

Village of Skaneateles
Cemetery Board of Lakeview Cemetery
Regular Meeting – June 16, 2015

Present: Robert Gray, President
Patricia Blackler, Commissioner
Rob Gray, Commissioner
Mary Marshall, Commissioner
Susan Murphy, Commissioner
Shannon Harty, Director of Municipal Operations
Jorge Battle, Cemetery Administrator
Susan Dove, Village Trustee
Alyson Esposito, Barnett Memorials

Absent: Gary Trenti, Commissioner

President Gray called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Barnett Presentation – President Gray welcomed Alyson Esposito to the meeting. Ms. Esposito handed out a copy of her proposal, indicating that Barnett Memorials would be pleased to have an opportunity to provide services to Lake View Cemetery. She noted that Barnett is a family business and provides services to several other area cemeteries, including Skaneateles, Elbridge, Jordan and Weedsport. Barnett is offering to provide foundations at a price of \$0.65 per square inch, a level that would allow LVC to make some profit. She also noted that they can provide veterans permanent markers at a price of \$75 delivered. Better pricing might be available for a quantity purchase. Ms. Esposito stated that the owner of the business also can do restorations and repairs to monuments, at prices dependent on complexity. In reply to a question from DMO Harty, resetting a stone might run \$70 - \$125; grouping of such work together and bundling with delivery of a memorial helps efficiency and may lower cost. After her presentation, the Board thanked Ms. Esposito, who departed the meeting.

Upkeep – President Gray wished to compliment Burt Jordan and Bill Karlovetz, seasonal cemetery workers, plus Keith Dickover and Mike Plunkett, summer workers, for their work on the appearance of the cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. He received positive comments and heard no complaints.

- a. **Foundation/monument straightening** – DMO Harty noted that there are a couple of monuments that are tipped and a couple that are crooked. Rob Gray said that he had been through the cemetery and had compiled a list. DMO asked that he get the list to her and she will get it handled. DMO Harty noted that this is work that the Village needs to contract out, and that the Barnett proposal is timely.
- b. **Swisher flat marker** – This foundation was placed by Barnett. It was an unusual situation.
- c. **Permanent Veterans Markers** – We have been obtaining these from Oakwood Cemetery at their cost. The availability and price is less attractive than the offer from

Barnett. DMO Harty would like to procure these from Barnett noting the availability of delivery.

It was the sense of the Board that DMO Harty should pursue the relationship with Barnett for restoration work and permanent markers.

Delineation of Responsibilities – DMO Harty reported that she has spent considerable time at Lake View Cemetery with John Crompt, Cemetery Coordinator, staking out burials and foundations. All orders continue to come in to the Village Office where Roben Shappell takes care of notifications to the Administrator, Coordinator, DPW and DMO as appropriate. Mr. Crompt coordinates the requirements and informs the DPW when work should be performed. Recordkeeping has been centralized. DMO Harty noted that the installation of foundations is classed as union work and therefore will be performed by the DPW, rather than accepting the Barnett offer. Mr. Crompt should be contacted directly if scheduling a Monday burial. DMO Harty will provide the Board with an updated list of responsibilities.

Seasonal Workers – There were 4 workers at the cemetery in the week before Memorial Day; the results were evident from the remarks made previously by Pres. Gray.

Cemetery Administrator – Mr. Battle indicated that he is working with 3 prospective customers at the moment. All are aware of the impending price increase. In response to an inquiry, he instructed a family on the procedure for making a conveyance of a burial site in Section 1.

Section 11B / Prices – Mr. Battle will ensure that a new price sheet is prepared and posted at the cemetery, and distributed to the Board.

Chapel Vault repairs – Pres. Gray stated that after the vault was aired out, it looked better than expected. He believes that no structural repairs are needed. On motion of Pres. Gray, seconded by Mr. Battle, and unanimously approved, Pres. Gray was authorized to contact Alan Patrick to put on a new plate to repair the vault door. Pres. Gray also will be pursuing repairs to the organ.

Other Business – Trustee Dove said that as liaison, she will regularly attend meetings. The Board was pleased.

Transactions -

Section 6, Lot 139, 3rd south grave, monumented
Deed 14, Book 9
Trust Deed 3280

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Next Meeting – The Board confirmed that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 21, 2015 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk to the Boards