

Village of Skaneateles
Cemetery Board of Lake View Cemetery
Regular Meeting – February 25, 2020

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

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Minutes - On the motion of Comm. Buehler, seconded by Comm. Murphy, the Board approved the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting, upon the unanimous vote among the members present in favor of the motion, it was carried 4-0.

5-Year Plan Review – Chairman Gray said that he met with Trustee Zapata, Comm. Buehler, and Mr. Batlle a couple of weeks ago to discuss a 5-year plan. He said that Trustee Zapata is going to bring it up to the Village Board that Barnett has held their quote at \$4,956 to repair old damaged stones in the cemetery, and the budget will have to be increased by that amount. Comm. Buehler asked if the line will total \$6,000 like they discussed, and Chairman Gray said he was unsure, but commented that Trustee Zapata had the notes on the totals.

Budget Review – Chairman Gray said that Foreman Short confirmed that a new mower will be purchased this fiscal year, and one will be sent to auction. Comm. Buehler asked if the mowers will be replaced next year, and Chairman Gray said yes, one will be replaced each year. Chairman Gray said he talked with Mark Patterson, and he said that Mr. Patterson will be out to check the furnace once the weather is a little nicer. Chairman Gray said they discussed seasonal help at the 5-year plan meeting, and they decided it would be best to have a seasonal supervisor position with two seasonal workers to report to the supervisor. Chairman Gray also spoke with Tony Lobello about planting in April because Mr. Lobello prefers to plant in the Fall. He commented that nothing was planted last year, and said this year he thinks that two rows of bushes and some trees could be planted. The map for section 11B was laid out for the Board to review. Chairman Gray pointed to an area that needs to be planted, and he said it would be a good idea to go from South to North, and try to plant 4 of the trees each year until it is finished. Comm. Buehler commented that it will make it easier to sell graves if people know plantings will be getting done. He suggested keeping tree maintenance at \$3,200. Mr. Batlle requested an increase in his monthly salary by \$200 in total each month. Chairman Gray commented that most of the budget lines will remain the same except site repairs, down from \$13,000 to \$6,000. **On the motion of Comm. Buehler, seconded by Comm. Murphy, the Board approved to request an increase in Mr. Batlle’s monthly salary by \$200 a month, upon the unanimous vote among the members present in favor of the motion, it was carried 4-0.** Comm. Murphy suggested increasing the tree maintenance line from \$3200 to \$3800.

Cemetery Administrator – Mr. Batlle said there has been one sale out of South Carolina. He said that there have been a lot of inquiries about lots to sell back, but he commented that the

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Village does not take back or re-sell them. He said he tells people that they are allowed to sell for the current price or less. Chairman Gray says he has been asked this as well and he tells them the same thing. Mr. Battle said that he will suggest the lots to buyers and give them contact information if they are interested. Chairman Gray asked if they get a new deed. Deputy Chair Shappell said no, the owner would write a conveyance letter and have it notarized. She suggested that the seller keep a copy of the deed and the buyer be given the original with the conveyance letter. DCT Karlik commented that the request comes into the Village Office often, and she has suggested donating the graves if they are interested. She said that a recent lot was donated to the American Legion, and there was a lot of great feedback about the process, and they were very thankful.

A Village Minute – Trustee Zapata was not present.

Next Meeting – The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020 at 9:04 am.

On the motion of Comm. Murphy, seconded by Deputy Chair Shappell, this meeting was adjourned at 9:28 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kierstin Karlik
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer