

Village of Skaneateles
Cemetery Board of Lake View Cemetery
Regular Meeting – March 20, 2018

Present: Rob Gray, Chairman
Roben Shappell, Deputy Chair
Mary Marshall, Commissioner
Pete Buehler, Commissioner
Susan Murphy, Commissioner
Jorge Batlle, Cemetery Administrator
Sue Dove, Trustee

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Pursuit of Grant – Chapel & Vault – Trustee Dove read aloud an email she received from Chris Kozub stating that he is pulling together a spec for masonry restoration / repointing, and he has also worked up a few details for the repair work. Chairman Gray commented that once the snow is gone, things will be able to progress more.

Upkeep

Tipped or fallen stones – availability of funds – Chairman Gray said that the funds are not available to use for repairing the headstones. Deputy Chair Shappell explained that the funds would only be made available by petitioning the state. Comm. Buehler asked if petitioning the state would be a good option. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Karlik answered that the time it would take and the expenses, such as attorney and legal fees, would outweigh the benefit of accessing the perpetual care fund. Deputy Chair Shappell suggested setting up a reserve account for perpetual care allowing 15% of each lot sale to be contributed to the account to help pay for future repairs.

Cemetery Administrator – Mr. Batlle shared with the Board that the organ has been repaired. He took it upon himself to take a look at it, and he and his wife, Beth, brought the organ back to working condition. Comm. Marshall thanked both Mr. and Mrs. Batlle.

Damage to Old Section – Chairman Gray explained that there was damage done to an old section in the cemetery and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Karlik passed around photos of the damage. A gentleman was researching headstones and drove off the designated road into a few of the lots. Chairman Gray said it looked like there were about 12 stones that had been damaged, but it could be more. He stated that it is too difficult to tell with the amount of snow still covering the ground. He said once the snow is gone, Barnett Memorials will be contacted to give an estimate for the repairs to send to the insurance company. Comm. Buehler said that would be a good time to have Barnett give an estimate for the other headstones in need of repairs. Trustee Dove said it would be

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good to have a priority list of stones to be fixed. Chairman Gray agreed, adding that doing a few each year would be a good idea. Trustee Dove said that she would like to mention the damaged headstones at the next Village Board meeting to get the word out there to keep people informed. Chairman Gray also mentioned two other incidents of people getting stuck in the cemetery this year. Trustee Dove said it might be a good idea to block off certain areas in the cemetery during the winter months to help prevent this from happening in the future.

Budget FYE 2019 – Proposed amounts – Everyone present was given a copy of the cemetery section of the proposed budget for FYE 2019. Trustee Dove mentioned that the Village Board agreed to designate an extra \$13,000 towards cemetery improvements. These improvements will include \$10,000 to pave the driveway in section 11B, and \$3,000 to help pay for headstone repairs. Chairman Gray said that he heard from DMO Harty that a new mower will not be purchased this current fiscal year, and that money can go towards other new equipment. Chairman Gray said that the cemetery workers like the pug utility vehicle and questioned whether or not it would be worth it to fix. Comm. Buehler suggested replacement because the pug needs so much work, and it could be a potential safety issue. Trustee Dove mentioned that at the budget meeting on March 10, 2018, DMO Harty shared that equipment maintenance costs in other funds have decreased because of upgrading equipment instead of constant repairing of old equipment.

A Village Minute – Trustee Dove reminded everyone that there is a public hearing on the FYE '19 Tentative Budget on April 12, 2018 at 8:00 pm.

Transactions –

Section 11B, Lot 574, 1 grave, monumented	Donald and Barbara Gates
Deed 57, Book 9	1667 Coon Hill Road
Trust Deed 3322	Skaneateles, NY 13152

Other Business

- Deputy Chair Shappell mentioned that the trees along the East side of the cemetery, that border West Lake Garden Apartment's parking lot, are damaging parked vehicles. She said there are 6-7 trees and passed around photos provided by DMO Harty. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Karlik mentioned that the cemetery will have to pay for the removal of the trees and the cost should come from the tree maintenance fund within the cemetery's budget. Mr. Batille said he was concerned about the trees that need to be planted throughout the cemetery that were promised to lot owners. Trustee Dove said that there should not be

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plantings allowed in the spring time anymore because trees planted in the fall will have a better chance at survival. She said that the \$3,200 budgeted for FYE 2019 can be used for plantings this fall. Chairman Gray and Comm. Buehler both questioned whether the trees needed to be taken down, or if they could just be trimmed. Trustee Dove suggested speaking with Bartlett to have them come out and look at the trees to see if they are dead or not. Chairman Gray said he will get ahold of Bartlett and set up a meeting with them, the building manager and DMO Harty.

- Deputy Chair Shappell mentioned that DPW Foreman Short replaced some of the damaged signs in the cemetery, and also fixed a broken window in the chapel.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for April 17, 2018 at 9:04 am.

On the motion of Comm. Marshall, seconded by Comm. Buehler, this meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kierstin Karlik

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer