

TOWN OF TURTLE
CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2009

1. **Meeting called to order** by Chairman Don Jones at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Members present** were Ralph Carlson, Ethel Maxworthy,, Jean Swanson, Chairman Don Jones, Supervisor Tim Kopp and Blake Hullah representing the Highway Dept. Absent was Greg Skokut, Chuck Wollslair and Sexton Mike Birkholz. Citizen present – Ed Swanson and Kevin Remillard
3. August Agenda was approved.
4. **The Minutes** of the April, May and June 2009 meetings were motioned for approval as a group of shorten minutes by Tim Kopp and seconded by Ralph Carlson. All members present gave their voice approval.
5. **The Financial Report** was given to each member with Ethel Maxworthy making the motion to approve, seconded by Tim Kopp. All members approved.
6. **The Sexton Report** was given by Blake Hullah (representing Mike Birkholz) noting only one recent burial. The new survey flags are present in the Shopiere Cemetery. The permanent markers in all corners have been placed and so marked in accordance with the survey. Annual allotment request for funds to the Veteran Administration has sent in for processing by Town Clerk.
7. No comments by citizens
8. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Sweet Marker Discussion** – An idea was pass on by Jean Swanson that if the marker was to be in Sweet Allyn Park, (near the damn memorial) it would be a good possibility that vandals and just kids playing on or around this marker would probably be a problem. The stone is not suited for rough handling of any kind. Therefore, the marker could possibly be placed next to the building at the Service Center area. It would be somewhat protected by the building and would be more visible any vandalizing or miss handling of sort if on Township property. This was just a suggestion made by general public. The committee members will give further consideration to this issue at a later date.
 - b) **Signage** – Ralph Carlson gave Chairman Jones a copy of a “Green Burial” program that was published in the Milwaukee Journal. This will be copied for all members to have in their binders. Also Jean Swanson offered the charges for all types of burials in the Merced County/City Cemeteries in California. These were just for general comparison of our prices etc.
 - c) **LLS Clean Cut** – Kevin Remillard was present to discuss what he thought might be the next step in Stone Restoration needs. Just general pressure cleaning would probably give the committee the biggest “bang for the buck” theory but there were still a need for actual repair of stones. Kevin said that he would work with the committee in finding the most needed

repairs and would also give a quote for pressure cleaning and stone repairs so that the committee would have something to present in the 2010 budget.

- d) Restoration of Stones – This subject was address with the LLS Clean Cut, Item 8, par. C above. Further discussion and work necessary by LLS Clean Cut and Committee members. Kevin will be returning to the Cemetery meeting at a later date with his recommendations.
- e) Veteran Area in Shopiere Cemetery – The committee agreed upon a “floating 10 plot” area designed solely for Veterans. When the first veteran is buried, under Town of Turtle Rules & Regulations, the actual area would be determined for future veterans. There will be a need for the Board of Supervisors to approve this idea. Tim Kopp will present this idea to the Board at the next regular scheduled meeting for consideration. Then, if approved the committee will need to make recommendations as to type of headstone, price, and any other qualifications for such burials and send recommendations back to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
- f) Pauper Information: Presently no more grave sites for Pauper’s in the Turtleville Cemetery are available and very limited in the Shopiere Cemetery without further area being designated

9. **New Business:**

- a) The concrete mixer suggested by the Sexton that would be requested of the Turtle Organization Group donation would come from the Highway Department. Not authorized by Cemetery Committee but not limiting the use for stone repair that should be completed by the Sexton, i.e. Highway Dept. This was just to clarify the request should the Sexton so move.
- b) LLS Projection – This again has been considered and noted in Item 8, par C above.
- c) 2010 Project Budget - Asked Blake Hullah, of the Highway Dept. and Supervisor Tim Kopp if the mowing projection cost was going to be in the Highway Dept. budget or the Cemetery budget. Both indicated that mowing will come from the Highway Dept. budget. Chairman Jones told the committee members to be thinking strongly about the 2010 budget and come back ready to submit information for consideration

10. **Set Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be on September 3rd, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Turtle Town Service Center.

11. **Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn by Tim Kopp, seconded by Ralph Carlson and approved by all present at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Swanson, Secretary.
Town of Turtle Cemetery Committee

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