

**Village of Skaneateles**  
**Cemetery Board of Lake View Cemetery**  
**Regular Meeting – December 18, 2018**

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

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

**Minutes – On the motion of Comm. Marshall, seconded by Comm. Murphy, the Board approved the minutes from the October 16, 2018 meeting, upon the unanimous vote among the members present in favor of the motion, it was carried 5-0.**

**Status of Grant Application** – Trustee Dove said that the application has now been passed on to DASNY, and there has been no new information. She will inform the Board of new information as it is received.

**O’Mara Monument** – Deputy Chair Shappell said that she received a call from Bill O’Mara regarding his mother’s marker. The marker was dropped off by a monument company without notification or a foundation order. Chairman Gray said that there is supposed to be approval of the monument and pouring of a foundation to help keep the stone from moving, sinking, and breaking in the future. The area where the foundation was placed cannot have a foundation due to tree roots, and the marker sits high above the ground and cannot be mowed over. Dave Short said that this will be alright for this marker because it is a weed eater only spot. Chairman Gray suggested adding a new rule to the Rules and Regulations clarifying that all monuments and markers require a foundation to be poured. Comm. Buehler suggested rewording section 7.2 instead of adding a new rule. Comm. Buehler suggested that section 7.2 say “All foundations are required for monuments and markers, and are to be built by the Cemetery at the prices prevailing at the time of the order.” **On the motion of Comm. Buehler, seconded by Comm. Marshall, the Board approved the rewording of section 7.2 in the Rules & Regulations for Lake View Cemetery, upon the unanimous vote among the members present in favor of the motion, it was carried 5-0.**

**Cemetery Administrator** – Mr. Batlle said it has been quiet, but there were a few sales in the last couple of months.

**Tree Removal** – Deputy Clerk-Treas. Karlik emailed the Cemetery Board about two trees that will be removed in front of the cemetery. One across from Fuller Street, and the other is across from 94 West Genesee Street. The trees have been declining over the years due to mainly mechanical damage. The Tree Advisory Board had said at their last meeting that they would like to replace these trees.

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**Status of Request to use Perpetual Care Fund** – Chairman Gray acknowledged that previous Board minutes show that they have tried to get ahold of the principal of the perpetual care fund before and it cannot be touched according to previous Village Attorney Mike Byrne. Deputy Chair Shappell said that going ahead with such a request would be extremely costly and time consuming. The cost would have to come out of the Cemetery's budget, and there is no designated line for such expenditures for the current fiscal year. Trustee Sennett had emailed a few questions to the Board. She asked how much the Board was interested in using. Trustee Dove commented that if the Board is only looking to use the \$30,000, then it is not worth the cost and time. Comm. Buehler said that they wouldn't want to take money every year, but only when it is needed, maybe every 5 years or so. Deputy Chair Shappell commented again that the money cannot be touched without going to the State and changing the legislature. This will be a very timely and costly process. Deputy Clerk-Treas. Karlik suggested that the Board designate a reserve account for the Cemetery. They could designate a certain percentage of money from grave sales to go into the reserve account which can be used when needed. Comm. Buehler said this would be a good idea, and Mr. Battle questioned how much should be set aside and how it would work with the budget. This is something that Clerk-Treas. Couch and Deputy Clerk-Treas. Karlik will look into further before the budget process begins for the next fiscal year.

**Paving Status** – Chairman Gray commented that he was disappointed that the paving did not get done in the fall like they were expecting. He mentioned that he had a burial and it was a mess. There was gravel throughout the sections and lots, and he said that Dave Short could not plow the entire driveway because he didn't want to tear the driveway up any further. DMO Harty sent an email to Trustee Dove stating that paving will be done in Spring 2019.

**A Village Minute** – Trustee Dove said that there is not much going on. Chairman Gray mentioned that the Village's holiday luncheon is Friday, December 21, 2018, at noon.

**Transactions** – Patricia S. Blackwell  
80 West Lake Street  
Skaneateles, NY 13152  
1 Grave, Section 11b, Lot 379  
Deed of Trust 3331, Deed Book 9, Page 66

Richard H., Lynne F., & Alexandra Bennett  
6 Heritage Woods Road  
Skaneateles, NY 13152  
2 Graves, Section 11B, Lot 590  
2 Graves, Section 11B, Lot 591  
Deed of Trust 3332, Deed Book 9, Page 67

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Howard J. & Patricia H. Miles  
665 Stump Road  
PO Box 117  
Skaneateles Falls, NY 13153  
2 Graves (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> North Monumented), Section 6, Lot 164  
Deed of Trust 3333, Deed Book 9, Page 68

Betty J. Burns, Michelle L. Hinchman  
3156 Rickard Road,  
Skaneateles, NY 13152  
1 Grave, Section 11B, Lot 338  
Deed of Trust 3334, Deed Book 9, Page 69

**Other Business –**

- Chairman Gray commented that Burt and Keith did a great job dealing with the early snow that came.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be January 15, 2018 at 9:04 am.

**On the motion of Comm. Buehler, seconded by Comm. Marshall, this meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kierstin Karlik*

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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer