

Village of Skaneateles

Cemetery Board of Lake View Cemetery

Regular Meeting – February 26, 2024

Present: Rob Gray, Chairman
Roben Shappell, Deputy Chair
Mary Marshall, Commissioner
Susan Fox, Commissioner
Pete Buehler, Commissioner
DMO Posella

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

Minutes - On the motion of Comm. Marshall, seconded by Comm. Fox, the Board approved the minutes from the January 22 meeting, upon the unanimous vote among the members present in favor of the motion, it was carried 4-0.

Transactions –

- No new transactions.

Rules & Regulations – DMO Posella shared with the Board a copy of the tracked changes that DCT Christy has made to the Rules and Regulations per DMO Posella and the rest of the Board. DCT Christy will update the current copy and the Board will vote on the changes at the next Board meeting and Trustee Richards will present them to the Village Board for final approval. New Rules and Regulations will be posted on the Village website.

New Business –

- *Budget Discussion* - DMO Posella went down through the budget, line by line and explained what money we had left and where. Comm. Buehler suggested that we take down the large spruce that could do a lot of damage to the Chapel if it were to come down on it. President Gray said that he believes it is also damaging the side of the chapel already. DMO Posella said that he did not have any issues with getting the tree looked at to be taken down.

Other/Old Business –

- *Monument Quotes* – DMO Posella presented the Board with a quote from Barnett Memorials for the restoration work from the January storm that came through the Village. He also mentioned that we had Lutz Monuments come out to quote the same work, but Barnett came in with the low quote of \$800.00. MTO Kieffer will coordinate with Bill at Barnetts to get the work scheduled.
- *Cemetery Help* – DMO Posella let the Board know that we had a gentleman come in looking to apply for mowing at the cemetery during the summer. He let the Board look at the application, several of the Board members recognized the name and said that he and his family have been long time Skaneateles residents. President Gray asked about where we stood with looking for a Sexton, DMO Posella let the Board know that he would still like to have someone in there by the beginning of April to help oversee the summer help that we get in.

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- *Helping with Burials* – DMO Posella expressed concern that it was not stated anywhere that our DPW staff was to help with burials, carrying caskets, setting up tents and chairs, etc. President Gray made the comment that once the body enters the Cemetery it is the Villages responsibility, and not the funeral directors. DMO Posella said he would like to visit that with our Village attorney and schedule a meeting with President Gray and Trustee Richards to discuss further. Either way, this is something that needs to be stated clearly in the Rules and Regulations.

- *Eco Ball* – President Gray gave the Board some background information on the Eco Ball. A family had called him and expressed their interest in being cremated and buried in one of the balls that would be planted under a tree that is already scheduled to be planted in the cemetery. He is going to meet with the family March 5th to discuss possible gravesites, and will revisit with the Board at our March 11 meeting.

Next Meeting – The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 11th, at the Village Hall.

On the motion of Comm. Marshall, seconded by Deputy Chair Shappell the Board approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:01am, upon the unanimous vote among the members present in favor of the motion, it was carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cori Christy,
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer