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**TOWN OF TURTLE**  
**CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2008**

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Don Jones at 7:03 pm.
2. Present were members: Greg Skokut, Jean Swanson, Ethel Maxworthy, Chairman Don Jones. Members absent were Ralph Carlson, and Chuck Wollslair. Supervisor Tim Kopp and Sexton Mike Birkholz were absent due the request of their presence in the Town Board's Budget Meetings on the same date. Blake Hullah was present representing the Sexton/Highway Department.
3. Motion to approve agenda was made by Don Jones, seconded by Ethel Maxworthy. Full approval made by verbal vote of members present..
4. Motion to approve minutes was made by Greg Skokut, seconded by Ethel Maxworthy. Aye/Nye vote was made and approved by all members present.
5. The Financial Report was given with the September entries shown. Total Revenue is \$12,385.00 and Expenses are \$11,654.50. Ethel Maxworthy made motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Gres Skokut. Aye/Nye vote taken and approved by members present.
6. Blake Hullah representing Mike Birkholz gave the Sexton Report of charges incurred in September which were \$396.16. The YTD is \$3,698.99. This is well in the committee's favor for previous years. Also submitted was a YTD listing of all internments within Shopiere and Turtleville Cemeteries for the committee's information. Reference budgeting a Town Board member suggested the Highway Dept. hire additional person/persons to maintain the cemetery properties. The thinking is the time spent by Highways Dept. could be better used on the roads instead of the cemetery grounds. Blake Hullah said he and Mike Birkholz take pride and satisfaction doing the work themselves and would like to continue in the same manner.
7. Citizens Request/Discussion: No action taken. There were no citizens or special guest present.
8. Old Business:
  - a. LLS Company work on the restoration of stones are presently being made in the Shopiere Cemetery. Turtleville has been completed. The work being done has been observed by members of the committee and they are satisfied with the work itself. However, Blake Hullah has a concern about the timetable. With the winter months coming up quickly and the concrete work necessary, how and/or is the LLS Co. going to be able to complete the designate stones with quality workmanship. Chairman Jones said we need to keep a close watch on this matter. Also in 2009 the committee needs to evaluate the additional work needed and budget appropriately for 2010.
  - b. The "Sweet" memorial marker research was done by Greg Skokut who located the area where the family is supposed to be buried. This information was given the Sexton Birkholz. Due to time restraints no additional information/work has been done on this matter. Ralph Carlson

was also going to try to obtain additional family information. Committee will wait until Ralph Carlson is able to present his findings.

- c. Don Jones asked Blake Hullah if any contact with Bob Halderson has been made to secure who and what type of “thank you”/tax deduction should be forthcoming from the committee reference the delivered fill for the Shopiere Cemetery. Blake was not totally aware of what was happening and did indicate that Dick Frye of Frank Brothers was open to the tax deduction idea. Also the committee needs an estimate dollar value for all the trucking and labor incurred, as well as the fill itself. Don Jones asked that Blake Hullah and Mike Birkholz follow up on this request and bring it back to the committee in November.
- d. Rules and Regulations – (given to lot buyers) – The members present found that the “Rules and Regulations” given to lot owners at time of sale are very general. However, a change on the top title should include both cemeteries and not just Shopiere or Turtleville – but should read the same for both. Also, on the “Cemetery Board” section on the back side, a correction of seven members (not five members) should be made. Also it would not be necessary to list their names due to the continuing changes being made when terms are met by members.
- e. Chapter 20, Ordinance 103 Review: Jean Swanson made a motion to table this matter until all members were present. Motion seconded by Ethel Maxworthy and Aye/Nye vote taken and approved by all present members

9. New Business:

- a. Fall Clean Up was indicated to be the first two weeks in October. However the Ordinance 103 states the last full week. In committee discussion it was agreed that the “last full week” varies and that the actual stated dates of “October 1-15” is a given date that there should be no question as to the dates. The committee favored the actual given dates of October 1-15. Also on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. the committee members will meet at Turtleville to do the cleaning of flowers and decorations. Blake Hullah said that he and Mike Birkholz continually clean off the dead flowers throughout the year.
- b. Special Veterans Area in Shopiere Cemetery was discussed but nothing settled. Awaiting further input from all members. Need to know exactly where the Potter’s Gravesites are in Shopiere. Blake Hullah to investigate.
- c. Gravesites in Aisle were discussed briefly but need input again from all members. Tabled until November.

10. The next meeting date set for November 5, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. by Don Jones

11. Motion to adjourn made by Greg Skokut, seconded by Ethel Maxworthy. And carried by all members present. Adjourned meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Swanson, Secretary  
TURTLE CEMETERY COMMITTEE