

Town of Turtle
Cemetery Committee Meeting
Minutes of 1 APR 2009

1. April 1st meeting called to order by Don Jones at 1903 hours
2. **Roll Call:** Members present Tim Kopp, Ethel Maxworthy, Mike Birkholz, Ralph Carlson, Chuck Wollslair, Don Jones and Greg Skokut. Absent was Jean Swanson.
3. **Motion to Approve April 1st Agenda** was made by Tim Kopp and seconded by Chuck Wollslair, approved by all in attendance.
4. **Motion to Approve February 4 minutes** was made by Tim Kopp and seconded by Ethel Maxworthy, approved by all in attendance.
5. **Financial Report** given and reports for the 1st quarter of 2009 gone over. Motion to approve the financial report made by Ralph Carlson and seconded by Chuck Wollslair, approved by all in attendance.
6. **Sexton Report-Mike Birkholz,** no new burials in the cemeteries, bulldozing of the new section of the Shopiere cemetery this would be the West and South ends has started. Mike plans on meeting with Mr. Halderson about the plan going forward. The Township Highway department plans on doing the small headstone resetting, they plan on going to the Fall Festival to ask for funds for a portable cement mixer. Turtleville will require a couple of loads of gravel for the driveway.
7. **Citizen Remarks and Questions,** no guests present
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. Sweet Marker. Getting together with the Dam Historical group to see if they want the marker for the park, they are receptive but there are no scheduled Dam Meetings coming up, Sexton will follow up and attend a meeting.
 - b. Signage, pictures of other cemeteries were passed around and discussed, these included pictures of signs, brochures, and cremation vaults.
 - c. Veterans area, Designate an area in the new south or west side for the time being. If someone wishes to purchase this plot the Veterans section will be moved to another 10-lot plot until everything is sold or a Veteran is buried which will freeze the location of the Veterans area. Pauper's questions, starting down a slippery slope here-discussion, county covers cost? Motion to proceed with a movable Veterans area made by Mike Birkholz and seconded by Chuck Wollslair, all yes by a voice count.
 - d. Chapter 20, passed as recommended with 2 minor changes.
 - e. Revenue Projection, Tim Kopp talked to the board and all funds go to the general fund for budget purposes. Special gifts to the Cemeteries will be in separate accounts. Township is trying to break even on cemetery cost and be revenue neutral, Town board is on the hook for cemetery upkeep. Look for better CD rates for the special fund on the CD .6%.
9. **New Business:**
 - a. LLS Projection, Sexton Mike Birkholz thoughts on stone repair. Kevin did an excellent job over the year, Highway Department want to work on the smaller stones and leave the larger more difficult stones to Clean Cut. Committee should meet in cemetery to look over budget next year and to target work for next year. A letter should be sent to LLS Clean Cut after the walk through for a future presentation on work he feels should be done next year, as there is no work being done this year. Mike Birkholz was given an okay for emergency stone repair, okay to call if the stone is in danger of breaking. Motion to get a letter and date in the future made by Chuck Wollslair and seconded by Greg Skokut, motion carried by voice vote.
 - b. Cemetery Cleanup date was set on May 6th of 2009 starting at 6:00 PM and not the usual starting time.
10. **Set Next Meeting Date,** after April 15th, 1st Wednesday of May only at 6:00 PM May 6th, 2009 at Shopiere Cemetery for cleanup and walk through. Roy Carter has donated money for the flags on the Veterans graves this year, talk about meeting the Friday before Memorial Day.
11. **Adjournment,** Don Jones dismissed the meeting at 8:06 PM. Approved by all in attendance.

Submitted,
Greg Skokut
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Acting Secretary