

Keweenaw County Veteran's Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2012

Meeting held at the Keweenaw County Courthouse was called to order at 2:00 PM

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Joe Finch, Commissioner Del Rajala and member Jim Huovinen

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the January 13, 2012 minutes made by: Rajala/Finch. Motion carried.

Guests: None

Old Business:

Reports were given on investigations regarding various veteran memorials (and costs) in the surrounding areas to include: Lakeview, Michigan Tech, Covington, Houghton and South Range. Del made contact with Commissioner Piche who is responsible for the planned Courthouse renovation and was told any plans for a memorial on Courthouse grounds should be put on hold until the project is completed. The memorial topic was tabled. Budget issues were discussed and, as a result, the Veteran's Commission (in an effort to conserve funds) will go to an every other month schedule as follows: April 13, June 8, August 10, October 12 and December 14 in 2012. This will save a total of \$53.82 per month from the Veteran's Fund. The Clerk will be notified of the schedule changes.

2012 Budget balance: \$11,608.83

New Business:

General discussion occurred about repeat yearly requests from the same individuals. The question was: Had the County Veteran's Fund been incorporated into their family budgets? Debate also centered around the concept of asking individuals receiving assistance to volunteer, if possible, on community projects. The topic will be referred to Director Jim Klutts about Houghton County's policies. Klutts will be asked for a monthly report on the number of Keweenaw County vets he is assisting.

Adjournment: 3:31 PM

Next Meeting: Friday April 13, 2012 at 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jim Huovinen