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Minutes of the Town of Turtle Cemetery Committee Meeting  
12 FEB 2008

Chairperson Jacque Patch called the meeting to order at 1901 hours. Committee members attending were Don Jones, Mike Birkholtz, Jean Swanson, Ethel Maxworthy, and Greg Skokut, Tim Kopp. Also in Attendance were Ann Heider, Dan Atkinson, Bill Brewer, Jim Brandenburg and Mr. Hullah.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Don Jones and Seconded by Tim Kopp.

A motion was made by Tim Kopp and seconded by Ethel Maxworthy to approve the minutes of 7 NOV 2007 done by Jean Swanson in my absence.

Old Business

- a. Headstone Repair. Discussion about the work that was never started from 2007. Discussion about possibly bringing in more or different vendors for next year. Names mentioned by name were Lakeland Vault, Scott Conroy and Jackson Monument. Discussion about whether 2007 prices would be the same for 2008. Discussion on where the amount \$1885.00 came from. Money from the committee and the Town board gives us \$1000 a year to make this amount up. A motion was made by Jean Swanson that we accept this estimate from LLS, provided pricing is the same and can be confirmed. Tim Kopp seconded this motion carried.
- b. Undeveloped Section in Shopiere Cemetery. Lively discussion on what information has been determined so far. Jim Brandenburg brought up the issue that when land was donated Batterman and the county worked for 2 years to come up with the existing plan and any changes would only result in starting over adding more delay. This is due to the water run off problem. No changes.

New Business

- A. Bids for the mowing season in 2008. Mr. Brewer and the Road department were in attendance to present 2 new plans. The highway department came up with numbers for complete cemetery maintenance for \$4500 for the complete season. This would include mowing, limbs, storm damage, fresh burial back fill and spraying weed killer. The highway department said they would have more control and respond quicker than an outside contractor could. A second Plan for highway department headstone repair by Dan Atkinson was discussed with questions of liability brought up. A motion to recommend to the board to have the highway department take over cemetery lawn maintenance was made by Don Jones and seconded by Jean Swanson. The highway department is not yet ready to take on headstone repair at this time.
- B. Finances.
  - a. Cemetery Income and Expense statements were gone over
  - b. Checking account
  - c. Certificate of Deposit
  - d. Restricted funds. These were all discussed. Gilbank is not raising its rates to us for 2008 for grave opening for 2008 for \$300 for weekday and \$325 for weekend service. Discussion on the \$35K CD that has now matured and moved to a checking account. Spirited discussion on what to do with this money. Don Jones brought up the fact that when the cemetery was turned over to them this money came with it and it should be spent on Turtleville only for future expansion including road paving. The money should also be put into a restricted fund on the Town books. A motion was made by Greg Skokut to have the money earmarked in Town books for Turtleville Cemetery use only and seconded by Jean Swanson.
- C. Fall Festival Donation for Headstone restoration. The Fall Festival committee has given us a \$5K for this, provided that town matches funds from the money saved from the Highway Department taking control of maintenance at the cemeteries. There was discussion on how this would work, as the Fall Festival wants the work done and the bill sent to them for payment. After discussion the cemetery committee would like these funds placed in another restricted fund for cemeteries only on the towns books. Don Jones mentioned we need clear terms on how this program will work with matching funds over the next 2-5 years. No action taken tonight as we need to get with the fall festival committee on how this will work
- D. Grave Openings. Review Township cost versus charges. This was gone over in section B above with no cost increase by Gilbank to the town. The Town will not raise rates this year.

Jean Swanson made a motion to accept the 2008 contract with Gilbank and was seconded by Don Jones and motion carried  
E. New Business. -None-

Set next meeting date 5 MARCH 2008 1900 hours.

J Patch made a motion to Adjourn and Tim Kopp seconded the motion and Jacque Patch adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Greg Skokut, Secretary  
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