

**Keweenaw County Veterans Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2020**

Keweenaw County Sheriff Office  
Alternate Meeting Site

Roll Call: Ned Huwatschek

Wes Aho

Barry Koljonen

Absent: Del Rajala

Joe Finch

Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order at 10AM.

Meeting site has been changed to the conference room at the Keweenaw County Sheriff Dept due to a conflicting concurrent meeting being held at the Courthouse.

Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Aho, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Huwatschek. All in favor. Passed

Approve Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2020. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Huwatschek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aho. All in favor. Passed.

Guests: Mark Aho, Allouez Twp Supervisor. Comments below.

Public Comment: None

Communications: None

Unfinished Business: Discussed at great length is our MVAA Grant status. Our final draft has been submitted to Lansing for review and approval. County Commissioner Sandy Gayk was very instrumental in writing and editing the grant application. Her expertise and assistance is greatly appreciated.

We now wait to hear the results of our application review to proceed further.

The agreement for Veterans representation and services by the Houghton County VSO office has been signed by our Chair, Ned Huwatschek. It now goes to our Keweenaw County board for review and signature and return to Houghton County. A copy will be retained by this board in our file.

New Business: A discussion was held in regards to the feasibility of a Veterans plot being purchased in the Ahmeek Cemetery, Allouez Twp. Present to answer questions was Allouez Twp Supervisor Mark Aho. Mark advised that they would welcome a Veterans plot. He requested that we attend the Allouez Twp meeting on April 16 2020 to present our ideas to the Allouez Twp. Board. He advised at this time that the Cemetery was formerly run by a Cemetery Association Committee but that has been dissolved and the cemetery is now run by the Twp. Our board members are in agreement to attend the Twp board

meeting.

In an effort to streamline and make record keeping easier and more efficient, acting secretary Barry Koljonen requested that we authorize the purchase of an expanding type briefcase. A motion was made by Ned Huwatschek to make this purchase, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aho. All in favor. Passed.

While not being new business the subject of adoption of a standard operating procedure was briefly discussed. This needs to be given consideration in the near future.

Final Public Comment: None.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting date is May 8, 2020 at the Courthouse.  
Future dates are July 10, Sept 11, and Nov 13.

Adjourn: Being nothing further to discuss at this time a motion to adjourn was made by Aho, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Huwatschek, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:07AM.