

# Village of Skaneateles

## Cemetery Board of Lake View Cemetery

### Regular Meeting – January 21, 2020

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

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

**Minutes - On the motion of Comm. Buehler, seconded by Comm. Murphy, the Board approved the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting, upon the unanimous vote among the members present in favor of the motion, it was carried 4-0.**

**Budget Review** – Chairman Gray said that he talked to DPW Foreman Dave Short, and he said that a new lawn mower will be purchased for the cemetery this year. Comm. Buehler asked if a new one will be needed next year too, and Chairman Gray said Foreman Short only mentioned this year. Comm. Buehler suggested setting up a subcommittee to come up with a 5-year plan for planting, tree maintenance, headstone maintenance, and establishing a schedule for equipment purchasing. Chairman Gray commented that a subcommittee is a great idea. Comm. Buehler said he would be happy to sit with Trustee Zapata and Foreman Short to go over some ideas. He commented that when looking into repairing the headstones, the oldest and roughest should be fixed first. He said that the Board can work with Bartlett on what trees need work. Chairman Gray commented that the trees still have not been taken down. Mr. Batlle asked if Burrows Chapel would be included in the plan. Chairman Gray said that it would be a good idea for upkeep. Trustee Zapata commented that there is no update on the grant. Comm. Murphy said that she heard that someone was going around asking for money to use the chapel. Trustee Zapata said she will speak with Hillary at the Chamber to confirm. Comm. Buehler asked if the seasonal hires traditionally start on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Zapata said that last year there were hiring problems. Comm. Buehler asked if anyone has reached out to previous employees. DCT Karlik commented that she heard from Foreman Short that he hasn't heard anything from Mark Piston yet. Comm. Buehler suggested reaching out to him and advertising for the position if he isn't interested. Trustee Zapata suggested advertising either way. Comm. Buehler asked what the Burrows Chapel account was for. DCT Karlik said that is where the grant fees have been paid from. He suggested having the furnace checked out and paying for it from that account. **On the motion of Comm. Murphy, seconded by Comm. Buehler, the Board approved to call Mark Patterson to inspect the furnace and filters in Burrows Chapel, upon the unanimous vote among the members present in favor of the motion, it was carried 4-0.**

**Kelley Graves Update** – Chairman Gray said that there is no update, and he commented that Foreman Short has reviewed the graves before, and there may be room for 1 full burial and 1 cremation.

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**Cemetery Administrator** – Mr. Batlle said that is has been quiet, but he went up with a couple of people to look at graves. He commented that he would like to continue with the bush and tree planting plan.

**A Village Minute** – Trustee Zapata said that it has been relatively quiet, but the watermain project will resume in the spring.

**Transactions** –

- Gideon C. Driscoll, Sec 11B, Lot 486 (2 graves)
- John D. and Nancy A. Hyatt, Sec 11B, Lot 580 (1 grave)

**Other Business** – Chairman Gray commented that there was a burial last week in section 6, and a misplaced urn was found and moved to the correct grave.

**Next Meeting** – The 5-year plan meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2020 at 9:04 am. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2020 at 9:04 am.

**On the motion of Comm. Murphy, seconded by Chairman Gray, this meeting was adjourned at 9:31 am.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Kierstin Karlik  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer