

VETERANS SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, December 6, 2018, 1:00 p.m.
Room 207C, Douglas County Courthouse,
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Marvin Finendale.

ROLL CALL: Present – Marvin Finendale, Dennis Dalbec, Jill Fortin, Eual Moore, Glen Erickson, Clint Mattson, Ron Leino. Absent – Mary Lou Bergman. Others present – Brian Erickson, Mark Liebaert, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Dalbec, second Leino, to approve minutes from the October 4, 2018, meeting. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL:

Veterans Service Officer Report: December 31, 2018 last day for veterans to use Douglas County van; revenue and expenditures down due to low use of van. 6.5% increase in veteran claims although population is declining.

Greenwood Cemetery, Soliders Square – Marking of Graves for Spouse of Veteran: 1989 cemetery policy for Soldiers Square has outdated requirements. Recommendation of cemetery policy amendments to commanders in veteran organizations will include flat bronze markers for both veteran and spouse, change of wording from “wife” to “spouse” and removal of wording “the veteran must pre-decease his wife”.

Northern Wisconsin Veteran Needs: “Veteran village” concept would provide homes and resources to veterans in need. Potential community could include independent living apartments, assisted living facility, skilled nursing facility, tiny houses, mental health/AODA inpatient facility, meeting rooms and a social/event hall. Village could service neighboring counties, including Minnesota, as well as provide jobs for residents. An estimated 17,201 veterans may benefit from village within the next 10 to 30 years. First step is to locate a parcel with at least 40 acres for location; Erickson to research city and county owned parcels further.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: “Veteran village.”

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Erickson, second Moore, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk