seconded by Roger Freund, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried.

Chairman:

Secretary: