

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
BOARD  
FOR  
October 24, 2023**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance – Post Colors
3. Prayer
4. Roll call of Officers
  - David Allen** (MCL) Chair, Stan Bobka Vice Chair (absent), MCL 1253 –
  - DAV 34 - D: **Stan Olenjack** A-Ed Peters
  - AL 1164 – D: **Larry Blanchette**, A- **Tim Rehmer**
  - AL 1019 – D: **Karl Fritzgerald** A – Jim Wasser (absent)
  - AL 408 – D- Nic Smith (excused C) A-Mark Louis Warpet (absent)
  - AL 755 – D: Dan Horton (excused) A: **Joe Gaca**
  - AL 766 – D: Wayne Burgess (excused)
  - AL 85 – D: **Mike Pitts**
  - AmVets 107 – D: **Tom Page** A: Richard Van Pelt (absent)
  - VFW 9961 – **Manny Quinto** A: **Tom Nelson**
  - VFW 2857 - D: **Roger Bean** A: **Nick Monacelli** Guest: Mike Lockwood
  - Office staff: Mike Peeken, Superintendent, Karen Smietanski
5. Public Comment
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the September Commission Meeting
  - A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan Olenjack to approve Minutes. Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims
  - A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manny Quinto to approve all Financial Business. Motion carried.
8. Report of Committee
  - none
9. Approval of Office Report September
  - The office report was discussed. A motion was made by Stan Olenjack, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Peters to approve the office report. Motion carried.
10. Old Business
  - By-Laws. A motion to approve the by-laws as confirmed by the attorney was made by Tom Page, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Peters for approval of the by-laws came to roll call vote. Motion passed. New by-laws are approved. Final copy to be sent to attorney and uploaded on website.
  - Approve: Karl, Larry, Joe, Mike, Tom P, Roger, Manny,
  - Present: David, Stan O.
  - Alternates: Tim, Nick, Tom N.
11. New Business
  - \*Discussion on moving some funding to CDs to earn interest and spending down funding to include bonuses or furniture for expansion. Larry Blanchette made a motion to have Mike look into the opportunities available through CDs for up to \$50,000. Into 2 CDs. A 6 month and a 12 month. Look at interest rates and varying amounts. 2<sup>nd</sup> By Roger Bean. One nah vote. Motion carried.
  - \*Needing a Color Guard for the IVHM for Nov 3. Manteno Legion will be called. St. George will be back up if they can't.
12. Retire Colors
13. Adjourn – A motion was made by Mike Pitts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Blanchette to adjourn. Motion carried.