

Minutes
Cemetery Board Meeting
December 5, 2016 2 P.M.

Roger Oliver called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Roger Oliver, Jeanine Ingalls, Gerry Meade, Eric Sikkema, Kristie Guardia

Absent: Andy Rogers

Gallery: None

Cemetery Managers Update, Nothing to report

Budget, Discussed possible work to be done next year, including 2 retaining walls. Discussed a couple trees that needed to come down but would come out of the streets budget. Talked about a new sign for the entrance of the cemetery along with some updated landscaping for the sign area. Discussed that it could possibly be a project for a boy scout looking for Eagle badge. Roger Oliver motioned to request from the board \$20,000 for replacement of retaining walls plus normal operating expenses. Jeanine Ingalls seconded.

Also discussed tearing up the concrete pad that the old shed used to sit on. Board felt it was a good idea to look more pleasing.

Gallery Comments, Other Items, Discussed the idea of raising the price on cemetery lots.

In an effort to be good stewards of taxpayer resources a few years ago, the board had evaluated what the charge was for a cemetery plot, and had compared that with other local cemeteries. And, that the board had evaluated how many plots were being sold/purchased year.

The evaluation revealed that very few plots were sold each year, producing only a few hundred dollars of revenue each year.

Although plots were selling at \$250.00 versus \$350.00 at other cemeteries, the board decided to keep the lower rate in hopes of selling more plots, and thereby increasing revenue.

Discussed that we did not sell any plots in 2016.

We agreed we could research to get updated local market prices; but after further reflection, realized that regardless of how low our prices are compared to other cemeteries, keeping the price low is more likely to increase revenue for the village than raising the price.

In an effort to be good stewards of taxpayer resources the board did re-examine our plot revenue stream and again came to the same conclusion as the previous board.

Specifically, the zero, to minimal, revenue from the sale of new plots has little to do with the price we charge for the plot; but, the minimal revenue stream has more to do with the limited number of plots sold.

Roger Oliver will be gone Dec. 20th through April 1st.

Next meeting will be in April unless needed sooner.

Adjourn, Roger Oliver made a motion to adjourn, Jeanine Ingalls seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.