

Village of Skaneateles
Cemetery Board of Lakeview Cemetery
Regular Meeting – June 21, 2012

Present: Robert Gray, President
Patricia Blackler, Commissioner
Gary Trenti, Commissioner

Bob Lotkowitz, DMO

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

President Gray called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He acknowledged the absence of Audrey Clark saying that it was sad to see her leave the Village for other employment opportunities. He further acknowledged the “wonderful job” that she had done for the Commission.

Investments -- President Gray reported that no progress has occurred with respect to alternative investment vehicles for the cemetery’s perpetual care funds. The ultimate authority resides with the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). OSC has a policy that such funds must be in accounts that have “zero risk”. Because federally-insured interest bearing accounts at banks are yielding so little, the cemetery receives only a small amount of interest on its perpetual care funds; an amount that is insufficient to offset the maintenance expenses necessary to provide perpetual care. The Commission would like to explore the possibility of investing such funds in investment vehicles that might have higher yields, but have not received OSC permission or guidance on how to accomplish that objective. Both President Gray and Commissioner Trenti have had little success in having their phone inquiries answered. As a result, the Commission requests that Mayor Hubbard and Village Attorney Byrne assist in helping establish contact and dialogue with OSC, so that this objective may be accomplished.

Organ – President Gray reported that the new organ, donated by Ron Coombe and replacing one given in memory of his aunt, has been received and is in place at Burrows Chapel. The organ is awaiting final tuning at this time. An organ maintenance fund has been established; the status of donations was not available. Mr. Coombe also donated 35 songbooks and a bookcase that he had obtained from Howlett Hill Church.

Upkeep – Commissioner Blackler reported that she had been informed that the men’s room toilet at Burrows Chapel was experiencing a water supply malfunction. DMO Lotkowitz will have it looked at. He went on to report that the water spigots in Section 11 and between Sections 4 & 5 were operating as of this morning. The leaks have been repaired.

Burrows Family – Commissioner Blackler reported on her conversations with Robert Burrows, the oldest descendant of the Burrows family. The family owns several graves at Lakeview

Cemetery, some in front of the chapel and some on the hill. Mr. Burrows' deceased son, David, who has been cremated, is to be interred in Section 10, lot 339. According to Mr. Burrows, all of the family members are in agreement on this point. All that will be required at the appropriate time is the permit, which can be arranged at the village office. President Gray offered to provide assistance to the family.

Internet – Commissioner Blackler stated that Hobie Romig of Auburn, NY has developed a web site that offers an interactive map of Lakeview Cemetery, enabling users to find locations by zooming in and to drill down to find who is buried there. All sections are covered, but the burial information is believed to be somewhat dated.

Veterans Marker Foundations – there are no more currently available at the cemetery. President Gray stated that there are 10 on order. They weigh approximately 100 pounds each. They will probably be received during the next two weeks and will need to be picked up at White Chapel Cemetery in Dewitt. President Gray will notify DMO Lotkowitz when they are available.

Transactions – On the motion of Commissioner Blackler, seconded by President Gray, it was resolved and unanimously carried (3-0 in favor) that the following Deed and Deed of Trust be signed, sealed and delivered:

Section 11A, Lot 228, 2 west graves non-monumented	Sallie Allen
Deed 232, Book 8	127 East Genesee Street
Trust Deed 3244	Skaneateles, NY 13152

Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 19, 2012 at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon