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Ms. Kimpton called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Roll Call: Marcianne Kimpton-present, Newell Beaumier-present, Charles Boehnlein-present

Visitors: Chris Paquette

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the August 25, 2010 meeting minutes and Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, all board members agreed.

Stonehugger Monument Restoration completed this years work in the Cemetery. The owner of the company said she discovered from the stones she repaired, several names that were either listed as being somewhere else in the Cemetery or not in our inventory. She can go through the cemetery and do all the documentation of the stones that she does when repairing them which includes a picture, listing what the stone says and a brief history on the person. The fee for her to document the stones without any repair is \$30 a stone and the stones she has already repaired wouldn't need done because the documentation is included in her repair fee. Stonehugger Monument Restoration also restores wrought iron fences. The Cemetery Board would like to get a quote for the fence restoration when she returns next year.

Ms. Dahlhausen also spoke with Judge Robert Ford about the family members gravestone that was damaged by a tree limb in the 1940's, which the Cemetery Board wouldn't repair at that time. Stonehugger found the piece that was broken off and will be repairing it when the return next year. While Stonehugger was here, they also suggested that we hire an arborist to trim some of the trees in the older section. They are overgrown and it would be nice to trim them so it is easier to mow or you can walk under them.

The Street Department corrected the drainage issue in section K. Ms. Dahlhausen handed out hand drawn copies of the drainage map and the pipe that runs along the east/entrance drive was added to the Cemetery Map by Hess Engineering. We aren't sure where the pipe is on the west/exit drive. Mr. Beaumier suggested the Street Department jet these sewers every other year so they don't get clogged.

Ms. Dahlhausen reported that 15 lots have been sold so far this year. Also, a tree limb fell on the new fence on the east side of the Cemetery. The Street Department removed the tree and the fence is bent but doesn't need repaired. Mr. Boehnlein suggested the Street Department cut back branches above and near the new fences on the east and west sides of the Cemetery.

Ms. Dahlhausen informed the Board that someone is questioning removing a foundation with a Veteran plaque to replace it with a larger stone. Mr. Raymond Korby died in 1971 and at this time Welton Cemetery only allowed markers to be flush with the ground. The

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family decided to obtain a Veteran plaque for Raymond (buried in I 36). His wife (to be buried in I 37) and the family would like to get a stone for both of them and have it centered over the two lots. They are considering it right now but would like to know what we allow for this situation. The Board said they would like to have Gingerich excavating do the removal of the current foundation and they would like the plaque to be placed on the back of the new stone. We would obtain a quote for the removal and have them pay it to us with the new foundation charge ahead of time.

Ms. Dahlhausen said she has heard that plaques are getting sucked up in lawn mowers and ruining the mower in Cemeteries. The Board would like to add to the Rules and Regulations that all plaques must be on a beveled foundation and they would also like something added to inform people that any change of foundations for headstones is the requestors responsibility to protect us in the future since in the 1970's people were only allowed to have a stone that is flush with the ground. Ms. Dahlhausen will have the changes ready for the next meeting.

The Board reviewed the foundation and open/close prices for 2011, which increased slightly for both. Mr. Beaumier moved to approve the open/close prices quoted by Gingerich Excavating for 2011 and Mr. Boehnlein seconded. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the foundation prices quoted by Jim Szuszkiewicz for 2011 and Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Ms. Kimpton moved to add a \$15 surcharge to all open/close and foundation prices for 2011 and Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

The Board reviewed their Capital Improvement Plan and made a few revisions. They discussed expenses for 2011 and drafted their budget. Mr. Boehnlein asked where the money goes that the Cemetery Board doesn't use. Mr. Paquette said it is carried over into the next year. The Board would like Ms. Dahlhausen to find out around how much it would cost to chip and seal the Cemetery drive. Ms. Kimpton also asked about possibly plotting out the new section next year. Ms. Dahlhausen suggested putting the driveway in first and added that there are currently 481 lots that haven't been sold in the current cemetery. Discussion followed.

Mr. Boehnlein made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Beaumier seconded. The Welton Cemetery meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Board President

Cemetery Clerk