

MINUTES

Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County

The November 2017 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was called to order by Chairman Kelm on 18 December 2017 at 4:58 pm.

All Executive Committee members were present. County Board members Bernard O'Malley and Cathy Ward were in attendance.

Secretary's reading of the Minutes was approved on motion by Marilyn Riske and second by Bruce Anderson.

Public Comment:

Cathy Ward stated her appreciation for the VAC support at the recent Keenage Center benefit and explored the distribution of hand crafted cards to veterans. She also asked about the possibility of utilizing the Community Center for Veterans Day ceremonies.

Reports by the President:

- None

Committee Reports:

- None

Superintendent's Report:

- Gave a report on the aggregate sum (in dollar terms) of claims and benefits for Boone County veterans since June 1st 2015. The sum being \$581,221.98.
- Discussed the 2017 holiday food basket distribution
- Discussed the 2017 BoCo Expo plans
- Discussed his upcoming WTVO interview
- Submitted September, October, and November VACBC "Monthly Veterans Assistance Status Report"
- Submitted September, October, and November VAC monthly "Operations Report"

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Election of Officers: On motion by Jess Strebin and second by Richard Sandberg current VAC officers were re-elected to their respective offices to serve for the 2018 year.
- Decision of a performance increase in salary for the Assistant Superintendent was deferred to the Superintendent.

General Discussion:

Ms. Ward asked if the old St. Joseph hospital could be a part of the VAC's long term growth. The question brought thought provoking debate with no consensus.

The next meeting will be held 19 March 2018 at 5:00 pm at VAC offices at 130 South State St., Ste 212, Belvidere, IL

On motion by Kieth Bodey and second by Richard Sandberg the November 2017 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was adjourned at 5:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jess Strebin', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jess Strebin
Secretary