

**Village of Skaneateles
Cemetery Board of Lakeview Cemetery
Regular Meeting – June 19, 2014**

Present: Robert Gray, President
Patricia Blackler, Commissioner
Gary Trenti, Commissioner
Roben Shappell, Deputy Clerk

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

President Gray called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, thanking Ms. Shappell for coming in on her day off.

Upkeep – President Gray said that a fine job was being done by the two people – Seasonal Workers Delaney & Jordan. There have been no complaints. Commissioner Blackler said that the workers are confused and don't know whom to talk with for direction or assistance. Ms. Shappell will have to leave the office and go to the cemetery to handle sales. Commissioner Blackler thinks that there should be an additional Board member named by the Trustees. Ms. Shappell noted that advertising has begun for an additional seasonal worker whose duties will include selling graves, recordkeeping and mowing in both the cemetery and the parks.

Records Updates – Ms. Shappell informed the board that Barbara Spain had completed the 2013 annual update of the cemetery permanent records.

Vandalism – Pres. Gray noted that someone tried to break into the vault and stole the brass lock set. Additionally the Terry-Gillis mausoleum had an attempted entry; while not successful, a window was broken. The spotlight behind the chapel needs a new bulb. Pres. Gray will speak with Steve and Burt. He informed the Board there have been incidents of vandalism at St. Mary's. Vandals have been stealing the brass WW 1 markers.

Seasonal Workers – The Village is advertising for a 3rd seasonal worker at 40 hours per week. Duties will be helping the light department, DPW and maintenance of Village property.

2014 – 2015 Budget – pres. Gray said that some trees will have to be replaced in the Fall.

Part-time Pay – Pres. Gray noted that the seasonal workers had been promised a pay raise. Ms. Shappell confirmed that they have both received an increase.

Subdivision of lots in Section 11 A – There are a number of 4 grave lots in 11 A but not many 2 grave lots. The Board believes that accommodating subdivision is a good idea.

Renner Graves – The Renner family and the Village staff have concluded that even with the bushes removed, it is not possible to fit 8 graves within the plot. The Renners have proposed that

it be retitled as a 7 grave lot and that they be refunded the cost of one grave. They are prepared to move forward with their plans to install the bench. After some discussion the Board agreed that the proposed solution was fair and approved the refund of the price of one grave. Ms. Shappell will prepare a voucher in the appropriate amount after researching the price originally paid.

Anderson Monument – The foundation for the monument has sunken. It is located in Section 6. It needs to be repaired and restored to the correct height.

Signage – The new signs are being moved around prior to being installed. Comm. Blackler has asked that the DPW take charge of the installation. There is concern about the communication to the DPW workers; the Board suggested that Pres. Gray might address this concern to the Trustees.

Maintenance – There have been a couple of calls from people concerned about instability of monuments on their foundations. George Kuhns' are unstable, Pittman's actually fell off. Pres. Gray suggested that Ms. Shappell call Barnett and have them fix the situation and bill the Village.

Flat Markers – The Andrews family have a monument with foot markers. In recent years cremations have been buried in some of the same grave locations and the family would like to have additional markers. There is no room to put in additional markers and they are contrary to cemetery rules. President Gray suggested that the family be mailed a copy of the rules.

Transactions –

Section 11A, Lot 261, 1 grave, non-monumented
Deed 3, Book 9
Trust Deed 3269

Gregory Leeder
523 South Ann Arbor St.
Salina, MI 48176

Section 11A, Lot 237, 2 south graves, monumented
Deed 4, Book 9
Trust Deed 3270

Donald & Catherine Whiting
3 Elson Lane
Skaneateles, NY 13152

Other Discussion – The Board questioned who was filling the Trustee Liaison role. Pres. Gray noted that former Trustee Sennett would attend the Board's meetings regularly. He also wants it to be clear that the Board members are not going to be selling graves. This needs to be assigned to an employee.

Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 16, 2014 at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon

Clerk to the Boards

