

**Keweenaw County Veterans Committee**  
**Special Meeting Grant Application**  
**December 14, 2018**

Keweenaw County Courthouse 10AM

Call to Order/Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 10AM by Chairman Huwatschek, all committee members are present.

Meeting was properly posted and quorum is present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

This special meeting was called in regards to our grant application to the Michigan Dept of Military Affairs. Our application was returned without action due to several items needing clarification. These are explained in further detail by Joe Battsfore who is assisting in our application. Also needed at this time is a clarification from the treasurers office in regards to which millage fund expenditures are submitted through. The grant application is time sensitive, hence the need for this meeting.

Also present at this meeting are Joe Battsfore Houghton County VSO and Keweenaw County Treasurer Eric Hermanson, and veteran Pete Halley.

It was learned through Battsfore that our grant was turned down as presented. It was explained we need to submit a line item budget to indicate exactly where grant funds would be expended. Battsfore advised that it would be best if this board contacted the Veterans Affairs contact person directly for guidance and information for what is needed to resubmit for the grant. We would also need to verify the timelines for applying for this grant, and if any appeal process is in place.

Also at this meeting Treasurer Hermanson advised that it needs to be clarified which millage fund bills and expenditures are being submitted to for payment. The millage in place in 2018 and the one passed for 2019 have separate criteria as to how funds can be spent. Our committee will work closely with him to insure funds are expended in a proper manner.

Several ideas were shared in regards to setting a budget to meet the requirements necessary for this grant application. These included discussion on expenses for medical screenings, burial assistance, flag fund, advertising and media, monument fund, a possible outreach person position, an annual veterans meeting/picnic, and other related items. Committee members are encouraged to submit ideas at the next meeting for inclusion in budget consideration.

At this time further contact is needed with the Dept Of Military Affairs to proceed with this grant.

Nothing further at this time. Adjourned at 11:25AM