

**OAK GROVE CEMETERY
VILLAGE OF WEBSTER
February 16, 2017 Minutes**

The Oak Grove Cemetery Board Meeting was held on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Webster Office for the purpose of the Bi-Yearly Regular Meeting.

Present were: Village President, Jeff Roberts; and Members; Mark Foote; Jim Olson; Paula Smith; Billy Janssen; and Secretary-Treasurer, Debra Doriott-Reineccius.

Others present were: Judy Foote, Dan Thill, and Mel Mogen

Absent was: Jack Swedberg.

The board looked over the agenda order. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Member, Foote; seconded by Member, Olson. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes from the June 16, 2016 Board Meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Member, Janssen; seconded by Member, Foote. Motion carried 4-0.

Treasurer's Report: February, 2017 Treasurer's Report was read. Member, Foote made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Member, Janssen. Motion carried 4-0.

Subject: Lighting for Flagpole. Member, Foote asked if previous Clerk/Treasurer Bjorklund checked with Northwestern on the cost to transfer power to light the flag pole in cemetery. Village President, Roberts said he would check with Village of Webster's Public Works Director tomorrow. Discussion ensued on place to which to get the power from.

Subject: Cemetery Maintenance Worker Discussion. Member, Foote noted that the June 16, 2016 minutes stated that the board would revisit wages for Dan Thill. He has done a great job. Current pay is \$11 per hour. Discussion took place on the number of hours Dan works on the cemetery. Motion was made by Member, Olson to raise Dan's wages to \$11.50 and to be reviewed annually by the cemetery board; seconded by Member, Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

Subject: Cemetery Maintenance. Member, Foote made a request for Village Public Works Director, Jay Heyer to get a load of Black Dirt to be used at the cemetery to fill sinking graves and or righting headstones. Village President, Roberts will talk to Jay.

Cemetery Maintenance Worker, Dan Thill, stated last year a crew from Career Enhancement Program helped with trimming of trees. This helped with cutting down on time he spent mowing. This is a free service and would like this again this year.

Also, the unused flower pot holders are an obstacle and takes more time for mowing and trimming. Discussion took place about pulling them out of the cemetery and storing them. Village President, Roberts suggested putting a tag on the pot with grave number and storing them at the Fairgrounds. This can be done after June 15th of each year. Dan suggested giving a 2-week window on the By-Laws timeframes before he pulls the old flowers. Discussion continued on timeframe of flowers being removed and decision made to stick to the By-Laws; yet Dan empowered to make decision if new flowers, etc. Member, Janssen suggested having a rotating schedule of getting rid of previous year's pots when Dan stores the current year's pots. Board agreed.

Dan brought up another obstacle, a lot of the Veteran markers are out right in the middle. Member, Smith also stated that some are at foot of the grave and some at top; by the headstone. She said she will ask The Legion to put all by the headstone (top of grave).

Member, Smith asked if family is responsible for leveling off mound of grave. Member, Foote said that after Ross Tollander does the opening and closing of the grave he levels but after that time; the family is responsible.

Subject: Burnett County Judge Candidate. Mellissa Mogen is running for Burnett County Judge. She gave her background, credentials, and goals as Burnett County Judge.

Future Meeting Date: The board wishes to meet on Thursday, June 15, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Village of Webster Office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Member, Olson; seconded by Member, Smith, at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Debra Doriott-Reineccius

Oak Grove Cemetery
Secretary-Treasurer, Debra Doriott-Reineccius
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