

Welton Cemetery Meeting April 13, 2011

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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 October 7, 2010 meeting minutes and Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Ms. Dahlhausen noticed the pillars at the entrance of the Cemetery are in very bad shape and is concerned about someone getting hurt. The Cemetery Board agreed that they should be removed by the Street Department and that two metal posts should be put in their place so that stones in that area are protected.

Ms. Dahlhausen reported that 3 lots have been sold so far this year and Stonehugger will be in earlier than last year, but doesn't know when yet. The Boy Scouts will be in the Cemetery at the end of this month to rake the gravel back onto the drive.

There was some damage from the ice storm at the Cemetery. We lost a tree in the old section by the entrance which the Street Department removed and a tree from a neighbor's property fell on our fence. The property owner is responsible for removing the tree and a letter has been sent to them by certified mail requesting that they repair the fence before Memorial Day. Ms. Dahlhausen obtained several quotes for the repair and Auburn Fence Company came in the cheapest at \$365. When quotes are sent out for other tree maintenance around the Village the stump in the older section of the Cemetery will be added to the list so it is cheaper. The only damage done in this section was the top piece of a stone broke off. This is something Stonehugger can repair.

Ms. Dahlhausen received quotes from the following companies for chip and sealing the Cemetery drive: Ronyak Paving, Inc. ~ \$10,428, Burton Scot Contractors, LLC ~ \$13,870, GAR Paving ~ \$14,550. Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the Ronyak Chip and Seal quote for \$10,428 and Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Ms. Dahlhausen obtained quotes to trim trees in the old section for easier maintenance and so people can walk under them. Ms. Kimpton said there is a local arborist that has offered to trim the trees for free.

Ms. Dahlhausen received a letter from Weisman, Kennedy & Berris Co, LPA concerning the burial of Lewis Baldwin, Sr. The letter didn't state the issue but Ms. Dahlhausen remembers the daughter had called after the burial and asked why Lewis Baldwin, Sr.

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was buried next to the son instead of one grave south. She said when she called after the burial that the mother was to be buried in the middle lot, but they did not say where they wanted the mother or father buried when they purchased the two lots. Rusty Russell was asked when he called to arrange the burial and he said the father was to be buried in the middle lot. Mr. Russell also received a letter from the attorney and both the Village's notes and Mr. Russell's notes matched.

Ms. Dahlhausen ran into a similar problem like the Baldwin issue with a foundation in 2010. The family said the mother was going to be buried in the lot next to the father. After the foundation was poured over the two lots, the family said the mother and father were going to be in the same lot and wanted the foundation moved. There was nothing in writing that the family requested the foundation centered so the Cemetery Board interred the cost of replacement. Ms. Dahlhausen drafted a foundation request form that is to be filled out and signed by the person requesting a foundation. She asked if the Cemetery Board would like her to draft a form for the funeral home to complete when they have a burial. The Cemetery Board agreed that this would be the best way to document what is being requested during a burial.

Ms. Dahlhausen presented some wording for a change to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations: *If someone wishes to remove or replace a foundation for a monument, the work must be completed through a company approved by the Cemetery Board and at the requestor's expense.* In the 1970's people were only allowed to have a stone that is flush with the ground and the Board was concerned that we might run into this issue in the future. Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the proposed change to the Cemetery Rules and Mr. Beaumier seconded. By voice vote, all Board members agreed.

Mr. Motil received some prices for a biodegradable weed killer for the cemetery fence line. The Board thought the prices were a bit high and would like the weeds maintained with a weed whacker or mower. Ms. Kimpton will be purchasing some plants for the urns. She asked that the Street Department add some new dirt and remove the bags from them.

Ms. Dahlhausen received an estimate from Hess Engineering to survey the newly purchased lot to the east of the Cemetery. To place markers every 18' in width and 22' in length, it would cost about \$3,500. This would provide 781 additional lots with 141 corner markers. Mr. Hess estimated the corner markers running at about \$20 per marker. The Board discussed how much the drive would cost to install. Discussion followed. The Board estimated the total cost to complete surveying and installing a drive would cost about \$20-25,000.

Mr. Boehnlein made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Beaumier seconded. The Welton Cemetery meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Board President

Cemetery Clerk