

Village of Skaneateles
Cemetery Board of Lakeview Cemetery
Regular Meeting – March 28, 2013

Present: Robert Gray, President
Patricia Blackler, Commissioner
Gary Trenti, Commissioner
Mary Sennett, Village Trustee
Martin Hubbard, Mayor
Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

President Gray called the meeting to order at 9:00.

1. Investments – President Gray and Comm. Trenti indicated that the Village Attorney, Mike Byrne, has given his opinion that the Board cannot invest perpetual care funds in products that do not offer the same liquidity as money market accounts or time deposit accounts of short duration provided by NYS banks. While the interest income being generated on these funds is not very good, this is a situation that the cemetery must live with.

2. Potential Reburial Fee – Pres. Gray said that some cemeteries have been experimenting with fees covering additional burials made in an existing grave. It has proved to be not very popular with people. Oakwood Cemetery had looked at it and decided not to institute such a fee. President Gray explained that certain cemeteries, facing the prospect of depressed interest earnings on perpetual care funds, have decided to reduce the amount of transaction fees that are designated for perpetual care. Upon motion of Comm. Blackler, seconded by Comm. Trenti, the Board unanimously approved designating ten (10) percent of new transaction fees for perpetual care, with the remainder going into the General Fund.

3. Upkeep – Steve Delaney will be returning as a seasonal worker again this year. Regarding the second position, Mayor Hubbard said that there were four applicants and that DMO Lotkowitz had interviewed three of them earlier in the week. After the interviews DMO recommended Burt Jordan as the best candidate. This will be formally approved at the Village board meeting tonight. Comm. Blackler was encouraged to maintain regular contact with those employees.

4. Shepard Issue – This issue has been fully resolved and will be removed from future agendas.

5. For-Sale Signs – Pres. Gray has removed the sign that had been placed in the cemetery. Some other inappropriate signs are present and Pres. Gray will take care of their removal.

6. Passing of Ron Clary – Pres. Gray noted that long-time Sexton Ron Clary had recently passed away. His funeral will be at the Lake View Cemetery Chapel on March 30. Mayor Hubbard asked Comm. Blackler to prepare a statement to be read at the Village Board meeting.

7. Other Business -- Comm. Blackler repeated the budget requests for submission this year. Pres. Gray had asked for \$1,500 to be budgeted for tree/shrub replacement. Comm. Blackler requested \$500 for additional road signs to be budgeted. Other costs are included in other budget line items.

Trustee Sennett said the Barb Spain's mission was to update the information that had been previously published in her booklet authored with Karen Richards. This would be in a spreadsheet format for easy maintenance.

Pres. Gray suggested that both seasonal workers be invited to the next Cemetery Board meeting. Comm. Blackler will make the arrangements.

Next Meeting – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 18, 2013 at 9:00 am.

On motion of Pres. Gray, seconded by Comm. Trenti it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards